

In preparation for the 2020 budget - 2019

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Hi Guyo, I hope this email is good for you.

I am evaluating your correspondence and seeking solutions to the situation in which we find ourselves.

These observations of mine are still to be discussed together.

I remember that the project was created to support the most vulnerable people, who are certainly the minority but also the elderly who are lonely and not self-sufficient. Those that the community, forgetting its own culture and traditions, tends to abandon.

1 - The number of beneficiaries must not be reduced; management costs must be reduced and / or revenue increased.

2 - I agree to maintain the number of children at 300 and that of families at 110. We could reduce these numbers only on the day that there will be no more families and minors with the current characteristics that can be admitted to the Sololo Project.

3 - The verification that I have requested, which is to assess whether there are still the requirements for some families (see mandate lists) in order to still remain in the project, it should not be done to reduce the number but to replace families with more needy ones .

4 - The management costs are already reduced to a minimum and so is the number of employees. Reducing them further would compromise the project by putting it in a condition of its gradual final depletion

5 - Revenue must be increased. On this point there are so many reflections to be made about the possible opportunities lost in the past. Re-evaluate what is now possible to recover and / or increase: workshop, beekeeping, greenhouse production (what has been done for the restoration of the land and the rotation of cultures? The trade and training relations at P. Kizito?). Requests for a continuous commitment by the local government must be carried out as rights to be satisfied and not as simple requests for occasional alms. CIPAD is a ngo and as such must be seen by the government. This depends very much only on you Guyo. It is necessary to do as they did and do all the other ngo in Kenya. At what point is the request to the government to open a recovery center for street children at the obliged village? At what point is the connection of the water in the village to that of the government? At what point is the idea of opening the village to the activities of other ngo

that are coming to Sololo? At what point is the new access road to the village Obbitu from the Village of Ramolle? ...

6 - The savings regarding the passage, forced by the new government regulations, of the students who have to leave the private school, seem to me really derisory compared to the total to reach of the quota that we lack to cover the annual budget

7 - It is good to experience the prolonged stay of one and a half months of minors with families for the Christmas and New Year holidays. However, it is necessary to consider the additional costs for possible support for the host family. Those that will be subsequently requested by the minor to support the obvious realities that they will experiment with; as already happened after the previous similar experiences.

8 - During that long period of absence of minors from the village, it is necessary that our staff, to whom work is reduced due to the absence of minors, take advantage of it to go on vacation.

9 - Paul will continue his activity but Abdi will need support to be able to guarantee, in addition to his normal work, at the same time also the control of the various situations of reception in families; control that must be done to everyone in a short time. I believe that this support is part of Abdu's duties, given that they are minors from the village that follows him. I also remember that Dako is the "eye of the donor" for all that concerns the activities of the project; therefore he too could contribute in the visits and evaluations that normally should already be part of his surveillance activity. However the coordination of everything falls on you Guyo and, always subordinate to you, the coordination of the activities on the territory falls on Abdi who is responsible for it. Under your guidelines, the work must coordinate him on the territory. If you put two cooks in the kitchen, even if both are good, something burns.

10 - I am evaluating and then we will discuss it together: the work on the Pam 2 plastics; water collection works from greenhouses; the work to be done at the old houses to be completed with the floors, the ones to finish, the new ones and those for repairs. Mauro and Andrea will be there to evaluate the entire electrical system. We will then see what it will do to restore or remove pending connections with the government current, given the too superficial and expensive management.

In conclusion, concerning the 2020 budget there are two possible solutions:

- or drastically reduce the costs to remain in the availability given by the two thirds of the current necessary that we still manage to collect. We know, however, that this leads the project to its gradual disintegration;

- or we carry out the budget as if all the necessary money were available, bearing in mind that, as soon as the two thirds that we can realistically collect, we will have to suddenly close all activities overnight. Most likely this will happen in September 2020 if the help of the Waldensian Table does not arrive by not approving the project we are writing now.

You choose, and try to write your 2020 budget proposal.

Thank you for your attention and best regards

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