

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

## DIPUPO PROJECT



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## Report Agriculture



In spring, we hired a new worker who mainly looks after the garden. The conditions on the project land have not changed significantly, so a lot of cow dung is still needed to achieve a minimum yield from gardening. The lack of transport makes it difficult for us to apply fertilizer and dig up the entire garden.

Despite our water tanks, it is often not easy to water the whole garden because we always share the water with more residents, and we believe that they have first priority. The rainy season also sparse this year, so we have to be careful with our water reserves.

Towards the end of the year, our project was visited by a family man who was looking for work in the region. He has a lot of experience in agriculture and is now strengthening our project with his family.

In addition to cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins and watermelons, this year we planted a field of corn.

## Report Animal husbandry



The stubbornness with which local people cling on to pig fattening never ceases to amaze me. Our income is still low and yet we a large proportion of our expenditure on feed for the pigs. So far, we have not managed to fatten the animals to a weight at which we can sell them at a profit. We therefore to continue with the targeted feeding of the animals and then decide how to proceed next year.

This agreement meant that the workers became more involved in feeding and tried to to the feeding plan. As a result, we are ready to sell the first pigs at the end of the year.

The care and welfare of the animals is important to us, but it takes up a lot of our budget because we have to buy in the feed and are not yet able to feed the animals ourselves. We have decided to reduce the number of animals so that we can incur fewer expenses and generate better income at the same time.



## Report Project country

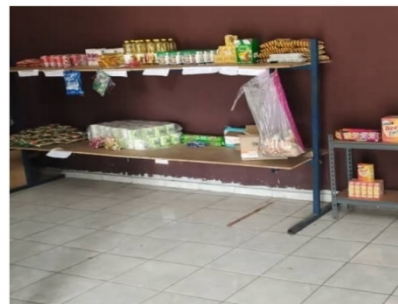


In their search for food, herds of cows and goats are drawn to places where they can smell water and eat young plants. The new wooden fence around the entire piece of land helps to keep the herds away from our land. The last wooden stakes were knocked down in the middle of the year and we felt safe on our site. But a short time later, a large herd of elephants moved through our area at night and trampled down some parts of the fence. Everyone who heard the animals armed themselves with lights, slingshots and pots and drove the herd of elephants away with noise and fire.

This year we were finally able to cover the catch basins for the waste water. This work was urgently needed. The stagnant water stank, attracted mosquitoes and was sometimes used as a garbage pit.

The rain in spring clearly showed that our roof was leaking. To prevent damage to the house, we decided to renovate the roof during the summer months. We replaced the leaking zinc sheets and raised the roof pitch. The water that flowed into the house also damaged the walls inside the house. We painted them a lighter color.

## Report Shop



Unfortunately, the planned cooperation with an interested investor could not be concluded.

In the middle of the year, the NGO Hope Namibia was looking for sales outlets to work with. Our store is in a good location and we were asked to build up our stock of food so that it could be given to people affected by poverty in exchange for vouchers.

We were able to distribute the first food to the beneficiaries at the end of September. Unfortunately, it was not clearly communicated in advance that the food would not be distributed in our store, but that we had to hand it out at certain locations. We had to organize transport to distribute the food each time. The organization was difficult because very few people in the region own a vehicle. We were also unable to account for the transportation costs. As it turned out, the vouchers are not distributed regularly, but only sporadically. Negotiations about the distribution points and the remuneration are still ongoing. We are eagerly awaiting feedback from Hope Namibia and look forward to working with them.

## REPORT STORE

Since the store was built, it has only been used sporadically by women to sell their goods and sometimes as their temporary residence. They sold very little food. We wanted to change this and open the store as such.

Mr. Malasa trained young people in metalworking and shelves with them. We invested the majority of our donations in the purchase of food and everyday items. The store opened at the beginning of December and is very popular with local residents. We want to expand the range of products according to the wishes of local residents as soon as we have all the necessary paperwork to run the store.

Mr. Malasa visited the local king in Mukwe and spoke to him about the store. We cannot register the store without his approval. The king was in favor of our project and issued the necessary paperwork. The next step will be to have the store officially registered in Rundu.



# REPORT KINDERGARTEN

## Report Kindergarten



The kindergarten is popular with children and parents alike and is greatly appreciated. Looking after the children gives the parents a few hours to go about their work with less worry. As soon as a child no longer needs to be carried, it is up to the children to help at home. If the distances are too long for toddlers to do chores with their mothers, the children are often left at home for hours without supervision. Preschool is therefore a place of recreation for the children in addition to playful and pressure-free learning. Most of the lessons are taught in the local language. Basic English is taught and repeated daily so that the children learn to express themselves in the official language of Namibia.

