

**Newsletter Mutanyana Weru,
December 2009.**

1 New situation Mutanyana Weru

In our previous newsletter we already mentioned the take-over of the Centre by the 'Orionites' and the reasons of it. This take-over has now been finished and the Centre has been adapted to the new situation.

The Orionites have expressed their wish to run the Centre fully independently. They meanwhile changed the Centre's name into: "Obra de Don Orione de Mozambique". *The board of our Foundation Mutanyana Weru wished the Orionites all the best for the future.*

Priority for the Foundation now is to support Father André in both moral and financial ways.

The re-integration project has become priority number one, followed by 'side-projects' like: learning, HIV and emergency help.

2 Re-integration project

After the take-over Father André managed to realise 22 accommodations for 76 (ex)residents, in and around Maputo. These 76 people exist of 29 women and 47 children varying in age of baby (5) and small children (13) to older children (29). 31 children attend regular school classes with levels varying from basic (26) and medium level (1) to even university level (1). 3 Children attend evening classes.



A very important aspect of the re-integration project is to make the women fully self-supporting and provide their own (family) income.

For this reason all accommodations include a piece of land allowing the women to grow their own food and vegetables.

In addition to Father André's support, local volunteers assist the women with their



agricultural and management experience. Local negotiations try to make more land available for the women, thus extending the agricultural possibilities and extra income. Two Dutch female agricultural specialists have studied the project for 2 weeks and will soon issue a report with recommendations how to run these small businesses. This on a technical and management level with the expected result to make the women self supporting.

In order to legally secure the land and houses, an Association will be set up. The articles of association have been written and wait for approval of the Min. of Justice. The Association will be named "Filhus de Mutanyana Weru" and run by the women. The Association will also get real estate and cooperative responsibilities. Daily management will be assisted by a group of Advisors; Father André being one of them.

3 Visit by 'Wilde Ganzen'

The Dutch organisation 'Wilde Ganzen' sponsored the Centre's activities several times. Two of their employees, Daniëlla de Winter en Sabien Deneer, have visited projects in and around Maputo and also visited Father André's project. For their

magazine 'Berichten van Wilde Ganzen' they wrote following report:

"Special Women"

A couple of hours away from the capital Maputo 9 cane houses have been erected for women. This was done by Father André and with support from 'Wilde Ganzen'.

Father André has met these women in the Central Hospital in Maputo. The women had been neglected by their families and many of them have physical limitations resulting in their inability to provide an own income. Some of these limitations are: some are deaf and dumb, paralysed, are missing limbs, have tuberculosis in the bones or severe fire burns. They lived for several years in a nursing centre and now try to re-integrate with their (foster) children into the local society. Living independent then is the first step. The houses are well spaced and clean, but especially the women draw our attention: they are so full of energy that we see their handicaps only in second instance. It is unbelievable how they manage to survive.

The lots of land and the house are not (yet) registered by a local Mozambique foundation. This is a risque when a women leaves. Another worry is that the women are without structural income. Their vegetable garden yields more than they can consume their selves but it is problematic to transport their fruits and vegetables to places where it can be sold. This shows the importance of realising before a project is being started, how the continuation aspect of it will be. Despite these point of improvement it will be clear that the effort of the people involved, together with the support of 'Wilde Ganzen', have improved the life situation of these women dramatically. "

An extensive report can be found on our website: www.mutanyanaweru.nl

4 Finances

The costs of living for 76 residents have been estimated of € 46 000 on an annual basis. Our Foundations goal is to donate in the year 2010 again €28000. From other sources we expect to an amount of approximately €33000 . So for unexpected matters and eventual side projects an amount of approx. €15000 will be left over.



5- DONATIONS AND LEGATIES.

These continue to be more than welcome. It is good to know that periodic gifts are fiscally most attractive. If necessary our Chairman, Sjef van Zon, can give detailed information. (phone +31492321626).

6- WEBSITE

Our website will be changed and adapted to the new situation in the near future.

7- FINALLY

We wish you a good Christmas time and a happy new year.

Thank you for your support and may we count on it again in the future?

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