

PROJECT PROPOSAL

To Fairhandeln

**SUPPORT TOWARDS THE FINANCIAL
AUTONOMY OF MAAMBA YOUTH PROJECT
OF
MAAMBA PARISH**

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1. Introduction

Development intervention in the Diocese of Monze are perceived as part of the Church's Pastoral work as a human being has various life dimension which should be fulfilled is people are to live life to the full. There since its creation in 1962 the Diocese of Monze embarked on integral evangelisation. Hence its involvement in general human development covering such areas as education (both formal and informal), health services, rural development, Justice and Peace among others.

In Maamba a youth skills training centre was established for the said purpose. However the challenge has been the sustenance of the project hence this project proposal.

2. Project Description

2.1. Origin

Maamba youth project is an initiative of the Parish leadership of Maamba Parish based on their experience of having been in the area since 1967. An obvert gap between those youths that made it through formal education and those that failed became increasingly big. The parish sought ways of addressing this and came up with a youth skills training centre that offered tailoring, secretarial skills with computer for girls and carpentry. The initiatives were intended to uplift the lives of the out of school and out of employment youths in the Maamba Parish catchment area.

2.2. Project Location and Current Activities

2.2.1. Location and economic activities

Maamba Parish (see annex 1) is 160 km South of Monze and therefore 360 km South of Lusaka which is the main Zambia's city. Maamba though being a coal mining area, the majority of its inhabitants are rural people who depend on small scale farming (growing sorghum, maize vegetables and keeping livestock mainly goats and cattle) while a few that are concentrated around Maamba urban centre are in various economic activities such being in formal employment such as those employed by the coal mine, working in various government institutions, working as and or for traders.

2.2.2. Development interventions by the Diocese

The Diocese interventions in the area has been targeting mainly those who are not with regular income especially the very rural poor. Monze Diocese Development department has been working with such communities I the area of water support, advocacy and has embarked on food security interventions. At Maamba youth projects the focus was to offer out of school youths skills that would earn them livelihood. These were carpentry, tailoring, and training in computers mainly for girls. The tailoring and computer training are managed by a Religious Congregation of the Sisters of Charity while carpentry was being manged by the Parish leadership.

The Carpentry training under the Parish proved unsuccessful as there was no one who took direct responsibility in its management after the Priest who initiated it was transferred to another Parish.

The Tailoring and the computer training suffered leadership after the withdrawal of a Sr. Mary Fallon from the centre by the congregation. The computer training came to a complete stand still while in training production continued but without a training component. The tailoring production has been the main source of income for sustaining both the tailoring and computer training. While the two interventions are still a need for the less privileged people of Maamba, the management gap that arose due to the absence of Sr. Mary has to be covered now that she's back and an operational structure intended for sustainability of the activities beyond an individual will have to be put in place.

To start with is by boosting the tailoring activities for financial input into the project hence this proposal.

2.3. Project main objective

To contribute towards the financial autonomy of Maamba youth project Maamba parish in Monze Diocese Zambia.

This proposal is intended to increase the financial autonomy of Maamba youth project through support of the tailoring unit which currently has a reputation of producing good quality uniforms. The centre has received many orders for uniforms but due to lack of leadership and finances the response has not been up to the challenge of the demand. This has been further worsened by increase in the prices of the needed materials for the production of the uniforms. Under the current country's economic crises where textile materials are imported and the local currency is being devaluated at an unbelievable rate (by 62% over the past 9 months) it has been a challenge for the centre to sustain its operations. This causes for a fairly big investment into the acquisition of the needed textiles so as to boost the tailoring and consequently start works in computer for girls.

2.4. Specific objectives

To have supported Maamba centre with Finances to purchase 300 meters of textiles and tailoring accessories by end of November 2015.

The centre now under the leadership of Sr. Mary is optimistic to be rejuvenated once it gets a boost if give such an injection with finances that will enable it have a starting point for production to meet the demands of uniforms. This financial support will also enable the centre re-commence training in tailoring for youths and women in Maamba.

2.5. Activities to be undertaken

The key activity is to purchase the materials once the money is received. Once the materials are on site works for the end of 2015 in preparation for the opening of schools in the year 2016 will commence.

2.6. Budgetary Requirements Maamba Tailoring centre

	Details		Units	Unit cost in ZMW	Total Units	Total Cost in ZMW	Total Euro equivalent	
1	Textile Materials	polyester	m	27.00	300.00	8,100.00	675.00	
		Plaid	m	26.00	300.00	7,800.00	650.00	
2	Accessories	Sewing threads	unit	65.00	10.00	650.00	54.17	
		Zippers	unit	65.00	20.00	1,300.00	108.33	
		Buttons	unit	50.00	10.00	500.00	41.67	
3	Administration	Transport to Purchase materials	Km	420.00	3.00	1,260.00	105.00	
		Communication	unit	1.00	100.00	100.00	8.33	
		Bank Charges					1,965.96	163.83
		For DDO					2,163.00	180.25
Total project costs Being Requested of Fairhandeln.						23,838.96	1,986.58	

Note: Amount being requested for from Fairhandeln is approximately Euro 2,000

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT

The project is currently managed by the projects' coordinator a Sr. Mary Fallon of the Religious Sisters of Charity working hand in hand with the Diocesan development department as a measure for sustainability. She has put in place a team of women that she will work with for both training and production. However the Diocesan Development department is in discussion with its development commission to come up with measures of sustainability for the continuity of the centre.

4. Reporting

The Diocesan Development department takes the responsibility to monitor the activities of the project and shall submit a report to its cooperating partners at the conclusion of the same.

Annex

Reference maps

