



Current state of affairs Mbaash dormitories

In the past newsletter we've informed you about the construction of the first dormitory - for girls - at the Mbaash primary school. This dormitory is now fully finished. We already noticed that this is so wonderful, but that the *boys* which have to come from a large distance - up to 23 km! - still have to walk to school every day, with all the mentioned consequences and dangers.



Simply try to imagine: you at that age (about 7 to 13 years) or your own children. To get to school you need to leave home every day at 4 a.m., in the pitch-dark, on foot, through an area where poi-

sonous snakes, scorpions, elephants and hyenas live. About five hours of walking, without food or water. And then after school the same route back, another five hours of walking, to arrive around 8.30 p.m., again in the dark, exhausted, in the hut. In these circumstances they walk every week more than 200 kilometres! By constructing a dormitory for boys too, at least they can attend the (free) primary education. Apart from that, children that don't go to school don't get one or more meals at school and health supervision from the nearby medical dispensary.



One of the participants of the past construction trip, Maaïke Lensink, takes up the challenge by creating her own 'construction committee'. She was very much touched by the situation as she has experienced it herself last year. Maaïke works at the Hanze University of Applied Sciences in Groningen (NL). Next October she will be constructing a 2nd dormitory, together with no less than 28 colleagues. Currently they are all busy raising the necessary funds. Besides that, in Tanzania they will work on knowledge transfer and exchange, for example with the local teachers and craftsmen. See their [Facebook](#).

Large donation for dormitory

For co-sponsorship of the boys' dormitory, at the end of last year we applied at a church-allied capital fund. To our great joy our application has been rewarded with a donation of € 10.000! This organisation doesn't want further publicity.



Transport to Tanzania

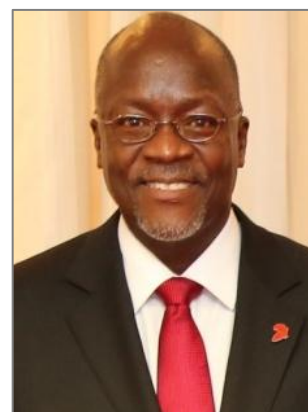
At this moment, a shipping container is on its way to Arusha in Tanzania. This container carries some pallets with items for Tanzania Support. Very valuable is an ultrasound machine, destined for Monduli hospital. This device was donated by [Verloskundigen-praktijk Dora](#) (midwife practice) in Hengelo (NL). The hospital was also in need for bed sheets. Through the industrial laundry service [Newasco De Hoop](#) in Amersfoort (NL) we received a batch of 200 hospital bed sheets plus 150 pieces of operating gowns. All this is part of the container, as well as a generator, a wheeler and table football games for Mbaash.



New president

On October 25, 2015 the general elections took place in Tanzania. The governing president Kikwete reached the end of his two (maximum possible) terms. John Pombe Magufuli was elected the new president. 'JPM' started very vigorously, especially in his fight against corruption. In his inaugural speech he already stated: "The days of lazy and corrupt bureaucrats are numbered". And those are not just words, JPM adds the words with deeds and started to ban corruption and cut unnecessary (government) spending. To mention some examples from the first few weeks after his inauguration:

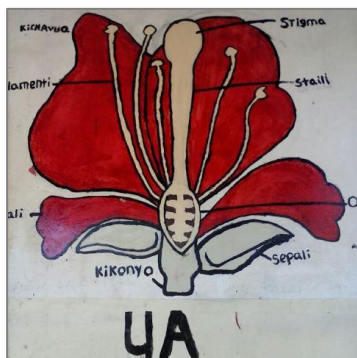
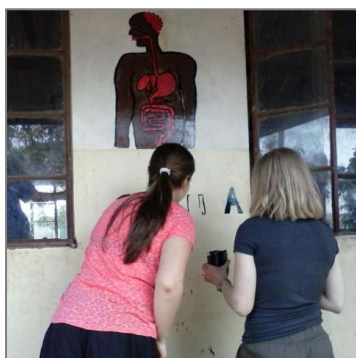
- Foreign travel for civil servants has been minimized. For example: instead of a 50 person delegation to a common wealth meeting only 4 persons were allowed to go.
- No more 1st class and business class travel for all officials except President, Vice President and Prime Minister. 'Ordinary' ministers have to fly economy class.
- No more sitting allowances, that also applies to MP's. It appeared that in general 48% of the income from civil servants came from their salary and 52% from sitting allowances.
- Magufuli immediately closed the "ministry for food", which had only been established by the former president to supply food for him and his guests.
- No expensive parties to celebrate independence day, but "clean-up" activities against street litter. JPM physically went out to pick up litter himself.
- Many dozens of civil servants which have been caught to be corrupt have been fired immediately, among which police officers, custom officers (especially in the very corrupt port of Dar es Salaam) etcetera.



