

MSABI Projekt, Ifakara



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Einladung zur Generalversammlung der Support Gruppe

Der Vorstand der Support Gruppe lädt alle Mitglieder und an der Support Gruppe Interessierte zu seiner ordentlichen Generalversammlung ein.

Wann: 16. August 2010

Wo: Seminarraum 1
Eingangshalle Socinstrasse 59

Traktanden:

1. Protokoll GV vom 11. Mai 2009
2. Jahresbericht des Vorsitzenden
3. Jahresabrechnung 2009 und Bericht der Revisoren
4. Laufende und geplante Projekte
5. Wahlen des Vorstands und Revisoren
6. Mitgliederbeitrag
7. Varia

Wir freuen uns auf ein zahlreiches Erscheinen!

Im Namen des Vorstands,

Peter Odermatt



Bumala Location, Western Province, Kenya

Die Selbsthilfegruppe „Arche Noah“ bat im Januar 2009 um finanzielle Unterstützung für den Aufbau einer Bananenplantage als Nahrungs- und Einkommensquelle für Witwen und Waisen der Region Bumala.

Das Projekt leistet Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe, ein wichtiger Punkt unserer Vergaberichtlinie und hat uns deshalb überzeugt. Die Support Gruppe hat beschlossen, den Bumala-Trust mit CHF 2'320.- zu unterstützen.



Eingezäunte Bananenplantage in Bumala



Rural Peru: Clean air, clean hand and clean food

“Equitable access” to water, to health, to education, to public services... We hear this often - and cannot be reminded too often to embed an equity focus also in our daily (research) work.

The STI Support Group gladly offered a helping hand in our community development project in mountainous San Marcos, some 3000 and more meters a.s.l. in rural Peru when the lack of economic resources had forced some 18 families to leave their homes in search for other economic opportunities. Those families had just invested in and built jointly with the community builders a new cooking stove: with three potholders not only one and with a nice concrete kitchen sink providing them with a clean and neat and more hygienic kitchen and above all - with a smoke-free cooking environment due to a new chimney ventilation.



Typical study-site

The children of those families had just forgotten the cough and running noses. They had no longer watery and tearing eyes from the heavy smoke exposure during 5-6 hours of daily cooking (the younger kids being strapped on the back of the mothers) when they were left behind under the care of their relatives who could not afford to build those facilities.



The Support Group contribution facilitated not only that those amenities were built in the new homes of those temporarily-orphaned children ensuring and maintaining a more healthy living environment for them. In the process of training the new families in building the kitchen sinks and stoves they became champions supporting their neighbours building their own facilities. The spillover effects were overwhelming. In asking now the new



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championing advocates about why they became so much enthusiastic, they said: "We no longer have itchy throats and watery eyes... We can cook more food using much less time than before and use less firewood saving us 2\$ in a week and - we have more time for ourselves! Cooking has become more fun..." It is nice to hear this, and the roll-out is going on as we speak (Stella Hartinger, May 2010). Many thanks!



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Daniel Mäusezahl



Spenden und andere Einnahmen

Stefan Mörgeli	CHF 1'000.-
L. Marco Clementi	CHF 300.-
Technischer Dienst	CHF 1'460.-
Esther Schelling	CHF 500.-
Militär-Sanitäts-Verein-Liestal	CHF 80.-
Weihnachtsbazar	CHF 3'030.-

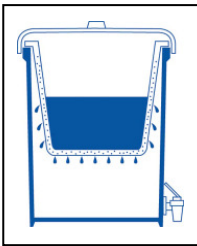
Vielen Dank den grosszügigen Spendern!

Jeder Franken zählt!

Ab 50.- werden Sie Mitglied unserer Support Gruppe und leisten einen wertvollen Beitrag an die Unterstützung unserer Kleinprojekte. Der Beitrag für 2010 kann mit beiliegendem Einzahlungsschein oder direkt auf das Konto Nr. 80-2-2, zugunsten von **CH68 0023 3233 5179 79L1 E, Trägerschaftsverein des Swiss TPH** überwiesen werden. Schon im Voraus herzlichen Dank für Ihre Spende!



Ifakara, Tanzania: The MSABI project: Helping Tanzanians build clay pots to filter water at home



MSABI is a small NGO based in Kilombero Valley, Tanzania. It promotes simple low-cost technology approaches and community-based management. Its aim is to improve the health and economic status of rural communities by providing them access to clean and safe water and sanitation. MSABI is grateful to the *STI Support Group* for the support provided on the filter pot project.

Aims of the project are:

- To promote the use of clay filter pot as a long term, sustainable means for effective and affordable household water treatment.
- To provide low-technology infrastructure and training to a local women's group to capacitate them to produce and manage clay filter pot production, resulting in a sustainable business model and financial independence.

The funding of STI Support Group has already allowed MSABI to build a new oven (kiln) for firing clay filter pots (2009) and more recently a small workshop, which allows the potters to keep working during rain season (2010). MSABI has also supervised the production of a first mould and of various prototypes (about 100 pieces) and is currently performing different tests. After some difficulties in finding some products in Tanzania, MSABI has just received the missing items and is thus ready to perform lab analysis (fecal coliform test). This will help to better define



the ratios of clay and rice husk to be used and will allow to focus more on production techniques. MSABI is planning to sell the first pots by the end of the year 2010.

This project is being supervised by Mr Dale Young, a qualified environmental engineer with 8 years experience and Mr Raphael von Allmen, a Swiss product designer, currently doing his civil service for MSABI in Ifakara. MSABI is also running this project with the assistance of Mr George Horvath, a professional Swiss potter based in Ifakara.



Impressions from the pottery in Ifakara