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PROJECT DIPUPO



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Agriculture report



Before we could start planting the garden, it had to be prepared. Local residents helped us clear the garden of weeds and dead plants. Everyone is grateful for the work and works for a small wage. We also needed a lot of cow manure again to ensure we had good, nutrient-rich soil.

We have known for a long time that we need to protect the garden from the sun so that the young plants can thrive better. In the spring, we contacted the management of the Frans Dimbare rural youth skill training center and discussed cooperation with them. Together, we covered the garden with a sun protection net in the middle of the year. As a result, the vegetables grew much better, stronger, and faster. We were able to enrich our

meals with different vegetables and sell the remaining vegetables at a low price to local residents in the store. We are still waiting to see any financial income from the garden, but we are grateful for this success and for being able to contribute to food diversity.

Our joy about the garden was dampened when a severe rainstorm swept across the region in November and destroyed the entire sun protection net. The empathy was felt everywhere, and some neighbors volunteered to help rebuild the sun protection net.

This year, we have come a step closer to our goal of supplying the region with healthy, locally grown vegetables.

This year, our wooden fence was partially destroyed by a herd of elephants. The large animals trample through the bushland and fields in search of water and food. Fortunately, the elephants passed by far away from the house and caused only minor damage.

Animal Husbandry Report



Animal husbandry remains a cornerstone of our project. In June of this year, Mr. Malasa attended a two-day pig farming training workshop in the Omaheke region. Course participants were taught about animal husbandry and animal welfare. The importance of animals living healthily in a clean environment was emphasized several times by the training leader. All animals should be vaccinated and young animals should be castrated to enable healthy breeding. During the tour of the farm, participants were able to ask practical questions and expand their knowledge.

A few weeks later, Mr. Malasa also attended a farmer training course at the University of

Namibia in Windhoek. The aim of this course was to teach participants how to feed their own animals with local grasses and how to produce their own feed. Mr. Malasa has since been applying what he learned at home in our pig and chicken farm.

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Unfortunately, the storm in November also severely damaged our pigsty. The damage is extensive, with the roof completely destroyed and part of the wall also ruined. The sty needs to be rebuilt. While clearing up, we discovered that some animals had died in agony when the roof collapsed.

In the meantime, we have set up a temporary stable near the garden in the open air. The pigs have more space to roam there than before and can find shade under the surrounding trees. Another advantage for us is that the manure can be processed directly in the garden as fertilizer without any long detours.

Nevertheless, in the distant future, we will need to build a new stable to protect ourselves from wild animals and thieves and to prevent possible diseases. We are in talks with a local mason about the new construction of the stable.

Pig farming is not widespread in Namibia, and there is considerable interest from others. The knowledge that Mr. Malasa has acquired over the years in pig farming and the additional information from the two courses are in high demand. Our farm is visited by livestock farming students, and experiences are exchanged.

REPORT ON THE RETAIL STORE

Report on the retail store



The shop offers local residents all the basic foodstuffs and items they need for everyday life. We drive to Divundu every week to restock the shelves. It is not possible to buy in bulk because of the small loading space in our car.

The sales area is large and therefore somewhat confusing. We decided to set up a counter as a barrier to the products to prevent self-service. Later, we also installed a mesh barrier to protect against theft.

Buying on credit is widespread in Namibia, as many people in remote areas are financially dependent on their family members and only receive a share of their working children's/relatives' wages at the

end of the month. As a result, loans were granted regardless of our budget, with accounting often neglected or even forgotten. When we demanded repayment of the outstanding amounts, we found that the information provided by the individuals had not been verified or had been recorded incorrectly. Due to the loans granted, we repeatedly lack the money to replenish the store's inventory ourselves. We have had numerous discussions with all parties involved about the pros and cons of loans. To learn more and better about loans in Namibia, I asked other shop owners about their approach to loans. The conclusion is that loans are granted everywhere in the outlying areas, in the knowledge that they are usually repaid at the end of the month, so that purchases can be made on credit again.

Mutual listening and understanding of the African and European mentalities enabled us to find a solution that was acceptable to all of us. We finally agreed that we would continue to grant credit, but to a limited extent. We now set a credit limit per item. Once this limit is reached, the item in question can only be purchased with cash. This mainly affects cornmeal, beans, and sugar.

It's hard to imagine how stressful every single day is when you don't know how you're going to feed your family!

Kindergarten report



Our expectations regarding support from the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Reduction, and Social Welfare have not been met so far. The administrative hurdles and demands on our kindergarten are getting higher and higher, and the people in charge are hardly available. Although the kindergarten is located on our property, we were asked to stop entering it. As a result, we have temporarily ended our cooperation with the ministry. Their response to our actions was that we had submitted the wrong form, which stated that the kindergarten would be completely nationalized. Since then, we have been in talks with the authorities so that we can submit

the correct form. This requires a lot of patience, time, and perseverance.