Our kindergarten has now been open for three years and the first children have transferred to the elementary school in Andara. The preparation for everyday school life, with sometimes very hierarchical and strict rules, makes it easier for the children to transfer to regular school. They now have to make the long journey to school together with the older children.

At the beginning of the year, we received colored pencils and craft materials donated by the local NGO Mukwe Orphans and Vulnerable Children. This shows us that our kindergarten services are appreciated and are well known in the community.



## Report Cooperation/Workplaces



Patience is a virtue that I am learning from Africa. It all takes time and will come together if it is to happen. Our collaboration with Wapa-nawa is no exception.

The residents around our project collected PET bottles and other plastic waste all year round and dumped them on Blandine's land. Clearly visible to all, her land looked more like a garbage dump. Their efforts, patience and unflinching belief that everything would turn out well were worth it in the end.

I was often in contact with Ladislaus Shikerete, the founder of the plastic recycling company, and after several requests he found time to travel to Andara and meet Blandine. They discussed their future collaboration, the conditions and remuneration, and he took the 300 kg of plastic waste back to Rundu for further processing. However, Wapa-nawa only has one vehicle to collect the waste and take it to Rundu, 200 km away, for further processing.

## Financial statement Association Friends of Dipupo

### Balance sheet as of 01.01.2024

Association Friends of Dipupo

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as of 31.12.2024

		in CHF	in CHF
<b>Active</b>			
1000	Cash register	0.00	
1020	Club account Raiffeisen	7'473.93	
1030	Association account Neon	331.64	
<b>Passives</b>			
2000	Creditors		0.00
2300	Accrued expenses and deferred income		0.00
<b>Total debt capital</b>			<b>0.00</b>
2970	Profit carried forward		89.25*
<b>Total</b>		<b>7'805.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Loss/profit			7'716.32
<b>Balance sheet total</b>		<b>7'805.57</b>	<b>7'805.57</b>
<b>Asset development</b>			
Assets as at 01.01.2024			89.25*
Profit			7'716.32
<b>Assets as at 31.12.2024</b>			<b>7'805.57</b>

\*Incl. profit carried forward from the Neon association account (CHF 47.49)

## Income statement

Association Friends of Dipupo

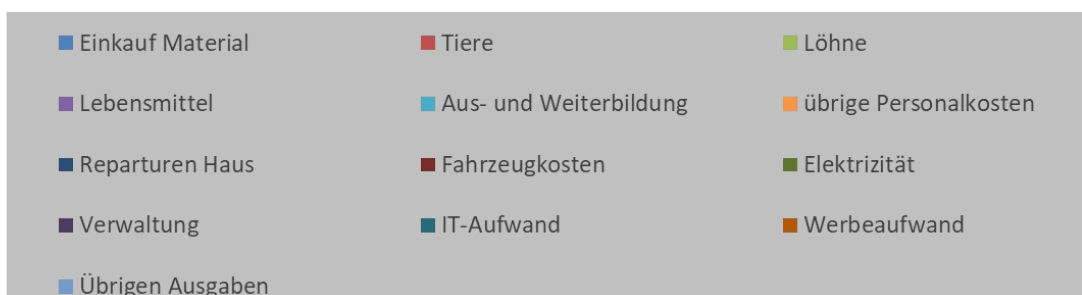
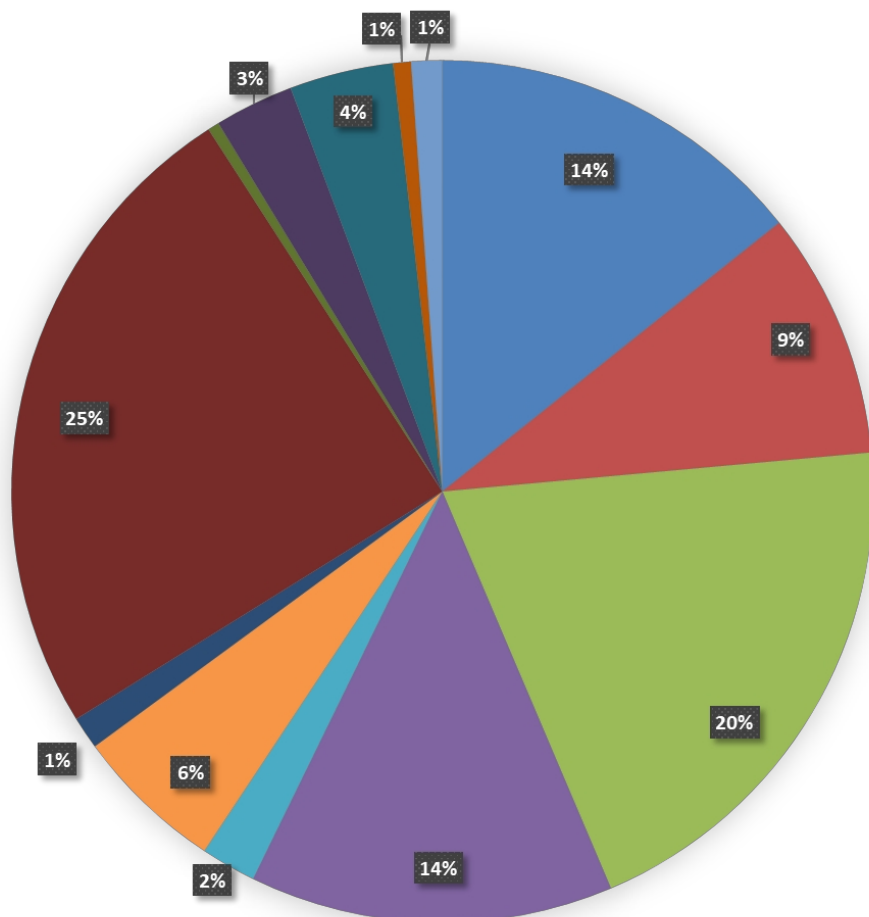
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Financial year 2024

