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Projects for development



Workers and manager in the cholera prevention program in Chimanimani.

Fighting cholera in Zimbabwe

Large parts of Africa are currently affected by cholera outbreaks. Since January 1, 2022, over 230,000 cases of cholera have been reported to the World Health Organization (WHO). Increases in the number of natural disasters, as a result of climate change, threaten to undermine efforts to control the ongoing outbreaks.

With DKK 300,000 in support from UFF-Humana through the Danish emergency relief fund, DERF, Development Aid From People to People (DAPP) in Zimbabwe has launched a project that helps prevent the spread of cholera in the Chimanimani district. Medical supplies and general resources are scarce in many of the African countries as a result of these natural disasters. More disease outbreaks threaten to worsen the already serious situation in Zimbabwe.

DAPP's prevention campaign is thus extremely important, as it aims to inform the people of Zimbabwe about cholera symptoms, as well as to improve health and hygiene practices, for example by providing access to clean water. With these efforts, DAPP helps ensure that the population knows how to protect themselves from being infected and what to do if they get cholera.



Proud farmer in Zimbabwe showing off her produce.

Building resilience for the future in Zimbabwe's agriculture

Zimbabwe's agricultural sector forms a significant part of the country's economy, but it faces major challenges as a result of climate change. In response, Development Aid from People to People (DAPP), in collaboration with UFF-Humana, has initiated a number of measures to help small farmers transform their farms to be more resistant to current and future climate changes.

One of these measures is installation of water tanks and solar panels, which ensure a reliable and sustainable supply of running water in the unstable Zimbabwean climate, which is heavily affected by drought. In addition, local farmers are taught useful skills such as beekeeping and financial understanding, so they are better equipped to increase their income and create sustainable economies for themselves.

Another aim of the project is to protect the natural environment in the Makoni district to ensure food and income security for the most vulnerable people throughout the year. During the 18 months the project will run, it is supported by CISU through the Civil Society Pool with a total of DKK 1 million.



Hanin with students from DAPP Teacher Training College in Malawi.

Educational visit to Malawi and Zimbabwe

Our colleague, Hanin, traveled to Malawi and Zimbabwe in October on behalf of UFF-Humana. The purpose of the trip was to experience what happens with reusable clothes that are exported to Africa.

Among the great experiences was the visit to a sorting center run by Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Malawi, where reusable clothes are sorted in around 100 categories. From here, the clothes are sold at DAPP's wholesale to customers who sell them on at local clothing markets. In addition to supplying the local vendors with clothing, DAPP works actively to train them in business management and sales, and help them set up bank accounts so they can keep track of their finances.



Vendors buying clothes at the DAPP wholesale in Malawi.

In addition to the sorting center, Hanin visited the market in Malawi, where much of the clothing collected in Europe, including Denmark, is sold. In Malawi, more than 80% of the population cannot afford to buy new clothes, so second hand clothes of good quality are an indispensable commodity.

Trade with secondhand clothing is just one of DAPP Malawi's focus areas, which also include agricultural, educational and health related projects.

We are happy that Hanin got the opportunity to see and experience how UFF-Humana's work creates value and makes a difference for many people. We are also proud of the many positive stories we continuously hear from the countries we support both financially and with opportunities for work and education to ensure that people can support themselves.



Vendors at the clothing market in Malawi.

New UFF Humana Second Hand shop on Nørrebrogade

On September 29th, we opened the doors to our second vintage and second hand shop in Copenhagen, located at Nørrebrogade 34. The opening was successful beyond our expectations, and we are happy to be able to welcome customers from 11.00 - 18.00 Monday through Saturday.

The shop is bursting with vintage second hand clothes, shoes and accessories, located in the middle of a true vintage hub on Nørrebrogade. Since day one, we have experienced overwhelming interest, and we are delighted by the many customers of all ages who have already visited the store, thereby supporting our development aid and environmental work.



Sheila and Marta are ready to welcome customers in our new shop.



Students at the POF-project drawing with kindergarteners in Namibia.

Training of preschool teachers in Namibia

One of Namibia's official development goals is to ensure that all children have equal opportunities to attend school. There is, however, lack of trained teachers for school preparation, and therefore, since 2018, DAPP Namibia has offered a two-year training program of teachers for preschools. This will increase the level of teaching and the possibilities for the children to do well when they start school.