On December 2, Giving Day, we organized a meal for the children. Since our kindergarten is located between the districts of Dikungu and Kangumbe, many children came with their families. We organized the event at short notice, and it turned into a big occasion for the entire community. There was cooking, eating, playing, laughing, singing, and speeches by the community leader, the local politician for education, and parents whose children attend our kindergarten. Praise was given, but critical words were also spoken. For example, parents lack a secondary school because they cannot or do not want to send their children to school in Andara. The journey to school is much too long for the lower school pupils and there is no transport available. Mr. Kupinga, the region's Minister of Education, emphasized the importance of early childhood support and education, yet many parents, who often never had the opportunity to attend school themselves, do not send their children to school for various reasons.

We hope that this event has motivated some parents to send their children back to kindergarten at the beginning of the year.

Many parents cannot afford even the CHF 5 school fees and therefore do not send their children to kindergarten. The school fees are used to pay the teachers' salaries. Our kindergarten can only function because there are teachers who look after and teach the children for less than the minimum wage of CHF 1.35 per hour. Conditions are also difficult for the teachers, and as soon as they find a better-paid job, we have to start looking for a new teacher again.

Report on cooperation/workplaces



We were able to consolidate our cooperation with the Frans Dimbare Rural Youth Skill Training Center this year. Students helped us build accommodation in Andara for nursing staff from the nearby Catholic Hospital alongside their studies. The students worked in their spare time and were able to benefit from the expertise of others who had already completed their studies and were looking for work.

In June, Kosma Kavhura, a horticulture instructor, visited us with a group of students and taught us how to set up a sun protection net in the garden to increase the harvest.

We also had a visit in November from students who were studying animal husbandry. Mr. Malasa showed them around our farm, demonstrated our facilities, and shared his experiences in pig farming. His knowledge is in high demand, as we are the only pig farmers in the region, and young farmers are very interested in pig farming and breeding.

Sebastian, a carpenter to whom we provide space for his workshop, also helps to reduce youth unemployment in our region. Young people help him in his workshop and learn how to work with wood. Sebastian desperately wants a sander so that he can complete his orders more quickly.

Unfortunately, the US aid project Hope Namibia has been discontinued. As a result, many people in Namibia have lost their jobs and our shop has lost an additional source of income.

Wapa-nawa focuses primarily on the regions around Rundu. However, they are still interested in plastic waste, but unfortunately they also lack a suitable vehicle to transport the waste to Rundu. Local residents, who had hoped to earn a small income from collecting plastic, are disappointed, and plastic waste is once again lying around everywhere. Unfortunately, we are also unable to take on the transport. We would like to resume this offer and our cooperation with Wapa-nawa and hope to find a solution to our transportation difficulties soon.

Financial statement Association Friends of Dipupo

Balance sheet as 01.01.2025

Association Freinds of Dipupo

Rüttistrasse 3

4912 Aarwangen

As of 31.12.2025

		in CHF	in CHF
Active			
1000	Cash register	0.00	
1020	Association Account Raiffeisen	3'611.30	
1030	Association account Neon	0.99	
Passives			
2000	Creditors		0.00
2300	Accrued expenses and deferred income		0.00
Total debt capital			0.00
2970	Profit carried forward		7'805.57
Total		3'612.29	7'805.57
Loss/profit		4'193.28	
Balance sheet total		7'805.57	7'805.57
Asset development			
Assets as at 01.01.2025			7'805.57
Loss			-4'193.28
Asset as at 31.12.2024			3'612.29

INCOME STATEMENT

Income statement

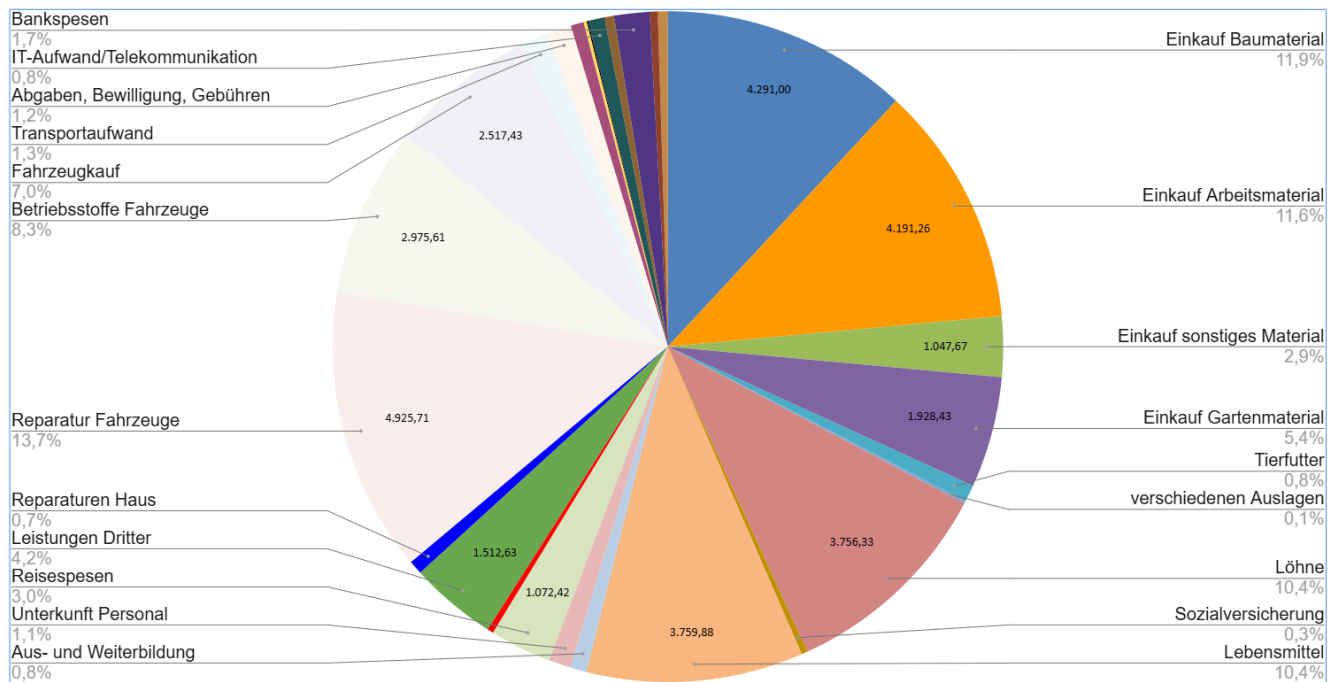
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Financial year 2025

