



PAMO O.N.L.U.S.

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Editorial



We feel that this first News Letter should start with a word of excuse to all our friends who are following our activity of help towards Zambia's needy. Our apologies are due since it is a year now that we have totally neglected to give any type of information whatsoever regards to what we are doing and relative to what is happening in the Lukamantano Village at in Luanshya.

A yearly publication of the PAMO magazine was indeed insufficient to provide up to date information. Things got even worse in 2008 when, cutting back to keep expenses to a minimum, the magazine wasn't even printed let alone the News Sheets which should have replaced it.

Even the delayed updating of the web site also contributed towards this lack of information.

"Dusting our heads with ashes" we are starting the News Letter up again. It will be three-monthly and will contain detailed news about one or two projects as well as short flashes about what is going on and to keep you in the picture about new, possible projects.

We have thought to distribute the News Letter mainly by e-mail, creating a link with the www.PAMO.org site into which it will be incorporated.

The making known of what we are doing is of vital importance for the survival of already existing projects and at the same time gives the possibility of expanding our co-operation aimed in creating development "so that the poor are not forced to abandon their land in order to survive".



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Flash Report Balance Sheet 2008

Pending the certified and approved Balance Sheets, a summary of management for 2008 is as follows:

Incoming

Free donations from private persons and organizations	€ 309.124,00
State offered funds via 5 per mille	€ 25.968,00
Incoming monies from exhibitions - net of expenses	€ 22.546,00
Active interest	€ 7.523,00
Total Incoming	€ 365.161,00

Outgoing

Shipping of containers and purchase of goods for shipment	€ 12.258,00
Expenses in Italy: costs incurred for travel, printed matter, consultancy, banking and management	€ 14.898,00
Lukamantano School: Management	€ 60.954,00
Investments	€ 32.767,00
Total Lukamantano School	€ 93.721,00
Luanshya Family Home: Management	€ 22.175,00
Investments	€ 4.030,00
Total Luanshya Family Home	€ 26.205,00
Day Hospital	€ 56.597,00
Mobile Clinic, Home Assistance, Malaria Project	
Remote Child Aid	€ 33.146,00
*General Services in Zambia: Management	€ 45.632,00
Investments	€ 10.858,00
Total General Services in Zambia	€ 56.489,00
Total Outgoing	293.314,00

**Residue Management

€ 71.847,00

*The item General Services includes all general costs borne in Zambia for the management of the project as a whole (lighting and motive power, water, telephones, insurance, maintenance of buildings and vehicles, transport, custom duties, banking and administrative expenses. etc.).

**Residue Management has been further enriched in December by miscellaneous returns which are normally received in January.

Lukamantano School



The results of the exams sat in November and December, at the end of the academic year 2009, are most encouraging.

- exams of 7th and 8th level 32 students passed out of 33
- exams of the 9th level to pass on into high school: only 10 failures out of 49 and 39 passes. Our students were those who obtained the best results out of the whole Scholastic area.

The new scholastic year, which in Zambia starts in January and finished in December, has began with:

- Kindergarten: 20 children
- From First to ninth level: 384 students (an increasing number due to the failed students of level 9 re-registering to repeat the year).
- For a total of: 404 presence to which a further 34 must be added being students who have been awarded merit grants or special benefits so that they can attend levels 10^o to 12^o.

The educative staff is formed of 11 teachers. Unfortunately, at the moment, only 9 members are present and the shortcoming is compensated by those who are present doing extra work .

Despite the promises, repeated right up to the day when the school was opened, the Ministry of Education has not provided any funding.

The Lukamantano School is greatly appreciated due to the validity of its teachers and has been chosen as the

location for the District school exams. The students and their families don't only appreciate the school because of its valid educative methods but also due to the fact that a meal is provided every day and, for most of the students, this is the only meal that they get each day. The school complex can be considered complete now that the new block, destined to sanitary services, has been terminated. Plans for a refectory are being considered but, as yet, nothing has been approved.

Flash News from Zambia

School. We are discussing, with the Zambian Ministry of Education, the necessity of opening a public high school on land belonging to us alongside our existing school. The school would cover levels 10th, 11th and 12th and the expenses would be sustained by the State. We would be responsible for its management.

Day Hospital. The Ministry of Health has made our day hospital responsible for the distribution of anti-retro viral pharmaceutical products to people ill with sero-positive HIV or AIDS.

It is an acknowledgement of the validity of our medical structure which will bring economical help to, thus, expand our commitment.

Luanshya Family Home. The orphaned children being looked after in our Family home in Luanshya are now 17. The eldest- Violet - is 13 and the two youngest are Florence and Mapalo who are four. All the children go to school including the two little ones who attend kindergarten.

Home assistance. Our service, which operates in an area inhabited by 10.000 people, is particularly valuable in a country where public transport is practically non-existent - is going through a diffi-

cult period. The cause is lack of food in these months prior to the new harvest. The situation is particularly tough for those people taking anti-retro viral pharmaceuticals who necessitate more food than usual in order to physically combat the illness. We are, as far as possible, doing everything we can to resolve this problem.

The Carpentry. After a start up period when nearly all the production was absorbed by internal needs (desks for the new classrooms, doors, windows, cupboards and tables) 2009 should bring in a bigger number of external orders.

John Mwansa, responsible for the carpentry, is contacting other schools or organizations in the hope of getting valid orders. The first three new apprentices have started to work in the carpentry.

Remote Child Aid. The procedure has been set up and is starting to work with 40 orphans followed, at a distance, by our organization. Every month the person who is looking after the boy or girl is given a food pannier containing:- 25 kilos of maize, 2.5 litres of oil, 4 kilos of sugar, 4 kilos of beans and 4 kilos of dried fish. As can be noted, the pannier has been generously balanced so that other children in the host family can also be fed.

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Events

During 2008 many promotional event were undertaken. Some were organized directly by PAMO; others with the help of people from outside and a last group where our association was invited to events where we could, within the manifestation, request donations.

As examples: the harpsichord and strings concert at the Clerici Palace in Milan, the piano concert performed by Louis Lortie and Hélène Mercier at the Milan Dal Verme Theatre, the Treasure Hunt in Varese, The Elmec Informatica's company event in Varese, The "Volo" evening in Milan, the non-competitive walk of the

'Due Cime' in Brinzio, The Gala Concert of the Giuseppe Verdi Band in Capolago, our presence in the local market stalls, the meetings with the L'Albero Association of Varese as well as the Christmas Bingo and the meetings with the Gavirate, Caravate and Europea School students of Varese.

We hope to increase these initiatives which bring direct economical benefits but which, more than anything, are an excellent way of presenting our various enterprises and involving new friends who, in turn, suggest new ideas and bring in further financing.

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