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## Dear Members and Friends of JPG and YHFG,

once again the last three months have been quite exciting. With the support of the Sunuga project and the Youth Center a lot has happened at the same time. We are happy to report all this in our second JPG newsletter.

## Youth Center

After finding an appropriate home for our Youth Center (Skill Center - SC) the rooms have been renovated and furnished so they fit our purposes. Mid February Abigail Adumolga joined the team of YHFG. As social worker, she is available for counselling in educational matters but also personal conflict situations. Furthermore, she will assist the Harvestclubs in the daily running of the SC as well as the organisation and conduct of student projects.

With the help of volunteers from YHFG, WISE and Meet Africa, the details of the SC concept have been developed. Besides the Harvest magazine, theater and art groups (e.g. painting or garbage handcrafts) are planned. In addition to access to computers and the internet, a library will be opened.



At the end of March, Abigail moved into her new office in the SC and is now working from here. Also the Harvestclubs have adopted the SC as the home for their meetings. The official launch of the SC will take place in a few weeks, after the completion of all the preparations.

Our next aim is the provision of remedial classes for the weakest students to help them prepare for their final exams. These classes will be coordinated by the clubpatrons (teachers who have the trust of the Harvestclubs) and will be conducted by former students during their vacations.

## Sunuga- Peanut Project

Good news after a long wait: The test results of the 2008 peanut harvest from the laboratory in Accra have been confirmed by a laboratory in Germany. Now, no formal reason prevents us from selling the peanuts to Germany.

Concerning the *microcreditfunds*\*, that we are putting in place for small EPEFA farmers groups, we have worked out details of the conditions for taking a loan and for paying it back. Now, we are beginning a detailed financial training programme the farmers. After a thorough evaluation, the first farmers group, 7 *pito*\*\* brewers, have taken 1350 GHC (800€) for 6 months as a first loan.



Mid March, members of the Italian NGO Il Fuoco del Futuro visited the Sunuga project. With their recently approved support (s. JPG newsletter No. 1) we will finalize the construction and initiate the bio-certification of peanut cultivation at EPEFA during the coming year. The grant also covers the salary of our project coordinator.

### **New Websites**

YHFG (<http://yhfg.org>) and JPG (<http://jugendghana.de>) have a fresh look online. The new sites offer a broader perspective on our projects, activities and plans for the future. We will be happy to receive your comments, bouquets and brickbats via our email address: [webmaster@jugendghana.de](mailto:webmaster@jugendghana.de) an. We are currently working on an English and Italian version of the jpg site.

### **14./15. February, JPG Workshop in Leicester**

During a weekend workshop in Leicester, UK, we critically reviewed the past year and discussed plans for the near future. Anke van Amelsfoort, who has worked as a volunteer with Meet Africa in Bolga between July and December 2008, gave us a detailed overview of the daily activities and challenges on the ground.



Major outcomes of our meeting are:

- With members in Italy and England, JPG is increasingly becoming a European NGO. In response to this, we would like to register JPG in other countries so we can work and look for support more widely. In addition, we would like to extend the contact and collaboration with (past and present) Meet Africa volunteers from Holland.
- YHFG urgently needs a car, preferably a pickup, as John's car currently costs more to repair and service than it is worth.
- We will try to collect donations in kind to equip the SC and its copy shop. In this way, we hope to keep the costs for setting it up as low as possible (see below).
- To secure the ground work of YHFG in future, we need to campaign actively for donations and support. We are grateful for every suggestion and idea (via email to [info@jugendghana.de](mailto:info@jugendghana.de)) Furthermore, we are happy to welcome each new member and regular supporter of our work.

### **JPG in Ghana - Donations in kind for computer-room and copy shop**

Gero Frisch is going to spend four weeks in Bolgatanga in May/June. He will take part in the coordination and planning of the project. Furthermore, he is going to advise and train YHFG members and the newsletter committee in various aspects of computing.

To set up the computer-room and copy shop we urgently need laptops, printers and a copy machine. Donations in kind are highly appreciated. Income generated in the copy shop will help to cover the running costs of the SC and thus contribute to its long-term sustainability.

We wish you a nice, sunny springtime.

Julia Leimkugel, Gero Frisch und Denis Petri; JPG Board

*\*The microcreditfund will help the farmers to generate some income in addition to peanut farming and place the EPEFA cooperative on a broader foundation. Currently, for the start-up phase, it comprises 4'000€*

*\*\*Pito is a local millet beer that is drunk particularly during the dry season.*