



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

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

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

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## Greeting from Germany

Dear Friends of Mmabana,

We are now several months into 2025 and would like to take another look back with you on the year 2024.

Our annual report is about all the topics that has kept us busy over the last 12 months and all the things we have been working on. Changes, developments and plans. The aim is not only to present the positive changes and developments, but also the challenges and difficulties. You will learn about this from our perspective as Friends of Mmabana, as well as from the perspective of Mmabana in Choma through Tobias Kilaka, the director of the Mmabana Outreach Organization. For now, I would like to share some thoughts from the last few months with you. In spring 2024 we voted for a new Board constellation. We all know the project personally and have either been volunteers on site or have been closely involved in the project for several years. Even if many aspects are the same and topics are sometimes repeated, new aspects always come up that need to be discussed and debated. Now that the change of director has gone smoothly and Jakob and Tobias maintain close and open communication, Mmabana would like to expand in Choma. In addition to the computer class in Choma, the capacities in Kalomo are being expanded step by step. Tobias regularly suggests new ideas and brings new input to



the organization. It's great that so much is happening in Choma and that people are thinking big. It is also important to us to support this stability, independence and expansion of the project. This is exactly how we want to act as Friends. Our own new ideas, motivation behind projects and constant, stable support from you and other interested parties. This is not always easy. A frequent topic in our bi-weekly board meetings is the question of how we can encourage or reawaken your interest and active participation. In particular, the low attendance at general meetings raises questions. What do you miss at the general meetings? What topics would you like to discuss? How can we reach you better?

Can you think of anything spontaneously? All ideas are very welcome. Of course, that doesn't mean that we don't brainstorm within the Board, but four people are not quite so many and your opinion is important to us. Last year, we spent a lot of time on the question of „How can we work together as equals?“ especially with a view to the great distance. It's a difficult question that we can't answer so quickly and, above all, not once and for all. An important step for us and the collaboration with Choma is that Jakob will be visiting Choma in spring 2025. We are excited to see what ideas and impressions he comes back with.

It's still a while until then and we are looking forward to everything that lies ahead. We hope for another eventful year in which new and old topics are discussed, in which new and old faces are part of Mmaba-

na and thank you for your constant support!

Best regards from the board of the Friends of Mmabana Megan, Jakob, Sonja and Lotti

## Words from the Executive Director



Tobias Kilaka, Director of the Mmabana Outreach Organisation

On behalf of the Management team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping us with your support and let you know what we've been up to this year. Without you, we would not be able to provide services and support to those in need in our community.

It is an honor and a privilege to be sitting in this chair as Executive Director. I want to start by expressing my gratitude for the support and encouragement I have received over the past 3 years now for it has been truly humbling and I thank you again. The support and partnership you have offered have been more important because of the challenges we face together. The number of vulnerable people in the world is soaring, against low resources across the globe. This is despite the generosity of Friends of Mmabana e.V., our donors with the exceptional levels of funding we have received in recent years. The gap between funding and humanitarian needs is still wide, swelled by new conflicts, such as those in Ukraine and Russia, the impact of COVID-19's aftershocks, economic turmoil and the climate crisis we have faced especially this year 2024. Mmabana will continue participating with the key stakeholders in the society in aspects of community and poverty reduction strategies.

I am confident that together we can and we will succeed in transforming the lives of millions of the world's most vulnerable people, not just giving them food for today but hope and opportunity for a better tomorrow. This encourages us to not only wish for people to have food, shelter and clothing, but to provide it to them. I look forward to working with all of you to achieve your shared ambition over the next year.

I thank you all for supporting Mmabana, only God has special rewards for each work you keep joining for His people. Together we can create better communities and a better Zambia.

Wishing you all a happy 2025. Thank you!

Tobias Kilaka.

## Report from Zambia

### Looking back on 10 years of Education Support

Before we get to what's new at Mmabana in 2024, we would like to use this report to look back not only on 2024, but also on the last 10 years of the Education Support program. This program enables children from Choma to go (back) to school. The reasons for interrupted school attendance or not starting at all are manifold, but we and Mmabana in Zambia have always been convinced that all children must be able to attend school. And we are not alone in this conviction: The United Nations has issued this as one of the Sustainable Development Goals.

A brief look at the history of the program: The first program to address this goal was the Reading & Writing Club - a program that continues to this day. The R&W Club is about teaching children who are currently out of school basic English and math skills to help them start school.