Yield		in CHF
3200	Donations	31'588.17
3400	Loans	100.00
3640	Other income	0.00
Total Income		31'688.71
Expenditure		
4000	Purchase of building materials	4'291.00
4010	Purchase of work materials	4'191.26
4020	Purchase of other material	1'047.67
4030	Purchase of garden materials	1'928.43
4040	Pet food	290.47
4060	Various expenses	47.49
5000	Wages	3'756.33
5700	Social security	104.30
5810	Food	3'759.88
5820	Training and further education	287.73
5830	Accommodation staff	382.36
5840	Travel expenses	1'072.42
5850	Health/Medication	104.67
5900	Third-party services	1'512.63
6000	House repairs	239.80
6200	Vehicle repairs	4'925.71
6210	Petrol	2'975.61
6260	Vehicle purchase	2'517.43
6280	Transportation costs	460.91
6300	Taxes, authorization, fees	438.99
6310	Traffic charges	225.10
6400	Electricity	55.89
6501	Printed matter/worksheets	23.80
6570	IT-expenditure/telecommunications	288.70
6790	Other expenses	165.39
6940	Bank charges	614.36
8500	Extraordinary expenses	139.20
8510	Extraordinary income	-140.54
8900	Taxes	175.00
Total Expense		35'881.90
Loss		-4'193.28

INCOME STATEMENT



Audit report

Audit report

The invoice was audited for the accounting period January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, for the "Friends of Dipupo Association" accounting department. According to the audit, which was carried out using random samples,

- the balance sheet and income statement correspond to the accounting records
- the accounting records have been kept properly
- the entries correspond to the available supporting documents under the given circumstances (random checks).

The annual financial statements of the "**Friends of Dipupo** Association" closed on December 31, 2025, with an expenditure surplus of **CHF 4,193.28**. As of December 31, 2025, the association's assets amounted to **CHF 3,612.29**.

Sabine Schomburg

Aarwangen, 31.01.2026

Conclusion

The year began full of hope when we registered the kindergarten with the Ministry of Equality, Poverty Reduction, and Social Welfare. However, our expectations were not met. The administrative obstacles, the lack of interest from the responsible parties, and all the delays were difficult to understand and drained us of energy.

The lack of education and training opportunities is evident throughout the region. Parents, who are themselves illiterate, do not send their children to school because their concerns are mainly focused on daily work and survival in their rural, poverty-stricken settlements. In addition, unemployment is so high that many do not see the point of a school education and a university degree, let alone being able to afford school fees. This makes it all the more important to get children excited about school and learning at an early age. Our kindergarten is open to all children. The age range, thirst for knowledge, and learning abilities of the children vary greatly. Every day, the teacher faces the challenge of supporting and caring for the children. In the near future, we would like to build a second classroom so that we can teach the children in an age-appropriate manner and support them individually.

In the future, we want to invest more in education and cooperation with students from the Frans Dimbare Rural Youth Skill Training Center. We also want to promote our own education in order to become more independent and pass on what we have learned.

Namibia recently adjusted its minimum wages. Agricultural workers will now receive an hourly wage of CHF 0.75, while teachers in public schools will receive CHF 1.35 per hour. We would like to be able to meet these requirements in our project as well.

We still haven't been able to solve our transportation problem. The repair costs for our car are consuming a large portion of our donations, which we could be putting to better use. Without a vehicle, we are unable to carry out our daily work and achieve our goals. A used 4x4 vehicle costs around CHF 25,000.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported us this year. With your donations, we were able to accomplish and achieve a great deal.

Thank you very much for your trust!



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