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PROJECT DIPUPO



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Agriculture report

1ST QUARTER

After NORED was finally ready to start their work, they expected us to dig the holes for the poles ourselves, otherwise they would not start laying the electric line. The workers had no choice but to dig the holes by hand, which was very energy draining for them.



When the masts and the pipeline were laid, the next surprise came. NORED had only calculated the offer up to the main road, not up to the house, and we had to request an additional offer. In the middle of the year, the residential house was finally supplied with electricity. The payment of the consumption is triggered via prepaid code and it has electricity only when it is charged. Soon word got around that we now have electricity and residents come daily to charge their cell phones with us. We still have to think about a small cost sharing and discuss it with the users.

2ND QUARTER

Due to other work on the project land, the garden was not given much attention and the plants slowly withered. Only the corn grew and could be harvested.

With the beginning of the rainy season in February, the grass around and in the garden grew lush.



Our financial resources were limited and we could no longer pay salaries. Therefore, the workers who were mainly employed for the construction of the project left the project and the garden became increasingly overgrown. Mr. Malasa, his family and a friend took care of the garden a little.

3RD QUARTER

Nevertheless, they were aware that our project was aimed at self-sufficiency and Mr. Malasa looked around for possibilities to rebuild the garden. He found two young men who knew farming and were willing to work for a small wage. First, the field was fenced with wire mesh to keep out the wandering cows, goats, donkeys, then they collected manure from various places in the area and worked it under the sandy soil. Finally, water pipes were laid and the sowing of the plants began.



The ongoing work called other interested residents, who then helped with the cultivation. The irrigation system also worked well, but as soon as the garden was watered, the water tank was half empty and the pressure to the water point of the residents was often barely sufficient, so that the residents became increasingly dissatisfied. The workers had to look for a compromise and decided to primarily supply the residents with enough water. On the one hand, this met with my understanding, on the other hand, I did not agree, since only some of the residents paid a contribution to the water. I insisted that this had to be settled by the end of the year.



4TH QUARTER

The joy of the successful beginning of the garden, unfortunately, did not last long. Vermin attacked especially the cabbage and they slowly died. The lack of irrigation, due to the scarcity of water, also helped. Only from the covered garden could vegetables be harvested for self-sufficiency, even if it was little, the team could still feed on it. During my stay, I again emphasized the importance of irrigation and loosening the soil around.

MEANS OF TRANSPORT

We were also worried about the small truck throughout the year. The engine problems did not decrease. The purchased replacement engine did not fit and had to be exchanged again in Windhoek. This increased the costs, because we had to drive with a rented transport to Windhoek and back. For a long time we did not have our own transport and had to rent a bukkie for all the work. Fortunately, we were able to buy a suitable replacement engine with a donation and the problems were temporarily solved.



The need for a means of transport on the site is undisputed, so that the pending work can be done. Nevertheless, the costs for the maintenance of the small truck ran into great heights that were not actually included in the calculations. For every single defect another person had to be called in, because there is no car garage in the north that offers a complete service. Suspected defective parts had to be removed first and the spare parts had to be procured. If they did not fit, one tried to exchange them or mounted them in the hope that it will already hold.

Water report

One of the goals of the project is to provide water to the families of the surrounding settlements, who were able to obtain their water from us in large numbers and free of charge at the beginning of this year. In order to cover the operating costs as well as the future costs, we requested a monthly contribution of N\$ 100 / CHF 3.50 from the recipients. Unfortunately, only a few were willing and paid for their water.

Besides the daily drinking water, the people washed their clothes in front of the well, left them hanging on the fence until they were dry, watered their herds of goats and cows and the donkeys that carried the heavy jerry cans home.

We decided to limit the use of the water, because the garden could be watered less and less and the plants withered more and more. But as soon as we closed the access to the water, we met with incomprehension and the residents tried to get to the water despite the lock, often even at night. The problem was that they could not close the tap properly afterwards and so a lot of drinkable water was lost. Fortunately, this happened only a few times and the culprits could be found. They were then punished with a ban of 2 weeks. For protection, we have now installed a closure close to the house in the pipe system, which separates the garden including the house from the water connection of the residents, so that further water theft is no longer possible.



In November, our project was mentioned in a local radio interview. On the one hand, it was praised that private individuals offered access to the water, which, however, has to be paid for, and on the other hand, the government was berated for not doing anything for its own population.

