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1 Project Afya

Every day, except on Sundays, the workmen are busy from morning to evening. They are currently finishing the roof and plastering. Water and electricity will follow afterwards.

Currently there is a delegation of Misingi in Endallah (voluntarily of course and without using sponsor money). Vincent mainly works in the lab. The lab technician Martha has been absent for several months due to illness. He also works with the team of the dispensary on, among other things, stock management, accounting and improving the lab.

Mieke helps where she can and can mainly be found in Endallah Secondary School (see below).

Nele, a voluntary doctor, joins Mieke and Vincent. She supports the RCH clinic (Reproductive and Child Health). For example, during her vacation weeks, nurse Eliaichi can leave the village for a long time for the first time in years and visit her family in Moshi.

Partly because of our support, but mainly because of Dr. Komba, Eliaichi, Marietta, Martha, Yotham and Zachayo, Endallah Health Post can care for villagers of Endallah and neighboring villages. For surrounding dispensaries it is difficult survive. In Endallah, improvement is noticeable in various topics: hygiene, sterility, cleanliness, efficiency, continuity of care, transfer options, etc. During village meetings, patients express their satisfaction. The number of care recipients is therefore increasing.

The (financial) government support remains very limited. For example, without a replacement, Dr. Solomon and Felista moved to other health posts. In the coming weeks, several job interviews are planned with doctors, nurses and administrative staff. Endallah Health Post tries to pay for this itself with its own income. This does not increase the price for the patients. Unlike a neighboring privatized health center, Endallah also wants to be able to provide care for the poorest of the poor. After all, this is a prerequisite for any Misingi project.

Meanwhile, together with the medical management of Karatu Lutheran Hospital, the purchase of all medical and care equipment and the place of the maternity within the local health system are carefully prepared. This purchase is fully financed by [Afas Foundation](#), for which many thanks. During a village meeting with (future) mothers, their concerns and concerns were heard.







In the picture – Eliachi: grateful, driven, enthusiastic, cheerful, reliable...

Eliachi, a driven and cheerful woman, has been working diligently at the Endallah dispensary for 11 years. She is a nurse and in charge of the 'clinic'; the follow-up of pregnant women, deliveries, newborns and children. She supplements these tasks with the general work in the dispensary: giving and supplementing medication, making injections, etc. She also closely follows the administration (which is a whole bookkeeping in Tanzania). Once a month she organize outreaching to provide the necessary care for the babies and children from the remote areas around Endallah.

In total, she studied for 6 years: 4 years at Newala Nursing School and another 2 years at KCMC (Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College) in Moshi to complete her diploma. She would like to continue her education to learn more and to gain knowledge about medicine, specializing in 'educating nurses'.

Eliachi is highly motivated because she has the feeling that she can help many people in the right way: there is now enough medication for the children and pregnant women, there are good (but too few) staff and she has a good relationship with her patients.

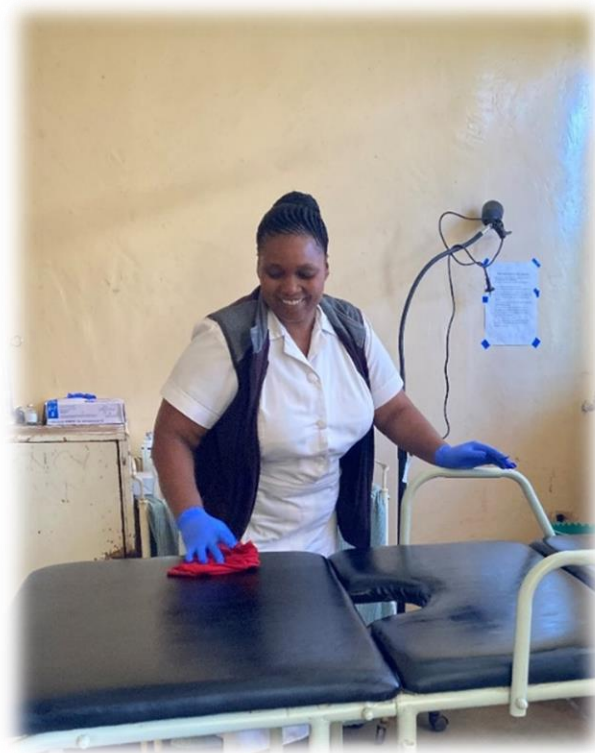
Since there are far too few staff working in the dispensary and no rotation system is possible, she also comes to work during her vacation. In her spare time, she is actively involved in the Church and spends a lot of time with her children and family.

Her enthusiasm is contagious. Together with our non-profit organization, she thinks constructively about improving the dispensary and the new maternity ward. She is very grateful for the help that the dispensary receives from Misingi ngo

Her dream for the future? Expanding and raising the maternity ward to a higher level and with more staff so that 'cesarean sections' can also be performed

We like to dream together with her.





2 Endallah Secondary School laptop-beamer class

Endallah Secondary is doing well. As many as 118 of the 122 students passed the latest national exams.

We received 25 laptops and a beamer from the [Sint-Romboutscollege](#) in Mechelen, for which many thanks. We are now replacing the old 'computer boxes' that have been working here since [the school was built](#) with fast laptops. It improves the ICT skills of the students and it promotes teaching (the next step is internet). A laptop-beamer classroom will be created so that teachers can support their lessons via powerpoints and other digital teaching methods. In the coming weeks, Mieke will ensure that the start of this project is on the right track.

We notice that unwanted teenage pregnancies are a major problem in both the health post and secondary school. Incidentally, this is problematic throughout Tanzania. The government is taking strong action with exclusion from school and possible prison sentences for the man. After consultation with Dr. Komba, Eliachi, Joshua (headmaster Endallah Secondary School) and some teachers, Nele and Mieke made a session about pregnancy and contraception. They will work on this in the coming weeks, together with the teachers.



3 Endallah primary school

Every year many travelers travel to Tanzania via [Zuiderhuis](#). Most of them also stop for at least 2 days in Endallah and Lake Natron and a few also in Nyamburi. In the context of 'conscious travel', Zuiderhuis pays for each of these travelers a 'community contribution' that varies between 30 and 60 EUR per person, depending on the total travel budget. This community contribution is paid to [Endallah Cultural Tours](#), the local partner of Zuiderhuis.

Proceeds from these 'community contributions' are invested in projects in Endallah, Lake Natron and Nyamburi:

- A roof for the teachers' houses in Nyamburi primary school;
- In Engare Sero Secondary School (Lake Natron), the final phase of the water project is being completed with the construction of a water reservoir on the hill and several distribution points on the school site;
- 640 textbooks and 24 desks were purchased for Endallah Primary School.

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