2024

January

- call possible partners
- work on documentary with Jack Daniels and Marc Willems

3 Jan: Team back at work.
5 Jan: Fields are being cleaned. Everything very lush.
6 Jan: Purchase projector screen and chair.
9 Jan: Happy soap customer in office.
10 Jan: School kit preparation. Add new kits and filling the kits.
13 Jan: Winding up water tank project construction in Qurus schools – first phase 3 schools (Food Forest Project).
17 Jan: Visiting Qurus Ward. Checking on constructed water containers and surroundings (Food Forest Project).

Karen in Tanzania: 16 Jan – 31 Jan
Together with volunteer Anna Geernaert.
Very wet, need for boots, 4X4 car, very slippery and dangerous roads.

- 18 Jan: First training (with school kit) in Qurus schools and tree planting with the students: Qurus primary school and Menday primary school.
- 19 Jan: New banners: Food Forest & Farmers coaching.
- 19 Jan: Official handing over of Food Forest Project / Rain water collection. We give a tree training, as well as tree planting, we offer tea and snacks, and we cut the rope for the water tank. Loveness and Anna do a soap training for one class using the school kit. Officials are all together at Qurus secondary school.
- 26 Jan: Going with district people (including John Mahu) to see 2 of the 3 Qurus schools we started to work with.
- 27 Jan: WDC meeting in Endamarariek, hosted by John Mahu. Among other topics, evlauating the results and discussing the challenges of 7 years Moringa in their ward.
- 27 Jan: Meeting with the leaders of the women's groups (Mahaha couldn't join).
- 27 Jan: First Women Tea Party or women circle talking about life and beauty (and Love of Nature products) – in Karatu: 17 women attend.
- 31 Jan: Birthday of John Mahu, breakfast celebration.

- meeting new team member Loveness
- visit of demo fields, harvesting mangoes and rosemary
- Anna plants a Moringa tree in name of Romy
- office work, meeting with team
- working on connectivity issues (router, phone, electricity)
- English lesson is ongoing for Elisa, Edina and Zakaria (all related to the project) in Endamarariek
- making overview activities in Endamarariek Ward: schools and womens groups (impact measurement)
- finishing marketing materials, ordering prints
- working on SOP's in processing place, together with the 3 women involved in processing
- making Moringa oil
- weather station for Qurus Secondary school and for ARC
- visit of the 3 next possible schools. Gendaa, Geykrum Lambo, and Magesho
- talking with Qurus secondary school about school exchange with Belgium
- meeting with new District Executive Director

- meeting Adili David, Elibariki, Hajiba (Endamarariek Village Secretary), dr Heriel, people from Terrwatu (Angela, Boniface), mama Happy, dr Magohe, Joyce James, Frank Mollel, Axel Janssens – talking about possibilities for business and working together
- extra film work for the documentary: Loveness, Clement, Bernadetta, Anna, John, field, me

February

- working on grant proposals
- work on documentary with Jack Daniels and Marc Willems
- new customers coming to buy Moringa products in Number One location
- school teachers sharing their work at the schools
- identifying other schools in need for water tank (Food Forest Project)

8 Feb: Upload marketing document and pictures.
8-9 Feb: Moringa games: update and new ones (Odd One Out).
13 Feb: Women circle, overview document.
15+19 Feb: Official letter head for all partners, letter for rain water harvest.
21 Feb: Moringa informational poster “Essential nutrients”.
23 Feb: School training – schools of Qurus – part 1 – at Qurus secondary.
23 Feb: Installation of weather station at Qurus.
23 Feb: School kit started in Qurus at two schools, Simba Milima & Qurus Secondary.
23 Feb: Printed stickers “Sponsored by”, now ready to be places on water tanks.
25 Feb: Teachers data sheet (names, contacts, pictures, goals).
28 Feb: Endamarariek Village Officers Training + follow up with women’s groups.
29 Feb: Distillation testing (B).
29 Feb: First meeting school exchange with school teacher in Belgium (B) – North/South school exchange.

March

- working on grant proposals
- work on documentary with Jack Daniels and Marc Willems
- school teachers sharing their work at the schools in the Endamarariek and Qurus Wards
- school kit moving around

1 March: Auditing work for Tunza Africa.
5 March: Meeting team VLIR proposal in Moshi.
7 March: Visit new schools in Qurus – checking who needs a water tank - Food Forest Project.
8 March: Women day, post on social media.
8 March: Teachers training schools Endamarariek.
8 March: Tea for Thomas More teachers and students in Karatu & the teachers visiting the project.
15 March: School training – schools of Qurus – part 2 – at Welwel.
18 March: Call Melodi Simay Acar – possible collaboration.
19 March: Started work on Weebly for website design.
21 March: Testing for School Exchange program, network and setup. Ordering second router for school exchange – North/South school exchange.
21 March: Optimizing the weather station set-up at Qurus Secondary school.
25 March: Mascot sent by Anna from Belgium arrives in Tanzania.
25 March: First school, Gongali Asilini, completes first base for water tank project - Food Forest Project.
25 March: Training Marahaba team about soap & essential oil.
25 March: Call about Carbon Credits – possible collaboration Canadian partner.
26 March: Seedlings distributed to more schools.

