

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

## PROJECT DIPUPO



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# REPORT AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL FARMING

## Report agriculture



In the spring, a farmer asked us if he could work with us and help us in the garden. About his expertise we were very grateful. The garden was weeded and cow dung was worked under the sandy soil. Some men and women from the surrounding villages helped out for a small fee. Through his knowledge, the garden thrived better and better and white cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, spinach and watermelons were planted. We were able to serve vegetables as a meal to the workers in addition to porridge. However, the joy of the small success in horticulture was soon marred by insect infestation. Cabbage suffered the most from the insect infestation and the yield decreased. Nevertheless, we could always sell vegetables to neighbors or exchange them for maize flour or mahango/millet. In the middle of the year, Mr.



# REPORT AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL FARMING

X no longer wanted to work in the field, but only take over administrative tasks, and so he left our project again. What he learned in agriculture was taken over and implemented by the remaining employees. In the fall, a migrant worker joined our project and happily worked in the garden until he had to return to Zambia.

In November, we sowed the different varieties of pumpkins we had brought with us and are now eagerly awaiting their growth. The rainy season begins in early December, so no additional irrigation is needed.



The small success in the garden makes us confident that we will be able to grow more vegetables in the future and earn a small income from them, in addition to healthy and varied food.

## Report animal farming

Over all the years of our project work, animal husbandry, respectively the supply of the animals was constantly a delicate topic between us. In order to provide the animals with food, local residents often brought food scraps, waste and edible weeds from their village settlements to us and exchanged them for salt. Mr. Malasa was also often called to fetch the feed himself far away, deep in the bush. In return, he had to bring a 50kg bag of salt. This barter sometimes worked better, sometimes worse, and was not satisfactory for us, especially since we did not always have a roadworthy vehicle that could easily get to the distant villages over the sandy roads.

While Mr. Malasa was in Switzerland, we visited together 2 pig farms in the region. These visits showed us how important good natural pig husbandry is. The mother pigs should be separated from the other animals with their litter so that they can come to rest. The automatic feeder with



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protein pellets impressed Mr. Malasa very much. Nuts, sprouts and grains to make such feed pellets would be available everywhere in Namibia. Unfortunately, however, there are no pellet mills.

Upon his return to Namibia, Mr. Malasa was called by the manager of the newly opened shopping center and asked if he would be interested in food waste and expired food from the store for the pigs. After consultation with the sales manager, it was contractually agreed that all food waste could be collected for a monthly fee of 27 francs.



Once, sometimes twice a day, Mr. Malasa can now fetch the food waste and thanks to this arrangement we are able to feed the animals additionally.

# REPORT WATER

## Report water



The basic idea of our project is to make the hard living conditions of the rural population more comfortable. With the groundwater drilling at the beginning of our project work, we were able to fulfill this at an early stage. We could only guess approximately how many local residents would cover their daily water needs. Soon we realized that our water tank was too small to meet everyone's needs. At the meeting with the consumers at the end of 2021, it became clear that we should install a second tank. Shortly after, we received a larger donation, which we used for the construction of the second water tank. Mr. Malasa provided the material and



# REPORT WATER

welded the 6 meter high frame together on the square. The biggest challenge, however, was how to hoist the tank into the air. In the end, the men had to realize that they needed the help of a crane. The new 10,000 liter tank is now accessible to the people of the surrounding villages and water shortages are a thing of the past.

Although the tank is at a height of 6 meters, the water pressure is still low and filling the canisters is still a tedious task. The women use the time to exchange news, wash clothes and the children to rest, strengthen themselves and play with other children before the long way home.





# REPORT KINDERGARTEN

## Report Kindergarten



The teacher Linda left our kindergarten in spring to take up a new challenge in Windhoek. The search for a new teacher started all over again and we had to close the kindergarten for 2 weeks. We were able to give the new position to Serafina.

The number of children attending the classes often fluctuates daily. This is due to the fact that mothers often cannot accompany their young children to kindergarten. The way to school is along the main road. This exposes the children to many dangers, so parents do not expect their children to walk to school alone. In many families, the small children are also used for daily household chores and the time to go to kindergarten is not considered a priority.

# REPORT KINDERGARTEN

Since the middle of the year we have been able to provide the children with a small meal. We hoped that this would increase the number of parents sending their children to kindergarten, but we were not able to counteract the daily fluctuation in the number of children.

This year, at the request of the teacher and in response to requests from parents, we gave the children a performance evaluation sheet. It assessed their physical and intellectual development, as well as their social and general behavior. The children were graded from A - very good to E - needs support / encouragement and the assessment sheet with necessary measures was discussed with the parents.

The kindergarten was visited again this year by an employee of the Ministry of Early Childhood. The kindergarten has now met the required criteria and our next step is to officially register the kindergarten. The application form still has to be completed by the teacher with the number of students and handed in.

When the kindergarten starts again in mid-January, the children can expect a little surprise. We received coloring and learning books about Namibia from an organization with which I am in contact, and we bought wax crayons for each child. Clothes, toothbrushes and toothpaste I could provide again from donations for the kindergarten.





