

GIVE THE CHILDREN OF MPONGWE A FUTURE
(GEEF DE KINDEREN VAN MPONGWE EEN TOEKOMST)
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ANNUAL REVIEW - 2006

INTRODUCTION

The year 2006 was the first full year of independent operation for the foundation in Zambia. On 4 November the Executive Committee hosted its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was well attended. The guest of honour was Her Royal Highness, Chieftainess Lesa, who gave a speech thanking the donors and the foundation for the commitment to development in Mpongwe District and encouraging all involved to work well together. We respectfully thank Chieftainess Lesa for her support, not only at the AGM but during the whole year.

The main purpose of the AGM and the brochure produced was to inform the communities, Government ministries and other interested parties in Mpongwe District of the aims and principles of the foundation, the projects that we are involved with and the source of funding for these projects. The links with Hogeschool Zuyd and the visiting students was also explained. There was a long question and answer session which gave the Executive Committee an opportunity to hear the views of the communities involved in the management of the projects. We are always trying to improve our performance and it is a real benefit to hear what other involved people think.

The Executive Committee had another busy year - in addition to the AGM, it held four quarterly meetings at which a total of 23 new project proposals were reviewed. During the year we agreed that it was more appropriate to purchase materials in stages for the funded projects rather than giving cash to the project committees. This allows us to be involved at every stage of a project and assists us with better monitoring of the ongoing progress.

In April and May 2006, our Board Chairperson, Mrs Ton Korsten visited Mpongwe District with her husband George. The 10 day programme was very busy but allowed the Korstens to see a large number of the projects and to meet some of the communities involved. Mrs Korsten also met with the District Development Co-ordinating Committee Planning Sub Committee and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was agreed with regard to students coming to Mpongwe District to assist develop the aims stated in the District Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. The Executive Committee and the Korstens also had a chance to get to know each other better at a social event. The visit was a great success and hopefully demonstrated the commitment and enthusiasm that every member of the Executive Committee has shown all year.

During the year we have also had eight students from Hogeschool Zuyd visiting us in Mpongwe District. Thomas & Ralph were here from March to June with the Ministry of Agriculture. Jeffrey was here from August looking at income generating projects while Martine & Marjolein assisted at Mpongwe Basic School, Chipese Community School and Shingwa Community School during November and December. At present we have 3 nursing students with us - Robin who is attached to Mpongwe Mission Hospital and Renee & Joyce who are placed with Mpongwe District Health Team. We hope that all the students have enjoyed their time in Mpongwe and that the experience has been useful to them in addition to it bringing sustainable development to Mpongwe District. As far as possible we have tried to include the students in the work of the foundation so that they are encouraged to assist with fund raising when they return to the Netherlands.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN 2006

The main projects that we were involved with during the year were as follows -

*Support of 100 OVC's at 9 schools in Mpongwe District and 3 other schools with school fees, uniforms, shoes, books, pens etc
This was a continuing project in 2006*

This project is now in its fifth year of operation and has expanded to supporting pupils at 12 schools. Due to the lack of places for secondary school education within Mpongwe District it was agreed, during the year, that we should continue to assist pupils who qualified for other secondary schools within the Copperbelt Province. There are currently four pupils being sponsored at secondary schools in Luanshya and Masaiti Districts. During 2006, two pupils wrote Grade 12 exams, 16 sat at Grade 9 level and 10 pupils wrote at Grade 7.

Unfortunately all the pupils who wrote Grade 12 exams in 2005 had very disappointing results and these 6 pupils re-wrote their Grade 12 exams in 2006. As a result of these disappointing results we have been making every effort this year to meet all the Grade 12, 9 & 7 pupils to explain to them the importance of studying hard and concentrating at school. This is done in conjunction with the teaching staff and guidance teachers. The Executive Committee feel strongly that the pupils should be encouraged to make the most of the opportunity given to them.

*Renovation of tuberculosis (TB) ward and laundry at
Mpongwe Mission Hospital
This was a continuing project for 2006*

This project took considerably longer than expected and was eventually completed in June 2006. The TB ward is now open to patients and is assisting the Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ) sponsored project in Mpongwe District by

providing a weatherproof and comfortable environment for all sputum positive patients who are now able to be admitted for a controlled drug regime. This isolation assists in the reduction of infection within the communities.

The renovation of the laundry assists in providing better sanitation and reduces the risk of secondary infection for all the in-patients and the hospital staff.

The renovation of the nutrition ward of Mpongwe Mission Hospital is expected to start in the first quarter of 2007. The Executive Committee are keen to meet the hospital management to agree on the costs and timeframe in advance of commencement of this project.