April

- work on documentary with Jack Daniels and Marc Willems
- working on grant proposals
- school kit moving around
- very wet month, plants are suffering, too much water, floods
- questionnaires send to Endamararіek schools

2 + 18 April: 2 short videos of introduction to school in Tanzania and Belgium – North/South school exchange.
5 April: Schematic presentation school goals Endamararіek & Qurus wards.
8 April: Anna Geernaert in office: school exchange preparation (B) – North/South school exchange.
11-13 April: Visiting Peer Baierlein (JSFoundation director) in Germany.
12 April: Winning stories of students during Moringa Festival, translated into English.
12 April: Follow up Carbon Credit possibilties in Tanzania.
14-15 April: Annual Tunza Africa audit ready and reports submitted to the government.
18 April: Testing video conference – North/South school exchange.
18 April: Call Dr. Annelies Verdoolaege (Coordinator Africa Platform, Ghent University Association) – possible collaboration.
19+28 April: Design more recipes and test them: hibiscus tea and lemonade.
24 April: Meeting Marc Willems: story writer (B).
30 April: Preparation NS exchange with Anna Geernaert (call) – North/South school exchange.
30 April: Visit Freddy Temmerman & Rita Loterman regarding medical second hand materials (B).
30 April: G. Lambo primary environmental teacher (Mr Method) passed away.

May

- work on documentary with Jack Daniels and Marc Willems
- school kit moving around, getting pictures from school teachers
- working on grant proposals
- start preparation Moringa Festival 2024
- start preparation next Women Circle in June 2024
- weeding in the demo fields, very wet time
- collecting weather data at 2 stations
- working on product labels and recipes

2+3 May: 2 days North/South school Exchange Tanzania/Belgium.
6 May: Workshop to learn to make paper (B).
7 May: Work on school goals documents.
13 May: Africa-Europe Foundation concept note submitted in TZ.
16 May: Grant assigned for ‘Klimaat-adaptatie via voedselbossen bij scholen in Qurus ward, Tanzania’ – Province Vlaams-Brabant.
19 May: meeting Kangonet (Karatu ngos) and organizing visit for World Leadership School Program.
22 May: Meeting with Musa Hussein – Qurus Ward Educational Officer – to prepare coming work (Food Forest Project).
30 May: Second water tank base constructed in Gongali Asilini (Food Forest Project).
26 May: Book launch Clement Kingo.
28 May: Funds received by community of Kortenberg.
29 May: Meeting with Eliza to discuss her new school.
30 May: New non profit flyer complete.
30 May: Funds received by province Vlaams-Brabant.

June

- work on documentary with Jack Daniels and Marc Willems
- month June = school holiday in Tanzania
- working on grant proposals
- preparation Moringa Festival 2024
- working on product labels, soap box, recipes, 2 pager documents for various crops
- translate SOPs into Swahili

3 June: Meeting Maeve O'Brien and Brenda O'Brien, brainstorming about possible cooperation (B).
5 June: Grant writer US video call meeting.
6 June: Call Paras Loomba, possible cooperation.
7 June: Two bases completed in Kinnihhe primary school (Food Forest Project).
11 June: Students visit through World Leadership school.
12 June: Women circle in NY – aromatherapy (NY).
11 June: First meeting with Karatu sports stakeholders on Moringa Cup/Festival (Called by chairmen council, John Mahu).
13 June: Funds received by Community of Oud-Heverlee.
14 June: 2 water tank bases completed in Magesho primary school (Food Forest Project).
14 June: Meeting at Faircom (NY) discussing fundraising.
16 June: Women circle, tea party.
17 June: Two Water tanks delivered, gutters and taps installed in Gongali Asilini (Food Forest Project).
20 June: Call Susan Saphora via Score network about fund raising and grant writing in US.
20 June: Call Anna Geernaert, volunteer.
21 June: Two bases construction completed in Gendaa (Food Forest Project).
24 - 27 June: Eliza doing school exams & school interviews.
27 June: Lunch meeting Cindy Heremans (Thomas More) (B).
28 June: Two water tanks and taps installed at Kinnihhe primary (Food Forest Project).
28 June: Second Meeting with Karatu sports stakeholders on Moringa Cup/Festival, called by John Mahu.

