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Newsletter winter 2022

In this newsletter more reports about the women of Pamoja Nguvu/Strong Together. It has been a difficult year for them: high inflation has increased the cost of basic necessities. This also means much less trade for a number of women. Furthermore, in addition to the stagnant supply of grain and maize from the Ukraine, there was a serious drought in Tanzania, which resulted in a poor harvest. This is of course a problem for the people themselves: less food for them. But also for the women who keep cattle: the feed for the animals has become extremely expensive and a number of women have had to sell the cattle. However, thanks to the loan from Pamoja Nguvu/Strong Together, most women have been able to continue. Our team has also assisted a number of them in their search for another source of income. Fortunately, there are also enough women who have been able to expand their business with the loan. All this is possible thanks to the generous donations of our sponsors, for which we thank you very much!



Evaluation of 2021 and the first half of 2022

In this period, more than 380 women received a loan from Pamoja Nguvu/Strong Together and another

160 a second loan. Since the start in 2019, we have now supported more than 500 women. In addition to the loan, the women have also been able to take out health insurance that covers the costs for the entire family (up to 6 people). During the training that all women have had, attention is also paid to women's health and domestic violence in addition to accounting and entrepreneurship. Domestic violence is a taboo subject and the women like it that it can be discussed in this safe environment. They also learn that they can get support from each other, from our team and from the Village officer. This year we have a success rate of 83%, somewhat lower due to the difficult economic conditions. This means that their business has grown, that they have their accounts in order and that they pay back on time, that they save money and that they have been able to improve the lives of their entire family. The percentage of repayments has also decreased a little bit. The year is not over yet, but it still seems to be above 90%. The complete evaluation report of Fahtma is on the site and can be read [here](#)

Visit from the board

At the beginning of November, our board members Jacqueline and Fred went to Tanzania to visit Pamoja Nguvu/Strong Together. They have consulted with our manager Fahtma about the budget and current affairs and together with the entire team they went to visit women from the project. Jacqueline and Fred discussed, among other things, new initiatives that have been started, such as the sale on the Tanzanian Hands market. This is a market where mainly non-local people, such as expats, come. They buy more types of vegetables than are offered on the local market, for higher prices. One of our women had a stall there as a test and the sale was very successful. Our team will look into whether selling in this market is interesting for more women. Another new project is setting up a "product chain", in which several women from Pamoja Nguvu work together. This goes from growing vegetables, to wholesale, transport, sale on the market to restaurant. A pilot has recently started. We are also working on expanding the project. For this we work with women who live more outside the urban area. In January, Matti and Monique will go to Tanzania for six weeks to experience the project for a longer period of time. The new initiatives will then receive all the attention.



The women, cooperating in the productchain, get a training on irrigation of their farmland



Meet Imakulata

On the right side of the picture you see Imakulata, she is a tailor. Ima already had students who learn the trade with her and pay a fee for it. With the loan from Pamoja Nguvu she has invested in more fabrics and a third sewing machine. Now she can take on even more students. The lady on the left is a satisfied customer

At last

We would like to thank everyone for the interest in Pamoja Nguvu/Strong Together and especially we would like to thank our sponsors very much for their contribution: you make it possible for us to help these women realize a better life!

On behalf of the entire board, our team in Tanzania and of course all the women of Pamoja Nguvu/Together Strong, we wish everyone happy holidays and a very happy 2023



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