

KAMBISA! UPDATE

August finds us in the middle of preparing our trip to Zambia, this September and October. Whilst the living space is being finished and the adjoining food forest is being planted, Kambisa! is concentrating on putting up a bore-hole and laying the foundation for the classroom and workshop area.

With this newsletter we would like to update you on the progress of our fundraising activities for the borehole, classroom and workshop at the **Chilonga Community Centre**, and the upcoming education exchange and field research programs.

The money for the borehole has been pledged! First of all, the good news: the SWO committee of the **Protestant municipality of Rijswijk** has pledged to donate 3000 Euro to install a borehole installation at the community center. That must be enough to ensure that we can drill the borehole and install two taps. We will install the system in a way that we can expand it further in the future.

With the borehole, we hope to contribute to the provision of safe drinking water and enable some women and children to devote more time to other activities. To ensure sustainable water management, we aim to combine the introduction of the borehole with the construction of reservoirs and infiltration ditches that must ensure that rainwater can be better absorbed in the future. In this way we hope to use the short-lived, heavy rainfall between November and March throughout the year, and prevent the groundwater level from dropping unnecessarily.

KAMBISA! BeHeard.



Living area



Classroom area



Bore hole

Fundraising for classroom & workshop

Since we have not reached our target amount of funding for the construction of the classroom, we are still fundraising for it. There are a number of ways in which you can help us:

1. make a donation at Kambisa! bank account number NL58INGB0001003314. (As Kambisa! is officially registered as a **ANBI-charity**, Dutch tax-payers are often entitled to certain tax-deductions)
2. transfer your airmiles to Kambisa!'s airmiles account number 459224549 (before they expire this November!) mention BlueBiz number NL13001 when you book a flight with KLM, AirFrance, Delta, Jet Airways, China Eastern or China Southern. This way, you help Kambisa! save for free tickets.

If you have already flown, do not worry: if you email us your official name and the ticket number, we can still ask for the BlueBiz-credits to be added. (Please note: mentioning a BlueBiz code does not affect your personal saving schemes, like FlyingBlue. They are different programmes which can be combined, but BlueBiz only works for registered businesses)

3. pass this newsletter on, and any other media you may receive from us, to people who might be interested, or organisations we could partner with.

Once we have the classroom and the workshop in place, we hope to start exchange projects between local craftsman, allowing different generations to learn from one another, and helping Dutch and Zambian students and professionals to learn from each other. In addition, in collaboration with these craftsman, we will be hosting classes on vocational skills and entrepreneurial skills, like computer training, tourism and crafts in the field of carpentry, tailoring, bricklaying & agroforestry. You can learn more about our plans & ambition in the summarized **project plan for 2018-2023**.

THANKS!

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we managed to source funding for our water borehole, and start fundraising for the classroom and workshop. As promised before, everybody who donates at least 25 Euro can get a free night at the campsite once we have it in place. To claim that, please send us the transfer details (date, amount, name and account number of the sender) and let us know when you would like to come. Your support as donors will greatly help us meet our goals and continue building the community centre. On behalf of the whole Kambisa! team, thanks so much for your support!!



Yves Nix
(left)

Researching Muchinga's tourism potential

Whilst we will be building the Chilonga Community Centre, Yves Nix, a student from the **Tourism College in Breda** (The Netherlands) will be joining us to conduct a study on the potential of sustainable heritage based tourism in Muchinga region. Over the last few months, we have collaborated on a set of research questions that will help Yves get his degree and will help Kambisa! get a better insight into the tourism potential of the Chilonga area, and the way Kambisa! could tap into that. Desh will be advising him in the initial stages of his field study. Early next year, we hope to get the first study results.

Starting July 2019, we hope to get more students who are able and willing to document the rich history and biodiversity of the Muchinga area, or who want to study topics that are relevant for its people. If you are interested in joining our research plan or if you have a relevant research assignment yourself, please get in touch!



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