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**Intermediate Report More Than A Drop Foundation – Extension / Improvement of the
Hospitality Vocational Training Center, Moshi (Tanzania) - FF number: FF 0454-14**

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

It is a pleasure to submit you the second intermediate report of the above project which was accepted on April 24, 2018, the grant being CHF39'000. A first intermediate report was sent Dec. 18, 2018.

Introduction/Context

Since 2015, More Than A Drop (MTAD) operates successfully a Hospitality Vocational Training Center in Moshi, Tanzania, for severely deprived adolescent girls, coming either from the slums or from very remote places. The goal of the project is to provide a good, solid training and life- as well as soft-skills to the students in order to prepare them in the best possible way for the labor market and their life. The students are all drop-outs, none of them completed the basic education and without the training program the girls would be forced into a marriage which usually ends with the father abandoning the family which leads to very unfavorable situation for the children and their mother. The vicious starts again, due to lack of money the children will not complete their education.

In the past three years, more than 90% of our graduates found a stable job, with a good income and have an option. They can decide when and who to marry, are economically self-reliant. One of the key factors of the effectiveness of the school is the pedagogical concept which is based on the Swiss Dual-System, meaning Theory and Practice. The school runs and operates an instructional B&B and instructional Restaurant. All generated revenues go to the project. In order to guarantee respectively further increase the economic self-reliance of the school and to improve the teaching effectiveness several investments in the infrastructure are necessary.

General Comments and Remarks

As reported in the previous report, the political situation changed considerably. It is still a very stable country, but the tourist industry is suffering a lot from the high rates for the national parks as well as other taxes. This led to a decline of tourists.

We confirm that the project is developing well, at all levels, and despite the challenges the country, its economy and also NGO face.

The students are currently preparing for the school and 23 of them for the national exam (taking place early June). We are very much looking forward to that since this is the very first time our students are eligible for the national exams.

It is a pleasure to announce that also this year all our students found an internship job and that is very likely that we can achieve again our most important goal which is the job placement after the internship.

Current Status of the project

As outlined in the previous intermediate report, the implementation of the project started in June 2018. Below the status of the project, per sub-project:

Sub-project	Status/Comments	Achievement
Installation of solar power in B&B, extension B&B and dormitory and purchase of generator.	All solar power panels for the warm water installed and working properly. We are waiting for the generator to be delivered (due for July)	99%
Construction of additional classrooms	The classrooms are being used since July.	100%
Construction of a sheltered laundry area	The construction of the new laundry area is operational	100%
Purchase of new, additional school kitchen equipment for instructional restaurant.	As reported in the previous intermediate report, the most important equipment such as scales, pans, knives, fridges, were bought, the extraction hood and the new practicing tables are operational, the hygiene measures in the kitchen (enclosure) implemented were installed, bought by the end of August. The larger equipment such as the washing machine and oven have yet to be delivered. We are awaiting to get clearance/approval from the Tax Authority for the VAT exemption.	95%
Purchase of furniture and equipment for external classroom.	Most furniture of the external classroom delivered. Some special, tailor-made tables have to be returned for quality reasons and should be delivered in June/July	85%
Purchase of furniture for additional classrooms and teaching devices (tablets/ computers, etc	Tablets and new computers are fully operational and of excellent use.	100%
Furniture and equipment for students' kitchen	Most of the ordered tables are OK, some had to be returned due to insufficient quality and should be delivered in June/July	95%
Purchase of general furniture for the B&B and dormitory	Most of the items bought; some products (large mosquito nets, blankets, bed sheets, shelves, mattresses) could not be sourced since not available anymore in the quoted quality/price and equivalent alternatives could not be found yet. There is a significant shortage of several quality products in TZ.	70%

Outlook

Although we are somewhat behind the time plan there are no critical issue that would jeopardize the completion of the project. On the contrary, we want to make the best use of the funds we receive and the investments need to be made very carefully.

The delay is mainly due to quality and delivery issues which in return are due to the higher import barriers and / or insufficient quality of the fabricated products. Generally spoken, importing goods from other countries, even African such as Kenya and South Africa, has become very difficult. As a measure to protect the Tanzanian economy the government has increased the import barriers at all levels.

We are confident to close the project in Q3 latest Q4/2019.

We would like to thank you for your support. I remain at your disposal for any question.

Warm regards



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