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ESUUBI News

– Climbing out of poverty –

Dear friends of *ESUUBI*,

introductory – as usual – some information on the general situation in Uganda since the last newsletter: the economic situation deteriorated even further due to the presidential election campaign that has been ongoing since last autumn.

Public funds were mainly channeled into the election campaigns of the respective candidates and the massive deployment of police and army in civilian areas. Many foreign businessmen – especially Indians and Chinese – also initially closed their shops and suspended the sale of their goods, as they wanted to wait for the election results. All this was at the expense of the population living in Uganda.

Despite the high hopes of many, especially young people, that there would be a change in government, the president, who has been in office for the last 40 years, once again won the election. Thus, the 81-year-old man will remain the head of Uganda for another five years. The elections in mid-January were accompanied by many protests and riots, and the Internet was also completely shut down for several days – not even money transfers were possible.

Is there any prospect of changes that will benefit the people? This is still something to hope for!

- PHILADELPHIA Junior School -

... the school project

Now that the primary school has a name, they have also created a suitable logo for it.

The school is attended by an average of 100 children of primary school age, most of whom no longer have a home, as they are orphans or cannot live there for other reasons. Thus, this school – in addition to have 'a roof over their heads' – offers the chance of an independent life, with the possibility of learning to read and write here.



In the last school year, which ended at the end of November, 22 students were able to complete (primary) school, which means they can now attend a higher school for further education. As already mentioned, most of them are orphans, including 14 of these students (one boy is not on the photo). Therefore, they need our support in particular to be able to continue their education. They have no parents or other relatives who can pay for their school fees. One school year for one student costs about 400,- CHF/EUR (including accommodation in a boarding school). The first two of the total of 3 semesters of the current school year have already been financed thanks to a generous donation. For the last semester (September to November) the school fees are still missing (about 1,900,- CHF/EUR).



At the beginning of the new school year (in February), new mattresses could still be procured for the children of the primary school.



- Strongford - ... the Agriculture-Project



At the end of November, when the rainy season ended, Emma planted over 1,000 pepper plants, which he had first grown from seeds, on the farm. He was able to harvest the first (green) ones in January.

However, this was only possible by additional irrigation – about 1.5 hours in the morning and evening. The water ditch that runs along the lower boundary of the land plot always had enough water and thus again proved its key function – despite the fact that the months of December to January were very dry and hot – the last major rain fell at the beginning of November.



The peppers were then packaged in big bags and transported to the next town by a so-called Boda Boda, to be sold there to traders of a large market.

Emma has also recently started to experiment with growing passion fruits. These are climbing plants – so they need some kind of a rack to grow. The goats on the farm also seem to be doing well, they have had more young ones and are thus bringing new life to the farm.

The challenge remains to keep intruders out, which also requires further money for a fence.

- FASUC -

... the metal workshop

At the beginning of the year we were able to pay the remaining amount for the plot of land on which *FASUC* has been 'at home' since the start of the project in 2018. Now all that is missing is the official so-called 'Land Title'. Then the very well-located site will be the property of *FASUC* finally.

FASUC see also the impacts of the poor economic situation mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, due to the lack of orders – people must first of all, in the truest sense of the word, provide for their 'daily bread' before investing the little they have in new windows or doors.



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Many thanks for the support!

(for further information see also at: esuubi.info)

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