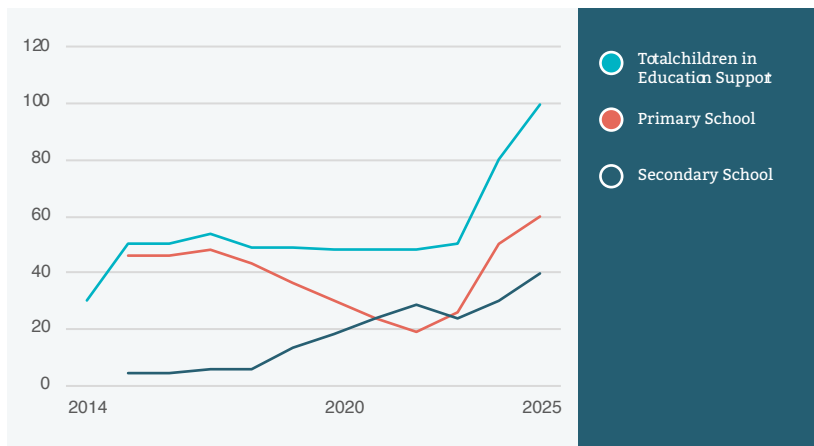
These lessons were carried out by the young people from the computer course, often with the support of a pedagogical specialist. However, everyone involved was always aware that although this was a good program and would remain so for the foreseeable future, it could not replace regular school attendance. And so



UNO break at the Afterschool Club



Vocabulary memory



Children participating in Education Support since 2014

Education Support was launched 10 years ago. In the beginning, this program was primarily aimed at the children from the R&W Club who had already reached a good level there and provided financial, material and organizational support to enable the children to attend school regularly again.

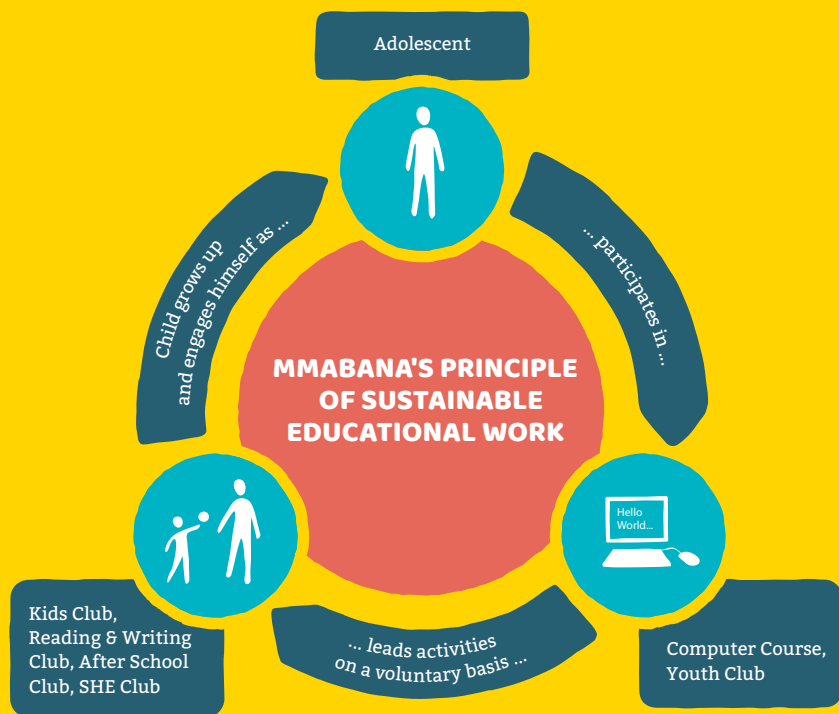
In 2013, the first children were identified for the program and the first children were able to attend school. From 2014, 30 children were part of Education Support. The following year, there were already 50 children. This number remained relatively stable over the next few years. And as many children were also supported over the years, the number of children supported in secondary school, which in Zambia runs from grade 8 to 12, slowly increased.

A major change was triggered by the Zambian government's abolition of school fees. This made it possible to support more children, with a provisional peak of 80 children last year. The plan for 2025 is to increase this by another 20 children to a total of 100.

A few final remarks on education support: Mmabana not only supports the children and their families financially, but also visits them regularly and accompanies them through the (school) year. They also have the opportunity to attend the third program in this area, the Afterschool Club - a kind of homework supervision.

