

1) Report of the President

Introduction

The 2023 association year was characterised by the implementation of the women's project and the launch of a project to achieve financial independence for the Mubaya Eco-Centre.

a) From the Committee

Personnel

In the 2023 association year, Wan Kunz, who had been a member of the Committee of Directors as treasurer since 11 March 2017, stepped down. Ronny Beck was elected as a new member of the Committee at the eighth general meeting on 6 May 2023 and took over the finances and supervision of the "Financial Independence" project. As usual, the activities of the association can only be carried out thanks to the support of volunteers. The two newsletters were again edited by Peter Schneider. Iva Stachelhaus was also responsible for publication, Simona Materni for dispatch, Maeva Koenig for translation into French and Eliane Stäubli for translation into English. The documents were proofread by Yannick Saucy, Andrea Beck and Christine Zimmermann. The latter continued to carry out secretarial work and organised the stand campaigns with the support of Ria Schüpbach in particular.

Meetings

In addition to regular e-mail contact, three ordinary Committee meetings were held on 4 February, 10 June and 7 October 2023.

The Committee dealt with the following topics, among others:

- Preparation of the general meeting.
- Pilot project for women (self-reliance and financial independence thanks to the formation of a microcredit group and income from a chicken project).
- Income-generating project for the local flagship farm with the aim of achieving financial independence for the Mubaya Ecovillage Centre (shop, mill, bar, vegetable and fruit stall).
- Charity event with concert on 06 May 2023 in Biel (at Der Ort).
- Ecovillage project applications (in particular repairs and salaries).
- Reports on the situation on the ground.
- Newsletters.
- Data protection regulations.

b) General Assembly

The Annual General Assembly took place on 6 May 2023.

c) Exchange with the project managers

The President was in regular contact with the project managers in Zimbabwe again this year, in particular to keep them informed about the progress of the project. Cooperation with the

consultants and the chair of the pilot group of the women's project continued to be very intensive.

The exchange with Michael Mubaya, who is responsible for the income-generating projects at the Mubaya Ecovillage Centre, took place in particular via the new Committee member Ronny Beck, who supports Michael as an advisor.

Committee member Patrick Leu undertook the project appraisal of a smaller project application from Michael Mubaya (repairs to the water reservoir).

2) Fundraising and donations

a) Occasions

The association took part in seven markets in Biel in the reporting year. In the financial year, income totalling CHF 2,547.80 was generated from these and from the benefit concert. We would like to sincerely thank the volunteers for their commitment.

b) Donations

In the reporting year, we received donations totalling CHF 5,351.93 from private individuals and organisations. These include multiple donors, whom we would like to thank for their solidarity and loyalty.

We would like to sincerely thank all donors for their generosity!

3) Report of the Project Review Committee

a) General

When examining the project applications submitted, the compatibility with permaculture criteria, feasibility and available financial resources were important.

b) Financed projects

In 2023, we only received two applications for financial support outside of the women's project and the project for the financial independence of the Ecovillage Centre. These were for the repair of the water tank (decision by email in January 2023: support of USD 200) and for wage payments. The Committee noted that it had informed Mike Mubaya in principle that it would no longer pay salaries. However, it went back on its decision, firstly to enable the women's project to have a night guard and secondly because the income from both projects was not yet sufficient to cover the salaries of two workers. In the end, the association took over these salaries until the end of the year.

4) Newsletter

Two newsletters were published in the reporting year.

5) Statistics

Members as at 31.12.2023	23
• of which Committee members	4
• of which active volunteers	4
Volunteers Non-members	5
Donors 2023	18
• thereof CHF 000 to 1'00	9
• thereof CHF101 to 500	7
• of which CHF501 to 1'000	1
• of which over 1'001 to 2'000	1

6) Finances

a) Income statement

In this financial year, the association received CHF 9,399.73, of which CHF 5,351.93 came from donations and CHF 2,547.80 from events and stand sales. Income from membership fees totalled CHF 1,500 for 2023, plus a refund of CHF 112.50.

Expenses totalled CHF 10,254.45, of which CHF 9,350.65 went directly to the projects in Zimbabwe.

This resulted in a loss of CHF 742.22.

b) Balance sheet

The association's assets totalled CHF 4,067.34 at the end of the year.

The income statement and balance sheet can be found enclosed.

For the Committee

Muriel Beck Kadima
President

Biel, 17 February 2023

Enclosure

Income statement 31.12.2023

Revenues

Members	1'500.00
Donations	5'351.93
Events	2'547.80
Reimbursement	112.50

Total income **9'512.23**

Expenses

Membership of another organisation	250.00
Website	203.80
Bank/Mail	150.00
General assembly	300.00
Projects	<u>9'350.65</u>

Total expenses **10'254.45**

loss **742.22**

Balance sheet 31.12.2023

Actives

Postfinance account	4'067.34
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Total assets **4'067.34**

Passives

Capital	<u>4'809.56</u>
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Loss 742.22

Total liabilities **4'067.34**