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**Dear Members and Friends of JPG and YHFG,**

before the end of the year, we would like to give you an update of our projects in Ghana.

### **Sunuga-peanutproject – Dry Season Farming**

As already reported in our last newsletter, in the beginning of 2010 we conducted a pilot project on peanut farming during the dry season. This was facilitated by donations from staff members of Novartis Vaccine in Siena as well as the sustainable cosmetic summit.

Between February and June eight EPEFA farmers cultivated 100 kg peanuts on field close to the river. The fields have been irrigated twice a week with water from the Volta river. Even though, the project was successful, we could not yield the expected amount of peanuts due to some discussions e.g. during the selection of the land, which delayed the sowing by several weeks. Thus, during harvest the rain had already started and some of the peanuts had already propagated. Yet in spite all the differences, we have learned a lot during this pilot and we can plan and prepare the coming season much better.

### **Kick-off Junior High School**

At the end of 2009 we have been promised by the Italian organisation *Il Fuoco del Futuro* (FdF) 25 000 € financial support for the construction of a junior high school in Zongoiri. Since the entire project comprises a budget of ca. 70 000 € we are looking for additional partners since then. In May some donors in the Netherlands promised another 15 000 €. At this point we decided to take the chance and launch the project before the funding of FdF expires, even though 30 000 € are still missing to cover the entire budget.



*Building of the blocs, Laying of the foundation for the JHS, First students of the new JHS (left to right).*

Meanwhile, the bricks for the school building have been moulded and the foundation has been laid. Through the support of the project by the Ghana Education Services, the first year of the JHS is already ongoing and 51 students are studying in the old rooms of the primary school.

### **YHFG Office**

After one year of study leave in Amsterdam John Krugu has successfully graduated as Master of Public Health. He is back in Ghana since the end of September. His deputy David Ayine during this period has been supported by Anke van Amelsfoort, a former Meet Africa volunteer. Together with the YHFG team, they have successfully continued the projects and met every day challenges in good spirit.



*David Ayine, Anke v. Amelsfoort*



### Peer Education Project.

While all youth activities and sexual education of YHFG so far is limited to city of Bolgatanga, in the rural areas ignorance about sexuality and sexual transmittable diseases is still very common. Building up on the work with the harvest clubs, in future, we would like to carry the information from the sexual health education seminars to the youth in the villages by harvestclub members as peers to fight teenage pregnancies and unsafe abortions also in the villages.



*Training of peers: group work, reducing contact fear, learning to trust each other, group picture (left to right).*

Between May and September Anke van Amelsfoort has conducted a pilot project *Peer Counselling* where 15 harvestclub members were asked to offer counselling of peers in their communities during the summer holidays. In combination with the master thesis of John Krugu, a summary and critical evaluation of previous peer education projects, the outcome of this pilot will help us to develop the proposal for a larger project of this kind.

### A car for YHFG!

After a long search we have finally found the appropriate car for the YHFG. A Mitsubishi L200 pick-up truck constructed in 1999 with 150 000 km has been given to us by his previous owner in a very good shape and at a very good price. Currently the car is on its way to Ghana by sea-freight.



### JPG 2010

On 2 October 2010 the annual members assembly of JPG took place in Mülheim an der Ruhr. We are very happy about our first dutch JPG members and are looking forward to interesting activities in the new working groups. The next aims are the launching of a common facebook homepage for YHFG and JPG. Furthermore, we would like to revise and extend the JPG website. For the year ending, we plan to print a calendar with pictures from the projects to sell to friends of YHFG.

Also the turn of the year 2010/11 has a lot of challenges for us. The funding of the youth project is about to end, the funding of the sunuga project has already finished. Currently, we are preparing several project proposals and hope for new funding in the near future. However, we will begin 2011 with empty pockets and are thus still very much reliant on donations and new JPG members.

Thus, we close this newsletter with sincere thanks for all the generous donations and support. 2010 has been a very exciting year. To enable the coming year become as exciting and successful, we would like to ask you sincerely for the continuation of your support.

Kind regards,

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