Yield		in CHF
3200	Donations	29'737.14
3400	Loans	0.00
3640	Other income	0.00
<b>Total income</b>		<b>29'737.14</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
4000	Purchase of building materials	1'283.45
4010	Purchase of work materials	801.03
4020	Purchase of other material	837.83
4030	Purchase of garden materials	223.32
4040	Pet food	1'819.89
4050	Veterinary medicine	161.27
4060	various displays	59.95
5000	Wages	4'414.05
5810	Food	3'003.41
5820	Training and further education	457.08
5830	Accommodation staff	35.25
5840	Travel expenses	591.34
5850	Health/Medication	22.23
5900	Third-party services	588.99
6000	House repairs	268.45
6200	Vehicle repairs	2'398.08
6210	Operating materials vehicles	1'579.18
6280	Transportation costs	1'074.98
6300	Taxes, authorization, fees	100.14
6310	Traffic charges	290.93
6400	Electricity	94.47
6501	Printed matter/worksheets	80.04
6570	IT expenditure/telecommunications	859.57
6600	Advertising	147.20
6790	Other expenses	254.80
6940	Bank charges	373.89
8900	Taxes	200.00
<b>Total expense</b>		<b>22'020.82</b>
<b>Profit</b>		<b>7'716.32</b>



## Overview of issues



## Audit report

### Audit report

The accounts were audited for the accounting period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for the "Friends of Dipupo Association" accounting department. According to the audit, carried out by means of spot checks,

- the balance sheet and income statement are consistent with the accounts;
- the accounts were properly kept;
- the postings agree with the existing documents under the given circumstances (spot checks).

The "**Friends of Dipupo Association**" annual financial statements closed with a profit of **CHF 7,716.32** as at December 31, 2024. The assets amounted to **CHF 7,805.57** as at December 31, 2024.

Sabine Schomburg

Aarwangen, 12.01.2025

## Conclusion

This year, we have focused on our own strengths and opportunities. By fencing off the land, we have protected our land from herds of animals that previously trampled everything unattended and ate the young plants. Unfortunately, the fence was partially trampled down again by a herd of elephants in the fall, terrifying the local residents. We were able to repair the fence a short time later.

We have also wanted to cover the sewage shaft for a long time. As well as repairing the leaking roof. We were able to finish this work by the middle of the year. In the meantime, the house was also repainted because the water had wreaked havoc on the walls.

I am very proud of the cooperation with Wapa-nawa-Recycling. This is the residents' meaningful work and a small income while keeping their surroundings and the nearby environment clean. The collaboration with Wapa-nawa is also an educational opportunity for people to work for a clean environment. Unfortunately, there is no waste collection point in the rural areas of northern Namibia, let alone a waste incineration plant that meets our standards.

The fact that the first children at our preschool made the transition to elementary school without any problems shows that our offer is valuable and that education should be promoted at an early age.

Our biggest challenge in achieving our goals is and remains the lack of transportation. We have to hire transport for any work, which generates additional costs and is not always easy to organize. The few vehicles that are in working order are used everywhere and are not always available.

In addition to the further goal of the project's independence, our main objective is to receive donations to purchase a suitable vehicle. Having a vehicle for our project will help us to achieve our tasks and goals as well as to help and support the residents with transportation to the hospital, coping with work, caring for the family and other tasks.

The capital required for a transport vehicle amounts to CHF 25,000.00.

**Thank you very much for your trust and support!**



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