



**Friends of Mmabana
Deutschland e.V.**

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*» Working towards a just society
in Choma, Zambia «*

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Greeting from Germany

Dear Friends of Mmabana,

For me, the year 2021 was guided by the question:
„How does good development cooperation work?

One might think that after more than 10 years in this field, our association would have found a comprehensive answer. This is not the case. But we are in a constant process of negotiation. And it is precisely this process that enriches our association and ensures that we do good (development) work together.

It should be at eye level. It should think about the colonial and postcolonial power structures and try to dismantle them. We want to set the table anew. We are trying to confront racism in Germany. We also want to recognise our own stereotypical ideas. We don't want to patronise our partner in Zambia in any way. We don't want to think in hierarchies, like donors here, aid recipients there.

These are some of the ideas and approaches I heard in the association last year. These ideas were always coupled with the question: And what does that mean in concrete terms for our work? For our communication with our members, supporters and donors? For the cooperation with Mmabana in Zambia?

And I am glad that we ask ourselves these questions and that they enrich our work. That we don't go the way of „just doing what we do“, but try to live up to our responsibility. And I look forward to continuing on this path with you in the future and to shaping the work of the association together.

And now enjoy reading the annual report!

With best wishes,

Jakob Teichmann,
1st Chairman of Friends of Mmabana e.V.

Report from Zambia

Mmabana in Choma has had a troubled 2021, not only (but also) because of the pandemic. But one thing at a time:

Covid and the Mmabana Community Network Project

In January, the start of the new school year was postponed by a few weeks to the beginning of February because of the increase in covid infections. The wave of infections hit Zambia even harder at the end of June / beginning of July, i.e. in the Zambian winter. During this time, Mmabana re-launched its Community Network Project, which this time was financially supported by Partnerschaftsbörse *Eine Welt Karlsruhe*.

The Community Network Project is dedicated to educating people about the health hazards of the covid pandemic, communicating measures to prevent infection and distributing necessary supplies such as soap and face masks to those in need who cannot afford to buy them. Community leaders are specifically involved in this process. In total, Mmabana reached 8348 people in Choma and villages in the surrounding area. In addition, Mmabana's leadership team is now highly regarded by local government leaders.



Offerings for children (OVC - orphans & vulnerable children)

The Reading & Writing Club - one of Mmabana's core programmes - has had a „child“!

In 2020, Mmabana visited the more remote Jerusalem region near Choma as part of the Community Network Project. The Mmabana staff were shocked by the rather precarious living situation of many people and found that the children living there have no opportunity to attend school. The Mmabana leadership team decided to offer the R&W Club in Jerusalem as well and on 15 March it started - right at the beginning about 30 children were enrolled.

At this point it is important to mention that the R&W Club is not a school, but is only meant to complement the state education system. The aim is always to integrate the children of the R&W Club into regular schools - also in Jerusalem. That is why Mmabana has made contact with an organisation called Zambia Open Community Schools (ZOCS), which wants to support the community in building its own primary school. We are not there yet, but we will keep at it!

For other Mmabana programmes, it was a rather difficult year: the Kids Club was not allowed to take place for most of the year, as the number of participants was limited due to the pandemic. The SHE Club, for which girls from several classes are usually grouped together, had a similar situation.



Offerings for young people (Youth Empowerment programs)

After seemingly endless efforts on the part of the director, all the permits were finally in place and the electricity was working, the move was completed and so Mmabana has finally been residing in the new project house in its entirety since mid-June.

Since a large room with specially made furniture is now available for computer lessons, the number of pupils could be increased to 60. They are taught in 3 classes of 20 students each. Unfortunately, they currently have only 6 functioning computers at their disposal (see below) - a challenge that we will probably address in 2022.



Other incidents

Since August 2021, Zambia has had a new president who implemented an important election promise in the new year: school education should become free. In fact, since the beginning of this school year, many more children have been going to school, even though there are still costs for the families, e.g. for school uniforms. The management team in Choma is following the situation closely and is already considering how Mmabana's services can be adapted to continue supporting as many children as possible.

In September, we received bad news: the night watchman was brutally attacked in the project house and

the school computers were stolen. We were very scared, but fortunately the police managed to catch the perpetrators and returned 6 of the 10 computers. Together with the director Mr. Mudenda we decided to hire a professional security service and to take some further measures to protect against burglary. We are very grateful that the night watchman is now well again and has found another job.

Another point worries us: The voluntary board of Mmabana Choma has not held elections for several years now, which should actually take place once a year. Although the Zambian board does not have a „practical“ function in the implementation of programmes, they rather have the function of patrons in important communities in Choma; nevertheless, MCOP is an organisation that in fact does not apply its own statutes.