And something else is important: although school fees





were abolished a few years ago, school attendance is not actually free. Education Support will also be necessary in the foreseeable future to finance school uniforms, materials and other necessities for children. Currently, the costs per child and school year are around €50.

At one of the last meetings with Tobias Kilaka, the director of Mmabana, he told this story: At the beginning of 2025, there was a new computer class. Some of the young people in this class have received support from Education Support for several years, have been able to attend school and graduated last year after 12 years. Since January 2025, they have been attending Mmabana's computer class and working as volunteers on the projects.

This fulfills the vision that we as Friends of Mmabana once printed on a flyer in this diagram years ago. And this great success was only possible thanks to the many years of trusting cooperation between the Friends of Mmabana and Mmabana in Zambia.



## What else happened in Zambia in 2024?

In 2024, a new Board of Directors was elected in Choma. The board acts like a supervisory board and advises and supervises the management. Unfortunately, the board had been relatively weak for several years due to internal differences. We hope that the new appointments will enable the Board of Directors to function properly again, and cooperation has already been very promising over the past year.

There was a further development at the copy store in Kalomo. This was operated by Mmabana with a photocopier and several computers, which were provided as a „loan“ by the government. Mmabana also used this equipment to offer a computer course in Kalomo. However, the unreliable power supply meant that the copy store was never in the black, whereas the computer course was more successful. In September, the government asked how the project was going. As no substantial improvement in the situation was expected in the foreseeable future, it was agreed that Mmabana would return the machines and the contract could be terminated. The plan for 2025 is to purchase new computers so that the computer course in Choma and Kalomo can continue successfully. In addition, networking between the young people from the two neighboring towns is to be continued, as it was last year. The other programs, Kids Club, She Club, R&W Club, Afterschool Club and the Jerusalem Project ran largely smoothly in 2024.



Review of the Outreach Project team with Megan and Jakob



Mmabana pupils at Independence Day 2024

Plans for 2025 include running another outreach program and offering a literacy program for adults as part of the Jerusalem Project.

A few final remarks:

In his second year as Director of Mmabana, Tobias Kila-ka has initiated many change and improvement processes. We were particularly pleased that he showed a high level of initiative and that the Friends of Mmabana were only able to play an advisory role, if at all.

It is also becoming increasingly clear that the Zambian government, which has been in power since 2021, is relying much more heavily on cooperation with NGOs such as Mmabana than previous governments. We very much hope that this development will continue and that Mmabana and the people of Choma can benefit from this cooperation

## What is happening in Germany?

This year, we as Friends of Mmabana Deutschland e.V. can look back on a rather quiet year.

In addition to the busy work of the board with regular meetings on various topics, the preparation and follow-up of the general meetings, preparation of the annual report, etc., we were of course in close contact with the Mmabana management team in Choma.

As every year, two general meetings were held in 2024. At the spring AGM in Hanover, planning and initial preparations for the 2025 church congress in Hanover were on the agenda in addition to the official part. Our registration with the Freundeskreis St. Peter's Child Care e.V. went through in the fall and our management team with Knüdel and Lotti was already very busy in the background.

The fall AGM in Karlsruhe was dedicated to a small group discussion with Eva, one of the directors of Jugendhilfe Ostafrika, on living partnership at eye level. The day before this meeting, the Executive Board met for its annual board retreat (unfortunately without a representative photo this year). In June 2024, a few motivated people once again set up our stand at the Mondo Festival in Karlsruhe. Unfortunately, the event fell through due to the rainy weather.





General meeting in fall 2024 in Karlsruhe



General meeting in spring 2024 in Hanover

## Plans for 2025

The German Protestant Church Congress in Hanover is set to be a major event in 2025. The planning has already started. From April 30 to May 4, 2025, we want to work together with the Friends of St. Peter's Child Care e.V. to make the Church Congress more colorful.

Under the motto „Sing courageously - eat strongly - dance boldly“, we will reopen our Cool Africa Lounge in the Youth Center. There will be the familiar culinary offerings of nshima, chakalaka and boerewors. Many volunteers from Friends of Mmabana and the Friends of St. Peter's Child Care will be there in good spirits. Come along for information, goodies, live gospel music and cool hands-on activities.

