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Preface

Dear members, supporters and donors of GREEN STEP e.V.,

In our year report 2007 we suggested many ideas and activities that we together could be carrying out during 2008 in order to find supporters for our pilotproject in Cameroon and in order to find many supporters of our objectives. Looking back at the year 2008 the only thing we can say is: THANK YOU! Almost all those ideas were implemented into projects and even more activities were carried out. Our pilot project got all the necessary funding in order to be a success and for 2009 we can now start planning new projects together with our partners in Cameroon.

We really hope that in 2009 we can continue like this and in that spread the idea of development cooperation through environmental friendly technology and continue to support many projects in that idea in rural areas different countries.

Not everything always runs smoothly – something we had to learn during our first project experiences within Cameroon. Now we are already looking for a second village since the first one will be connected to the national grid. We also had our troubles with customs, technology and construction of the turbines. If you want to read more on this go to our blog on www.greenstep.info. Thank you for all the nice words and moral support you have been giving us during those hard times – we can now newly motivated continue with the project!

A very special thanks goes to Edwin the man in Cameroon that made everything possible, to Dr. Kennedy, who was always willing to meet with us and help us in any possible way, to the Fon of M'muock Fossimondi who welcomed us to open hearted, to Musa and Chief Festus who helped us arrange any meeting in the village and organized everything for us we needed in the village, to Pa Nkweteching who willingly let us stay in his house always, to Vincent who supported us in any way, to MUDECA and its president and to our partner Nkong Hilltop in Cameroon in general who always gave us support in any problem that we faced and who always made arrangements for us to be able to use their NGO car!

On the German side we wish to give a very special thanks to Bernadette Felsch. Without her help nothing would be running anymore in Germany and to Thomas Klesius, the supporter of the first minute. Alexander of the "Network One World Bavaria" who always advised and helped us in any possible way and of course to Reinhold Hertlein, who even followed us to Cameroon, where he helped putting up the demonstration turbines in the village!
our project

In order to make this list not too long – we wish to thank every single person who has been supporting us within the last year – we hope you will be continuing to support GREEN STEP e.V. and its objectives in 2009.

With many regards from M'muock, where I can nowadays use my laptop as if I were in a big town – thanks to Johannes battery systems!

Yours
Cornelia und Johannes

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1) Pilot project in Cameroon



On August 10th 2008, accompanied by a lot of rain the first steps to implement the pilot project in Cameroon were taken.

During the project phase of 1 year local craftsmen are to be trained to construct small wind and water turbines out of locally available material for electricity production in rural areas. After the training they will be supported to start their own small enterprise with micro credits on the construction and maintenance of those turbines.

The project team was given a very warm welcome from the partner organisation Nkong Hilltop, the never sleeping project team member Edwin, Dr. Kennedy from MUDECA, Musa and Chief Festus.

The team was also very heartily welcomed by the Fon of the village Adolf Fozao and a big celebration was happening when Johannes first showed the villagers of M'muock Fosimondi what the wind and water turbine actually are.



Due to a long rainy season, problems with customs and some problems in finding material and capable technicians have cost the team a lot of time. Especially the news that the project village will be connected to the national grid in 2009 gave the team some sleepless nights during December.

But motivation returned after a lot of moral support from sponsors, donors, members, friends and family. They developed a plan B and this will be now carried out during 2009. They are currently looking for a second village where the training can take place.

But especially since the villagers were so supportive and encouraging in M'muock Fosimondi the team also wants to stay involved there through the support of environmental school clubs, training on sustainable farming methods and technical training on how to use wind and water pressure for water pumping.

If you want to learn more about the current state of the project and how our team is feeling in Cameroon, you can read more on their blog at www.greenstep.info.

2) Public Relations and looking for donors and sponsors

a) Schirmherr



In february 2008 GREEN STEP e.V: was able to win Hans-Josef Fell (member of the German parliament and speaker for energy related topics of the party „The greens“ in Germany) as a public supporter of ist pilot project in Cameroon. We thank him very much for his support that lead to a common press conference in 2009.

b) Fairs



❖ Streetlife Festival

In 2008 GREEN STEP e.V. was exhibiting in June and September at the Streetlife Festival in Munich/Germany with its demonstration wind turbine. Visitors were able to inform themselves first hand on the project in Cameroon and on the applied technology.



❖ Fair: School – One World

In July GREEN STEP e.V. visited the fair „school-one world“ were schools and NGOs presented their activities and projects concerning one world, globalization and sustainable development. The team of GREEN STEP e.V. even met the minister for economic development and cooperation of Germany Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul.



