



SOCIAL PROJECTS

SOCIAL PROJECTS AIMING AT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & (SOCIAL) INFRASTRUCTURES OVERVIEW & LIST

OF

THE INTERRELATED PROJECTS OF ACTION PROGRAMME 4

aiming at community development and the creation & improvement of social infrastructures for more Well-being and Productivity

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This document is one of them

1 SUMMARY OF ALL PROGRAMS

By necessity, this summarizing, descriptive overview of **interrelated projects** often refers to Projects which are listed in the other four Action Programmes. Together, they form a comprehensive cluster of interventions which will realize Tomoka's Main Objective: organising, supporting and facilitating the extremely poor, multi-ethnic population of the Target Area in such a way that sustainable rural social-economic developments will result in more well-being and prosperity for all.

All development activities are being conceived, planned and implemented in the form of Projects within **five interdependent Action Programmes**. Each project and each program has links to the others. They mutually impact on each other.

Agriculture (Program 1) lies at the basis of our development method – a method which aims at the production of staple crops and other food stuffs in conjunction with *Jatropha Curcas* which delivers oil for bio-energy for cooking, light, and diesel engines in trucks, industries and generators for rural electrification. All *Jatropha* harvests and a large share of the food crops will be processed in local, small scale **Agro-industries** (Program 3) which create important economic surplus values and higher levels of entrepreneurial activities within the Target Area itself. All this will only be possible if we are able to stop the ongoing degradation and deforestation of our Canton's natural environment. That is why Tomoka has conceived some **Environment Protection and Rehabilitation** Projects (Program 2). And the remaining two programmes are even more important for a sustainable development because they deal with the people themselves: the **Social Projects** of Program 4 aim at community development and the creation & improvement of social infrastructures like health care, education, safe drinking water, sanitation and things like finance, telecommunication and rural roads. And last but not least: Program 5 aims at the creation and reinforcement of the **Local Organisations** which will unite the members of the Target Group in order to realize the concrete development projects within the four previous programmes. A strong non-profit organisation like Tomoka will translate itself in a fair and profitable representation and cooperation between the local Chieftaincy, the multi-ethnic Farmers, Women Groups, and GuKam (Tomoka's initiator and important economic motor within this development project).

The above **hybrid form of the well-known *Jatropha* System** is explained into more detail in the section <Our Project> of our website.

2 OVERVIEW OF ACTION PROGRAM 4: SOCIAL PROJECTS AIMING AT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & (SOCIAL) INFRASTRUCTURES

Tomoka's isolated Target Area does not possess any essential infrastructures worth the name. There are no health care facilities, there is no provision for safe drinking water, and nobody possesses even a simple latrine. The extremely poor population took the initiative to create a primitive one-room delivery clinic in Kpéképéta in an attempt to reduce the high maternal and child mortality incidence. The subsistence farmers of the area moreover, have created and maintained five open-air schools for primary education. However, the educational level of the teachers is low and teaching aids hardly exist. The pupils are frequently absent because of diseases like diarrhoea, worms and malaria, or they have to work on their parents' farm in order to keep the family alive. Malnutrition, moreover, reduces the educational and economic progress within the whole Target Area.

Several Projects in the other Action Programmes contribute significantly to the improvement of the health of the population. Examples are provided in the Agricultural Programme. Its Gardening Projects (508) will introduce better and more varied food stuffs for own consumption and for sales (Project 706). Children and women in particular, will benefit from this new source of revenue, and from the nutritional knowledge and practices which will accompany it. Project 708 in the Agro-industrial Programme, moreover, encourages women to use the locally produced *Jatropha* Oil for light and cooking. This will liberate those women from the burdens of collecting wood for their households, and they are not exposed anymore to the heavy smoke which actually threatens their lungs.

The Projects in this 4th Programme focus on health, education & training and the fostering of a sense of community within our multi-ethnic Target Group. These factors impact *directly* on the people's sense of well-being and *indirectly but significantly* on the productivity of the population. That is why the projects in this Social Program are of great importance for the improvement of the local economy. The *direct* effects of a healthy population on economic output (in our case mostly crops, future agro-industry, petty trade, and small entrepreneurial initiatives) are considerable. And the same effects will present themselves on education, training and organisation levels of the population. The economic success of Tomoka's two *production oriented* Intervention Programs (agriculture and local agro-industry) is largely determined by the health of the population. And vice versa: a successful agricultural program, for example, will improve the income and nutritional status of the people. And here the provision of water is crucial again: without

enough water throughout the year, gardening and nurseries are hardly possible. This evident fact explains why one sided diets and the scarcity of vegetables and fruits depict the nutritional status of our Zone.

