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Concerns: MamboSteunPunt Aim, Policy and Rewarding

Background

MamboSteunPunt is a non-profit foundation which is concerned with the development of the Area around Mambo, a small village at the edge of the Usambara mountains in the Lushoto district in Tanzania. It is closely connected to the eco lodge MamboViewPoint which is owned by social entrepreneurs Marion Neidt and Herman Erdtsieck from the Netherlands. They are working closely together with Ndege Chomo from Lushoto area.

The basic idea is to have a permanent socio-economic stable base in a poor area and to bring regional development from there.

MamboViewPoint is providing this stable base and the foundation MamboSteunPunt is responsible for the development work. In this way all the needed infrastructure for the foundation is provided by the lodge and near to 100% of the donated money can be spent on the projects. Moreover it provides a clear borderline between the commercial activities from the lodge and the projects.

In the MamboSteunPunt vision development is not based on unconditional aid but should be achieved by empowering people, building capacities, giving them ideas and information, knowledge, expertise and support them in obtaining tools.

After a fact-finding mission early 2008 MamboViewPoint eco lodge was established in the Usambara Mountains in Tanzania. It is situated on a beautiful spot near Mambo/Mtae, which is an area with many opportunities but the population has an average income below the poverty line.

The lodge is focusing on the mid-range level in the market segment for eco tourism / sustainable tourism. The last is very important since it is the best way for the local people and Tanzania to get the most out of it without spoiling the own identity and nature.





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Aim

The aim of MamboSteunpunt is to bring development in a poor area from Tanzania and to set up an effective infrastructure which will guaranty a minimum loss of donor money and an maximum incentive for people to organize their own development.

Policy

MamboSteunpunt is functioning as a link between individual initiatives from "donors" from the rich part of the world and the inhabitants of the Usambara Mountains. The precondition for our support for these initiatives is that they should not so much be based on the principle of giving aid but rather on the intention of cooperation in equality. MamboSteunPunt will assist with framing project plans, drafting proposals and the implementation and continuity of the projects. In the implementation phase, western partners can combine their work with a comfortable stay in the Lodge. The expenses for overhead are reduced to a minimum and partners have direct insight on the way the money is spent, and the final outcome. Very many relatively minor things can imply a tremendous improvement for inhabitants of the Usambara Mountains. Small scale initiatives from individual people can effectively be guided and supported this way. And additionally, a holiday in the Usambara Mountains is a guaranty for an unforgettable natural and cultural experience

An economic, stable base is created by the establishment and utilization of a lodge for tourists. This has to give enough income to pay the buildings, staff and infrastructure, also for the foundation.

Although the responsibility and finances from the lodge MamboViewPoint and MamboSteunPunt are strictly separated, it will be clear that there is a strong bond between the both of them.

Rewarding policy

The foundation MamboSteunPunt works with volunteers only. They are supposed to provide their own income and have to pay for their food and stay during their stay in Mambo. So no salaries for development workers are paid and only a minimum of allowances for costs.

For the projects it is possible to pay local staff salaries since the local income from other sources does not allow people to volunteer substantially. Although no sitting allowances are paid to any local or foreign assistant.

The lodge MamboViewPoint pays salaries by contract and full fills all requirements and payments which are required by the Tanzanian law. Eventually profits are direct for the investors/owners who are free to decide what to do with it. As consequence the owners don't get any salary from the lodge income.

In a later stage the idea is to hand over the ownership of the lodge to the foundation and to employ a manager to run the business.



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