Happy New Year!

2015 was a momentous year for the Time & Tide Foundation: we formalised our charter and registration, collaborated with Time+Tide properties to reinforce existing social and environmental responsibilities, and developed new projects and partnerships in both Zambia and Madagascar.

Over the course of 2016, we look forward to expanding these networks, engaging additional stakeholders, and advancing our portfolio in both countries of operation. I hope you enjoy reading about our recent achievements and our dynamic ventures for the year ahead.
Nosy Ankao: HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Thanks to continued support from Norges Vel, we welcomed the newly established non-profit TaFiTa (‘Tantsoroka ho an’ny Fivoaran’ny Tanora’ or ‘Youth Empowering Services’) to run a health awareness campaign on Nosy Ankao.

After an initial baseline survey, the TaFiTa team held focus groups, community meetings, and one-on-one interviews to discuss sanitation, reproductive health, nutrition, and sexually transmitted diseases. As part of their outreach programme, TaFiTa formed a health committee supervised by the head nurse at the Ankao clinic, which is responsible for disseminating health-related information and encouraging active, hygienic lifestyles. The campaign concluded with a full day festival, kicked off by a parade across the island, and complete with health-themed team building exercises, football matches, recreational activities, polio vaccinations for infants, and free and confidential HIV testing.

According to the World Bank, 3% of Madagascans aged 15-49 are HIV positive.
Nosy Ankao: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

In addition to the health awareness campaign, Norges Vel supported an environmental education programme on Nosy Ankao, which included convening and training members of an environmental committee. Boasting equally unique terrestrial and marine ecosystems, Nosy Ankao offers unparalleled potential for ecological research of its many rare and endemic species.

In the reporting period, 1360 Hawksbill and Green turtles hatched on Nosy Ankao, and an additional 13 Hawksbill nests are currently active. The Hawksbill sea turtle is on the IUCN Red List as a critically endangered species.

Led by Vonjy Rasoloarison, a consultant on natural resource management and community development in Madagascar, the environmental committee was established to identify and monitor the island’s biodiversity, ensure sustainable wood harvesting, educate island residents on proper waste management, and supervise water usage and quality throughout the island. The environmental committee will also be responsible for liaising with IBIS seaweed farmers, the lodge development team, and local fishermen to ensure that all economic activities on and around the island follow conservation guidelines for the marine reserve.
Beginning with a lesson on cerebral palsy and epilepsy, the most commonly identified handicaps amongst children in Mfuwe, Mikala encouraged the teachers to challenge local stigmas by educating their students and colleagues about these disorders. Thereafter, Mikala and the teachers approached families with disabled children to demonstrate and describe suitable daily care.

An estimated 150-200 children in Mfuwe qualify as having special needs; however there is no regular support available to these children or to their families. The Balueni Special Needs Project demystifies common disabilities by working with families and schools across Zambia. This programme informs guardians and teachers how best to nurture and guide the development of handicapped children so that they are incorporated into local society.
Lower Zambezi: BAREFEET THEATRE-FOR-DEVELOPMENT

Chongwe Safaris has a long-standing relationship with Chitende Secondary School, a boarding school located in Chiawa Village in the Lower Zambezi. Instead of financing construction projects, which Chongwe has administered in the past, this year the Time & Tide Foundation together with Chongwe will concentrate on enriching the Chitende student environment.

Working with Barefeet Theatre, we will introduce a theatre and performing arts society at the school, through which we hope to inspire students’ creative and artistic expressions. Barefeet is a non-profit theatre organisation that uses a theatre-for-development approach to enhance the lives of vulnerable children in Zambia.

Through this model, Barefeet encourages creativity, self-awareness, and peer collaboration amongst youth. Their aim is to mitigate stereotypes surrounding poverty, HIV/AIDS, and domestic abuse.
This quarter, the Foundation and Norman Carr Safaris formalised the agreement to sponsor Sibemi Community School in Liuwa Plain.

After extensive meetings, the Sibemi Parents Teacher Association decided to allocate funds to a salary for the volunteer teacher and the purchase of school supplies. Simultaneously, the Foundation initiated the Edwin Mwaiba Scholarship Programme, through which one secondary school graduate from Liuwa will attend teaching college and then return to Sibemi Community School as the first qualified head teacher. The scholarship is named after the former Headman of Sibemi Village, Edwin Mwaiba, who motivated the founding, fundraising, and construction of the school. Sadly, Edwin Mwaiba passed away before the new school opened, but he is fondly remembered for his commitment to education for Sibemi children.

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