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Dear Friends,

In the second decade of our association's work moves a major problem in Tanzania increasingly into view: the faulty **power supply**.

Currently about 85% of the 41 million inhabitants have to get by without electricity, among other reasons, because the various energy sources in Tanzania, including water, gas, solar, wind, and coal, are not for the most part not developed. Of the 33 million people in rural areas, only two percent have a power supply. Tanzania is among the world's countries with the lowest per-capita turnover of electric energy. An electrical connection itself does not guarantee a reliable supply. Numerous reasons repeatedly lead to complete failure or planned power cuts: Heavy rains and storms cause disturbances in the fragile distribution network, maintenance works are not run efficiently, and in times of low rainfall, hydroelectric power plants are decommissioned; generators drop out temporarily for technical reasons. The decentralized power supply with old diesel generators is often not reliable and also very expensive. As a result of the defective power supply, people lose their jobs, prices for food raise, education and health systems suffer. Here we see an important task of our association's work: Help for the "sun land of Tanzania" in building a sustainable and decentralized power supply with solar energy; especially through the installation of low-maintenance solar systems including the organisation of maintenance work.

From the association's work of last year we are pleased to report the following:

On 04 April 2011 the prestigious **DZI donations seal**, based on the audited data, was easily extended and awarded for one more year to the association.



Again, the proportion of administrative costs in total expenditure was extremely low. It was only 5.57% (test year: 2009) because all staff are volunteers and use private equipment.

From the DZI-Press we have adopted following text to inform our members: "The German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI), founded in 1893, is an independent scientific documentation centre for theory and practice of social work. As private foundation, it is supported by the Senate of Berlin, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, the German Industry and Commerce, the German Association of Cities and Towns and the Federal Association of Non-Statutory Welfare Services. Since 1906, the DZI documents fundraising organizations, evaluates their activities and provides information to potential donors, governments, businesses, the press and others. The DZI donor counseling keeps records of about 1,000 charitable organizations in the areas of social, environment and nature conservation. Since 1992, the DZI awards, in the context of advice to donors, on request and after extensive testing, the Quality Mark for donations to charitable organizations fundraising nationwide. The examinations are carried out by six research associates who are mainly economists, those are supported by three more administrators."

At this year's **General Meeting** on 09 April 2011, Mr. Schwarz illustrated in his annual report the development of the association in the past ten years and explained the current status of each project. Mr. Bottling demonstrated the financial performance of the association, using informative and easily understandable charts. The video by Dieter and Erika Schweizer gave valuable information: The nature, people's life and the individual facilities became alive.

The future priorities of the association's work must also include the targeted **use of solar energy**. Using



candles or kerosene lamps is dangerous. Unreliable diesel generators, e.g. in healthcare, can not be a solution. Needed are solar installations for hospitals, dispensaries, first aid stations and education. After his working visit to Tanzania in September / October 2011, Mr. Schwarz created a list of the most urgent projects: Hospital Chala (Sumbawanga Diocese), secondary school in Mpanda (Mpanda Diocese)

Dispensary and secondary school in Kate (Sumbawanga Diocese), Dispensary at Kala (Sumbawanga Diocese), Dispensary in Bumbire (Diocese of Bukoba). In close collaboration with the company ISC Konstanz and thanks to an **exceptional donation** from our member **Gerhard Becker**, a first part of the Photovoltaic systems can be realized in 2012.



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Dr. Radovan Kopecek, Head of Development Aid at ISC, was present as guest speaker at the general meeting and presented the work of the company and its goals. Regarding promoting development cooperation, it says on the company's website: "The usage of solar power can solve many social problems in developing countries. We promote development co-operation by using solar cells from our research in developing countries. Together with other organizations and public promoters, we are working on a variety of small projects in Africa and Asia. With our solar technology, we provide hospitals, schools and entire villages permanently with energy and fresh water. "



It was the wish of the "**Foundation for Development Cooperation, Baden-Württemberg**" (SEZ) to show the commitment of citizens and associations for third world countries. For this purpose, the Associations "Auxilium" and "Lebenshilfe für Afrika" (L.f.A.) were invited to an exhibition in Radolfzell Town Hall in September 2011. Photo collages of completed projects in India (Auxilium) and Tanzania (L.f.A.) were shown and representatives from India and Africa attended. The former Members of Parliament, Andreas Hoffman, said he knew of no other city that had produced two large and sustainable operating organizations of civil initiatives.