*The electrification of Mpongwe Basic School
This was a continuing for 2006*

This project was also completed in 2006, again behind schedule due to delays in the connection to the national grid. Both the 1,600 pupils of the school and the larger community are benefiting from this project as the provision of electricity for lights means that evening classes are now able to be held. The majority of these evening classes are aimed at adults, especially women, looking for further education and literacy classes. The school has one computer and the teachers have been learning the basics while the school awaits a further donation of computers to allow a programme of computer classes also to start.

*Mpongwe Mission Hospital - OVC project
This was a continuing project for 2006*

The majority of this project was completed in 2005 and the remaining items were monitoring and evaluation for 2006. Unfortunately Mpongwe High School decided that it no longer required the garden that was established to assist the OVC's and the funding and materials purchased was returned. We are looking to site this garden at another school in 2007.

*Bilima Community School - construction of a 1x3 classroom block
This is a new project for 2006*

After the receipt of the project proposal in September 2005, this project was recommended for funding in April 2006. The first procurement of materials took place in May and since then the foundation and slab of the building have been completed. This project is a partnership between the foundation and the community and the community are expected to provide local materials including burnt bricks and unskilled labour to the project. Unfortunately this has caused some problems in Bilima community and the project is on hold at the moment until, particularly the labour payments, and community contributions are agreed upon.

*Ibenga Area Gender Association - construction of a skills training centre
This is a new project for 2006*

The first procurement of materials for this project was delayed until October despite the project being approved in May 2006, mainly due to the tri-partite elections held in Zambia in September this year. However despite this the project is making good progress and the super structure of the building is now 50% complete. The Association members have been tireless in their efforts to supply building sand, crushed stones, burnt bricks and water to the site. In particular, the female members of the Association have worked very hard to physically carry water to the site from the nearest source. The members have also been working well along side the contractor and their efforts should be commended. It is expected that this project will be complete by April 2007 and that the classes will be in use teaching sewing, carpentry and agricultural skills to the women, youths and other vulnerable members of the community. Once construction is complete the Executive Committee will continue to monitor these classes and the progress being made by the community.

*Switi Village Hammer mill project - provision of hammer mill,
shelter, toilet and electricity to the women of Switi Village
as an income generating activity (IGA)
This is a continuing project for 2006*

This project initially commenced in 2005 when the hammer mill was purchased. Until June this year progress has been slow mainly due to land issues relating to a site for the hammer mill. However this has been resolved and the construction of the shelter and the toilet is now complete. The outstanding issue for this project is the payment to Zesco and the connection of electricity. It is anticipated that the hammer mill will be operational in time for the maize harvest in July 2007. The hammer mill is to be leased to the well established women's committee, which comprises of nine members. Once the electricity is connected, the Executive Committee will continue to provide guidance and advice to the committee to try to ensure that the project is a success.

*Musangashi Community School - completion of 1x2 classroom block
This is a new project for 2006*

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Musangashi Community School presented a proposal to the foundation in March this year asking for assistance with roofing their self built 1x2 classroom block. The proposal was not only approved but we also included the flooring and plastering of the building in the recommended contribution. Materials were procured in July 2006 and all the labour has been

provided free of charge by the community. This project is now complete and the pupils will be able to benefit from the new building in 2007, after a great effort from their parents and teachers. This project is a great example of a partnership between a committed community and the foundation.

*Lwanyanshi Community School - construction of a 1x3 classroom block
This is a new project for 2006*

This school is in one of the most rural and under developed areas of Mpongwe District and when the Executive Committee were approached in March 2006, we were keen to assist. After several site visits the project was approved in October 2006 after the community had satisfied the condition of providing the building sand, crushed stones and burnt bricks required for the project. The community have agreed to provide all the unskilled and part of the skilled labour to the project. The first materials were delivered to site in December 2006 and the project has now commenced, though work is slow due to the rains at this time of year.

*Chisanga Basic School - completion of 2 teachers houses
This is a new project for 2006*

Chisanga Basic School is in Chief Mwinuna's area of Mpongwe District and in August they presented a proposal whereby the foundation would assist the completion of the two new teachers houses. At that time the PTA had build one house to roof level and the other had a complete foundation and slab. A bill of quantities was prepared for the remaining materials required and these were purchased in December 2006. It is hoped that the provision of these houses will attract more teachers to this rural area, which is in desperate need of more teaching staff.

*Further education sponsorship
This is a continuing project for 2006*

The two students who were sponsored at teacher training school in 2005 have both passed their final exams (one with credit) and are now awaiting placement by the Ministry of Education.

During 2006 it was agreed to sponsor a student at Zambia Institute of Business Studies and Industrial Practice in Kitwe for two years. This student will be undertaking a diploma in Business Administration and Management Studies and will be bonded to the foundation for a minimum of two years. During this bonding, it is expected that she will take over the administrative and financial reporting duties of the foundation.