Project 803 intends to provide everybody with a minimal amount of **safe drinking water**: 3 litres/day per individual, within a distance of 15 minutes walking from their homes. The importance of safe drinking water is evident and does not have to be explained here. The water provided by this project will also enable women groups to participate in gardening projects.

If the provision of clean water is accompanied by **sanitation improvements** (Project 804), the accumulative positive effects on health, economy and community life will become even more visible. That is why Tomoka hopes to introduce the construction of latrines and hand washing campaigns.

Preventive health care (Project 807) will contribute to better health, less human suffering and a reduction of the high mortality rates of women and children in particular. The program will start with child vaccinations, anti malaria campaigns, improvements of the primitive delivery facility and upgrading of the skills of its highly motivated owner/caretaker who also should obtain more medical supplies. This Delivery Facility will also play an important role in the dissemination of knowledge about the importance of safe drinking water, the use of latrines and hand washing.

Improvements of primary education (Project 808) have commenced with an initiative taken by GuKam (the founders of Tomoka). They have introduced the try-out introduction of teaching books and other curriculum material, and have organized a minimal salary guarantee for the three teachers of one open air school (in Avégamé). Several sub-projects have been conceived. They aim at the realization of a Canton wide Teacher Upgrading Program, improved buildings and equipment, normalisation of the salaries for teachers, higher participation of girls, the creation of school gardens, and school meals for all kids. Project 809, moreover, will provide Adult Teaching and Training Programs which are related to the economic activities in the Agriculture and Agro-industry programs which GuKam and Tomoka have been preparing since the beginning of 2010. Project 810 – cooperation (Jumelage) with a school in The Netherlands – is a pilot project. It intends to develop the best ways of organizing intensive cooperation and support structures between European Schools and the Primary Schools in our Target Area. Our first Partner Organization – the foundation *Stichting Tomoka Support* (in Winschoten, The Netherlands) – is taking the lead with this effort.

And last but not least: the development of a **sense of community** will be promoted and realized in many ways by organizing the people (in Program 5) and by enabling our multi-ethnic population to meet each other and to work together, despite their differences in language and culture. Project 806 specifically introduces **leisure activities**. It starts with the creation of sport facilities in attempt to promote constructive social activities and reduce the existing abuse of alcohol. The impact of providing footballs, for example, has resulted already in inter-village competitions. A more systematic approach will promote many forms of cooperation between individuals and groups, and enable Tomoka to disseminate information on health care, agriculture, new income generating initiatives, training opportunities, etcetera.

Learning, training, health care and social life will benefit greatly when the people have cheap, affordable light during the evenings. Tomoka's Jatropha Oil will lengthen the day considerably. But we also intend to lobby for a project (811) which will provide **solar light** to each household, to the schools where adult education will take place during the evenings, to the delivery clinic, to the Field Office and Training space of GuKam's Pilot Plantation, to the future Tomoka Office and to the Chief's Meeting Hall.

Access to banking and credit will help the economic progress of the local population considerably. Credit facilities, saving and budgeting are of great importance when the members of our Target Group are supported in their efforts to realize their amazing high degree of entrepreneurial sense and ideas. That is why Project 812 will make use of the fact that our Target Area is being covered increasingly by a mobile phone network. Low-cost rural mobile-phone-banking and similar systems have proved to be successful in many comparable situations elsewhere in Africa and Asia. Tomoka intends to interest national banks into this innovation.

List of ALL Projects in our five Action Programmes: see the section *DOWNLOADS* of our website www.tomoka-togo.com

PROGRAMME 4: SOCIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURES for more well-being and productivity

