

bioRe Newsletter July 2007

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New staff members at Remei AG

Remei AG welcomes three new staff members at Rotkreuz. At the beginning of August, Franziska Zybach, Karin Bieri and Markus Kunz have started their work at Remei AG.

Franziska Zybach is working in the garments team. After her Matura in 2002, she moved to Berlin and studied textile design at Kunsthochschule Berlin-Weissensee. In 2004 she changed to Lucerne Arts School to finish her studies in Summer 2007. "Several practical traineeships in Italy and Switzerland encouraged me to work in the textile business with customers from all over the world and in different languages."

Karin Bieri has started her apprenticeship at Remei, which will last for three years. The general introduction has already taken place at Remei, and now she is attending the seven week theory course on commerce.

Markus Kunz is hired for the issue of environment. He studied environmental science at Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and is specialised in physics and atmosphere.

Annual report of Remei AG is available

On 24th of August the General Assembly of Remei AG has taken place at Kappel. Stakeholders were informed on the developments of Remei AG. The annual report is now available on our website:

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10.-28.07.07 Leonard Mtama (Tancert) and Ralph Langholz (bio.inspecta) have inspected the organic farming and internal control system of bioRe Tanzania. This year there were a few changes compared to last year. Leonard Mtama who was translator last year, has now inspected 10 out of 11 bioRe villages. Ralph Langholz visited one village and controlled specifically the administration and product separation and flow of goods.



During the control of farmers, the inspectors were accompanied by Hugo Gisler (manager production) and by the local team of the internal control system, in order to answer all questions on the spot.

A new step in the external inspection was also controlling the spinning unit of the company Sunflag. At Sunflag the organic cotton from bioRe Tanzania is being spun.

The collaboration of the external inspectors and bioRe this year has been perceived as another successful development at bioRe Tanzania. The final inspection report turned out positively thanks to the efforts of the team.

Team from Sokoine University of Agriculture came to Meatu

A team of 6 members of the Sokoine University of Agriculture visited bioRe Tanzania on second and third of August 07. They are presently doing research on the differences between organic and conventional cotton production. Regarding their questions on organic farming they visited the bioRe villages of Ng'hoboko and Itaba for further information on agricultural practises in organic farming.

Regional labour officer informed bioRe Tanzania staff on labour rights

On 28th of July 07, Mr. Byebabilo came to bioRe in order to spend one day with bioRe staff. He informed the entire team on the current labour laws. bioRe Tanzania is supporting this exchange of information and is thankful for Mr. Byebabilo to have come to the Training Center in Meatu.

The President of Tanzania visited bioRe Tanzania



bioRe Tanzania Ltd. had the honor to welcome the President of Tanzania his Excellency Jakaya Kikwete.

The location of our Company has been chosen by the District Authorities to officially welcome the President on his visit to the Meatu District.

He arrived on Saturday 25.th of August at 11.00 o'clock and spent more than 1 hour in our Training Centre.

More than 300 people from the surrounding Villages, Dancing Groups and school children gave him a warm welcome at our compound, where he had to shake many hands.

After signing the Visitor book of bioRe, the District Commissioner and other representatives of the District welcome him to the Training Centre Hall of bioRe Tanz. Ltd. and gave a complete picture of the actual situation in the District. He also informed the President about the company of bioRe Tanz. Ltd. and our activities in Meatu.

The President was listening with much interest to the speech and entered in a free discussion about various issues.

Before leaving the Hall at about 12.30 the Management could present to him some of our organic T-Shirts out of organic Cotton from Meatu and Manufactured in the "Sunflag Spinning Mill" in Arusha. He mentioned that he is also producing "organic pineapples" so that we took the opportunity to invite him to our place again to share the experience of organic farming.

On his final farewell to the Management of bioRe he was using the German word for Thank You "danke schön".

bioRe India farming activities



Farming activity is at a full swing in our region and the weather conditions have been very fair so far. The cotton crop looks good in practically all the areas. The earlier effect of the storm has been somewhat neutralized by a long dry spell and suitable rainfall towards the end of the month.



The concept of the farmer field school has been developed so that we can take the training facilities offered at bioRe to the fields of the farmer in the heart of their work and expertise is made available to them at all times in their own surroundings. 66 bioRe Farmers Field schools have been organized in last two months where more than 1114 farmers have participated.



Animation school

Children receive new equipment

The bioRe animation school at Nawalpura has been really lucky. The children have got new benches, new books, bags and uniforms. All this has been made possible because of the donation amount of 1109 \$ received from Mr. Minori our partner in Japan. The children at the bioRe School say "THANK YOU " to Mr Minori through our news letter.

Simultaneously the same are also being distributed at our school in Sadarban and Jirat.

The number of children in these schools has been increasing and in Sadarban we may have to run the school in two shifts.



Swiss students bring input to the animation school project

We have with us Ms Amadea Tschannen who is giving her valuable input to the Animation school.

Amadea was joined later in the month by two more students from the International institute for Education and cooperation – Zug: Ms Regina Senn and Ms Livia Stirnimann.

They visit the animation schools daily and are also conducting workshops for our animators and teachers from the local schools. Every week they also visit bioRe Associations cluster to have an insight into various individual and community projects.



Mobile Health Unit

Health check up of our children studying at the Animation school was done last month. A number of children were found to be under weight and under nourished. Medicines were distributed to the children free of costs. In future we plan to start growing vegetables with our children where ever possible in these areas.



Interview with our cluster worker Rajendra Yadav



Rajendra Yadav works as one of the cluster workers with bioRe Association. He looks after 5 bioRe villages and is implementing the work of the bioRe Association at the grassroots.

bioRe: What differences do you notice in your cluster since you have been there?

Rajendra: I have been able to communicate on the work of the Association in a lot of our areas. I have informed people about the Mobile health unit, self help groups, Animation school.

bioRe: What are people's expectation of bioRe?

Rajendra: People are keen to know about the functioning of bioRe and want to avail the benefits.

bioRe: Has there been any change in your own self since you have joined bioRe?

Rajendra: I feel good that I have been able to be the facilitator for the betterment of my village. I want to bridge the gap between bioRe and cluster people.

bioRe: What are your own aspirations of bioRe?

Rajendra: Create employment for the youth in my cluster through Livelihood promotion programmes.

bioRe : Do you think that you are working towards achieving your aspirations?

Rajendra : We are working with a plan and we should be able to reach out to the needy

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