

## News from Kirinda – Spring 2020

Dear Friends of Junge Menschen für Afrika,

we are having an extraordinary time but we do not want to miss telling you what has happened in Kirinda over the last three months.

After the first Corona incident in Rwanda all schools were closed on March 16, the same day as schools were closed in Germany. Since March 21, 23:59 h, all borders are closed, people are asked to work at homeoffice, wherever possible, all restaurants, shops and markets were closed, except the ones selling food, and a lockdown was declared.

On April 12, 126 persons had been infected with the Corona virus; let's hope that the situation will be eased very soon by all these instructions.

A new year has started in the Liane-Stähle-Kindergarten. We were happy to welcome 44 children for the babyclass, 49 children for the middle class and 37 children for the upper class. In March the kindergarten went on a trip to the church of Kirinda. Excursions like that take place once a month and shall help the children to get to know and experience the surrounding area. Because of the world-wide Corona virus disease we had to buy hand-disinfectant for the kindergarten; and of course new toys and materials for handicrafts.



Jonas and Alex, two voluntary coaches of ONE Team, a NGO-sport organization of Frankfurt, brought a fresh sportive breeze to Kirinda by showing new training methods to teachers and students of all age groups. They played football, volleyball, basketball etc.



In spring the harvest of our bean- and rice fields could be brought in: about 250 kgs of beans and 100 kgs of rice are at the disposal for the IPK's school canteen.



The sewing club has started a new schoolyear as well; 12 young women and two young men have been chosen this year. At the end of their education they will receive a certificate and a sewing machine which is financed by JMfA and themselves with 50 % each.

The goat project started a new round this spring. On the International Women's Day 25 single women from Ruhare got a goat as basis for an own herd. A big thank you to all sponsors of this project.



In February Mr Löbbel from the Senior Expert Servie (SES) visited the secondary school of IPK in Kirinda. SES is a German organisation which sends retired qualified employees and managerial staff on a voluntary basis to other countries. The goal: to help people to help themselves. Mr Löbbel gave advisory assistance at IPK in teaching methods. He said teachers and students were highly motivated. He encouraged the teachers to place particular importance on practical work for the construction classes. We appreciate Mr. Löbbel's ideas and assistance and thank him very much for his support.



At the end some important information for our members: Due to the Corona virus disease we had to cancel our Annual General Meeting on March 14, 2020. According to the circumstances we will fix a new date in due time and will inform you as early as possible.

Thanks to all for your support!

And please STAY HEALTHY AND TAKE CARE.