

Discover Newsletter – April 2021



Dear Friends

As we explained in our last newsletter, our primary goal this year is to prepare our partners in Africa to continue their excellent work and to finance themselves independently. Discover aims to do this by March next year, supporting them until then so that they have the skills and resources in place to manage on their own.

Tree planting projects as a future focus of Discover

What has changed in the meantime are our long-term plans. We received so much positive feedback about Discover's work in response to our last newsletter that we have decided not to withdraw completely, but to continue on a much smaller scale.

As from March 2022 we shall focus entirely on tree planting. Given the climate crisis and the extensive deforestation in many parts of Africa, tree planting is very urgent. Through this activity our partners will be helping their communities by increasing soil fertility, protecting biodiversity (especially by planting indigenous trees), providing some resistance to flooding and drought, and by the production of fruits, timber, firewood and medicines.

We hope that Discover's friends will understand this decision and continue to support us!

After our announcement to stop, our colleagues in Africa also gave us very positive feedback about our support and our work with them.

Now, some news of our partners:

The first self-financed training seminar

In February, the Uganda national training team led by Rehema Namyalo held a successful intensive training seminar in Wakiso, Uganda. This was the first such seminar that was self-financing – paid for by the contributions of the participants and their sponsoring organisations. This represents a big step forward, and we hope that the training team will continue to find such support for organising these excellent training opportunities in the future.

Sometimes these will be held at Rehema's new centre at Kasasa, which is nearing completion thanks to the generous support of Discover friends.



Rehema describes artemisia, rosemary and aloe seedlings in the Wakiso

Better living conditions in the entire community

Robert Bwambale has led Bumbura Maliba since its inception in March 2014 when Discover was founded. Since then, through Robert's hard work and dedication and that



Robert in conversation with pupils in a local primary school discussing severe challenges that arose in the community because of the corona

of the 80 members of Bumbura Maliba, the Maliba community has been transformed. Robert tells us that standards of health care, nutrition and hygiene have improved tremendously resulting in higher school attendance and less domestic violence. Cooperation with the local authorities has also improved. As knowledge and skills have developed, there has been an increase in the levels of self confidence and self-esteem in the community.

Many people now value their locally available resources and enjoy better nutrition as they have expanded and improved their kitchen gardens.

Everyone in the community now knows why they must plant trees on their land!

Eric Kihuluka and his Mikwano team keep hard at it, despite major challenges!

When faced with the difficulties he encountered, many would give up. But not Eric! He



The pig house being rebuilt

has already done great work in the Kaliro District in Uganda. The Farmer Field School he has established is an excellent training facility; many people have already learned how to be self-sufficient. Now Eric has been trying very hard to ensure that he and his team can be self-reliant by developing the piggery. However, in less than 6 weeks, misfortune struck three times: First, the

motorbike which is his own means of transport for outreach work needed major repairs. Two weeks later, a violent storm destroyed the pig house. It was almost rebuilt when a sow escaped in the middle of the night and a neighbour suffered a fatal accident trying to catch it again.

We have been able to give some emergency aid, but Eric still had to sell several of his precious pigs to cover all the costs. Eric continues undeterred. We are glad that we can still support him a little – it would be dreadful were he to lose courage!

We all thank you for your continued interest and support

With best wishes

Keith Lindsey

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These are our needs for financial support up to March 2022.

As explained above, this year we want to ensure that our partners can continue their important development work without further support from us.

As always, we are very grateful for any financial support, however small, for any one of these needs.

Support required for moving towards self-reliance

Uganda

Rehema Namyalo	Machines for making and packaging herbal teas.	500 Euro
Joseph Ogwal	Equipment for bee keeping	500 Euro
	Equipment for medicinal wine making	500 Euro
Kenja Thomas	Improved water filters for 104 family fish tanks which were built last year @58 Euro per Family fish tank	6000 Euro
Robert Bwambale	Animal feed and building materials for chicken rearing	1000 Euro
Emmanuel Masereka	Animal feed and building materials for pig keeping	1000 Euro
Eric Kihukula	Training equipment for the successful Farmer Field School	1000 Euro
	Final in-service training for 12 partners in natural healthcare, climate smart farming, animal husbandry and feed production and tree planting, @ 750 Euro per person, Total	9000 Euro

Kenya

	Support for 12 self-help groups of the “Fweny Network” to enable each to make a small investment to enhance their income generation in the future @ 250 Euro per group	3000 Euro
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Malawi

Nelson Moyo	Purchase of land and tools for home production	1000 Euro
	Establishment of a Malawi / Zimbabwe network	600 Euro

Discover Zimbabwe Trust

	Establishment of an “Ecofarm” as a teaching and production centre	10,000 Euro
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(We hope to be able to support this initiative via a local “sustainability fund” here in Germany)