## Report shop



We took up the desire to shop locally at the very beginning of the project work and it was always a theme that we wanted to implement as soon as possible.

After completion of the residential building, the kindergarten and the pigsty, the remaining material was invested in each case in the construction of the store. The store includes both a sales area totaling about 80 m<sup>2</sup>, a storage room and a bedroom/living room with toilet and shower for the sales staff. The idea behind this design is that the staff should sleep in the store for security, to show people that the store is guarded at night, thus preventing thefts. The shell



## REPORT SHOP

of the store, which has been started, was until now an unsightly sight at the roadside and often caused conversation among the residents.



In August, Mr. Malasa visited Switzerland and was able to attend the presentation on the progress of the project work. There we had the opportunity to discuss our new building project and the sense of a local store with a sponsor. For this purpose we prepared a budget plan which gave information about the sense and the profit of a store. We faced the critical questions of the sponsor and Mr. Malasa was able to present our arguments convincingly, so that we received the promise for the financial support for the completion of the store.

At the end of the year, we are now so far advanced with the construction work that only the connection to the electrical network needs to be made and we are confident to open the store by the end of January 2023.



Talks with a store owner 10 km from Rundu showed me that the idea of having a shopping possibility close to the village is a valuable help in coping with everyday life and that a store with articles for daily use is always actively used.

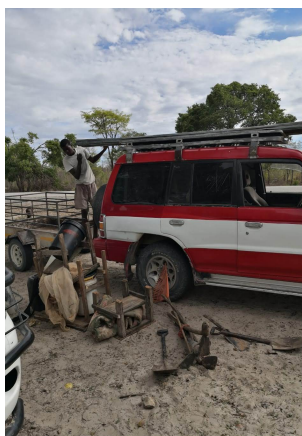
## REPORT OTHER ASSISTANCE

### Report other assistance

This year I was able to hand over two donated laptops to the organization Mukwe OVCS. Until now, the employees of the organization for orphans in the district of Mukwe worked only with their smartphones. With the laptops, their work will be much easier. Due to the short duration of my stay and the vacation season in Namibia, it was not possible for me to visit the organization in their office. I was also able to give a suitcase full of clothes to the orphans. Aron Mundanya, the founder of the organization promised me to distribute the clothes fairly.



Our Mitsubishi Pajero always does a good job, when people are in distress and need help, we help as much as we can. Like here when we helped to bring a family to safety when the first car broke down.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Financial statement

### Balance 2022

Project Dipupo  
Kangumbe  
Namibia  
per 31.12.2022

		in CHF	in CHF
<b>Aktiven</b>			
1000	Kasse	0.00	
1020	Bank	891.68	
<b>Passiven</b>			
2970	Retained earnings / assets as of 01.01.2022		9'043.70
<b>Total</b>			
		<b>891.68</b>	<b>9'043.70</b>
Deficit			<b>-8'152.02</b>
<b>Balance</b>			<b>891.68</b>
<b>Development of assets</b>			
Assets as of 01.01.2022			9'043.70
Expenditure surplus			-8'152.02
<b>Capital per 31.12.2022</b>			<b>891.68</b>



