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PROJECTS DETAILS

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FEATURE OF THE MONTH

[Be grateful for what you have...](#)

... not longing for what you don't.

This might sound cheesy, one of those saying that we know but don't really pay attention to. One that we tell the kids to keep them quiet when they want something and we don't want to get it/buy it for them.

But this is so true in everyday life. As I do move a lot, I do meet a lot of people from different background and with different conditions of life. And people reactions to what they have do vary a lot. It is interesting that there is no general rule per say according to background. It is more a personal attitude. Some people are grateful for little things, some people complain for more and/or bigger, no matter how big a thing they just got. But still, a general rule is "the more you get/have, the more you want"... this might be inherent to human nature... we can be contempt with little, yet, as soon as we get something, we expect more...

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Money is always an issue... regardless of the scale of an NGO, money is one of the sore point (well, the same goes for everything we do...). So whether we are talking of a big-recognised-international NGO, a small-new-local NGO/CBO, or anything in between, access to funding is a necessity.

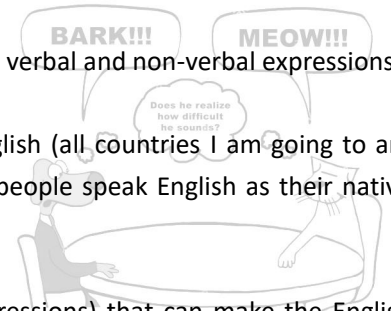
But not for everything... one of the common attitude that I have encountered is that a lot of people are expecting money to come their way for a project to improve their conditions, especially coming from Westerners.

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[Why do we need to be on the ground? Part 4 - Communication](#)

Beside [lines of communications](#), another aspect of communicating is linked to verbal and non-verbal expressions.

On the verbal communication, the language that I communicate with is English (all countries I am going to are English-speaking countries). While English is the official language, very few people speak English as their native language... and there is a multitude of different languages...



So, we have a lot of different accents, expressions (translation of local expressions) that can make the English language more difficult to understand. How we learn English also has an influence on communication.

I was fortunate to learn English in England and while I am now fluent and do speak a fairly good English, I will never have the level of a native speaker... However, I have still learnt English in England.

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[Internet - How can we make small savings](#)

We try to minimise all our expenses. And one of the most obvious way is the accommodation set-up: camping is always the cheaper option compared to a room. But there are many other little things that we are trying to do on a daily basis, depending on the place we are.

Internet is one expense that we do juggle with for cost. Some countries are more expensive than others and we look at the different options and adapt to them.

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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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