



DWW English newsletter 2011



DWW team wishes all their partners a prosperous 2011



Introduction to the DWW

On weekdays there are 80–85 people at work at the DWW (Derde Wereld Werkplaats = Third World Workshop), of whom 10 are paid staff members, 45 are



volunteers and 20-25 are participants in a re-integration project. They all work together in refurbishing tools and machines for projects in African countries. Each section has a head of department for the daily organisation. A re-integration coach guides the participants from the start until the moment they have found a job. The participants have specific problems, but nevertheless 8 persons from the re-integration project found a regular job in 2010.

DWW re-integration

At work

The participant in the re-integration project chooses his section (tools, bikes, sewing- and knitting machines, computers) and the head of the section guides



him. The reintegration project coach and participant meet regularly. Points for attention are: finding a daily routine, co-operating with colleagues, arriving on time, sticking to appointments, solving problems, learning skills, defining job possibilities, accepting restrictions and looking for ones capabilities, learning application skills, looking for a job or further training and making appointments with an employer for mediation and care.

Eight participants found a job or training

In 2010 eight participants left for a job or further training at:

1. A carpentry workshop
2. Pietermans Chocolate factory
3. Hessels metal workshop
4. BSW, a municipal social workshop (3)
5. Study with job guarantee

Aftercare for participants

The DWW keeps in contact with the participants once they have left and are working in a regular job or doing further training. The aim is to signal possible problems and to prevent a drop-out.

Two examples:

The participant is an Afghan refugee with little education due to the war. He arrived in 1998 in the Netherlands. He learned the language, got a driver's licence and a forklift driver's licence. He had a paid job, but after 6 years he had to leave the job due to economical circumstances. Since then he was not able to find another job. After 3 years of unemployment he started at the DWW as a participant. He showed to be a dedicated worker with good skills. The DWW saw an announcement and mediated in the contact between this

participant and the firm looking for a worker. The application was successful. The man got the job, does his work well and the work suits him.

Another participant started at the DWW after 8 years of unemployment. Due to private problems he had lost his job and had lost his self esteem. He did not have any diploma and did not know what his capabilities were. After some time it became clear that he had the ability to become a technician but he needed a training. After being tested, he started a 6 months' training course for draftsman, with the commitment to get a job after completing the training. Unfortunately, after some time it became clear that the training quality was below standard: unqualified teachers, agreements were not complied with, employers who stopped sending their employees and no examination was held. And there was no prospect to obtain a job. The expensive training did not produce the promised result. Fortunately, the organisation which paid the training will give him a second chance.

The DWW will continue to guide these men.

The DWW offers work to jobless people. More and more people start as a volunteer due to unemployment or disability. Some people stay after being participants and not finding a job. To them a



meaningful occupation during the day is important. Due to their age, some people are not obliged to apply for a job when they work as a volunteer at the DWW. Some are waiting for a job at the Social Workshop. Those people need extra care and attention and the DWW is willing to support them.

Considering all this, it is clear that the DWW is a socially conscious enterprise.

Who are the workers?

Johan Brouwers, is a pensioner and a skilled technician. He did not want to sit at home idly and became a volunteer worker at the DWW. He repairs and restores tools and is an expert in construct-



ing specialized spare parts. His last piece of work is a bicycle shed to store the workers' bikes when they come to the workshop.

Ben Oomens, is a pensioner. He worked as a qualified technician and now uses his skills working as a volunteer for the DWW.

Jack Eleveld found a job at the DWW after his illness. He is head of the bicycle



repair workshop and loves his work. Jack has been involved in the DWW work-



shop for more than 15 years.

John and Jopie Remie had their 12.5 year jubilee this year. John started 12.5 years ago as a volunteer refurbishing tools and collecting goods from homes.



Now he works at the sewing and knitting machine section. Jopie cleaned the previous workshop and still does the laundry for the DWW. Imagine how many work coats she has washed in these 12.5 years!

Simon Shisale also had his 12.5 year jubilee at the DWW. He started as a volunteer after he had stopped working in a job. He repairs tools and machines for



technical schools in Africa. When visiting Kenya he was struck by the need of better school buildings. In 2002 he left for Kenya, together with his wife and organised the building of a workshop in Kibwezi. Subsequently, he went to Kenya for 6 months every year, building Nkando primary school and Kathima secondary school. In 2004 he received the Breda Peace award.

Peter van de Stoep had a farewell party in September this year. He worked for 17 years as head of the woodwork department. Many volunteers, staff and former



participants used the opportunity to say farewell to Peter.

The DWW PR team

Six volunteers take care of public rela-



tions for the DWW. They visit schools and organisations and give guided tours in the workshop. In 2010 they contacted at least 800 people and about 1000 school pupils.

With their publicity they reach many people who donate their tools and equipment to the workshop.

