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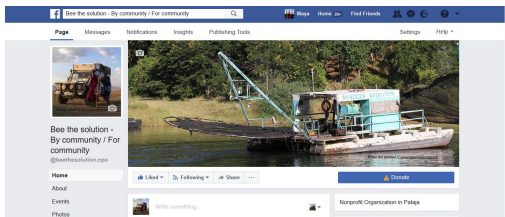
PROJECTS DETAILS

More details on Projects are available on Bee the Solution website @ www.projects.beethesolution.org

Each post is a short story about the people, how we came across each other, the seed of the projects... as we grow with the projects, more and more details will be added.

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SUPPORT ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEWSLETTER



One easy way to support us is to show it on social media (Facebook) and by subscribing to the newsletter. This might not seem much, and is a quick way, but this will mean the world to us. We appreciate that we are not the most present online at a personal level and we do apologise for this. We are learning the ropes about getting there (one of those few adults in this

technology world that is still struggling) and we do spend a lot of time trying to keep the communication flow on the blogs, the websites and the newsletters (even though it might not seem like it...).

Liking the Facebook page, sharing it in your circle, subscribing to the newsletter would help us by showing that you are supporting us. As we mentioned last month, moral support is a very important type of support...

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

Never lose Hope

I have been reminded of a couple of things lately... in addition to trust (in yourself), confidence and support (see "[CBOs: what is their place in the project?](#)" in the April Newsletter and "[Trust, Confidence, Support](#)"), Trust (in others) and Hope are important in achieving a project.

It is sad to see that many people have lost trust in others (which in turn does not help in gaining trust in oneself) and hope for a brighter future.

It is sad that kids don't trust promises anymore as they have been so many times disappointed already. It is sad that adults do not have hopes for improvement because they do not see what they can achieve.

While I do not work on a big scale, I am glad that I have been bringing hope to some people, that some kids can see that adults can keep promises, even if it takes time. Hope in a different future has sparkle things to happen. Got things into motion. Now, it is about keeping the motion going, with the motivation and the right direction.

It is difficult however to do it all, in a short period of time - and some small scale projects need more time on the ground. I however don't lose hope that we will get through, even if timelines can be sometimes frustrating (whether my timelines or getting things going...).

[CBO challenge: setting up a community organisation](#)

Setting up an organisation in itself is “easy”. It depends on the country, but it is mainly paperwork to be filled in and sent/registered with different government bodies.

Easy, easy... only when we know what to do...

Information is available... but again, when we know how to find it...

Easy does not mean straightforward or simple.

One issue that people do face is to... [Read more](#)

[Why do we need to be on the ground? Part 3 - Communication lines](#)

One of the issue that we have when not being in the field is how to communicate.

Access to communication is not a given everywhere, for everyone...

If we are not in the country, then we are talking about international communication. Whether we sit in Europe or in the neighbouring country in Africa. So despite being “in the field”, we do have this challenge.

[Read more](#)

[How can we make small savings: Speed, load and fuel](#)

Hopefully, we have all noticed (or heard) that the faster we drive, the more fuel we use. Likewise, the heavier you car is, the more fuel you use.

In her “normal” load, Maya is fairly heavy. And I drive at a reasonable speed (I think... well, I am often the slowest on the road...). For my engine and my load, my fuel consumption is fairly good according to people “in the know”: generally just over 10 litres/100 km (or just under 10 km per litre).

[Read more](#)

[Communication challenge - Getting internet signal](#)

Patience and perseverance... these are the 2 key words to have things happening... and this does apply to getting internet connections... well, to get a signal somewhere...

I have mentioned... [Read more](#)

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FEEDBACK

Please do not hesitate to contact us @ info@beethesolution.org.

Feel free to send us feedback. We are open to suggestions and comments. As we are still young and learning, we value your opinion even more than usual and are very grateful for it.

Let us know about what you want to see in the Newsletter, which projects you are interested in, any ideas you have for a project.

Have a safe month ahead

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There is always Hope...