July

- schools back open, getting school kits ready to go
- school kit moving around, getting pictures from school teachers
- fields very dry
- working on designing the food forests for schools in Qurus Ward
- working on product labels, soap box, recipes, crops 2 pagers
- start to work with Weebly for website design

1 July: Call Anna Davenport on social media.
3 July: Gutters installed at Kinnihhe primary school (Food Forest Project).
3 July: Call Melodi Simay Acar for possible cooperation.
4 July: Funds received from 11.11.11.
5 July: Two water tanks and taps installed in Gendaa primary school (Food Forest Project).
12 July: Gutters installed at Gendaa primary school (Food Forest Project).
12 July: School kit to Endalah Primary School and Mahhaha Primary School.
18 July: School kit to Khusmay Secondary School.
21 July: Eliza starts school at Tumaini Primary School (Karatu).
27 July: Visit Eliza – first visit after she started at her new school.
31 July: Water tanks, taps and gutters installed at Magesho primary school (Food Forest Project).
31 July: NGO's meeting called by John Mahu for Karatu Moringa festival.

August

- grant writing
- school kit moving around
- designing marketing material for Moringa Festival
- working on product labels, soap box, recipes, other crops 2 pagers

4 Aug: Rajabu (one of our drivers) passed away.
8 Aug: Nanenane, agricultural fair in Arusha: team attends.
9 Aug: Work on pricing - new pricing document for agents.
14 Aug: School kit to Dr Slaa Secondary School.
14 Aug: New car to be used by the project arrives.
16 Aug: Work on food forest designs, starts with Qurus agriculture officer & educational officer.
19 Aug: Call Makeba Llyod – possible cooperation.
20 Aug: Endamarariek Women's Group training – Chaya.
22 Aug: Moringa cup in the Endamarariek Ward starts.
26 Aug: Chaya document for training is finalized.
31 Aug: Finals Moringa Cup Endamarariek Ward.

September

- grant writing
- very dry now on the fields
- Moringa Festival/ Cup ongoing, preparation Karatu Moringa Festival ongoing
- design car magnets with publicity of projects and partners
- develop half day 'Moringa with women'-experience for tourists
- time goes fast: Loveness works 1 year with us
- starts to get really dry, but Moringa trees are hanging in, showing lots of flowers

4&5 Sep: Video call with Qurus ward agricultural officer Lucida to discuss food forest design & list of plants to be planted.
5 Sep: Official opening Karatu Moringa Cup for all wards in Karatu (4 subdivisions).
    - 1-5 Sep: Karatu Moringa cup - Mbulumbulu Subdivision
    - 1-10 Sep: Karatu Moringa Cup - Eyasi Subdivision
    - 5-14 Sep: Karatu Moringa Cup - Endabash Subdivision
    - 5-15 Sep: Karatu Moringa Cup - Karatu Subdivision
    - 19-22 Sep: Karatu Moringa Cup - Quarter Final District level
    - 28-29 Sep: Karatu Moringa Cup - Semi final Subvision
16 Sep: Meetings to prepare for Karatu Moringa Festival – final day.
18 Sep: New mascot ready to travel to TZ (B).
19 Sep: Design marketing sticker for Food Forest Project.
26 Sep: Selection/ identification of areas in schools for Food Forest Project.
27 Sep: First general layout for food forest, to be adjusted to school envirionment.
27 Sep: Moringa oil making in progress.
27 Sep: Drainage complete in Kinnihhe (Food Forest Project).
28 Sep: Anniversary Johan Christiaens – donations to JSFoundation (B).
30 Sep: Drainage complete in Magesho (Food Forest Project).
30 Sep: Banners made for Love of Nature, Project, and Moringa Festival.
30 Sep: Teaching documents ready: Chaya two pager & Hibiscus two pager.

October

- ongoing design soap boxes
- designing new ID cards team

1 Oct: Drainage complete in Gendaa (Food Forest Project).
2 Oct: Drainage complete in Gongali Asilini (Food Forest Project).

