

**Newsletter Mutunyana Weru,
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**1 MUTANYANA WERU IN TIMES OF
PEACE**

Early this year the Centre was alarmed by a series of explosions in a military camp close to the Centre. All personnel panicked and fled. Father André was left behind with the children and handicapped people whilst grenades were exploding. This caused severe damage to the buildings and the roofs were pierced. The children were very frightened but fortunately nobody was hurt. The day after the explosion the Minister of Defence visited the Centre to get information about the damage. Even an estimation of costs was made. The Minister expected that International Organisations would offer help. From the Department of Defence nothing was heard since then until.... a second series of explosions came. Even bigger missiles were flying through the sky. This time about 100 people were killed and more than 450 were wounded. The Centre was not hit during this second 'attack'. The Centre's residents and personnel had been seeking shelter behind the brick wall that surrounds the Centre. This situation lasted for about 3.5 hours until there was nothing more to explode in the weapon depot. Fortunately everyone in the Centre survived unhurt. The damage to the walls, ceilings, windows and lighting will be repaired with the generous help of the Dutch and Icelandic Embassy.



Above picture shows the damage to the Psychiatric Hospital near to the Centre.

2 NEW DIRECTOR AND CONTINUETY

The Centre since September 2006 has employed Vitorino Cumaio. In his function as Director he started with full energy. This means a significant support to the Centre's daily management. The number of residents is reasonably stable now and varies between 80 and 85. Someone has further extended the Staff from the Oronites. This organisation will be in a position to take over the Centre in a couple of years. Father André managed to arouse interest in the Centre of this Brazilian Congregation. This new situation will ensure the long-term continuity of the Centre.

Meanwhile an agreement in principle has been signed for the transfer with a transition period of two to three years. As the founder of the Centre, Father André will be connected to the Centre. He and the Centre will continue to receive the necessary financial support. The foundation "Mutanyana Weru" will continue to sponsor the annual amount of Euro 25 000 for financing the daily expenses.

3. EDUCATION.

Apart from the basic help, like housing, nourishment and health care, education is the important next step in the future of the young residents in the Centre. The support offered by this project is not only for the Centre's current residents. Also a number of young ex-residents, who are now living with their parents, family or friends will be able to benefit from this project.

Dependent of the available budget the Centre's management determines which amount of money will be dedicated to this form care. This year's amount of money for this project is approximately Euro 6200. The costs for education exist of enrolment and school fees, uniforms, satchels, stationary, travel, etc. For handicapped children additional costs have to be made for stationary and accompanied travelling. These costs are for primary and secondary general and technical education. There are also so-called alphabetic classes, lasting one to four years, for older people who had no or insufficient education. The focal point is on primary education. This is logic because of the age of the children.

For financing this project with its annually repeating costs, we are looking for sponsors wanting to contribute on a structural basis to this project.



Students in their school uniforms

4 THE POULTRY FARM PROJECT

In our previous newsletter we had to inform you that, because of amongst others lacking finances, the chicken project could not be realised completely. The Dutch foundation "Sport en Spel" in Maasland has mentioned to sponsor this project with a considerable amount of money. With the additional contribution of the Dutch organisation "De Wilde Ganzen" financing this project is almost complete. It concerns 400 chickens and their hen house and the education of people who will be responsible for running the project. The total amount of money involved is Euro 14 000. This amount does include the first month chicken food. It is the intention that the produced eggs will be partly sold on the market and partly used for own consumption.

5 FINANCES

We inform you that, thanks to your generous contributions, we will be able to donate this year again Euro 25 000 for financing the daily operation expenses of the Centre.

6 LEGACIES

Of course we like to draw your attention to the possibility to donate on a regular (e.g. annual or monthly) basis. This makes your donation most attractive for tax deduction. The only thing to be done is to have a contract made for this sort of Legacy by a public notary. We will be most happy to arrange this for you with the assistance of a public notary who works for the Foundation under very favourable conditions. Contact person: Mr. Sjeff van Zon, phone (0031) 0492-321626, can inform you all about this.

7. FINALLY

Our web site: www.mutanyanaweru.nl provides a lot of information about the Centre and its Foundation. You are cordially invited to have a look there and we are open to your questions and/or remarks. Furthermore we wish you very pleasant holidays.

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