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Another newsletter from Pamoja Nguvu/Together Strong, for everyone who cares about our project. We have received a number of new registrations for the newsletter, welcome!

In this newsletter we tell you about the current situation in Tanzania and of course we would like to introduce you to some ladies from our project. Thanks to the fantastic donations Pamoja Nguvu/Together Strong has received again, we have been able to help these women.



Current economic situation in Tanzania

Fortunately, it has remained calm with regard to Covid, it has not been at the same scale as we know it.

However, in economic terms, Tanzania suffers from this: there has been significant inflation since the beginning of this year, which is especially noticeable in the prices of living. For example, the price of cooking oil, which is sold by many of our women, has increased tremendously. This of course has a major impact on sales. The price for public transport has also risen sharply. The president has already announced that the war in Ukraine will have major consequences for Tanzania. This is a big problem for the women in our project who have to turn every dime and who actually have no reserves. A risk that our team is very aware of is that the women will take out more loans. However, other lenders charge high interest rates and the number of so called "loansharks" has increased dramatically. Our team is working hard to assist and coach the women to help them solve their problems.

But there's more

Another problem is that since the beginning of this year the government has banned trading along the main road. From a safety point of view an understandable arrangement, but for the people who had their trade often dramatic. Pamoja Nguvu women who successfully ran a restaurant there have lost all their investments and have to visit the people again with small snacks. For women who sold fruit and vegetables, there is the problem that they were given another place by the government for their trade. This is often far away from their clients or from their home. All this has led to a lot of agitation among the women, especially in combination with the high costs they are facing now. Our team is busy guiding the women in this and possibly looking for another kind of business. A number of women have moved for this reason. It's unknown where to, so our team is busy tracking them down. Fortunately for most women it works, but many are having a really hard time. Repaying the loan is difficult for them for this reason, so we have extended the payment term for them. For the mothers, food and school for the children come first and of course we fully understand.



The story of Braina Kaaya

Braina is married and has three children. She sold fruit and she also braided women's hair. She did that at her house. Her dream was to start her own hair salon there. However, Braina lives in a remote village, so our team advised her to braid women's hair on market days at the market. This way it is easier to build a customer base. In the meantime she started her hair salon and she bought a hair dryer with the loan from Pamoja Nguvu. She has plans to expand her hair salon with another hair dryer and she wants to buy hair extensions. In the picture you can see Braina while she is working in the market.



The Story of Jehovah Tarimo

Jehovah is a single mother of two children. She is trained as a druggist and earned money by making and selling soap. She wanted to run a drugstore. Since she received the loan from Pamoja Nguvu, she and another woman rent a shop where she mainly sells vitamin pills, painkillers and cough syrup. Her dream is to be able to buy more stock, so that they can increase their turnover. She wants to earn enough to send her children to school.

When there are questions about health within the group of women of Pamoja Nguvu, Jehovah is asked to give advice.



At last

The annual report and financial report of 2021 can be read on the website for anyone interested in this.

We would like to thank everyone for their interest in Pamoja Nguvu/Together Strong and, above all, we would like to thank our sponsors very much for their contribution: it wouldn't be possible without you!

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