Sponsor activities

The Helder Camara primary school organised a charity run for Father Grol's Welfare project in Kenya. The proceeds



were doubled by Wild Geese.



Students from the local Mencia de Mendoza college were sponsor running on a cold April morning for the Father Grol's project.



Open day of the workshop

The open day of the DWW attracted many visitors. **Three** organisations presented their work or sold their products. The **WOS**, a Workgroup in Teteringen which supports projects in developing countries, presented their activities.



DWW workers presented their work to the many visitors that day. Recent DVDs about the Third World Workshop were shown to the visitors.



The **Fair Trade shop** sold their products to the visitors during the open day.

The **Harambee Foundation** supports primary and secondary schools around Kimilili in Kenya. Harambee and DWW will work together in 2011 in the SKILL Heroes project. DWW will equip the two departments in the new training centres built by the Harambee Foundation for the Sosio VTC and the Kamasielo VTC.

Music was made by a family from Ghana. DWW workers presented their work to



SKIT Uganda project

SKIT means Sewing and Knitting Information Transfer. There should not be any unused sewing- and knitting machine in Kenya and Uganda. Thousands of pupils from technical schools and tailors depend on a well-functioning machine. Trained technicians are in great demand.

Five years ago, in Kenya, DWW volunteers started to teach technicians and trainers to repair sewing- and knitting machines. Initially, 56 technicians and 8 trainers were trained by our volunteers. Three SKIT training centres have been set up by different Organisations. In the meantime the Kenian trainers have taught more than 40 new technicians with the help of training manuals developed by the DWW. Some participants of the technical training even came from Tanzania. Many technicians have started their own enterprise and service shops.

At the end of 2009 two DWW volunteers and two Kenyan SKIT trainers started a SKIT trainer's teaching programme in Uganda at the URDT centre. In July 2010 the second course was given at URDT centre in Kagadi. Until today, 17 trainers have



started their training. All of them work in vocational schools or are technicians. In the near future they will continue their training, sacrificing their holidays to learn the skills. **URDT** (Uganda Rural Development & Training Program) is our Ugandan partner and our host for the training facilities. They cooperate with **Ugaprivi**, an organisation of 400 small scale vocational training centres. Thanks to financial support from "Impulsis" the technicians are given proper tools and spare parts to enable them to practise their skills.



awakening the sleeping
genius in each of us



SKIT Uganda participants and trainers September 2010 in Kagadi

SKILL training in Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is in great need of professional vocational teachers and workers. The “Dibiya Foundation” tries hard to improve the situation in rural areas. They have built schools, drilled waterholes, and trained midwives.

DWW helps The “Dibiya Foundation” with refurbished tools, sewing machines and computers.

In 2011, with the financial help from Cordaid, the DWW will start a training for sewing ma-



chine repair and bike revision.

Manuals, sewing machines, toolsets, spare parts and 100 revised bikes (thanks to National Railways-OV bikes) will be sent to Sierra Leone. After revision in our workshop the bikes will be sent in parts (to be able to send more bikes) and will be assembled in Sierra Leone.



The bicycle cart that was produced for Zimbabwe is completely revised and will be thoroughly tested before it will be sent to Sierra Leone for production.

Zimbabwe container offloaded

A DWW-container arrived in Zimbabwe and the contents of the container are very welcome indeed. Some 225 people will directly profit from the sewing machines, bikes, computers, tools and machines. Unemployed people get a chance to learn a craft and start a workshop.

The bikes make an enormous difference as transport is very expensive in Zimbabwe and using an electric sewing machine in-



stead of a hand machine increases the production of a seamstress.

The container is currently used as a sewing workshop by the women in Cowdry Park Bulawayo.



SKILL Heroes training Kenia

Participating with the Harambee Foundation (Netherlands) and IcFem (Kimili, Kenya) the DWW is going to help to uplift vocational training centres.

Two new workshops have been constructed with the aid of the Harambee foundation and IcFem. The DWW will help to equip the Sosio and Kamasielo VTC's.



Self esteem of pupils at vocational training centres is very low due to underpaid teachers, bad management, few teaching materials and tools. However the need for trained technicians is great.

The following activities are being organised:

1. The DWW will send high quality refurbished tools and machines to 4 departments of the new workshops in Sosio VTC and Kamasielo VTC, near Kimilili. The tools can be used for students' training in carpentry and woodwork, dressmaking, plumbing, car mechanics and computing.
2. A group of four excellent craftsmen, that came top in nationwide competitions from 60 Dutch vocational training schools was chosen and will go via BureauTop to Kenya to share their

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skills with local students. The Dutch Skill Heroes work together with small teams of the VTCs in a competition to develop, draw, select tools and equipment, make and test a useful machine which can generate income for the VTCs. The course will start in July 2011. We expect the course to boost the interest for technical studies in this district.

