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1 Project Afya

Due to the corona pandemic and Tanzanian political difficulties, neighboring dispensaries and health centers don't function properly, giving Endallah Dispensary a more prominent role in the rural area and providing care for a larger population geographically, including mobile clinics. Endallah Dispensary is the only health post with a lab and an extensive pharmacy. The latest accounting analysis (March 2021) shows that, since July 2019, the profit of the pharmacy (phase 1 of the project) has been a financial artery for the health post.

The government decided to mutate nurse Felista, which increased the workload for dr. Solomon, dr. Komba, Eliaichi, Yotham and Martha. dr. Simpa, the previous doctor and medical students, including Abin, regularly come to help. Zachayo also assists Marietta, the cleaning lady. Among other things, Zachayo regularly weeds the grass around the post, which limits the danger of snakebites.

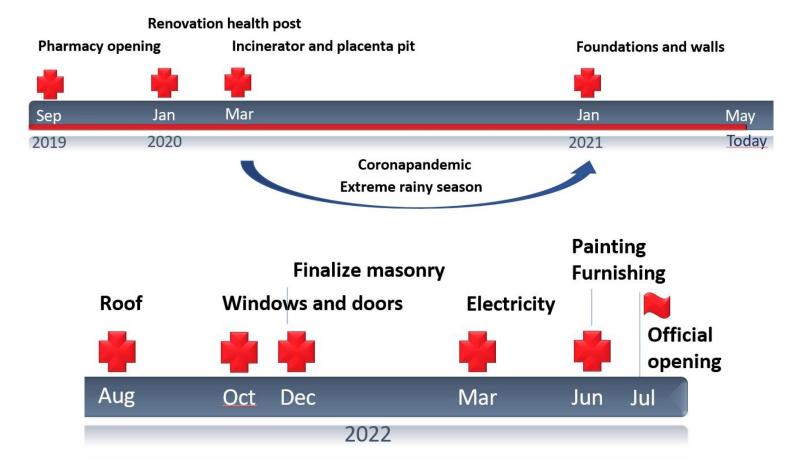
The most common diseases are infections of the respiratory tract, urinary tract, stomach, intestines and wounds, STDs, intestinal worms, burns and allergic reactions. Covid19 cannot be tested and there is little statistical research available. It is therefore speculative about its presence and the number of differential diagnoses with non-Covid19 respiratory infections are higher than in Western countries. Face masks and alcohol gel are used if available.

In March a group of French people visited the project. Through crowdfunding, Delphine Laisne supported the project financially and with medical and baby equipment. Merci beaucoup. In the past school year, the primary schools Sint-Maarten Hombeek (parents' council), Sint-Lambertus Mossegem (sponsored hike) and de Parel Mechelen (sponsored hike) again supported the project, for which many thanks. Because of Corona we made a pedagogical video about the project that was used in the classes. Also many thanks to the general practitioners 'de Torekens' and pharmacy 'Waverdorp' from Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver for the medication and medical material. Finally, thank you to all the regular and new sponsors who also helped us financially. The donations remain tax deductible.

The corona pandemic, the current political climate, an extreme rainy season and unstable supplies of raw materials are causing a delay of 6 months. The official opening is currently scheduled for early July 2022.



The final phase, the purchase of all medical and care equipment, is planned for May and June 2022. This phase is fully funded by <u>Afas Foundation</u>, for which many thanks

















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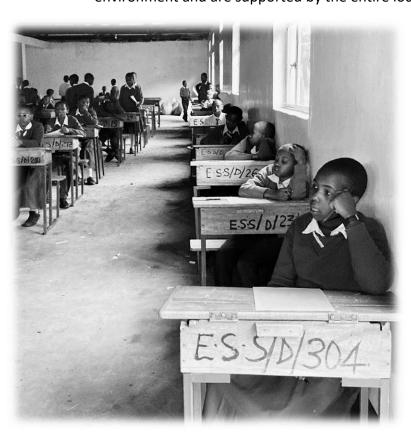
2 Endallah Secondary School & the Maji-project

How are the past projects going? In Endallah Secondary School, 600 students are currently attending school. In the past national final-year exams, 120 out of 150 students passed. Since it opened in 2010, another dormitory and some teachers' houses have been added. Between 2012 and 2016, Misingi vzw supported Endallah Secondary with a study fund. Last year, Ursuline Mechelen sponsored beds, so that the girls no longer have to sleep with 3 in one bed.

February 2019 Misingi completed the 3-year project 'Maji'. Through 18 distribution points, the 7,000 residents of Endallah and Shangit received cleaner water permanently, easily and accessible. Children get more time for play and study, adults for work and entrepreneurship. New possibilities in the field of irrigation also provide a little more social security. Due to an extreme rainy season and wear and tear, the Masabeda Solar Pump controller and some pipelines were broken. With a low-threshold cost price per liter for the inhabitants, Endawasu (water company) had sufficient capital to repair the damage.

Endallah village has been connected to the electricity network since the end of 2020. Only a few houses (those who can afford it) are connected. Endawasu, Endallah village and Shangit are looking at the financial feasibility of replacing the current generator with a transformer. The cost is 18,000,000 TZS or €6,500.

The favorable path of these two large completed projects shows that Misingi is acting in accordance with the established mission & vision. The projects are sustainable, in harmony with the environment and are supported by the entire local community.













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