❖ Waterday in Munich

In April GREEN STEP e.V. informed visitors about ist technology and project during the water-day celebrations in Munich.

c) Eine Welt Handel (one world trade) Ismaning



In July the NGO visited the churchfestival in a town near Munich called Ismaning – unfortunately it was raining the whole day☹ And in december the helpers of „One world trade Ismaning“ dedicated their profit of the christmas-sales (as thy did in 2007) to the pilot project of GREEN STEP e.V.. Thank you for all your efforts!

d) Activities of German schools

❖ Waldorfschule Würzburg



The Freie Waldorfschule Würzburg organized a christmas sale where children were selling cakes and things they had been producing through out the year. The profit of 335,87 Euro was donated to the pilotproject in Cameroon: Thank you very much especially to the person who started the project Peter. Johannes visited the school in january 2009 to further explain the technology to the students and to tell them about the project in Cameroon.

3) Workshops und Vorträge

Workshop at the Hochschule München



In April GREEN STEP e.V. organized a workshop for interested students of the Hochschule München in cooperation with New Generation – an initiative lead by the Cameroonian Joseph Kana in Munich.

Technical workshop



During a one day workshop organized in may 2008 26 participants of various NGOs and other interested participants were able to learn the basics of constructing a wind turbine for their own projects and purposes.

The workshop was done in cooperation with the Ökologischen Bildungszentrum München and the Eine Welt Netzwerk Bayern e.V.

4) start social – Bundessieg

In 2008 the project team of the pilotproject in Cameroon took part in the German national competition start social. The competition is supported by companies like McKinsey, Audi, Siemens and others. It is also supported by the German chancellor Angela Merkel who was part of the handing over of prizes in September 2008. During the course of the competition 100 projects were selected and the GREEN STEP team handed in a project plan, got support from professional counsellors on the planned project and then handed in a revised project plan. In September 2008 25 of those project teams were invited to the Bundeskanzleramt in Berlin to take part in the award ceremony.

Bernadette Felsch and Reinhold Hertlein went to Berlin for the project team of GREEN STEP since they were already in Cameroon implementing the project. Out of the blue they had to give a speech thanking for the award that GREEN STEP achieved – nobody was expecting this.

Nobody also expected the picture taking with the chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel – the reason why the tie is still in the way ☺

Read more on the competition and the award: www.greenstep.info



The competition even reached Cameroon, where the German part of the project team was visited the German ambassador to Cameroon in Yaounde.

5) 1 year GREEN STEP e.V.

In October 2008 GREEN STEP e.V. celebrated its one year existence. The executive of the NGO put together a file of pictures for this event. You find that document to download on www.green-step.org/news.htm

6) Press

The project in Cameroon, the start social competition and some self written articles and press releases helped to a good number of press reports within Germany in magazines, newspapers, radio interviews and even TV interview and also in the international online media.

Those newsstories, reports, online articles and radio interviews are available for download on

www.green-step.org/news.htm

7) Sponsors, donations and expenditure 2008

Amounts before audit (changes might still occur!)

The pilotproject in Cameroon was sponsored by:

Income

Luis Leitz Stiftung:	5.000 €
UmweltBank:	9.373 €
start social Prämie:	5.000 €
Kuhlmann-Stiftung:	2.500 €
Donations through activities (Streetlife, schools, workshops):	944 €
Donations by individuals and companies:	7.670 €
Membership fees:	1.050 €
Bank interests:	130 €
Savings from 2007:	3.200 €
Sum:	<u>34.867 €</u>

Expenditures

Project:	5.970 €
Presentations and Workshops:	380 €
Workshops for training the board:	186 €
Administration (Insurance, Homepage, postage, Banking fees):	568 €
Fees for membership:	40 €
Sum:	<u>7.144 €</u>

Percentage of Administration cost (including workshops and fees) 2,3%

The detailed report on income and expenditure will be available after the member meeting in October 2009. The sums and accounts will be checked by the NGO auditors Lorenz Laube und Käthe Ehlers geprüft.

8) Member report

New members 2008:	18
Total number of members:	31

9) Cooperations



GREEN STEP e.V. is a member of the Eine Welt Netzwerk Bayern e.V.

www.eineweltnetzwerkbayern.de



GREEN STEP e.V. is national award winner of the competition start social.

www.startsocial.de



GREEN STEP e.V. partners in Cameroon with Nkong Hilltop Common Initiative Group

www.nkonghilltop.org

10) Peeking into the year 2009

a) Member assembly

The early member assembly will take place in October 2009 in Munich, Germany.

b) Pilot project

Current information on the project in Cameroon is available on the project blog www.greenstep.info and in the Newsletter issued every 2 months.

c) New project in Cameroon 2009/2010

In November 2008 the members of GREEN STEP e.V. were asked their opinion on the next project GREEN STEP should get involved in (after having discussed possible project ideas with the Cameroonian partners). Their choice was the establishment of a renewable energy school in Cameroon. The executive therefore decided to ask Nkong Hilltop CIG to do a feasibility study for his project purpose within Cameroon.

More information will be available soon in one of our next Newsletters.

d) Public Relations and public speeches

In January 2009 two public speeches were given in Hammelburg und Munich on the project forthcoming and a press conference was held with Schirmherr Hans-Josef Fell.

Planned activities: Streetlifefestival, Workshops, Public Speeches