3. A Dutch carpenter and workshop owner is going to teach vocational skills as a volunteer to the different student groups at the two VTCs.
4. An experienced caterer and former restaurant owner from the Netherlands will share her skills as a volunteer with a group of students from different VTCs in Kisumu and Nairobi.
5. The schools will be supported in starting income generating activities. The VTCs will be supported in dressmaking and have a skilled SKIT mechanic who is able to teach maintenance and repairs to the students.



The Vocational schools in Sosio, Kamasielo, Kuap Pandipirie in Kisumu, and AOYYTI from Nairobi will participate in this project.

Association Hope in Rwanda

Association Hope in Rwanda thanked the DWW for the treadle sewing machines they received. The DWW has a long relationship with this project. After two years



of professional training the participants receive a sewing machine as a sort of microcredit when they leave the school and have passed their national exams.

Solace ministries in Rwanda

Solace Ministries works with victims of the Rwandees genocide in 1994. Widows and young women who survived the violence still have to deal with great physical and psychological problems. Solace Ministries helps them to start working and earn a living. Thirty-five women in five communities all over the



country, received sewing- and knitting machines from the DWW (Nyanza, Remera, Ruhuha, Nyamata en Kicukiro).



Remera group

They got a training in Solace Centrum in Kigali.

Miss de Brouwer from the Dutch **Mukomeze** Foundation visited the groups In Nyanza. “The women opened a shop where they work with 5 sewing machines. Five of the women had a tailoring training. They also have started teaching widows and orphans. The sewing machines have changed their lives. They are very grateful for this.”

In **Ruhuha** a group of 9 orphans took part in a tailoring training programme. Two of the girls received a sewing machine. Aloysie Mukaruzima is a young woman, who takes care of 3 younger brothers and sisters. They live in great poverty. The other girl, Verene Mukeshimana, lives with a family where she only gets some food. She set up a small shop near the market place and now they earn a living.



Nyamata group

Pikaspon project Sri Lanka

In March 2011 the DWW prepared 14m³ refurbished quality goods for the Pikaspon Vocational Training centre in Sri Lanka. The technical School is situated in Baddegama in Sri Lanka. Together with other workshops of Demand and Supply we managed to prepare 3300 pieces of tools and machines, 25 com-



puters, 2 printers, 12 sewing machines. The school offers training to 200 students in different trades.

Hope for the Future Oeganda

In 2009 a DWW container was sent to Uganda. Hope for the Future in Kampala was one of the projects that received refurbished materials. With the goods this NGO can help to improve the lives of 92 women, 89 Young people, 71 men, 102 children en 20 handicapped people. The tools will be used to generate income and vocational training.

The coordinator Ddungu writes:
“Kind regards from Hope for the Future organisation and our community. We do thank you for the goods we received. We enclose some pictures of people working with the DWW knitting machines. God



bless you all and the work of your hands”.

St. Joseph community school

On the border between Uganda and Rwanda the St Joseph's Community school is situated. They informed the DWW how the tools, computers and machines help them to teach the students of the school.

The school offers vocational training to 200 students in different trades next to their normal secondary education. The DWW was able to send these tools with the help of **Share4More**.

The students show the sweaters made



on the knitting machines.

The lessons in maintenance are incorporated in the vocational training.

The computers are intensively used in shifts by the students for bookkeeping and secretarial studies.

The tools are used by the plumbers, car mechanics and carpenters. Most of the school Furniture is made by the students. St Joseph's school thanks the DWW for all the goods and promises to keep them in good order.



Oasis project Zuid Afrika

Mies Bac writes that the DWW sewing machines of the Oasis women project are intensively used by the participants. Through their HIV they lost their jobs. Thanks to medication things improve but



the problem is finding a job. The women receive a daily meal, if necessary a food package, clothing, counselling and prayers. They all are determined to make the best of their life despite the problems they are facing.

DWW Congo container

The **College Kivuvu in Bandundu Ville**, a growing town with 180 000 inhabitants, received 27 computers and **45 NS-OV bikes**. The Democratic Republic of the



Congo celebrated its 50 years of independence from Belgium. The young people put their hopes to the future, good education is therefore essential. The results of College Kivuvu are very good. Rector SVD'er Ben Overgoor from Holland has been working in the Congo for 50 years. For his dedication he received a high reward from the Queen of Holland: Chevalier de l'Ordre d'Orange-Nassau. Students from the col-



lege receive further education through colleges and universities.



The bike department of the DWW repaired the NS-OV bikes and dismantled them in small packages.

The school recently received a Provincial reward for the training of ICT –personnel that helped in 2006 with the election in the Congo. The DWW computers that were sent in 2002 laid the foundation for the education of computer skills.