Another sponsorship was granted to a student at Zambia College of Agriculture with the condition that the student undertakes his practical placement within Mpongwe District.

*Construction of a guesthouse in conjunction with
Hogeschool Zuyd
This is a new project for 2006*

In addition to hosting the students from Hogeschool Zuyd, the construction of a guesthouse was also commenced in conjunction with the University. The guesthouse will house the offices of the foundation, in addition to be income generating for the projects we are supporting. This is a big project to be undertaken and the secretariat of the Executive Committee are to be commended for their commitment, in the face of many challenges. While it is anticipated that the future Hogeschool Zuyd students in Mpongwe will be the main residents in the guesthouse it is hoped that we can attract regular business from visiting Zambians to the guesthouse also. We thank the students of Hogeschool Zuyd for their fund raising efforts which will, ultimately, assist projects for the development of the children of Mpongwe.

THE FUTURE

At the moment the Executive Committee is concentrating on the ongoing projects. This is due, in part, to financial restraints but also because of time constraints. We are keen to complete the ongoing projects properly before embarking on new projects to assist other communities. We do have a waiting list of proposals that have been presented to us and will return to this when time and finances allow.

In 2007 we will have our own office for the first time, complete with computers, storage space and meeting area which will make the administration of the foundation considerably easier. Logistics such as transport and communication remain an ongoing problem but we are investigating the possibility of an internet café in Mpongwe - which would also generate additional income for the projects.

We also hope that the next year will bring closer working relationships with the government ministries in the District and other NGO's working within development, as this has at times in 2006 been a struggle! The Executive Committee feel strongly that these are vital relationships and we must all work hard to support each other. After all, the development of the District is for the benefit of every individual in Mpongwe.

CONCLUSION

As you can see from the information above, 2006 has been another very busy year. We are hoping that 2007 can bring the same level of activity as we strive to help individuals and communities to assist their own development.

We would like also to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in all the projects for their hard work and commitment and the members of various government ministries who have assisted us during the year - you know who you are!

In January 2007 we will have another visit from Mr & Mrs Korsten and we are looking forward to sharing our experiences with them. We are sure that they will be inspired by the dedication that they see within Mpongwe District.

Finally we should mention, again, the high level of commitment and enthusiasm shown by every member of the Executive Committee on a daily basis. The year has had many challenges, but that has, hopefully, made us stronger. Many of these challenges are still with us and we must be strong. We have made mistakes but we have also learned from that and will put the lessons learned into making future projects a success. Despite these challenges all of us has shown a real determination to contribute towards the continued development of Mpongwe District. We should all be proud of our efforts.

Prepared by the **Executive Committee**
Give the Children of Mpongwe a Future
Mpongwe, January 2007

Please find attached - Listing of the Executive Committee members
Financial summary of 2006

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Income & Expenditure from 1 January 2006 - 31 December 2006

Balance of funds brought forward at 1 January 2006 **K 55,339,458**

Income -

From foundation board in Netherlands	K151,588,118	
Refund from Mpongwe High School	K 1,200,000	
 Total income		 K152,788,118

Expenditure -

School Fees - OVC's	K 22,646,000	
School requirements - OVC's	K 9,755,850	
Mpongwe Mission Hospital - TB Ward	K 15,000,000	
Further Education sponsorship	K 3,640,000	
Mpongwe Basic - electrification	K 1,000,000	
Musangashi Community School - construction	K 10,235,900	
Switi Village IGA	K 11,402,500	
Bilima Community School - construction	K 25,261,900	
Ibenga Area Gender Ass - construction	K 10,395,900	
Lwanyanshi Community School - construction	K 10,461,000	
Chisanga Basic School - construction	K 6,575,000	
Vehicle hire	K 27,944,000	
University costs - Guesthouse	K 25,082,680	
University costs - Others	K 9,538,500	
Allowances - site visits etc	K 4,950,000	
Immigration charges	K 3,250,000	
Stationery costs (inc brochure)	K 3,813,000	
Other general costs	K 4,678,020	
 Total expenditure		 K205,630,250

Balance of funds as at 31 December 2006 **K 2,497,326**

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SECRETARIAT

Mr Anthony Kalima	Chairman
Ms Fridah Musukuma	Vice chair - Assistant District Planning Officer
Mr Maxwell Bweupe	Secretary - District Aids Task Force UN Volunteer
Ms Susan Hutton	Treasurer

MEMBERS

Mr Patrice Mutakela	Mpongwe Baptist Association
Ms Justina Ngoma	Community Development & Social Welfare Officer
Mrs Robness Mali	Chieftaness Lesa's Palace
Mr White Mabumba	Chieftaness Lesa's Palace
Mr Patience Musompa	
Mr Vackson Mwenda	Mpongwe Middle Basic School Head Teacher

Executive Committee
Mpongwe, January 2007