The interview was passed from mouth to mouth and much was distorted, so we called a meeting with the recipients shortly after to clarify the circumstances and ambiguities. The woman who gave the interview explained why it was important for her to talk about it on the radio. All the residents agreed that we have made a great contribution to the improvement of their living situation with the water point and are very grateful for it. They still want to be able to get enough water from our water point and are willing to take responsibility for it. As a result, rules and payment for the purchase of water were determined and confirmed with their signature. In the future, water can be obtained only with the monthly receipt. The amount of 100N\$ must be paid by the middle of the month. Water may only be drawn for daily personal use, but not for animals, and washing clothes at the point of delivery is no longer allowed. Violations will be punished with a ban of 2 weeks.

REPORT



Thanks to a new donation, we were now able to install a second water tank at the end of the year.



In mid-December, our project was unexpectedly awarded the Mukwe Constituency Councilor's Award in the category Community social welfare in the provision of rural water supply. This award means a lot to us and shows us that we are on the right track to contribute to the improvement of the region.



Kindergarten report

At the beginning of the year the kindergarten was finished. Thanks to a donation in kind we were able to furnish the kindergarten and at the end of February we could start the classes. However, the school fees were not paid by the parents and the teacher did not want to continue working. The renewed lock down with the closure of all schools in Namibia came just at the same time, so we did not have to look for a solution immediately.

With the announcement of the school opening in August, we had to find a solution. Through my contacts in Namibia I was able to have a conversation with Micha who runs a private school in Rundu. His school is also constantly facing problems because of the outstanding payments. I created an application form that the parents should fill out and with their signature acknowledge the school fees. At the same time I started a fundraising campaign. With this we will be able to pay the salary of the teacher, so that the income of the parents can be spent for future school material.

We started the school again with the same teacher. Barely 2 weeks later, she stopped showing up for work and filed a complaint against us with untenable accusations to the school board. The police contacted us and we had to explain ourselves and in the presence of the concerned parents, family members of the teacher, who by the way did not appear personally, the key was handed over to us.

With Feblonia Kutenda we found another teacher who has been teaching the children since then.

In the meantime, a representative of the Ministry of gender, equality, poverty education and social welfar visited us to see how far we are with the kindergarten and what is still missing to register it. She gave us a list that we have to work through and then we can get back to her. With the construction of the toilet we were able to make a big step towards registration.

This year I was able to take several colored pencils and toothbrushes to the kindergarten. In addition to the school lessons, the children now also learn something about daily hygiene.



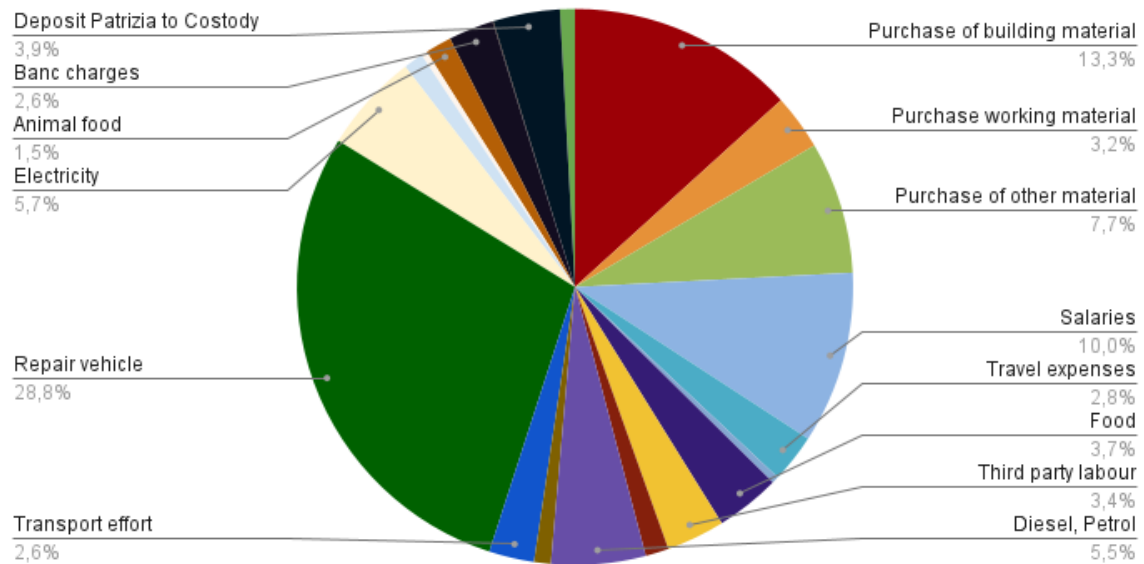
Finance

Bilanz 2021

Projekt Dipupo
Kangumbe
Namibia
per 31.12.2021

		in CHF	in CHF
Aktive			
1000	Kasse	0.00	
1020	Bank	45'187.00	
1100	Bank Costody	-36'143.30	
Passiva			
2970	Retained earnings/ capital as at 01.01.2021		0.00
2300	Patrizia loans		0.00
2400	Debts to banks		0.00
2600	Provisions		0.00
Total		9'043.70	0.00
Capital			9'043.70
Balance		9'043.70	9'043.70
Development of assets			
Capital as at 01.01.2021			0.00
Profit			9'043.70
Capital as at 31.12.2021			9'043.70

