

Dear friends of MEDEA e.V.,

in February 2016 we started the journey to visit for a second time Gertrud in Swaziland and to view the current projects.

After a day of settling in - we arrived in Johannesburg with 38 °C - we discussed with Gertrud the upcoming tasks for us during our visit. We decided to implement a fence around the precious water pump at the Sikhanza Bantfu school.



Furthermore, we took care of the (ongoing) garden project in the municipality KaMkwheli and supported the busy helpers from the community creating a compost.

Another task for us was to equip our local Christmas markets with new products "handcrafted by the ladies of Swaziland". For this purpose we walked by foot through Manzini. We visited the market and found hardworking ladies who wove with colored, sturdy hinges different products. We thought about what would be liked in Germany.



After a few drawings and explanations with gestures, we placed a large order at the four ladies. According to our wishes and color ideas they made laundry baskets, large and small bags, small general-purpose boxes, bins and baskets for magazines.



within the appointed time they had completed everything

In the candle factory, we searched for new candle and candle designs and chose the right fabric for cushions. Dawn, a staff member of MEDEA e.V., sewed the cushion covers. Finally, we placed an

order for keychain with the shop "Imvelo Eswatini". The organisation Imvelo Eswatini joined now the Swaziland International Fair Trade Association and employs about 25 women producing traditional products exclusively handcrafted.

We are looking forward to November when these beautiful things arrive in Germany and when they hopefully find an equally demand on the Christmas marktes as our gifts we brought from Germany.



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