



YEP Misungwi activities

We are supporting youth in Misungwi since 2016.

During the first 3 years our focus was on individual entrepreneurs and different kind of businesses. (see also the success stories from our entrepreneurs in Misungwi)

Since 2019 we started focusing on the agriculture sector and related businesses to the agriculture sector.

- We started a grain milling station which is operated by youth (trained by YEP) and supplies casual work for people in the environment.
- We supported two young entrepreneurs to start with agrovet business
- And based on the focus of the Tanzanian government, we started with a greenhouse project.

Since 2021 the main focus is on our

YEP Agriculture project Misungwi, Tanzania
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The goal of the project

To create a living and working community for youth, which can be used as an example but mainly as an area where youth (groups) are active as young entrepreneurs, developing their own agriculture businesses, earning their own money and therefore being able to:

- develop their own lives
- stay in the more rural areas of Tanzania

become role models for other youth in their community

We want to achieve these goals by:

1. Stimulating the youth to “innovate” farming, compared to the traditional family way of farming.
2. Training and empowering the youth in being able to run these farming and life stock activities in a commercial way within 2 years. This in order to become financial self supporting.
3. Supplying them with tools and infra structure which they can use to develop their business activities for free at the start; once their business is profitable they will pay rent for using the facilities.

If during the first 1-2 years the groups or individuals are not showing development we can replace them with other youth who are willing to take this opportunity in a serious way.

Therefore, we have weekly visits for coaching and monitoring the different groups at their location. We assist them in record keeping and developing financial insights in their activities, and we introduce them to new ways of working and new products or services by connecting them to our network.

The program which is developed based on best-practices and lessons learned is still adaptive to changes, based on experiences and new insights. The program contains two major parts:

- Training, developing and coaching youth, to start their own business,
- Developing an infra structure to support those activities, which can be used for free at the start and must be rented as soon as possible.

The objectives are divided in 3-year projects

- trained 60 and started 45 young entrepreneurs (groups and individuals), who provide daily or temporary jobs to at least another 90 people in the agriculture sector. The training is divided in
 - Empowerment/ behavior change/open your mind classes
 - Technical skills
 - Entrepreneurial skills
 - And (once they have started), we focus on business- and personal coaching, innovation and improving their business by advanced technical training.
- 2.000 m2 of greenhouse (5 x 400) available
- 5.000 m2 of outdoor farming which has a dripping system
- 5.000 m2 for rice farming, to provide food for the teams and to support their families
- a goat house and a cow house for 150-200 goats and 5-10 cows
- expanded the needed area, with 30.000 m2 meter if needed to grow food for those animals
- goats and cows who are producing at least 2 x the volume of milk of the local cows and goats, by implementing cross breeding.
- a “farmhouse” accommodation, for 30 people
- solar pumps, which pumps water from the nearby lake Victoria. Connected to 4-5 water tanks which distribute the water by gravity to the different parts of the agricultural area.



Lake side



Road side





The above pictures show (i) one of the two greenhouses, outdoor tomatoes are growing, (ii and iv) construction of the farm house which will provide sleeping facilities for 12 people, and (iii) the tomato harvest from November 2021, and (v) the two greenhouses.