

**Newsletter Mutanyana Weru,  
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**1. General situation in Maputo**

The COVID-19 virus also has struck Mozambique, but not nearly as strongly as in the Netherlands and the rest of the world.

Statistics on Internet show a maximum number of infections of 305 people on 29 September while it is back downward. The maximum number of registered numbers of people died was 6, namely on 11 November. If you compare the COVID statistics of this country, with just over 25 mln. Inhabitants, with that in our country then their situation is "not so bad". According to Father André you can doubt the accuracy of these numbers given the lack of communication and administration in the country. He also said that the Central Hospital in Maputo, to which he is connected to, publishes no figures on Corona.

Measures such as ours are also valid in Mozambique (1.5 m. etc.), but for the local economy it is disastrous. Public transport is almost at a standstill, which means that people cannot get to work on time or with great difficulties. Most schools, especially primary ones, are closed because of Covid. Import of goods and food has virtually come to a standstill, causing scarcity and shortages.

Unemployment has also taken on major proportions. Government schemes for financial support, as we have in in Holland, does not exist- there simply is no money.

The situation is more dire than ever; says Father André.

**2. Situation Father André**

Our chairman Sjef van Zon has regular contacts via Skype with his brother in Maputo.

As far as health is concerned, he is still doing well, although he barely gets out the door and therefore has little exercise. Only for a regular visit to the bank he needs to go out. He cannot visit his proteges anymore. They undergo the virus pandemic with all prescriptions and dangers left and try and



to survive. They report to Father André at the door for support.

For the time being, this support only consists of emergency aid in the event of calamities, food and medicines.

**3. Agricultural project**

The land of the agricultural project is approximately 5 km. outside Maputo and is bad to get to by public transport especially during this virus period. Yet, a number of women are trying to grow some vegetables in order to get some additional food.

**4 . Finances**

In 2020, our Foundation supported our Father with the amount of € 3000, - per month as agreed last year. And we will continue with this for the remainder of this year.

This means that our financial buffer will be € 36,000 down at the end of 2020. To date, there is an amount of only about € 10 000 received from donations. This mainly is the result of the disappearance of most church actions in 2020 due to the corona pandemic. The Parish Brakkenstein will start a new Advent action in 2020.

The € 60 000 we had available so early this year (see the Balance included in the previous newsletter ) will be severely lower by the end of 2020 and to around € 30,000 which does not allow us to continue to transfer the current amount of € 3,000 / month. to the project. So as a board we are faced with a devilish dilemma: what will our financial support look like next year?

In our recent Board meeting we extensively discussed this situation and the various options. It has been agreed that our chairman Sjef van Zon will discuss the situation and the options with his brother in Maputo.

In view of the above situation, your support is extra necessary to be able to continue the project .

**May we count on your gift again?**

Know that we are an ANBI recognized Foundation and that your donations can therefore be deducted with the Tax Returns (in the Netherlands).

**5 . Meetings**

Our recent meeting was on 13 November this year. Again we used Video Conferencing. We nevertheless want to do our next meeting in the

Spring of 2021 again “in person” at the home of one of the Board members. Only if the situation with the virus will permit. Is this not the case then we will use Zoom again.

**6. And last but not least**

We wish you a very good Christmas and a very happy 2021 and **stay healthy !!** .

**Thanks for your support !!!**

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