In the Friends Board we are thinking hard about how to deal with this situation and how to get our partner board to hold elections and thus maintain our own capacity to act.

In retrospect, it is particularly gratifying to see how many new ideas were implemented by the management team in Choma and how well the cooperation between the Friends and Mmabana worked out. And that Mmabana was able to transform the many challenges they faced into new programmes with a lot of energy and creativity. Thus, the work „towards a just society in Choma“ will continue in new ways.

Report from Germany



Our Board 2021, from left to right: Sonja Knüdel (Treasurer), Lena Kawele (1st Chair), Jakob Teichmann (Secretary), Jonas Haase (2nd Chair)

The Corona Pandemic had a big impact on what we did as Friends last year too. Events were cancelled and the spring general meeting took place online. Nevertheless, the association did not stand still, of course! As many of our members are spread around Germany and the world, we are used to meeting online. So a lot has happened in our public relations work and we are already busy planning for the future.

Spring Members' Meeting

Our spring general meeting took place on 27 March 2021. Reports were given about Mmabana in Zambia and us Friends in Germany and our new guidelines were presented. Louis and Benni said goodbye to the board work, Jakob and Jonas joined. Due to the online format, we had decided to limit ourselves to one day. Nevertheless, it was nice to see each other online.

Public relations

Last year, our website (www.mmabana.org) was thoroughly revised and equipped with up-to-date information. A team of members sat down to work on the partly outdated texts and considered how we as Friends of Mmabana want to present ourselves on our website. The structure and presentation of the content was also renewed. If you haven't been there yet, feel free to take a look!

After the digital appearance on our website has been renewed, a team has started to redesign our flyer. With the prospect of hopefully being able to distribute it personally to many people again soon, a great result has been created with which we can inform about and promote our association. If you haven't received it in paper form, you can also find it online on our website.

For our public relations work via social networks, a team meets regularly which, in addition to the effective public presentation, also thinks about what kind of content we use to disseminate which messages and information. Especially our role as a partner in the context of development cooperation is critically reflected here. Last year, for example, a lot of content from Zambia and Germany was shared via the various platforms. We are currently represented on Facebook and Instagram.

In our four newsletters published over the last year, you will find up-to-date information on the work in Zambia and Germany.

Events

The Friends were out and about with a food stall at an event this year. At the „Afrika im Blick“ conference last October, we cooked and sold Nshima, raising money to fund the programmes in Zambia and drawing attention to the project.



From the Executive Board

After the partial change, the board settled into its new line-up. It met every fortnight to discuss current events and sometimes also fundamental issues.

In August, we met at the Knüdels home in Karlsruhe for a weekend and got a lot done together, but also just had time to exchange ideas. We also used the time to prepare the discussions at the autumn general assembly.

Autumn General Assembly

In October last year, we were finally able to meet „off-line“ again. Nevertheless, a few people joined us online for the reports from the various teams. We were very happy to be able to use the premises of the YMCA Karlsruhe for our meeting. On Saturday, we had the One World Regional Promoter Sylvia Holzhäuser-Ruprecht from the association SIMAMA - STEH AUF e. V. as a guest, who conducted a workshop entitled „Re-setting the table“. In her very communicative workshop, we looked at our own privileges and prejudices and asked ourselves how we could re-set the tables of the global distribution of power on a small and large scale. The workshop was a good starting point to reflect on our own role and we remain curious to see how the resulting reflections and discussions can be translated into concrete association work in the future.

A big thank you goes to everyone who contributed to these activities and was there. Thank you for giving your time to this work and helping to shape the association.



Finance

In 2021, Friends of Mmabana raised a total of € 22,409.78 and spent slightly less, namely € 18,845.19. We have thus been able to continue on our stable course, and are happy about the scope this opens up for Mmabana's programmes in Choma.

In fact, our financial situation is downright „boring“ (a blessing!), but 2 developments are worth noting: Firstly, the trend continues that long-standing members who have finished their studies and are now firmly in professional and thus working life increase their regular contributions. This helps enormously in planning our income. Guys, you are simply a blast!

The other development is unfortunately not so positive: since 2020, and even more so last year, individual donations have decreased significantly. We are now at a little more than half (!) the level of 2018 / 2019. Surely this has (also) to do with the fact that we as Friends were able to launch fewer campaigns during the pandemic and were less visible.

Of course, we want to change that sooner rather than later and very much hope for an active 2022!