Karen in Tanzania: 2 October – 12 October
Very dry and dusty.
Elizabeth (former volunteer and now studying in TZ) and Douwe are visiting us a couple of days.
New tag line for our projects: PANDA MITI, JENGA AFYA

- 4 Oct: Official handing over water tanks (part 1) of Food Forest Project at Magesho. Presentation and teaching about tree planting. Students, parents, teachers of other Qurus schools, village council, ward officers, and later also district people are attending.
- 5 Oct: Karatu Moringa Festival (final day of Karatu Moringa Cup and first time in Karatu):
    - Jogging
    - Aerobics
    - Running
    - Running with a bag
    - Netball (women)
    - Soccer semi-final (men)
    - Weightlifting
    - Soccer final (men): Karatu wins from Oldeani
- 6 Oct: Meeting Eliza in her new school and visiting her mom in the village (3 Oct). Eliza is a young girl of Endamarariek, and is now studying in Karatu.
- 8 Oct: Visiting schools that already got water tanks within the Food Forest Project: Magesho prim, Kinnihe prim, Gendaa prim, Gongali prim, Edit Gvora sec, Qurus sec
- 8 Oct: Visit Qurus secondary school: checking on progress made, their climate station and meeting some of the students (boy, girl Mary) who took part in school exchange.
- 9 Oct: Women training at Mahhahaa about Chaya.
- 9 Oct: Official diner (at the hill of Mahu Farm Lodge) for important people of Karatu to introduce the Food Forest Project and the products we made within our project.
- 10 Oct: Products making at ARC:
    - New body cream (perfume) and facial cream using rose perfume and shea butter
    - Filling Moringa pills
    - Packing products to be taken to Belgium
- 10 Oct: Solar dryer training at Bassodawish secondary school, teacher Manusay Prim and Gidbaso Prim are there too. Frank Mollel, Clement Kingo and Karen Christiaens are giving the training.
- 10 Oct: Visit Frank Mollel (MCA Technologies) to Karatu.
- 10 Oct: Short meeting Bassodawish women's group to talk about the 'tourist experience'.
- 11 Oct: Training Qurus teachers about Food Forest, together with Musa and Lucida (ward officers) at Kinnnihe primary school.
- 11 Oct: Team event, visiting Datoga and Bushmen at Eyasi.

- team meeting, meeting Joyce James, dr Magohe, mama Happy
- teaching team about natural pesticides, problems with the leaves, healthy living, artificial intelligence
- check demo fields, meeting Bernadetta & Zakaria who are taking care of the fields
- preparation Karatu Moringa Festival
- sticker with publicity for new car

21 Oct: Loveness two weeks break starts.
24 Oct: Call Cindy Heremans (Tomas More), following up grant proposal.
29 Oct: Purchase seedlings in Tengeru (Arusha) & transport them to Karatu.

30 Oct: Distribute seedlings and vegetable seeds to five schools – fase 1: Qurus Sec, Qurus Prim (not complete yet), Gongali Asilini Prim, Edith Gvora Prim, Magesho Prim.
30 Oct: Distribute watering cans and water pipes to four schools: Qurus Sec, Gongali Asilini Prim, Edith Gvora Prim, Magesho Prim.

November

- calculating new pricing 2025
- working on milestones 2024
- uploading graphical documents
- checking on possible cooperations: Makeba Llyod, Evanhealy

4 Nov: Ward agricultural officer Lucida working with schools to establish food forest.
5 Nov: Planting of trees ongoing in first five schools of the Qurus Ward.
11 Nov: Scheduled Basodawish women's group training postponed.
15-18 Nov: Meetings aromatherapist in NY (USA).
19 Nov: Meeting Paper Fig Foundation, active in Uganda in NY (USA).
22 Nov: Distribute seedlings and vegetable seeds (Rosemary, Lemongrass, Chaya) to five schools – phase 2: Qurus Sec, Qurus Prim, Gongali Asilini Prim, Edith Gvora Prim, Magesho Prim.
22 Nov: Installation one water tank to Edith Gvora Sec School.
22 Nov: Call Jolanda Sieders – new website.
25 Nov: Videocall possible cooperation UMOJA & Share Tanzania.
27 Nov: Elections chairmen of the villages in TZ.
27 Nov: Board meeting Peer Baierlein, Christophe Huygens, Karen Christiaens (B).
28 Nov: Meeting Cindy Heremans to discuss upcoming grant calls (B).
29 Nov: First tree ever planted in Massabeda is still growing well.

December

- working on finances 2024 and planning 2025
- making graphic documents to share on Christmas and New Year
- meetings possible cooperations: Evenhealy, at the Nine, Thomas More

7 Dec: Visit 2 schools in Qurus (Welwel and Banjika).
9 Dec: Start of 1 week break for Clement Kingo.
16 Dec: Creating a Thank You note for donors.
19 Dec: Making of inventory of 2024.
20 Dec: Newsletter out: It was a great year - Dec 2024.
20 Dec: Field visits Bassodawish and Endamarariek, fields looking good.
21 Dec – 3 Jan: Office closed for holidays.
27 Dec: Visit of Vincent Van Baelen (Thomas More and Misingi vzw): office, Gendaa school, Bassodawish demo field.
27 Dec: Bernadetta (care taker of Bassodawish field) showing our mango produce.
30 Dec: Posting and sending 'End of the Year 2024' video.