United in their willingness to help: "My world. Your world. One World " (from left): Fr Arul Samy, member and photographer of Auxilium Hans Mrotzek, Abbot Anastasius, Auxilium CEO Mark Schnitzlein, Father Paulinus, Werner Schwarz, CEO of Lebenshilfe für Afrika, Astrid Saalbach of the SEZ and Andreas Hoffmann (CDU).



In **Monduli Schini** (Arusha region, northern part of Tanzania), the local day care center will be expanded, based on the successful model of Kamishango. 40 children are currently in full-day care. Saturdays and during holidays, currently 43 primary students additionally help with gardening after class.



The St. Anne's sisters are also commissioned here with the local management of the day-care center. Like in Kamishango, the orphans receive adequate nutrition and basic health care. After class in the state school the nurses take care of the children's homework and ensure reasonable use of their leisure time. A facility with sports and play equipment serves this need. In addition, the sisters teach good manners, respect for life, basic knowledge of hygiene and other values. The orphans shall develop a feeling of "coming home".

After a fixed schedule, the children learn to organize themselves within the framework of the different choices. The children's work in the vegetable and fruit gardens is an important part of education. The



seminars for adults are highly appreciated. For example, every Tuesday around 40 women attend the seminar on herbal medicine. They themselves produce remedies, made from herbes, partly on their own small plot of land, which they have received for this purpose. Thus they can help their family and neighbors. Also, the women learn how to preserve food.



If required, the seminars are taught by supporting external experts. In certain cases the Sisters of St. Anne award small loans to help launch own businesses. The sisters regularly visit families in the surrounding residential areas and learn about local issues. For example, they found 12 orphans no one cared for. These children were admitted to kindergarten and are being prepared for school. Through the local visits of the nurses people get to know all of the station's offers.



The biggest problem the people in Monduli suffer from is the inadequate power and water supply; the daycare center also suffers from it. Electricity is only available for a few hours per day and the water supply can fail for several days. As consequence of these problems the prices for staple foods have increased significantly; some people are struggling every day for the

simplest things.

L.f.A. , together with the social pedagogue Mrs. Köster, accomodate disabled children who do not receive adequate care in their families in their project "**St. Nikolaus House "in Kemondo (Bukoba)**". The house is located on the property provided by the diocese and is a point of contact for parents of disabled children in order to advise and to refer to therapists, doctors, schools, etc. The "**St. Nikolaus House**" was opened on 13 October 2011 by the Bishop of the Diocese of Buko.

Opening ceremony:



In **Tabora**, about 30 children are cared for by the Sisters of St. Anna after the "Kamishango model". We continue to support this facility.

Currently we care for 215 orphans in **Kamishango** (Kindergarden, primary school). Of particular interest is the construction of a secondary school in Kamishango. The whole center will be upgraded as well. At the end of primary school, we support the students during their training: Girls e.g. become seamstresses, the boys receive training in, for example, building trades (masons, carpenters, and others).

Upon completion of training, Seamstresses receive a sewing machine, fabrics and a sum of money so they can start an independent life. Our seminar work is a great help for the inhabitants of the region. In addition to general courses (educational, social, health) it also includes special seminars. An example: "women's group medical nature" (e.g. use of the artemisia plant).

The constant contact with the children's foster homes is very important. Therefore, regular meetings are organized. The first aid station is a great blessing for the medical care in Kamishango and for the surrounding villages.

We want to cover the cost of the national Social Security Fund (health insurance, pension) for our employees in Kamishango.

Furthermore, of great value to us would be the assumption of a sponsorship (180 € per year), if possible for several years.



Self-made dresses by the seamstresses



Waiting for the visitors



Graduation from Secondary School

Mr. Schwarz announced the **current total number of children supported by L.f.A.** There are 361 children in Kamishango, Monduli, Tabora and Matogoro in Songea, Rubya / Bukoba and Kangesa / Sumbawanga. In addition there are specific supports in northwestern Tanzania: School fees for orphans, assistance in the construction of a water pipe with water tank in Bashay (Diocese of Mbulu). In neighboring Burundi we were able to help with building a school house and paying the school fees for the orphans too.

In another neighboring country of Tanzania, in Malawi, has L.f.A. covered the cost of building a large school kitchen, in collaboration with "Mary's Meals Germany e.V."

For your loyalty and cooperation, for your prayers, for your donation and for all the suggestions I sincerely thank you and wish you a blessed and grace-filled Advent and Christmas season.

Lebenshilfe für Afrika e. V.

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