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Newsletter MamboSteunPunt December 2023

After a long silence we are happy to give you an update of our activities, but first off all we would like to wish you a **Merry Christmas** and **a happy and healthy 2024!**

During the past half year we unfortunately had some set back and therefore had less time to support our projects, below you can read why.

In June 2023 MamboViewPoint decided to stop the lease agreement with ADViews management, the tenant of the lodge, due to serious breaches by ADViews. Unfortunately, they refused to leave. Besides a series of court cases, which followed and were all lost by ADViews, it came to a devastating climax in October. Wrongly informed villagers set the main building of the lodge, including the restaurant, kitchen, office and entree room, on fire, after they had stolen the inventory. As you might understand this also affected most community projects: items for these projects were lost in the fire and the time we could spend on projects was much less than desired.

Luckily, the government interfered. This, and the help of many people who never have lost faith in us, made the restart of the lodge possible just before Xmas. We found new partners who will assist in rebuilding the lost part of the lodge and will also join the MamboSteunPunt community projects.

We are happy to share that, despite the setback, most projects are still up and running. We will provide an update in this newsletter.

Education

With the help of a sponsor, we were able to buy ten new computers. These were very welcome due to the great interest in the computer classes: this year 540 children found their way to the computer-classes and spent an average 42 hours there.

With the help of another sponsor, a greenhouse was built for planting cuttings for trees. These cuttings are used so the students can learn in practice how you

for textbooks. Thymen is our youngest donor. After a visit to MamboViewPoint with his parents he decided to raise money for the children of Mambo. He made a beautiful website to make these donations possible: www.helpmambo.nl. Thank you Thymen for your efforts. You did really good work!

Because of the interest in the computer classes and educational programs, we could use some more support.

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Prenatal care

The Mount Meru Foundation focusses on the improvement of prenatal care of women in Tanzania. They visited the Usambara Mountains in regard to get insights in the situation of pregnant women and in which way their expertise in echo equipment could be of assistance. The visit was guided by MamboSteunPunt. They viewed various dispensaries, health centers and the hospital in Lushoto. Together with the District Medical Officers they discussed what would be the best approach which resulted at first in training of employees on how to use an echo device, in the Lushoto hospital. From here further steps are taken to improve prenatal care of women in the entire Usambaras. You can find more information on their website: https://stichtingmountmeru.nl/en/

A trained employee is working with the echo device

Sanitary pads

The women from Kiwajate initiated to visit various exhibitions to get more exposure. During one of those events the women were able to show their products and their ideas to President Samia Suluhu Hassan. The president showed a lot of interest and was amazed that in a remote area like where the Usambara Mountains, initiatives like from the Kiwajate women are taking place. They received a lot of compliments for their project which gave the women a tremendous boost.

The setback for them, however, is that materials were lost in the fire because they were stored in the lodge. Kiwajate would be really thankful for some more support. With your help they can produce sanitary pads for girls of the secondary schools so they can go to school during their monthly period.

Animal Health

The animal health project needs some review due to the conflict. At this moment we are investing in new materials like gloves and needles because those got lost in the fire. We are looking for a local partner to restart the vaccination soon.

For the tree planting project a new greenhouse was made at the Upendo school and the Kiwajate women helped to plant trees. 5000 trees were planted and the greenhouse was filled with another batch of cuttings.

The Kiwayate women are helping out in the greenhouse

A dentist in Mambo!

Thanks to a donation of a complete dentist inventory, a qualified dentist will come to work in a private clinic in Mambo for a few days per week. This will be the first dentist for Mambo and surroundings. An important step forwards, where earlier only a kitchen-chair and pliers from the local hardware store were available to give relief in case of toothache.

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Support for the continuation of the projects in 2024 is more than welcome.

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