# Newsletter Mutanyanu Weru June 2006.

#### 1 NEW PAVILION

A new pavilion has been built to give home to eight severely handicapped people. The financing of the project was partly made possible by a Danish sponsor. Then the building contractor could start. The construction works could be completed early this year with help of a second sponsor viz. the Icelandic Embassy.

With a joint action between the Dutch organisation 'Lions Club Maasland' and the foundation 'De Wilde Ganzen' a major step was made forward in the furnishing of the new building. Essential items like beds, sheets, pillowcases, wardrobes, etc. could be purchased with the funds raised. With the promised financial support of the Dutch 'Mission-Committee Boekel-Venhorst' and some more donations, this furnishing project is now nearly finished.



#### 2 AIDS INFECTED PEOPLE

An Italian charity organisation, named St. Idigio, promised help for aids infected people of the Centre. These people will be medically examined and receive appropriate medicines. The local group of this organisation will render assistance to those people in the Centre who are in need for it.

# 3 VISIT OF DUTCH EMBASSY TO CENTRE

This year's spring the Dutch ambassador paid a visit to the Centre. She was very impressed by all the work done here. We hope that the interest of the embassy will benefit the Centre.

#### **4 NEW NEIGHBOURS**

The Brazilian branch of the catholic 'Congregation of Orionites' will build their new Centre almost next door to ours. They also expressed their willing to co-operate with Mutanyanu Weru. They also mentioned to offer their support in securing the long-term interests of the residents in the case that this should be necessary.

## **5 MOZAMBICAN WOMEN ORGANISATION**

This organisation stays in close contact with the Centre. In this connection a Dutch female business psychologist is active in the Centre. Her aim is to give working women more self-respect and make them aware of their possibilities.

### <u>6 TELEVISION PROGRAMME ON THE</u> CENTRE'S CHILDREN

Forty children of the Centre took part in a special programme for children on the Mozambican television. Recordings of interviews and pictures of the Centre were showed in the programme. This sort of presentations promotes the reputation of the Centre in the Mozambican society. It is of great importance that the local interest for the Centre grows.

#### 7 ADMISSION OF NEW RESIDENTS

There is a big pressure on the Centre to accept new residents. Because the Centre now operates at full capacity of 90 residents, we are unable to comply with further requests for admission. Fortunately there is emergency help for urgent cases like mother-less children who are in need of breast-feeding. They can stay for some weeks in the centre and receive appropriate medicines.

#### 8 GRIEF

There can be a lot of joy when someone in the Centre receives a positive health certificate after an aids test. But recently there have also been moments of grief. In the beginning of May two young residents from the Centre died within one-week time: A one-year-old aids patient could not be saved anymore and passed away. On the day of his funeral another three years old child died all of a sudden. This was a big

shock to every one who lives and works in the Centre. As many of the children are going through a very difficult period of their life, being undernourished or ill, they are particularly vulnerable. Occurrences like this generate lots of sorrow to all residents and the management team. In a community like the Centre's one lives with and for each other.



#### 9 CHICKEN FOWL

The Centre's chicken fowl urgently needs renovation and expansion. The hen house needs to be improved and extended. The principal goal is to raise chicks to full grown chickens that produce eggs. These eggs will enrich the resident's daily menu. Secondly it is also envidaged to sell eggs on the market, which will generate the funds for chicken food, maintenance of the fowl, etc. We are in search of sponsors for this project allowing us to continue it. Special donations will be highly appreciated.

#### 10 MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

A management advisory group has been set-up in Holland. The objective is to bring the Centre's management at a higher level, in order to ensure the continuity of the Centre and to look after the (longer term) interests of the residents. An important topic is to strive for a stronger local management of the Centre.

#### 11 FINANCES

First of all we would like to mention that it is the Foundations intention to support the Centre annually with an amount of € 25 000. In 2004 and 2005 we succeeded to do so (see also our annual reports). Thanks to some successful specific fundraising actions we are still on schedule for 2006, however additional contributions are very welcome.

#### 12 LEGACIES

We once more want to inform you that for tax deduction it can be profitable to change your gifts to regular periodic donations. A public notary can easily make a standard contract for such kind of Legacy. If necessary we can arrange this for you through a public notary who works for our Foundation under 'friendly conditions'. Please contact Mr. Sjef van Zon for these matters (+31492321626)

#### 13 FINALLY

We thank you for your interest and support in this charity project and wish you very good vacation.

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