MamboSteunPunt

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1. Introduction

MamboSteunPunt supports local initiatives in and around Mambo and Sunga in the Usambara Mountains of Tanzania. The foundation works from the conviction that long-term development is strongest when local people remain the owners of the process. Therefore, the emphasis is on empowerment, training, entrepreneurship, knowledge transfer and practical support rather than on one-way aid.

In 2025 the foundation continued to work closely with MamboViewPoint and local partners. The main sectors remained education, entrepreneurship, healthcare, infrastructure and environmental restoration. This annual report gives an overview of the activities and results. The financial figures are grouped separately in the accounting section.

2. Background and way of working

MamboSteunPunt was founded in 2010 in the Netherlands with the aim of supporting local initiatives through fundraising, volunteer recruitment, networking and capacity building. The board members are volunteers and the organization is registered as an ANBI, enabling tax-deductible donations in the Netherlands.

The foundation does not seek to manage every project directly. Instead, it helps local organizations, schools, groups and social enterprises with ideas, connections, monitoring and targeted funding. This keeps overhead low and increases local ownership. MamboViewPoint eco lodge provides an important platform for exchange, visibility, monitoring and practical support.

Objective

3. Objective of the foundation

MamboSteunPunt aims to improve the quality of life of people living in and around Mambo, Sunga and the Usambara Mountains in Tanzania. The foundation supports local initiatives in the fields of education, healthcare, infrastructure, environmental restoration and entrepreneurship.

The foundation seeks to contribute to sustainable development by empowering local people, strengthening local organizations, supporting knowledge transfer and encouraging self-reliance. The emphasis is on development through education, training, practical support and local ownership rather than on one-way aid.

4. Main policy lines

MamboSteunPunt raises funds from private donors, organizations and project partners. These funds are used to support local projects that contribute to education, healthcare, infrastructure, environmental restoration and entrepreneurship.

Projects are preferably initiated and implemented by local partners, such as schools, community groups, health workers, farmers, women's groups and local organizations. MamboSteunPunt supports these partners through funding, monitoring, advice, networking, communication and knowledge sharing.

The foundation aims to keep overhead costs low. This is possible because the board works on a voluntary basis and because MamboViewPoint provides an important local platform for communication, coordination, visibility and practical follow-up. Project funds that are not yet spent, or that are linked to specific projects, are reserved for continuation of those projects in the following year.

5. Remuneration policy

The board members of MamboSteunPunt receive no remuneration for their work. They perform their duties on a voluntary basis.

Only actual and reasonable expenses made on behalf of the foundation may be reimbursed, provided that these expenses are properly documented and approved. Volunteers and other persons involved in projects do not receive remuneration from the foundation, unless this has been explicitly agreed in advance as part of a specific project and is in line with the objectives of the foundation.

6. Developments in 2025

The year 2025 was marked by continuation, strengthening and further professionalization of the project portfolio. Existing initiatives were consolidated, while new steps were taken to increase quality, reach and sustainability.

For an overview of the projects see https://www.mambosteunpunt.org/projects/

6.1 Education

Education remained one of the most important pillars. The foundation continued to support scholarships for students who would otherwise struggle to continue their studies. By keeping young people in school and linking them to practical skill development, the foundation seeks to strengthen both individual opportunities and the long-term capacity of the region.

Bridge the Gap, implemented through Upendo Secondary School in Sunga Ward, remained a central educational initiative. The programme supports the transition from primary to secondary education by focusing on English, science and computer literacy. The project report published in 2025 shows that 76 students were trained, with activities including computer workshops, English language sessions, science lessons and practical experiments. The computer classes were also strengthened with additional computers for hands-on learning.

Read more about the bridge the cap project in the blog: https://mamboviewpoint.blogspot.com/2025/03/report-bridge-gap-2024.html

Computer education remained increasingly important because rural students often have limited access to digital tools. Through computer classes, students gained confidence in basic computer use, internet use and digital learning. This supports their performance at school and prepares them for future study or work.

Read more about the computer classes project in the blog: https://mamboviewpoint.blogspot.com/2026/05/reflection-on-volunteer-work-at-upendo.html

Bridge the Gap / Upendo Secondary School project.

