

PLANS FOR 2010

- We want to make the MU self sufficient to establish and strengthen our base. Practically it implies that the production and selling of the crops in our 2 plots should generate income to provide the MU workers and their family with their very basic needs of life. In the future we hope to create a cooperative of farmers that integrates more and more farmers of the area, we are working on it. We even got a name for it: "Biogo Nai Nere" which in local language means "Tomorrow will be better".
- We want to start to work on community development projects (regarding health, hygiene, education, organic farming, women emancipation, etc) by working with volunteers from abroad.
- We want to develop the activities of the clinic, the cereal bank and the school of the MU.

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MAFI-ZONGO AREA WATER PROJECT :

The Mafi-Zongo Water project is now in its fifth year of operation. We very nearly tripled the production of water in 2009 compared to 2008. As the communities get used to fetching water from the standpipe, as the delivery of water becomes more regular and reliable, and as the water quality is improving, the demand keeps increasing too. We are now pumping nine hours every day.

The new filter, constructed with the help of Engineers Without Borders and Rotary was completed in May 2009, but it was only in October that we were able to finish the gigantic task of washing, sieving and installing the filter media. The children of Zongo Primary and Secondary School and Seva Primary School came often and worked with great joy and zeal.



The quality of the water has improved and in January for a while the turbidity was down to 0.26, the best since the project started. We still need to rehabilitate the sand filters, and we are looking for sponsors for this.

Lohkope, one new small community was added to the network, and we hope to add another, Korpedeke, this summer. We are still looking for sponsors to add Manguasi, Kpekpoe and Nkorkor. Then the project will be completed.

The Ghana Government pledged to bring electricity to the area five years ago. Now finally, the poles, cables and transformers are all in place. In the Water Treatment Plant, the switches and connections have been ready since June last year. When the electricity is connected we will be able pump more hours per day, and reduce our operating expenses as electrical power is less expensive than diesel.

The pumps and diesel generator has served us well for five years. Now the generator has been overhauled and we are looking to replace one of the pumps.