

Final report – Vavroušek scholarship

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YEAR OF STUDY: I.

TOPIC OF THE INTERNSHIP: The research on the Project in the Support of Farming

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: 9 000 CZK

COUNTRY OF IMPLEMENTATION: Tanzania

PERIOD: September – October

OUTLINE:

- **Brief description of the internship:**

For my internship I chose to work for the non-profit organization Maendeleo which operates in the South-western Tanzania in the villages of Mahango, Malawatu, Utengule and Iduya. The research was focused on the main project of the host organization: *The Project in the Support of Farming*. The aim of my internship was to find out if the project is working well and if it helps farmers to improve their living standards. For answers to my questions I used two types of questionnaires: harvest questionnaire and questionnaire about their property which is needed for compiling the asset index.

- **Description of the activities:**

My internship in Tanzania comprised of two main activities. The first one was doing questionnaires with all our farmers. The first questionnaire was about harvest which my colleague Kateřina and I did at the first meeting with the farmers at the primary school in Mahango. We were asking about two main things: how many acres they cultivated and how many bags of rice they harvested. The questionnaire was asked for two years 2015 (for controlling the responds from the last year) and 2016. This kind of questionnaire is always done every year by Maendeleo. It helps to improve the effectiveness of the project. The second one was about the property of the farmers. We were asking about things such as: If they have a tin roof or a slum roof,

an electronic connection with power or not, a concrete floor in at least one room or ...etc. For collecting the data, we had to visit all our farmers, more than 72 farmers, at their homes. The questionnaire was done for two years 2015 and 2016. It will help us to see if there is some improvement in their lives or not and finally if the project works well. The data will be used for calculating the asset index which will show us possible progress in the farmers' living standards. These visits were not just a causal work for us. By every visit we were much closer and closer to our farmers and we could see their daily lives.

The second main activity during my stay in Tanzania was coordinating two new projects. To be specific, I mean Grant Competition and Microloans for Entrepreneurs which had already been introduced by previous volunteers. My colleague and I were trying to help farmers with formulating the proposals and improving their chances to win the competition. In total there were 6 groups involved – 48 farmers. The competition was held the last day before my departure from Tanzania and it had two successful winners.

Beside these main activities I was also trying to establish new groups of farmers, making profiles about them for our sponsors in the Czech Republic and informing them about rules in the project.

- **Benefit of the internship for student and partner organization:**

For Maendeleo I have been volunteering for almost two years and I consider it an amazing opportunity as well as an excellent life's experience. It gave me a lot of practical experience and unforgettable memories. The main experience was to see how the project works in reality and to gain a know-how which I can use in my future job, internship or another life situation. I could see what works and what on the other hand does not work in the project as it should be and finally I could also meet our farmers in person. In addition to that I also tried to work under not suitable conditions which helped me to enjoy all the little things around me.

For my partner organization I gained a lot of usable data which will be used for evaluating the effectiveness of the project. I and my colleague filmed a short video with the farmers which will be useful for gaining new sponsors.

- **Presentation of the outcomes of the internship:**

For a presentation of my outcomes I am preparing two lectures about my internship in Tanzania. One presentation will be a part of fundraising action called Gamenight, held by Maendeleo on 22.11.2016. The second one will be a part of a festival called Hory a mesto (The Mountains and the City) in Bratislava in Slovakia on 22-26.3.2017.

FINAL BUDGET:

	My own expenditures	Contribution from Vavroušek scholarship
Vaccination (hepatitis A, typhus, yellow fever, rabies, cholera) + medicine	5 500	-
Transportation costs	2 500	9 000
Local expenditures (food, accommodation, transport...)	8000	-
Visa	1350	-
Total	17 350	9 000
Total sum	26 350	