

Newsletter Mutanyana Weru, Spring 2020

1. General situation in Maputo

The COVID-19 virus has also hit Mozambique, but not nearly as strong as ours in the Netherlands and the rest of the world. At the time of writing this newsletter (May 15, 2020), 'only' 119 people were infected and no dead. Fortunately, because the disaster would be incalculable with the numbers like ours. Why less infections here? Are the higher temperatures causing the infections more difficult to disperse, or is it because of the lower population density? Who can tell. But there are also implemented similar measures as ours (1.5 m. Etc.). But for the local economy it is disastrous. Imports of goods and food almost complete stopped causing scarcity and shortages.

All very unfavourable for the already very poor country.

2. Situation Father André

Internet communication with Maputo has improved considerably, enabling regular calls via Skype. Also helping remotely with PC question/problems (via the TeamViewer program) works fine now.

A recent Skype conversation between our president Sjef van Zon and his brother in Maputo learned that he did not feeling well for a few weeks; abdominal discomfort and general tiredness. He was examined by a doctor and there turned out to be nothing to worry about. When the complaints got worse he was examined again with the result: Corona? He was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Maputo where he was tested for the virus, with a negative result. The medicines prescribed at the time helped him to recover. Because of his age, he has to be very careful!

3. Amalia Tivane

We previously wrote about one of Father André's protégés, Amalia Tivane, in earlier newsletters and there is also a story about her on our website. It is the girl, now a woman, who obtained her high school diploma and then went to the university to study law. In practice this proved to be very difficult because very little study material is available in Braille. Therefore,

she changed courses and graduated in social sciences last year and started looking for work, which was very difficult.

Thanks to Amelia's unwavering perseverance and Father Andre's tenacity and contacts, she was appointed to a regional branch of the Government Social

Service in December 2019. The prospects are hopeful because of her permanent appointment. All hardships and efforts now will pay off.



4. Agricultural project

From April 2019 until the end of November there was a great drought in Mozambique. As a result, the yields of the project were very low, but for own use it was still worthwhile. Market sales, however, were not possible.

In December 2019 it has rained a lot, so the crops were looking good and there was hope for a better result.

Unfortunately, February 2020 was very hot. Temperatures of 35 to 37 degrees were no exception with a humidity of 70 - 80%. The corn looked beautiful but is now again dried out and may no longer be harvested. Fortunately, the peanuts have a bit more drought resistance.

5. Employment

The beer brewer factory of Heineken has been running in Maputo for a year now. Three of Father André's confidants signed up as employees. Unfortunately, all three were not called up for a job.

New opportunities may arise at a local brewery that is currently almost ready to start. There, 6 confidants of Father André have now registered. The results are not yet known, because the factory has not yet started up due to the Corona crisis. Hopefully that will change soon.

6. Support for higher education?

We spoke with Father André about the possibilities of three 17-year-old girls (three count) to give them the opportunity for higher study. From their birth they are under the care of Father André and have more than ordinary ability and motivation to study. Our Foundation supports our Father in his efforts find to a study place for them.

7. Finance

In 2019, the board transferred € 30,000 in monthly amounts to Father André. Apart from this there are extra gifts, the so-called earmarked amounts, which are intended for a

special purpose. Simultaneously with the transfer our treasurer sends an e-mail to Father André to report the transfer to make it evidence that the money should be on his bank account. For 2020 the board considered it justified to increase the aforementioned to € 36,000 (€ 3000 p / m).

You can see the financial situation of our Foundation in 2019 in the Annual Financial Report below . For example, you can see that, despite our transfers of € 30,000 in 2019 , the closing balance on 31-12-2019 is still approximately equal to the closing balance of the previous year.

This is mainly due to all the good gifts that came in that year. Tribute for that and of course our heartfelt thanks !!

[May count on your gift again?](#)

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

8. Meetings

Normally the board meetings take place at the home of one of the board members. Given the problems with the Covid-19 virus and the travel restrictions, the recent meeting was held this month via the electronic highway,(means Zoom). This went so well that it was decided to do the autumn meeting again in this way.

9 . And last but not least

We wish you a very good summer and above all: stay healthy !!

Thank you for your support !!!

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Financieel jaarverslag 2019
Stichting Mutanyana Weru

Balans per 31 december 2018		
	<u>31-12-2019</u>	<u>31-12-2018</u>
ACTIVA		
Saldo bankrek. 570972345	4914,19	5.519,15
Saldo spaarrek. 570973759	55775,96	55.675,41
voorschot volgend jaar		
totaal	60690,15 =====	61.194,56 =====
PASSIVA		
Kapitaal	60.690,15	61.194,56
-	60.690,15 =====	61.194,56 =====
Resultatenrekening 2018		
	<u>jaar 2019</u>	<u>jaar 2018</u>
Lasten		
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bankkosten	261,00	233,54
Website	131,89	157,43
Begrote overdracht Mutanyana Weru	30.000,00	20.000,00
Extra overdrachten volgens bestuursbesluiten	0,00	7.500,00
Specifieke overdrachten	5.048,14	4.829,26
Overdrachten uit legaten/erfdelen	0,00	11.382,88
Totaal	35.441,03 =====	44.103,11 =====
Baten		
donaties	29.887,93	29.129,38
specifieke bestemde donaties	5.048,14	4.829,26
legaten/erfdelen	0,00	11.382,88
rente	0,55	0,41
totaal	34.936,62 =====	45.341,93 =====
Resultaat:	-504,41	1.238,82