**A summarizing, descriptive overview of the interrelated projects in this Programme is available
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PROJECT			PHASE		
<i>Action Programme 4: Social (Community Development & Social Infrastructures)</i>					
NUMBER	TITLE	MAJOR OBJECTIVE / DETAILS	CONCEPTION	PLANNING and/or TRY OUT	IMPLEMEN- TATION
801	DOCUMENTATION	<i>Collection & Description of Program Related:</i> Professional Literature, Organisations, Expertise, Donors, Banks, Equipment	X	X	X
802	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE initiation, mobilisation & coordination	<i>The objective is to hire a multilingual social assistant on a full-time basis</i> She will initiate projects, identify and mobilize target groups, liaise them to national services, and manage the implementation of projects. The legal position of immigrants and their integration into our Ewe-dominated Canton will be her special concern	X	X	
803	SAFE DRINKING WATER 3 litres/per person/per day within 15 minutes walking distance	<i>The provision of a minimal amount of safe drinking water within walking distance and water for gardening by women groups are major objectives</i> An extensive Project Proposal, Cost Estimates and an Executive Summary have been published in the Downloads Section of our website. Requests for funding have been sent to donor organisations. A pilot mini-project (well-construction and improved water detection methods) has been carried out, and consumption patterns at the first well are being studied.	X	X	(x) Prototype is ready
804	CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES	<i>The construction of latrines should be realized in connection to hand washing campaigns and the provision of clean water.</i> Nobody possesses a latrine or similar facility. The management structure developed for sustainable water provision will be extended in such a way that the latrines will be maintained and become financially independent from aid . A small unit is being tried out on GuKam's Pilot Plantation in Avégamé	X	(x)	
805	ORGANISING 'SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS'	<i>The objective is to organise farmers, women and youngsters around topics of mutual concern (special interests)</i> Examples: Farmers have to become organised, because collective sales of crops will result in better prices; collective purchase of tools and other implements will lower prices, etc. Women groups will focus on gardening, nutrition, baby care, budgeting. Youngsters will be interested in sports and further education.	X	(x)	

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806	SPORT FACILITIES	<i>The objective is increased multi-ethnic participation in leisure activities in general, and in soccer (football) in particular.</i> Clubs will be established, sport is becoming a part of the school curriculum, inter-village competitions are being organized. Some sport fields will be created with a facility to use them for the dissemination of information about Tomoka Projects, training programs and other activities. Demonstrations of cooking on Jatropha oil and other innovations will accompany football matches. A modest start has been made with soccer competitions fro which Tomoka's first Partner Organization (the foundation <i>Stichting Tomoka Support</i> in The Netherlands) has provided some equipment.	X	X	(xx)
807	PREVENTIVE (BASIC) HEALTH CARE	<i>The Project's immediate objective intends to fight malaria of vulnerable groups like children and pregnant women. A simple unit for weekly consultations by a trained health worker is the next target.</i> Child vaccinations, malaria prevention, improvements of the improvised Delivery Facility (now one room without water, sanitation or any other facilities), hygiene campaigns and supply of basic medicines are foreseen	X	Contacts did not bring funds yet	(x) see also 803-1
808	IMPROVEMENTS PRIMARY EDUCATION	<i>The objective is to reach the minimum national standards within 5 years.</i> This project includes the provision of school buildings, furniture, teaching aids, books, upgrading courses for teachers, a library and the financing of salaries and upkeep costs via the foreseen Community Fund. Special attention will be given to the development of curriculum materials which are helpful for a rural, agricultural population like ours.	X	X	X
809	ADULT EDUCATION / TRAINING	<i>The general objective is to provide training courses in the context of the Agricultural and Agro-industrial Projects which will be introduced, and provide all Special Interest Groups (Project 805) with courses tailored to their special needs.</i> Most agricultural and agro-industrial training sessions will take place on GuKam's Pilot Plantation. The more theoretical training like adult literacy courses will be provided in the improved school 'buildings' during evenings if solar light or Jatropha oil lamps become available	X	X	See also Project 503-1
810	JUMELAGE PROJECTS Cooperation between European & Togolese schools on the one side and those of our Target Area on the other	<i>The objective is to extend the mental horizon and networks of our rural schools, and to mutually benefit from permanent partnerships.</i> Training by European volunteers, educational and financial support are important elements. However, Tomoka stresses its view that the relationships have to become beneficial for the European partner-schools as well. Field work for training (stages), exchanges and direct contacts will improve their sense of world citizenship and solidarity. A modest start is the support given by teacher initiatives of the ISK School of the Dollard College in Winschoten (Netherlands) to our Primary School in Avégamé. Cooperation with Togolese private schools is the next step	X	X	(x)

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811	SOLAR LIGHT for more productive time	<i>The objective: one solar lamp unit for each household, all schools, the delivery facility, sport field, Pilot Plantation's Training Facility, Tomoka Office and the Chief's Meeting Hall within 3 years.</i> Solar lights will bridge the period that the project does not produce enough Jatropha Oil for light and (future) rural electrification. Solar lights are considered to be of great importance for leisure, education and other community activities because they enable the people to stay active and productive during evening hours.	X	(x)	
812	ACCESS TO (MOBILE) BANKING	The idea is to provide Farmers and Women access to Banking facilities via mobile phones. Increased revenues and credit facilities require such a service. See also Project 709	X		
813	IMPROVEMENTS RURAL ROADS	<i>The objective: make key areas more accessible for light trucks & maintain the principal dirt roads (a.o. toKati)</i> A.o. in the form of <Food for Work> projects	X	X	(X)

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