

Dear friends of MEDEA e.V.,

many celebrations at the turn and the beginning of the year leave the daily life in Swaziland in a partially rest for some time. The annual Incwala ritual is a traditional celebration in December and January, depending on the phase of the moon, and is celebrated over a month. Without further notice, the king decided that classes will begin a week later than planned after Christmas holidays. The reason: the Swazi men, young and old, have to dance with and for the king and also have to till and cultivate his fields. For our daily work that means "stay calm". You cannot reach anyone, deadlines cannot be held, and additionally the very high summer temperatures of this year did the rest...

In our last newsletter we reported on the child-headed household in Bhahwini. Regular visits to this completed project show that the situation of children has improved significantly and sustainably. The Bhawini family including the grandmother Jabu is extremely grateful. The grandmother can barely say a word of thanks when the MEDEA team comes to visit. The children are registered as orphans and go to school regularly. Formerly the 12-year-old Lindoguhle had to look after 3-year-old sister Lindelwa 2 days a week while the grandmother tried to sell her handmade mats in the local market in the city. Now grandmother Jabu does not need to go the difficult way to the market every week, because she can sell the surplus of the vegetable garden in the community for an income.

After the renovation of the 7 classrooms at the **Nyonyane** primary school we could now start the new project – to build a lunch area - after all relevant parties had agreed to this. The foundations had already been dug in December 2014 so that in January 2015 the actual construction could progress rapidly.



15 x 6m lunch area for the children – good progress



The basic structure is finished.



Also the interior fittings are progressing and everything looks solid and good.



Finally the time is over that we have to sit on the ground.



now we have tables and benches!  
And we eat rice & beans – like every day.



Thank you to MEDEA

The long-existing idea of the realization of an agricultural project in the community **KaMkhweli** to ensure a better **food supply** finally becomes reality after many months of preparation. The project is funded as an "important project for development" by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) from Germany. In cooperation with the charity "Tatort-Verein" (from Cologne, Germany) and Caritas as partner in the country Swaziland, we will be implementing the joint project in 2015.

After a long preparation period in 2014, all necessary authorisation papers are available since the beginning of the year 2015, so that Caritas will begin immediately with the necessary earthworks.



First meeting in the field



- and already starting with measurements

Due to the high rate of AIDS the available resources in the working age are limited in Swaziland and therefore a lack of knowledge, skills and abilities for farming is existent. The establishment of a community-owned large garden project with vegetables & salads is intended to remedy and provide

people with knowledge of varied, vitamin-rich diet and sustainable horticulture. The dissemination of the acquired knowledge is a multiplier for the future for the entire community.

**The successes are varies: more knowledge, better nutrition and a better income.**

Please support this project with your donation!

In April 2015

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