Students from Montessori Lyceum Flevoland visit Selela

In April 2015 twelve students and two teachers of MLF in Almere (NL) stayed for the second time in Selela. They camped on the grounds of Oltinga secondary school. In preparation of the trip, they collected money, which they used to buy many school books for Oltinga.

They also contracted a local tailor to make school uniforms for a number of orphans at Selela primary school and they made educational wall paintings there on the classroom walls. Unfortunately the planned trip for this spring had to be cancelled.



34 football outfits

Football Club Hooglanderveen (NL) donated 34 football outfits and the MLF students could take them straight away in their luggage. Football is a very popular sport in Tanzania. The secondary schools play mutual competitions (boys and girls teams) and the outfits will be worn with pride by the students of Oltinga secondary school.



Campaign



Siem van der Kolk from Nijkerk (NL, see [IQ Balance](#)) nominated TSF at webshop 123Inkt, that donated € 100.000 to charity. But because all large Dutch foundations were also nominated, for us, being a small private organisation, the result was only € 55 ...



270 pairs of glasses

We received a large number of used binoculars from the Pearle shop in Putten (NL). Those will be taken by the people from the Hanze construction trip coming October. At Monduli hospital, the focus length will be checked for each pair, so they can be provided to the visually impaired Maasai, through the medical dispensaries of Selela and Mbaash.

Activities nature team Veluwe region

This year our 'nature team' (Burnie, Oscar and Gerard) from the Veluwe region will be active again in and around Elspeet (NL). In the early morning hours of Ascension Day (May 5) a BIKE SAFARI will take place, including explanation by a nature guide and breakfast for € 12.50 with the full benefits for Tanzania.

It's also possible to already subscribe for the famous 'DEER BELLING EXPEDITIONS', with a nature guide, presentation and hot and cold buffet (end Sept./start Oct). Quick application is advised at burnie886@gmail.com, because of the popularity and limited group size of 12 participants.

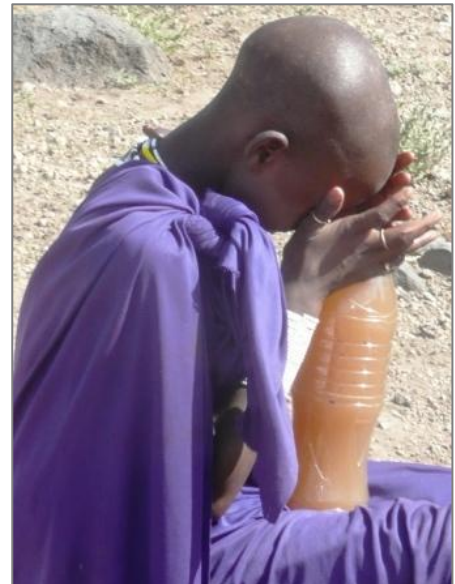


Large donation Rabobank Share4More for water storage tanks



At the Oltinga secondary school in Selela they get their water from a metal pipeline, 5 kilometres in length, which arrives from a well in the Ngorongoro Hills. Part of the year there's water and this is suitable for drinking. But during the rainy seasons, or when the tube is damaged by e.g. an elephant or soil subsidence, the water is very muddy (see the bottle in the picture) and full of bacteria. Students and teachers fall ill due to stomach / intestinal disorders. A system with large storage tanks would prevent most of these problems.

In reply to an application for financial support from Share4More (the staff's foundation of Rabobank Netherlands), we received a letter that they make a contribution of no less than € 5,000!



With this donation we can buy three tanks of 10,000 litres each and have it installed on concrete foundations (as seen at the example of such tanks in the picture). In this way a supply of 30,000 litres can be collected in times when the water is clean.

We are currently looking for additional sponsorship, because ideally five tanks are required. So that they can have a sufficient water supply during the long rainy season for the nearly 400 students, 20 teachers and, not to forget, the Maasai families that live around the school. Each tank requires approximately € 1,500, incl. transport and installation. How, Where, Who for the missing € 3,000???