6.2 Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is an essential part of the MamboSteunPunt approach. The foundation aims to improve livelihoods not only through social support, but also by helping people generate income from local skills and resources. In 2025 this was visible in agricultural activities, local production groups and practical livelihood initiatives.

A major development was the further growth of the Organic Hill Farming / Push & Pull approach and the start of syntropic agroforestry pilots. Two agroforestry demonstration plots were established in November 2025, one in cooperation with MamboViewPoint and one on a local farm in Chambogo. These demonstrations were linked to two training events with 41 participating farmers. The work aims to rebuild soil fertility, reduce erosion, increase biodiversity, improve food security and strengthen long-term income opportunities for farming families.

Read more about the Agroforest project: https://mamboviewpoint.blogspot.com/2025/11/agroforestry-programme-start-up-lushoto.html

Other entrepreneurship support continued through local production and skills initiatives, including Kiwajate workshop activities, candle making, arts and other small business activities. These projects create opportunities for women and youth, stimulate self-reliance and help keep value creation within the local community.

Location	Chambogo village
Date :	6th & 7th November, 9 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. (09.00 – 15.00)
Trainer's	Aron Katosho, Oliver Mrosso
Participants	Farmers from Tema, Masereka and Chambogo Participants: 14 men, 14 women, in total: 28 (see annex)
Guests	Martin Graf, Hadija Mussa,
Programme	**Day 1: 4th November** - Welcome address - Objectives and training programme - Introduction to Syntropic Agroforestry - Reason for establishing a food forest - 5 principles of syntropic agriculture - Layers (stratification) and succession - Planting schemes - Preparation of all inputs and seeds **Day 2: 5th November** - Preparation of demonstration plot using necessary inputs - Planting of the various tree lines - Conclusion

Agroforestry training.

6.3 Health

The health portfolio combined public health, maternal health and women's wellbeing. The activities illustrate a broad interpretation of health: prevention, community awareness, safety, dignity and access to appropriate support.

A major achievement in 2025 was the rabies vaccination campaign under One Health Usambara. Our project report published in September 2025 records that 1,806 dogs were vaccinated, about 600 more than the previous year. As a result, the protective ring of vaccinated dogs expanded from the original villages around Mambo down the mountain ridges and toward Mnazi. The programme also strengthened local capacity through trained veterinarians and auxiliary officers, helping to make the work more sustainable.

Read more about the Rabies project: https://mamboviewpoint.blogspot.com/2025/09/project-report-one-health-usambara.html

Support also continued for washable sanitation pads. This initiative improves dignity and school attendance for girls while creating income opportunities for local women involved in production. It remains a practical example of how health and entrepreneurship can reinforce each other. In maternal health, groundwork continued for the LifeWrap / Non-pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment project in Lushoto District, with the aim of embedding future training and use in regular district health structures.

One Health Usambara rabies vaccination project.

6.4 Infrastructure and environment

Infrastructure and environment are strongly linked in the Mambo area. Water availability, land quality, erosion control and tree cover directly affect livelihoods. In 2025, environmental work increasingly moved from stand-alone tree planting toward broader landscape restoration and integrated agroforestry. This was a logical step because soil erosion, reduced water retention and declining land productivity require a more systemic response.

The agroforestry pilots are therefore important not only as entrepreneurship projects, but also as environmental and infrastructure-oriented interventions. They seek to improve the productive base of the landscape and strengthen future resilience. Existing practical systems and local facilities continued to receive attention where needed, with the aim of keeping them functional and community-owned.

Read more about the Agroforest project:
https://mamboviewpoint.blogspot.com/2025/11/agroforestry-programme-start-up-lushoto.html

6.5 Communication and local cooperation

Communication with supporters and partners remained active through newsletters, the MamboSteunPunt website, the MamboViewPoint website and the MamboViewPoint blog. WhatsApp, Zoom and email continued to play an important role in coordination between the Netherlands, Tanzania and other involved partners.

Local cooperation remains the key to implementation. Teachers, farmers, veterinarians, health workers, women’s groups and community actors all played a role in making the projects succeed. The annual report therefore reflects not just the work of a foundation, but the collective work of a network of committed people.

7. Outlook for 2026

For 2026 MamboSteunPunt expects to continue building on the foundations laid in 2025. The outlook remains focused on scaling what works, strengthening local ownership and maintaining the balance between social support and entrepreneurship.