The bikes will help the College teachers to come to school. It will also help them and their families to go to their fields 20 km from Bandundu Ville.

Father **Willy Janssen** of the Missionaries of Sparrendaal recieved 25 computer for 5 schools in Gemena in the North of Congo.

Paroisse Notre Dame du Rosaire in Kishasa received 13 tool-sets, welding machines, sawing machines, column drilling machines, 12 sewing machines, 25 computers en 25 **OV-bikes**.



Appreciation projects

Father Grol's Welfare Project Kenia

Brother Linus Schoutsen visited the workshop in his holiday when he was in Holland. Wim Roording met brother Linus in Teteringen. Linus appreciated the help of the DWW and the goods, and he explained the importance of his work. "The prisoners receive vocational training in all kinds of trades from carpentry to dressmaking" We take care of the rehabilitation and integration programme.



When they leave prison we are able to help them with tools, sewing and knitting machines. With this equipment they can earn their living and regain the respect of the community.

We have tried to improve the wellbeing of the prisoners. Different recreational activities and health programmes have started and we have paid attention to human rights.

We want to improve the capabilities of the prisoners to enable them to take up their life after they have served their (high) sentences.

Training prison keepers: Prison keepers also receive training from the father Grol's Welfare project. Several have been trained in the DWW SKIT Kenya project as maintenance men and women of sewing—and Knitting machines.

Almost no recidivists: Br. Linus : "Our projects do not generate income, we are only able to share what the DWW is sending us. We can't ask the people for

money because they don't have money. They will need all the money they earn for their living. We are a bottomless well in that respect, but we are able to give people a chance to come out of a desperate situation. Our results prove that only 1% of the people returns to prison the rest 99% stays out of prison"

Nkhoma Nursing College in Malawi

Received 15 computers, 2 printers en 2 carpentry toolsets. The DWW facilitates the nursingschool with computers for the training. The carpentry tools will be used



to make the furniture.

Kenya containers offloaded

Refurbished quality goods from the DWW container that was sent early 2010 was offloaded by father Sherima of the Apostel of Jesus Aids ministries in Kis-erian.



This delivery contained 119 sewing machines, 31 computers, 4 printers, 4 scanners and nearly 3500 tools and machines.

Sulwe Vocational School is working in the slums around Kisumu. The school is supported by Sild Geese to become a SKIT Training Center. The school provides vocational training to vulnerable young women and children. They provide them



means to earn a living. With the 15 DWW computers they can start an internet café, this will also provide an income for the VTC.

Kaskazini supports a project of Father Barnabas in Isiolo. The Catholic Church supports an VTC to curb the situation of jobless youth. The training has to support them with income generating activities. They provide training in metalwork, woodwork and dressmaking. The 12 computers



will help the youngsters to keep up with new technology. Ten sewing machines will be used by a women's group that intends to make school uniforms. A microscope will help the clinic to do malaria tests.

VTC Abidha

Father Kraakman thanked for the delivery of the goods for the Abidha VTC. The sewing machines are intensively used. And

thanks to the connection to the electricity network the welding machines and toolsets are very welcome.

Computers Bukolwe School

The Harambee Foundation supported the application for computers for the Bukolwe sec. school. The school reported that the computers are utilized for various purposes, like preparation of the lessons and school administration.

Eliza training Centre in Ngong Hills

writes that thanks to the support of the DWW the school is doing well. The students are busy preparing for their government trade test examinations. Some of them are orphans, others from very poor families who otherwise could not afford a proper training. This will indirectly benefit a large part of the community.

As Elizabeth Nyeri writes: "The aim of writing to you is purely to let you know we highly appreciate your support, and give thanks for all you have been giving



the school. The school management therefore wishes to pass its gratitude and appreciation to the people who have ever participated in helping equip and change the lives of these young and desperate people. We are very happy to inform you that the living standards of many have been raised by the centre. In this connection therefore, we wish you all a happy new year."



Background information DWW

The Derde Wereld Werkplaats is an institute for selfreliance. The foundation started her work 24 years ago.

Our four objectives are:

- 1) Contribution to the self generated development of socially and economical vulnerable people in the developing countries.
- 2) Contribution to the development of socially and economical vulnerable people which for all kind of reasons had no entry to the labor process .
- 3) Contribution to the reduction of waste and stimulating the recycling of goods.
- 4) Contribution to the awareness of social and economical discrimination in developing countries and in our own society.

Donor agencies

Our workshop is dependant on donations for the refurbishment and transport. Donations of tools and equipment are done by individuals and institutes like Cordaid, Impulsis, Hivos and Wild Geese.

Focus on three countries

We focus our aid on three countries only: Kenya, Uganda and Sierra Leone. Projects in other countries are only accepted if they are able to inform us adequately

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