



Report VTC 29th of October 2014

Dear board members GKMT and GCMF,

Following you'll find my report on the activities (at the VTC).

Expenses. Except for paying the guards, the storekeeper and some kilometres with the car, no expenses were made for the VTC. With the approval of the Steering Committee we decided to offer a small salary to Mr. Kafuwa, the storekeeper. He holds the keys and administrates the outgoing tools and materials and is being called by myself, by Pious and by Joe quiet often to come and open the storage room. He never fails in showing up neither in doing his administrative work properly. For as long as the impasse will go on and in retrospective we will pay and paid him KR150 per month.

Although in the financial report it seems I have withdrawn two times KR5000 for the VTC, reality is that except the above mentioned expenses these amounts did not go to VTC but to CAR, TRUCK, GH, IBALA, MAN. I am sure Patrice will clarify this in his next financial report.

Land Issues. Mr. Kafweni keeps being a problem when it concerns the right side of our plot. He still thinks we expended 50 meters in his direction which is absolutely not the case. Although all our documents and contracts show him being wrong, he simply denies. The Counsel Secretary (CS) has offered Mr. Kafweni KR12.000 in presence of Mr. Kalima and me, but he refused. Eventually changes are that he will be walking away from this empty handed as the CS mentioned: "*This land will never be yours again, it has been allocated to GCMF and will always be their property, and there is no one who can change that*". To convince Mr. Kafweni we agreed to show him the truth not with the documents but with measuring tape on site witnessed by the planning officer. This still has to be done.

Building permit. Zambia is decentralizing the system concerning land issues. Because of this we cannot receive the official document for the building permit for now. I have been promised by the Planning Office in Ndola to get a temporally approval which I didn't receive so far.

Title Deed. Also because of the system change concerning land issues, we cannot apply for the title deed at this moment. For this we are thus waiting for the system change to be finalized.

Business Unit Carpentry. The end of the month September, when Mishi presented his financial administration, marked the end of the carpentry business unit the way it is now. Although the balance looked quite good, and I could have paid out a decent salary, all the money was already spent. Twice the amount he should have been given. Because of the fact he admitted his mistakes instantly, also in presence of Frida and Mr. Kalima, we granted him a period of two weeks to pay back the credit by selling some furniture, collecting some bills and making new products. The two weeks have passed by now and nothing has been paid. Although I believe he will pay back the biggest part

of his credit eventually, I think we have to conclude to shut the carpentry unit down for now and start thinking about alternatives. This will be one of the issues during the next SC-meeting.

Guesthouse - Roof. We have finished replacing the roof of the television room/public kitchen at the guesthouse. When built, six years ago, the contractor fixed a grass roof on a for metal sheets designed roof construction. Therefore the roof did not have the minimum angle of 40 degrees which is required for a thatched roof and this is why it started bending and leaking. We demolished the old roof, increased the angle and replaced the white wood rafters with Kayimbi and the grasses with reeds. The work has been done by VTC carpenters and thatchers. The reeds were bought at Lewis his birth village in Masaïti.