- Continue scholarships, computer support and educational transition programmes such as Bridge the Gap.
- Follow up the agroforestry pilots and further strengthen the Organic Hill Farming / Push & Pull approach.
- Expand the One Health rabies programme where possible and continue local capacity building.
- Further develop the LifeWrap maternal health initiative through practical training and integration in the local health system.
- Continue support to women’s groups and other local entrepreneurship initiatives.
- Continue construction on the Kiwajate Workshop and sustain support for this project.
- Maintain clear communication with donors and partners and keep overhead low.

8. Accounting

In 2025, MamboSteunPunt again received substantial support from donors and partner organizations, resulting in a positive balance for the year. The Kiwajate Workshop, Happy Cows Happy Farmers, Push&Pull, and Lifewraps projects each concluded the year with positive budgets. These surpluses will be carried forward into 2026 to ensure the continuation and further development of these initiatives. Overall the balance has increased.

Detailed figures are presented below. All amounts are in euros.

Key figures for 2024 and 2025 (in euros)

Key figures	2024	2025
Balance 01/01	33,276	25,089
Total of donations	**34,700**	**42,124**
Spending on projects	43,983	36,267
General costs	1,096	683
Spending total	42,887	36,950
Balance 31/12	25,089	30,263

Balance

Account	01/01/2025	31/12/2025
Triodos	14,374.42	2,639.83
Triodos Savings	10,337.02	26,645.55
Cash	-244.00	-23.38
TigoPesa MsP	280.00	471.28
Mollie	48.60	0.00
PayPal	293.28	529.48
Total	**25,089.32**	**30,262.76**

Income and spendings

	Debet	Credit
Donations	0.00	42,124.25
Increased balance	5,173.44	0.00
Spendings	36,950.80	0.00
Total	**42,124.25**	**42,124.25**

Spendings according to sections

Section	Amount
Education	14,838.29
Health	602.78
Infrastructure	2,384.91
Entrepreneurship	19,124.82

Total	**36,950.80**

Spendings including administration

Project	Section	Amount
Arts	Entr	249.43
ComputerClasses	Edu	4,745.94
Reforestation	Infra	2,244.37
BridgeTheGap	Edu	1,849.74
HappyCowsHappyFarmers	Entr	5,466.05
Candle making	Entr	1,115.28
KiwajateWorkshop	Entr	2,862.17
Lifewraps	Health	602.78
Volunteers	Infra	140.55
MamboClinic	Health	0.00
TSGM Carpentry	Edu	0.00
Push&Pull	Entr	9,431.89
SanitationPads	Health	0.00
Scholarships	Edu	8,242.61
Total		**36,950.80**

Administration costs included in the spendings

Item	Amount
Acquisition	254.96
Banking costs	225.37
Exchange differences	202.85
Total	**683.18**

Assets

Item	Amount
Total assets in 2025 increased with	**5,173.44**
Current assets	30,262.76
Of which is addressed	23,257.97

Annex 1. Facts and figures

Name of the foundation	MamboSteunPunt
Address	Prins Hendrikweg 82, 3451 CP Vleuten, The Netherlands
Email	info@mambosteunpunt.org
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Board members	Herman Erdtsieck (chairperson), Monique Mertens (treasurer), Derk Wijtsma (secretary)
Bank account	NL45 TRIO 0390 4500 30 – Triodos Bank Netherlands
SWIFT code	TRIONL2U
IBAN	NL45 TRIO 0390 4500 30
ANBI / RSIN	821783622
Chamber of Commerce NL	092 14 049
Physical address in Tanzania	MamboViewPoint, Mambo / Mtae / Lushoto, Tanzania

Annex 2: Annual board meeting MamboSteunPunt

Date: Mar 2nd, 2026

Concerns: Annual board tele-meeting MamboSteunPunt

Attendance: Herman Erdtsieck, chairperson

Monique Mertens, treasurer

Derk Wijtsma, secretary

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Approval of the draft annual report,
A word of appreciation to all stakeholders for their efforts.

Developments in 2025

Developments in 2025 in activities and organization & communication were discussed, in addition, a preview and financial estimation on 2026 was given. This is recorded in the minutes from the board meeting.

Finances

The finances of 2025 were approved and are included in the annual report.

Survey

No further remarks or questions.