Revenue	2019	2020	2021
Real membership fees	8.452,00 €	9.421,00 €	11.173,00 €
Grants from authorities	15.000,00 €	–	–
Other grants	3.400,00 €	1.400,00 €	–
Other non-material income	–	–	–
Grants received (donations)	17.246,09 €	21.928,84 €	10.754,78 €
Allocated/split income non-material area	338,00 €	99,00 €	–
Contributions in kind against donation receipt	164,91 €	–	–
Income from fringe benefits	24,67 €	–	–
Revenue consumption meals 19%	92,98 €	–	–
Sales revenue donation in kind	4.529,00 €	1.971,00 €	482,00 €
Total income	49.247,65 €	34.819,84 €	22.409,78 €
34.247,65 € (without subsidy for house)			

Expenditure	2019	2020	2021
Rent and lease	-851,50 €	-100,00 €	-120,00 €
Incidental expenses (electricity, gas, heating, cleaning)	–	-40,00 €	–
Other costs	-12,99 €	-48,64 €	–
Car repairs	–	-1.479,03 €	–
Other non-material costs	-237,75 €	-905,32 €	-77,98 €
Flyers, advertising posters, donation boxes	–	–	–
Association notices	-54,69 €	-145,00 €	–
Current vehicle operating costs	–	-1.465,82 €	–
Costs of advertising T-shirts, stickers, etc.	-266,56 €	–	–
Costs for display cases, information stand, advertising space	–	-29,92 €	–
Transport costs	-296,40 €	-1.307,40 €	–
Entertainment costs (food, beverages, etc)	-201,99 €	-1.144,31 €	–
Other merchandise	-21,00 €	–	–
Postage, telephone, DSL	-71,50 €	-134,55 €	–
Account management	-130,40 €	-110,40 €	-134,21 €
Internet costs (domain, server etc.)	-30,00 €	-30,89 €	-140,00 €
Legal and court costs	-25,53 €	-25,59 €	–
Training costs	–	-16,00 €	-15,00 €
Office supplies/material	-16,99 €	-6,05 €	–
Membership administration costs	-33,49 €	-32,00 €	-8,00 €
Insurance premiums	-59,50 €	–	–
Donations / grants paid	-18.500,00 €	-17.847,88 €	-18.350,00 €
Construction of Media and Learning Centre	-23.400,00 €	-6.620,00 €	–
Office equipment	-164,91 €	–	–
Total expenses:	-44.375,20 €	-31.488,80 €	-18.845,19 €

Work in Germany	-1.942,88 €	-6.665,44 €	-197,98 €
Support Zambia	-42.124,41 €	-24.467,88 €	-18.350,00 €
Administration costs	-307,91 €	-355,48 €	-297,21 €

SAIDO	4.872,45 €	3.331,04 €	3.564,59 €
VoBa account balance (main account) as of 31.12.			
	37.949,17 €	41.112,78 €	44.252,67 €
VoBa account balance (1000 drawings) as of 31.12.			
	2.336,83 €	2.278,26 €	2.103,46 €
Cash account balance as of 31.12.			
	197,50 €	197,50 €	197,50 €
Paypal account balance as of 31.12.			
	–	226,00 €	825,50 €
TOTAL	40.483,50 €	43.814,54 €	47.379,13 €

Number of members as of 31.12	66	73	76
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This is how you can (also) still support us



Become a member

Whether monthly contribution and/or active participation in the association's activities - we are happy about everyone who joins us! We have members all over Germany and even beyond.



Participate in campaigns, contribute to them or organize them yourself

For example, information booths at fairs and markets, church congresses, fundraising runs at schools or country evenings „Zambia“.



Donations

Your donation will be forwarded 100% by the association to Mmabana in Zambia! We will gladly issue you a donation receipt.



Voluntary service

Living and working on site at Mmabana - the ELM (Ev.-luth. Missionswerk in Niedersachsen) offers a one-year Weltwärts voluntary service as a sending organization at Mmabana in Choma.



Acknowledgement

Once again, a big thank you to all those who support Friends of Mmabana and Mmabana in Zambia with their various contributions. Together, they make it possible that the work in Choma can take place with good material and adequate remuneration for the staff. We are happy to be able to support the great work of the team in Choma.

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Transparency information

Personnel structure of the association and key decision-makers

Friends of Mmabana Deutschland e.v. is a purely volunteer-run association and has no paid staff. Around 15 people regularly volunteer for Mmabana, including 4 members of the board:

Lena Kawele - 1st Chairperson

Jonas Haase - 2nd Chairman

Sonja Knüdel - Treasurer

Jakob Teichmann - Secretary

Social connectedness with third parties

Our partner is the Mmabana Community Outreach Project of Choma, Zambia.

Persons whose annual payment accounts for more than 10% of total income

There are no regular donations from legal or natural persons that account for more than 10% of annual income; however, there is one private individual whose donation accounted for more than 10% of total income in 2021. All contributions were donations (without consideration).

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