Income statement			
Projekt Dipupo			
Kangumbe			
Namibia			
Financial year 2021			
Income			
3000	Account transfer	Effort	1.687,00
3200	Donations	Effort	40.708,00
3400	Deposits Patrizia	Effort	3.125,00
Totaly income			45.520,00
Effort			
4000	Purchase of building	Output	4.843,00
4200	Purchase working	Output	1.176,00
4400	Purchase of other material	Output	2.801,20
5400	Salaries	Output	3.648,30
5405	Travel costs	Output	1.027,00
5720	Recidence costs	Output	147,00
5740	Food	Output	1.367,20
5790	Third party labour	Output	1.241,00
5810	URE Fahrzeug	Output	492,00
5840	Diesel/ Petrol	Output	2.000,00
6000	Duties	Output	355,00
6030	Transport	Output	959,10
6200	Repair vehicle	Output	10.514,50
6220	Electricity	Output	2.095,00
6260	Healthy/ Medicin	Output	418,00
6280	Other expenses	Output	127,00
6300	Animal food	Output	558,00
6400	Bank charge	Output	957,00
6500	Extraordinary expenses	Output	20,00
6501	Deposit Patrizia to Costody privat	Output	1.413,00
6510	Telecommunication/ WiFi	Output	317,00
Total Effort			36.476.30
Profit			9.043.70



Auditors' Report

The accounts were audited for the accounting period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. According to the control, carried out by means of random sampling,

- the balance sheet and income statement agree with the accounting records;
- the accounts have been properly kept;
- the accounting entries agree with the available supporting documents under the given circumstances (sample checks). Rounding differences result from the constantly fluctuating exchange rates between Namibian dollars and Swiss francs. For the sake of simplicity, an exchange rate of 0.07 was assumed for the most part (1 NAD = 0.07 CHF);

The account closes with a profit of CHF **9'043.70** for the year 2021.

Conclusion

A quite demanding year lies behind us. Again and again we were confronted with difficulties and often saw hardly any possibility to solve them. Nevertheless, we never lost sight of our goal and tried to tackle and solve the problems on different fronts.

The trust in our project is very high on both sides and lets us continue to work on the realization of our goals. The local team is working with all the means at their disposal to achieve our goals despite the daily difficulties. Especially the agricultural sector still needs to be improved. With the construction of the second water tank and thus enough water for the garden and the adjacent residents, this should work better next year. Not many of the residents have yet understood the meaning of self-sufficiency, so at the moment only three men and two women are working in the garden.

The people in the Kangumbe district all benefit from clean drinking water and the closer water point makes their everyday life much easier. They expressed their gratitude again and again at the meeting held and I would like to pass this on to them here. It touched my heart very much to participate in it.

The unexpected recognition of our work by the local authority with the presentation of the award, in the category Community social welfare in the provision of rural water supply shows us that the project is perceived in the region and has an impact.

The opening of the kindergarten enables the children to learn English in a playful way. They can be children for a short time every day, play, learn without being reprimanded for not having done their work. The happy eyes of the children speak for themselves.



Many benevolent people have supported us in our undertaking, with suggestions, exchange of experiences and financial support. For this, we thank you on behalf of our team and the adjacent residents from the bottom of our hearts, because only with your trust we could achieve so much.

Visions


The distances in Namibia are long and the next shopping possibility for basic food like rice, pasta, maize flour, oil, salt, sugar, meat is 25 km away in Divundu. They have to cover this distance on foot or by hitchhiking, so it is a concern for the residents to have a small store nearby. By building a **store** we can create jobs.

By coincidence, this year was took of a possible cooperation to create jobs and transport opportunities in Andara and the surrounding area with the NGO BENNamibia. It is planned that BENNamibia will set up a container with bicycles in Andara and conduct on-site training. About 10 people will be trained in **bicycle mechanics**, who will then be responsible for the maintenance of the bicycles and the container.



We are very excited about this collaboration and hope to launch in the spring of 2022.

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