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Erfolgsrechnung

Project DIPUPO

Kangumbe

Namibia

Fiscal year 2022

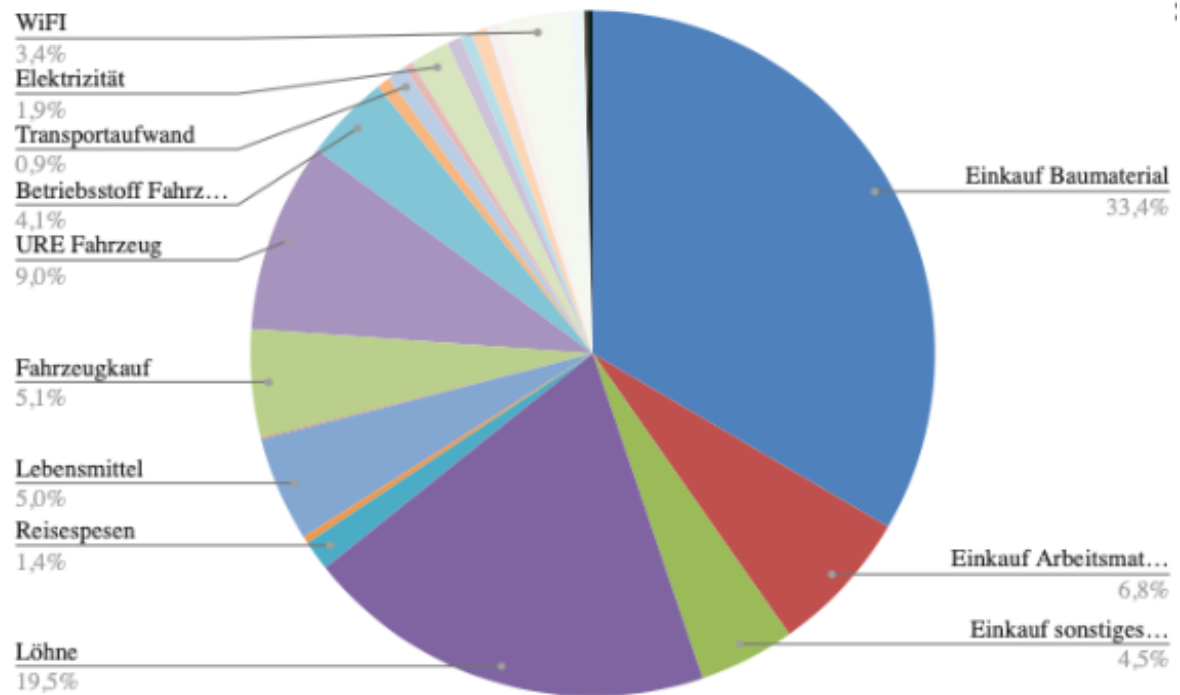
### Earnings

3200	Donations	31'604,48
3400	Deposit Patrizia	5'470,00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>37'074,48</b>

### Expenses

4000	Purchase building material	15'002,16
4200	Purchasing work material	3'067,53
4400	Purchase of other material	2'031,63
5400	Wages	8'737,94
5405	Travel expenses	638,88
5720	Accommodation staff	145,01
5740	Food	2'223,61
5790	Third party labor	35,64
5800	Vehicle purchase	2'292,32
5840	Fuel vehicles	4'022,08
6000	Transport charges	1'835,54
6030	Transportation expense	275,96
6040	Wifi	397,46
6200	Repairs vehicles	192,40
6220	Electricity	843,53
6260	Health/medicines	302,46
6280	other expenses	241,89
6300	Pet food	339,44
6360	Veterinary medicine	75,14
6400	Purchase garden material	205,68
6460	Deposit Patrizia for Costody out of Project	1'514,82
6500	Repayment loan Patrizia	35,40
6501	Printed matter	208,65
	Contributions, donations to other	
6520	institutions	348,00
6640	Travel expenses	36,32
6940	Bank charges	67,25
8500	Extraordinary expenses	110,00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>45.226,74</b>
<b>Excess spending</b>		<b>-8'152,26</b>

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## Audit report

### **Auditors' Report**

The accounts were audited for the accounting period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. 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 0.06 was assumed for the most part (1 NAD = 0.06 CHF);

The account closes with a profit of CHF **891.68** for the year 2022.

Sabine Schomburg, Aarwangen, 13.02.2023



## Conclusion

With small steps we always went forward this year as well. Looking back, we have achieved a lot and helped people in small ways.

During my stay in Namibia at the end of the year, I was able to speak personally with many local people. The conversation with a young single mother of two children was very enlightening. She took me to her home and showed me her self-built traditional mud house. She fetches water twice a day at our water point and has a small job as a malaria-prevention sprayer. She uses it to provide for her children, her mother and her brother. Often, however, the money is not enough to buy cornmeal so that the family has something to eat every day. She told me without resentment about her living conditions and thanked me about the nearby watering hole and was happy that she will soon have the opportunity to shop nearby.

In order to run the agriculture optimally, more workers are needed. The local residents often own a piece of field which they have to cultivate and sow before the rainy season. Because of the lack of tools and machines, the fields are laboriously worked by hand and there is hardly any time to help the others. For a fee, migrant workers are always available for this work.

We are not discouraged by the low number of children attending the kindergarten. In addition to living conditions, the parents' own educational status is often the deciding factor in whether they give their children access to education. We are confident going into the new year that we will also reach these children and their parents with our kindergarten offer with meal.

Our project is widely known and the general expectations and trust of the population in us are high.

The longer I am involved in the project work, the more I see into the everyday life of the people and their shyness towards me decreases. This gives me insight into what keeps people busy and what they want from us. Nevertheless, I believe that everyone should get more involved with self-help in order to strive for and achieve the desired changes together. I believe that we are well on the way to achieving this over time.

## Visions

The **main goal** for next year is to keep the good workers and integrate them into the project. For this we are still dependent on donations that help us to pay the **wages**. The calculated expenses for one year are **10'000-12'000 CHF**.

After visiting the two pig farms, we became aware of the need for healthy and protein-rich feeding of the animals and the desire to produce animal feed pellets for our and the animals in the region arose. The raw materials grow everywhere in Namibia and by building a production hall for pellets we can start a successful project, generate jobs and income for the population.

One of the biggest challenges we face daily is our transportation. Without a roadworthy vehicle it is impossible to reach our goals and work. The gravel and sand roads to get to the remote villages put a lot of strain on our old Mitsubishi Pajero (1999). The wear and tear of the tires is an endless problem, along with the wear and tear of the chassis. Therefore, we keep looking if we can find another 4x4 Occasionsauto.

The cost of a pellet production and a 4x4 car is **60'000 CHF**. The forecast of the new project should be self-supporting 2 years after the start of production. **The project plan can be requested.** Unfortunately we have not found any sponsors for it so far.

We will continue to help needy people in the region as much as our financial possibilities allow.





**Thank you very much for your trust and support!**



Patrizia Bevilacqua, Aarwangen, 31.12.2023

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