



EU staff support for development

We give thousands of poor people in developing countries a way out of poverty by supporting micro-projects and integrated programs that produce immediate results and have long-lasting effects. We support small NGOs or local communities who do not have access to funding from major donors. eu can aid! is run entirely on a voluntary basis, and funded through EU staff membership fees and donations. In 2015, 46 projects were financed.

Against extreme poverty...

Impoverished families not only lack sustainable income or enough food to eat, but their poverty prevents access to the critical resources they need to survive. They are unable to treat and prevent illness. Their children cannot attend school. Their livelihoods and housing are unstable. And without support, they struggle to cope with and overcome the significant hardships they face. Thus, poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and stigma are interlinked and form a vicious circle of abject poverty that is very hard to break.

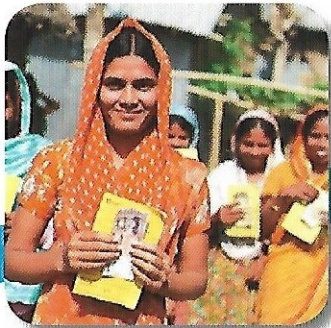
Standard health, education, training or credit interventions often lack sustainability. The success of an integrated approach has recently attracted worldwide attention.

We will increasingly adopt this approach and develop our own integrated programs.

Pascal Declaye
Chairman, eu can aid!



Photos from DEVCO and BRAC



SUSTAINABLE
LIVELIHOODS

Extreme
poverty

Ultra
poverty

eu can aid! adopts a proven integrated approach

Several recent scientific studies have shown that village-level integrated programs, implemented by the NGOs BRAC and FVB International in about 20 countries, lift families out of extreme poverty and into sustainable livelihoods.

The integrated program tackles all the drivers of poverty by giving participants immediate access to the full range of critical resources simultaneously: productive asset transfer (a way to make a living), technical skills training, consumption support for a few months, savings, frequent home coaching visits and access to health support, housing and safe drinking water.

Participants take an active role in making decisions concerning them and local program staff ensure that local economic, political and cultural factors are respected and understood.

By building their capacities and enabling them to access a stable income, they are then able to support themselves and escape poverty in a sustainable way.

"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that situation. Then I realized I am somebody."

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eu can aid! program in Tanzania

An efficient way to lift people out of poverty

eu can aid! and Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) - a London based Charitable Trust - have developed a joint program to support Tanzanian Marumba village's inhabitants in setting a three-year integrated program to help them reach self-sufficiency and a better quality of life.

Area profile

Marumba village is one of the most vulnerable villages in district Nanyumbu (one of the capital cities of Mtwara district) due to its remoteness and site's geological conformation. It is located at the border of Tanzania and Mozambique, southwest of the Indian Ocean.

The village has a population of about 2,700, with a high rate of illiterate (40%) and most of them live under the poverty line, with 1 \$ per day, and depend on agriculture and animal keeping.

Only 30% live in houses made of cement bricks covered with iron sheet roofs, 65% live in houses made of trees and mud covered by grass roofs and 5% are living in houses completely made of grass.

Identified urgent needs:

WATER ACCESS

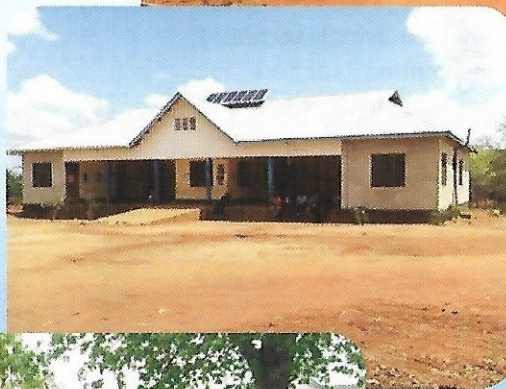
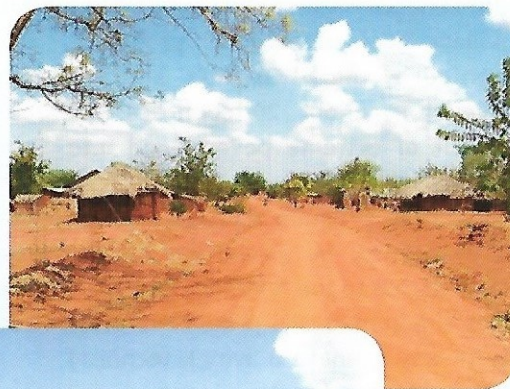
SOLAR POWER

INCOME GENERATION

CLASSROOM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

"All welcomed very much the joint program and highlighted especially the rapid and comprehensive implementation of the solar project at the dispensary and the staff house. It has brought light into a village without electricity and improved very much the working and living conditions of the medical staff, which was about to leave the village because of the remoteness of the area and the bad conditions."

- said Linus Buriani, local project officer



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Program year one:

September 2015 - September 2016

In 2015, we have financed

1. Solar power at the dispensary for 5,000 €
2. Construction of a classroom in the primary school for 7,350 €
3. Creation of a borehole and a water tank for 8,600 €

Program year two:

September 2016 - September 2017

In Marumba there is no economic strategy aiming at developing an increasing and pervasive welfare; this in spite of Tanzania Government's National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty.

During the program's development, addressing the lack of income generating activities was highlighted and became the objective to pursue in year two.

We shall realize:

1. A beekeeping activity for 100 beneficiaries: expected cost 6,000 €
2. Goat rearing in help of 50 disadvantaged women: expected cost 6,000 €
3. Gardening for five groups of young people: expected cost 4,000 €

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