 INVOICE			
New Roof Public Kitchen and TV Room			6 th of October 2014
GCMF Guesthouse, PO Box 14, Mpongwe			
<i>Work description – Renewing roof public kitchen: Demolishing old roof, replacing white wood rafters with kayimbi, replacing bamboo purlins, increasing height, thatching with reeds instead of grasses and finishing off with a reinforced concrete ridge</i>			
DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Construction			
Kayimbi 40x100x5000 (pcs.)	40	45,00	1.800,00
Bamboo (truckload)	1	80,00	80,00
Treaded bar M12 (m. from VTC)	4	21,00	84,00
Washer M12 (pcs. from VTC)	44	0,20	8,80
Nut M12 (pcs. from VTC)	44	0,60	26,40
Screw 12x100 (pkt. from VTC)	4	30,00	120,00
Screw 10x60 (pkt. from VTC)	15	17,00	255,00
Hammer plug 10x75 (pkt. from VTC)	1	50,00	50,00
Screwing bit P22 (pcs. from VTC)	8	10,00	80,00
Screwing bit P23 (pcs. from VTC)	2	10,00	20,00
Cutting disc (pcs. from VTC)	1	30,00	30,00
Anchor (pcs. from container)	20	0,00	0,00
Roofing			
Twinrope (roll)	15	30,00	450,00
Twinrope (roll from VTC)	2	30,00	60,00
Grasses (bundles from bush)	1.440	2,50	3.600,00
Grasses (bundles from VTC)	600	2,50	1.500,00
Ridge			
Chicken wire (roll from VTC)	0,05	300,00	15,00
PVC (roll from VTC)	0,05	180,00	9,00
Cement (50 kg.)	1	85,00	85,00
Ceiling			
Practical board	2	70,00	140,00
Cover strip (pcs.)	5	18,00	90,00
Corner strip (pcs. from VTC)	1	24,00	24,00
Nail 1.5" (0,5kg.)	1	9,00	9,00
Painting brush 2" (pcs.)	1	18,00	18,00
Roller brush 225 mm. (pcs.)	1	35,00	35,00
Allowance worker			
Lunch Allowances weekly	4	150,00	600,00
Lunch Allowances transport	14	20,00	280,00
Other			
Carpenters (week)	17	150,00	2.550,00
Thatchers (roof)	1	2.500,00	2.500,00
Invoice received and paid		TOTAL	14.519,20
		TOTAL FROM VTC	2.281,40
Signed:.....			
Date:			

Guesthouse – Main Pillar Restaurant. The restaurant floor started cracking towards the main pillar due to the fact that the main pillar was slowly coming down by the weight of the roof. When opening the floor we found no concrete slab under the tiles and no foundation under the pillar. We solved this problem by digging a foundation box, anchoring the main pillar by drilling four pieces of deformed bar through the foot of the pillar, painting the foot with black bitumen and filling the foundation box with solid concrete. The work has been done by three VTC carpenters on a Sunday when there were no guests in the restaurant.



Other – Design for High Cost Residential Area. The design shown in my last report has been presented at a council meeting attended by the Ndola Planning officers. The reactions were very positive and from what I’ve heard green light will be given soon.

Other - Standard Houses. As requested by the planning officer of the counsel I assisted in designing four standard houses (for low, medium and high cost plots and a semi-detached one) for the newly planned residential areas. Due to the lacking of a local architect, obtaining a building permit is not easy for people in Mpongwe. Hence there is a lot of illegal construction taking place which gives difficulties for future planning (houses built on future road reserves for example). People can now choose a house type and obtain a (counsel) building permit easily which gives the counsel the advantage of regulating the locations.



VTC Football Team. I’ve been pretty involved in the organisation of this year’s Independence Cup. We played the final on independence day, as you could have read in my report about the 2014 season but more importantly, our VTC team has become champion of Mpongwe!



MAFA - FINAL STANDING 2014									
Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	VTC	34	30	3	1	95	13	82	90
2	Golden Bullets	34	25	7	2	63	15	48	81
3	Blue Sky	34	20	8	6	51	17	34	68
4	Angels	34	18	9	7	46	26	20	63
5	Bwembelero	34	15	10	9	38	28	10	52
6	Youngstars	34	11	13	10	29	33	-4	46
7	Chinwa	34	12	9	13	24	32	-8	45
8	Chipese	34	10	10	14	28	33	-5	40
9	Shingwa	34	8	16	10	15	21	-6	40
10	Big Cops	34	8	16	10	17	16	1	39
11	Tiger Rangers	34	11	5	18	27	39	-12	38
12	France	34	8	14	12	16	31	-15	38
13	Young Academy	34	9	8	17	30	36	-6	35
14	Bulimba	34	8	14	12	23	35	-12	35
15	Rhino Rangers	34	6	15	13	13	31	-18	33
16	West Leopard	34	8	12	14	24	33	-9	32
17	Red Lions	34	5	10	19	15	61	-46	25
18	Old Timers	34	1	7	26	9	63	-54	10

Kind regards, Bram