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The Ten Foundation

an opportunity for young people to secure safe and sustainable futures

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Activities according to project location:

Zimbabwe

- Improving and maintaining the conditions of Karoi children's home (including renovation work and the 'eat, play, learn project') continues with support from Dr. Hofstee Stichting and BEJO seeds in the Netherlands and the Griffiths in Karoi. Detailed below.
- The Ten Foundation Trust is working with young adults in the target group for the satellite homes and cradle to cradle training project, Zimbabwe. Detailed below.

The Netherlands

- GRO (Green Recycled Organics) expands its work.
- Ten maintains its fundraising, awareness-raising and communications with potential sponsors/corporate partners.

The Democratic Republic of Congo

- The mushroom and food production project expands in Lubumbashi with outreach training in mushroom and food production in and around Lubumbashi made possible due to support from the Belgian Consulate. Detailed below.
- The seed production laboratory is completed. Detailed below.
- The project wins the Cordaid PI Innovation Prize. Detailed below.



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Improving and maintaining the conditions of Karoi children's home,
Zimbabwe continues



Dr. Hofstee
STICHTING

Ten is improving the conditions and potential of the children's home to provide the optimum environment for children to grow up in the long term.

Dr Hofsteestichting has made another generous contribution to the project, so that all the children are able to access education. Here are some of the younger children in their new uniforms.



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The children and staff work hard on the vegetable garden in Karoi, so that they can produce some of their own food. Thanks to a recent donation from BEJO seeds in the Netherlands, the crops are even larger and more diverse this season, as you can see from these photos. Now, the children and staff can reap the rewards of their efforts and BEJO's generosity.



The Ten Foundation, children's home staff and Mr and Mrs Griffiths have been busy renovating the kitchen in Karoi. Great progress is being made, and soon it will be finished and ready to serve the home well for a long time.



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Working with young adults in the target group for the satellite homes and cradle to cradle training project, Zimbabwe

During 2013 the Ten Foundation Trust team in Zimbabwe has started working very hard with the young adults from the target group for this project (the target group is young, vulnerable or disadvantaged people, women especially, and specifically those who need affordable, nutritious food to combat mal-nutrition, those who need income, and those who might otherwise find it harder to access skills training). Ten is developing personal programmes (of personal development, vocational training, higher education etc.) in cooperation with the participants. Each participant's programme must of course include a plan of day-to-day activities and milestones but also an 'exit plan', i.e. a plan of how the participant will reach independence. There is a focus on economic literacy and drive to maturity. This is helping the participants feel control of their lives already and to take pride in their progress - gradually they are becoming able to feel ownership and hope for their futures.

Joyline is one of the participants. She is a young woman who, with the support of Ten, is planning how she will become a successful, safe and happy independent adult. At the moment Ten is supporting Joyline so she can continue her education and training, but Joyline is already providing for herself through mushroom and food production. Even more impressively, Joyline is also making it possible for other individuals and communities to provide for themselves, because she is leading roll-out trainings.

Juliet is another participant. Ten Foundation diversified activities in order to assist her as she gains technical skills focused on health and beauty. She has been supported to develop her beauty therapy and cosmetology skills via professional vocational training. She is now carrying-out mushroom and food production as a life skill and livelihood whilst she continues to increase her health and beauty knowledge and forms a clientele base whilst completing an internship at a local salon. Juliet would one day love to open and manage her own salon which would be called Julie's Beauty Parlor. Ten Foundation remains committed in supporting Juliet until she is well- established and can fend for herself. With support and guidance Juliet is destined for success.



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This is Joyline, now producing mushrooms for her household and for sale, and Juliet, busy at work where she is putting her qualifications into hair and beauty treatment into action.

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The seed production laboratory is completed in Lubumbashi, the Democratic Republic of Congo

Lubumbashi's very own mushroom seed production laboratory has opened this year, thanks to the support of Stichting Ten, Fondation Bralima, the Netherlands Embassy, Cordaid and of course all the project participants and leaders. The mushroom production project community are now trained to create mushroom seed locally. This means that they can sustain their own production without relying on external supplies. It also means that they are able to sell the seed to other people/communities wishing to produce mushrooms.



Sterilization of grains, Mushroom culture inoculation unit



Multiplication of mushroom cultures, Mushroom production project community at work in the seed production laboratory



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The grand opening of the laboratory was another opportunity to advertise to Lubumbashi residents that they could buy mushrooms grown locally - and here you can see some mushroom sales being made

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The mushroom and food production project expands in Lubumbashi, the Democratic Republic of Congo

Whilst the project team is busy running the seed production laboratory in Lubumbashi, it is also leading roll-out training with new groups in the locality. Here are some photos of recent training days with new groups - where new participants are learning how to grow mushrooms, for their household or for sale. Participants receive initial training, training documents and then follow-up training to monitor their progress. This is happening thanks to the original support of Fondation Bralima, Cordaid, the Netherlands Embassy, and the new support of the Belgian Consulate.





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Lubumbashi project wins the Cordaid PI Innovation Prize

Cordaid have awarded an innovation prize to the project in Lubumbashi. The prize was announced on-the-spot during a Cordaid event in Utrecht in November 2013. Sanne (who was volunteer manager of the project whilst it was set up in Lubumbashi) and Saskia (representing Stichting Ten) attended the ceremony to represent the project team, but had no idea that this prize was available, so they were surprised - but of course delighted - to pick up the prize on behalf of the team in Lubumbashi.

The project was selected because its goal - to produce mushroom seed and mushrooms completely independently within the local community, and to then share that knowledge with more communities - uses a simple but innovative and sustainable method to empower communities to provide for themselves, and to then empower others through roll-out training.

Cordaid selected the project from 152 projects world-wide, so it is a great honour for us all.



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