



Annual Report 2015

About fepa

fepa is a Swiss NPO supporting a broad and changing spectrum of community-based partner organisations in Zimbabwe, Tanzania and South Africa since 1963. All these organisations are developing and implementing local innovative and sustainable programs. In particular, fepa has strengthened sustainable local civil society structures with a focus on youth through financial and conceptual support.

Zimbabwe

Living Positive (BHASO)

BHASO (Batanai HIV&AIDS Service Organisation) seeks to improve the living conditions of people affected by HIV/AIDS in the Masvingo Province. BHASO has built up a network of about 800 support groups.

The aim is to end stigmatisation and to secure access to treatment and therapy facilities.

BHASO is focussing on the actual everyday needs of HIV/AIDS positive people and was able to achieve nameable progress during the last years.

After BHASO had some serious problems caused by underfinanced projects and alleged fraud, the director, the chief financial officer and another employee left the organization in 2015. Nevertheless fepa continues the long term partnership with BHASO since it is the only organization that is able to meet the needs in this peripheral region.

Therefore fepa aims to keep and rehabilitate the core components of BHASO's structure.

As a consequence, the expenses were somewhat higher than budgeted and there was much more workload for fepa staff and board.

The target could be reached, the Support Groups were able to function and gained support through the whole year, the contact to the local health care system was stable and BHASO contributed visibly to health education.

Since October 2015 our civil service volunteer Tendai Matare worked directly with BHASO. At the end of the year the Organisation was financially rehabilitated only in parts and is still destabilized.

[Financial contribution from fepa 2015: CHF 88'366](#)

A Voice for the Youth (YETT)

The Youth Empowerment and Transformation Trust (YETT) is an umbrella organisation, which supports youth projects of diverse kinds organisationally and financially. Through the initiatives supported by YETT youths learn to raise their voices in society, politics and economy.

In 2015 YETT supported more than a dozen youth organisations and about 3000 youngsters.



„On air“: YETT supports radio projects

The diversity of the projects is one of the main features of YETT. Sports events to prevent violence, support to students councils and coaching for young women are only a few examples of how YETT tries to pursue its goals in a democratic manner.

The support of youth organisations and especially the national network which was established by YETT contributes to a nonviolent political situation in Zimbabwe.

[Fepa supported YETT 2015 with: CHF 48'171 \(whereof a good half directly benefitted the local youth organisations that successfully applied for support\)](#)

Opportunities for disadvantaged Youth (fepa internal project name: KSTC)

The Kuwadzana Skills Training Centre (KSTC) near Harare enabled 38 young women and 9 young men to successfully complete a skills training. 10 of them already derived an income in 2015 from the abilities they acquired during the courses. The offered training courses explicitly meet the needs of the marginalised youth. Knowledge requirements are low since KSTCs aim is to address underprivileged youth who didn't finish school, e.g. young mothers, and give them opportunities to improve their living conditions.

A team of experienced instructors and a board of voluntary supporters lead the centre.

It was possible to employ a school secretary in part time who, besides administrative issues, supports the Centre with coaching skills. Hereby the psycho-social support of the youth through life-skills training and health education increased.

Though financial resources are scarce the centre remains a very important pillar in the life of the youth, as it gives them the opportunity for professional and personal development.

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Kuwadzana Skills Training Centre: Trainee shows own designs

Dangwe Arts Family

Dangwe Arts is a community consisting of former street children and AIDS orphans in the fast growing town of Chitungwiza. They run a small centre where more than 20 youth live and work together. The Centre is home and shelter for many of them especially the most vulnerable.

A garden to plant vegetables helps increasing the self-sufficiency of the community, which

lives mainly on the production of art works for the local tourist market and foreign markets.

Fepa pays school fees for the children of the community and puts money aside for emergency situations in the case of sicknesses or other hazards. In 2015, this money was mainly used for medical treatment for three children that got in a school bus accident. Fepa re-sells the art products of the community in Switzerland.

[Financial contribution from fepa 2015: CHF 6'352](#)

Youth in Chipinge (PYD)

In 2015 the local youth organisation Platform for Youth Development (PYD) supported by fepa organised an education campaign for communities in rural areas around Chisumbanje in the south-east of Zimbabwe. Reason for this was a conflict between the ethanol producing company Green Fuel and local farmers, who have lost land to the company. Young farmers are especially affected by this. Prior to that, an investigative commission released a report regarding the huge biofuel project that encourages the local farmers in their struggle. PYD translated this report into the local language so that the group of affected farmers and dwellers were able to read and discuss the potential outcomes.

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South Africa

Improving living conditions of farmworkers

The livelihoods of entire farmworker families depend directly on the entrepreneurial and personal decisions of farm owners. Therefore, it is of great importance to assist the farmworkers organise and educate themselves. In 2015 the "Central Karoo Farmworker Community Association" was registered, an umbrella organisation of farmworker associations which already presented a two years working agenda.

The aim is that farmworkers inform and teach others about their rights in workshops or via community radio. The local committees work on different crucial issues regarding the everyday needs of the farmworkers which are not only about the relation to the farm owners but also health and sanitation, access to water, drug- and alcohol problems and indebtedness of small households.

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Farmworkers in the central Karoo demand basic rights

Solidarity with Apartheid Victims

Khulumani is a self-help organisation by and for Apartheid's victims which not merely demands an adequate compensation for the experienced injustice but supports local initiatives for neighbourly help and trauma coping. Khulumani Western Cape seeks to improve the living conditions of people who suffered under Apartheid by establishing support systems regarding economic and social as well as psycho social issues. Local groups emphasise a range of projects including gardening or remembrance workshops. The Khulumani office in Cape Town supports these local groups.

Fepa supported Khulumani Western Cape 2015 with: CHF 20'000

Tanzania

Young entrepreneurs in rural areas

The new fepa project in Tanzania started in 2015. Three coaches supported and supervised eight new founded youth initiatives. The aim was furthermore to enable the coaches to enhance their teaching methods. None of the start-up projects failed but revenues were lower than planned.

Other community members got inspired by the new ideas so that a development was notable for example within the transport sector which is a sign that local businesses can be pushed by such projects.

Fepa supported the Project 2015 with CHF 34'520 (including business loans rotating fund)



Transport sector develops through young entrepreneurs

Annual financial statement

The annual accounts of 2015 close with a loss of CHF 8'439.44 (2014: CHF 12'891.13). The direct project costs increased more than CHF 20'000 compared to the annual year of 2014. A large part of donations fepa received in 2015 is earmarked for concrete project support in 2016 and 2017. fepa's capital dwindled dramatically. At the end of 2015 it amounts to CHF 43'929.71 (2014: 131'563.76). The financial standing of fepa remains precarious. Despite strong projects we were not able to generate enough money. Administration and board members undertook serious efforts to ensure that fepa will be able to continue its work.

General information

During the previous year fepa was able to reach the set goals and we didn't shift financial problems on our partner organisations.

In Switzerland, fepa was active through events, the members journal and via social media to inform about the situation in southern Africa.

The board of nine members together dedicated up to 300 hours to fepa through their voluntary work. Since January 2015 Marcel Dreier is the managing director. The office is managed by the director (60% employment) and is supported by a 40% internship employment (2015: Daniela Zimmermann, Gabriel Weick). More volunteers help with promoting fepa and its partners.