In addition to planning the two general meetings for 2025, we have been working for some time on an idea to deepen our partnership with Mmabana. This involves a meeting trip. Specifically, a team from the board of Mmabana in Zambia is to travel to Germany. We want to use 2025 to clarify the financing, time frames and rough key dates so that nothing stands in the way of the trip in 2026.

nothing stands in the way of the 2026 trip. Intercultural exchange is an important part of strengthening our partnership as equals. Through mutual understanding and direct contact, we want to create the ba-

sis for better and even more effective cooperation in the future. We see the planned meeting trip as a real investment in a future in which Mmabana can become even more involved in the community and expand and consolidate its support for vulnerable target groups.



Reviews of past church congresses



## Finances

There is great news: Last year, we were able to support all the projects proposed by our partner without any restrictions. Thanks to a solid financial cushion from previous years, we could even tackle larger projects in the future.

Larger projects mean a lot of work, especially on the Zambian side - but we firmly believe in the team in Choma and the power of trust and openness. If larger projects are initiated, we will of course keep you informed!

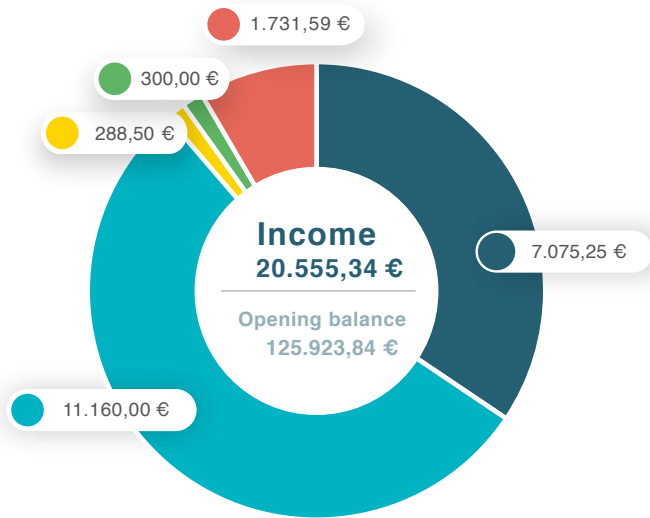
For the first time in many years, the Friends have recorded a minus of -831.01 €. This is not ideal, but it is completely normal for a non-profit organization to sometimes end up in the red.

Nevertheless, there are some developments that give us pause for thought: Membership fees have risen slightly, but donations from non-members are falling faster. If you take a closer look, you can see that a large proportion of donations are due to the commitment of very few members - mainly through events such as the Church Day or the Mondo Festival and through the popular Mmabana goodies such as bags or the colorful key rings.

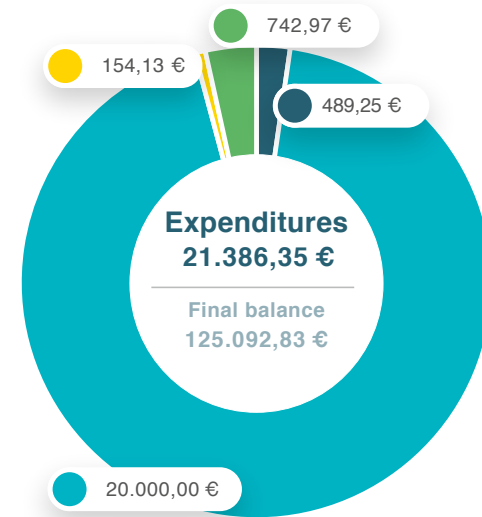
A huge thank you to these dedicated people! 🙏 But we

must also bear in mind that this makes us somewhat vulnerable financially, as there is always the possibility that people will have to reduce their commitment for various reasons.

But let's take this as an incentive to gather new ideas, inspire new people and further develop the association at all levels. We will make a start at the 1st General Assembly 2025!



- Grants recieved (donations)
- Real membership fees
- Events (w/o merchandise)
- Mmabana merchandise
- Other non-material income



- Work in Germany
- Support Zambia
- Administration costs
- Mondo festival



Bookingnr.	Booking name	2022	2023	2024
2110	Real membership fees	10.928,00 €	11.070,00 €	11.160,00 €
2150	Participation fee non-material area	305,00 €	246,50 €	207,00 €
2302	State subsidies	- €	- €	- €
2303	Other subsidies	- €	- €	1.500,00 €
2400	Other income non-material area	- €	2.250,00 €	- €
2412	Contributions received (donations)	26.492,13 €	9.232,07 €	7.075,25 €
2450	Allocated/shared income non-material area	115,00 €	- €	- €
3225	Contributions in kind against donation receipt	- €	714,00 €	- €
3211	Contributions in kind against donation receipt	- €	73.238,58 €	- €
6001	Turnover food consumptions 19%	4.422,51 €	- €	288,50 €
6002	Non-alcoholic beverage sales 19%	764,62 €	944,00 €	- €
8010	Sales proceeds donation in kind	1.107,00 €	1.945,00 €	300,00 €
4150	Interest income 0% sales tax			24,59 €

Total revenue	44.134,26 €	99.640,15 €	20.555,34 €
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Expenditure	2022	2023	2024	
2661	Rent and lease	-654,00 €	-371,00 €	- €
2704	Other costs	- €	-47,60 €	-24,87 €
2900	Other non-material costs	-141,87 €	-1.133,55 €	-221,81 €
2804	Teaching and youth work	-500,00 €	- €	- €
2813	Flyers, advertising posters, donation tins	-266,03 €	-51,29 €	- €
2818	club announcements	-31,60 €	- €	- €
2814	Costs of promotional t-shirts, stickers etc.	-1.432,00 €	- €	- €
2815	Transport costs	-35,19 €	- €	- €
2812	Hospitality costs (Food, drinks etc.)	-243,22 €	-339,75 €	-242,57 €
6179	Other merchandise	-51,47 €	- €	- €
6176	Food	-1.384,00 €	-49,15 €	-307,19 €
6177	Drinks	-270,73 €	-43,72 €	- €
6300	Other operating expenses	-1.646,35 €	-725,04 €	- €
6302	Repairosts for equipment	-6,18 €	- €	- €
6310	Travelling expenses	-2.121,67 €	-27,00 €	-295,78 €
6339	Rent, lease (room, hall, square)	-1.375,20 €	-119,00 €	-140,00 €
2702	Postage, telefon, DSL	-84,89 €	-161,27 €	-6,99 €
2703	Account management	-189,75 €	-108,78 €	-110,67 €
2705	Internet costs (domain, server etc.)	-80,00 €	-30,00 €	-30,00 €
2706	Office supplies/materials	- €	-4,40 €	- €
3541+6975	Capital gains tax	- €	- €	- €
2850	Donations/grants paid	-26.150,00 €	-25.354,00 €	-20.000,00 €

Total expenditure:	-36.664,15 €	-28.565,55 €	-21.386,35 €
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Work in Germany	3.355,38 €	1.943,19 €	489,25 €
	9,2%	6,8%	2,3%
Support Zambia	24.250,00 €	24.514,00 €	20.000,00 €
	66,1%	85,8%	93,5%
Administration costs	354,64 €	304,45 €	154,13 €
	1,0%	1,1%	0,7%
Church congress (Mondo)	6.804,13 €	1.803,91 €	742,97 €
	18,6%	6,3%	3,5%

BALANCE	7.470,11 €	71.074,60 €	-831,01 €
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VoBa account balance (main account) as at 31.12.	53.107,92 €	125.650,84 €	35.073,71 €
VoBa account balance (1000 drawings) as at 31.12.	89,86 €	- €	n/a
Cash balance as at 31.12.	197,50 €	- €	- €
Paypal balance as at 31.12.	1.453,96 €	273,00 €	1,00 €
ProCredit account balance (Fixed-term + instant access)	- €	- €	90.018,12 €

TOTAL	54.849,24 €	125.923,84 €	125.092,83 €
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Number of member as at 31.12.	77	80	80
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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.



## Donations

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



## 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“.



## 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.



# Acknowledgments

Once again, a big thank you to all those who support Friends of Mmabana and Mmabana in Choma with their various contributions. Together, this makes it possible for the work in Choma to take place with good materials and appropriate remuneration for the employees. We are happy to be able to support the great work of the team in Choma and to see how the project develops from year to year.

The texts in this annual report were written by Jakob Teichmann, Sonja Knüdel, Megan Duddek and Charlotte Stelter. The report from Zambia is based on descriptions by project manager Tobias Kilaka. Graphic design by Benjamin Schoppe.

## Information on transparency

### Personnel structure of the association and key decision-makers

Friends of Mmabana Deutschland e.v. is a purely voluntary organization and has no paid employees. Around 15 people are regularly involved in Mmabana on a voluntary basis, including 4 members of the Board of Directors:

Jakob Teichmann - 1st Chair  
Charlotte Stelter - 2nd Chair  
Sonja Knüdel - Treasurer  
Megan Duddek - 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. All contributions were donations (without consideration).

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