The Preschools of the Future (POF) project is designed to give teachers pedagogical tools to work with children of kindergarten age. The focus is thus to educate active and creative teachers who engage children with fun and play in their classes. In addition to pedagogical skills, POF also teaches entrepreneurship to equip the teachers with the right skills to open their own kindergartens in rural areas where access to education for children has previously been very limited or non-existent. UFF-Humana has supported the POF project since 2020.

ISOBRO's Fundraising Conference

Our membership in ISOBRO is a good opportunity to learn about fundraising. Thus, UFF-Humana participated in ISOBRO's Fundraising Conference in September alongside 350 other members. The themes of the conference were engagement, members, and loyalty, with interesting contributions from national and international presenters who shared their knowledge and experiences within fundraising, engagement, and communication. With educational breakout sessions covering everything from strategy to measuring effects, it was an inspiring and educational event for all participants. Read about ISOBRO on their website: www.isobro.dk.

Textile waste

Beginning July 1st this year, it is now mandatory for all municipalities in Denmark to start separate collection of textile waste. This means that it has now become even more important that people can dispose of reusable or recyclable clothing and textiles to ensure that it does not end up as waste. UFF-Humana receives textile waste for presorting in order to prepare as much of it as possible for reuse and recycle — also when it is disposed as waste.

UFF-Humana participates in the FUGT partnership

The purpose of the FUGT partnership is to examine the quality of recyclable textiles collected via the sorting points in Copenhagen, and to find more environmentally friendly alternatives to the incineration of damp and wet textiles, for example by using dehumidification technology.

Experience from other municipalities' collection tests shows that damp and wet textiles make up a fairly large proportion of the total amount collected, and a solution to this issue can benefit many actors in the value chain.



Rasmus in the process of presorting textile waste from Copenhagen Municipality.

Partners in the project are Copenhagen Municipality, DTU Sustain, Polarkøl, Condair, UFF-Humana, Revaluate and ARC, each of which contribute with knowledge from the relevant parts of the value chain, including collection and sorting, solutions for managing damp and wet textiles, environmental assessments and specialist knowledge within textiles.

UFF-Humana's role in the partnership is to pre-sort the textile waste, dry the clean, damp textiles and then sort again to determine if the drying process has made some of the textiles suitable for reuse or recycling.



Wet clothes are dried in a big container.

What happens to the clothes we collect?

When we collect clothes, shoes and textiles, obvious waste is separated in Denmark. The clothes are then exported to sorting centers in Europe, where they are sorted manually by skilled professionals.

Reusable clothing that is still fully functional finds its way to thrift stores in Europe. Part of it is also exported to clothing markets in Africa and Asia, where it takes on new life and makes a difference.

Recyclable textiles are used for production of cloths or as raw material in the recycling industry, where they contribute to creation of new textile products.

Textile waste that cannot be reused or recycled is properly handled and disposed of in Europe. This way, we ensure that as much collected textile as possible gets new life — and that as little as possible ends up as waste.



Christmas get-together for volunteers in our Vesterbrogade shop.

Become a volunteer at UFF Humana Second Hand

We are constantly expanding our fantastic team of volunteers at our shop UFF Humana Second Hand on Vesterbrogade 50 in Copenhagen.

As a volunteer in our second hand shop, you have the opportunity to sort and organize donated goods, give a smile and help customers find reused treasures.

Your work helps us towards a sustainable future and provides support for our projects in Africa. As a volunteer, you get the opportunity to develop new skills, meet new people and create meaningful connections.

It is an opportunity to be a part of something bigger. If you have some spare time and want to give back in a fun and meaningful way, consider volunteering with us.

Contact amanda@uff.dk to hear more.

Find more information:  [uff_humana_shop](https://www.instagram.com/uff_humana_shop)

Donations

We gratefully accept money, good recycled clothes, shoes, bicycles, sewing machines, etc.

Monetary donations can be deposited into our collection account, reg. no. 8401, account no. 0001295221 in Merkur Andelskasse — or Mobilepay no. 234357.

If you have items or clothes you wish to donate, send an email to elsehanne@uff.dk or call 23 34 42 98.

Remember that your donations are tax-free, and remember to write your name on the payment.



The World's Best Morning with the mayor of Køge

"The world's many progressions deserve more column space" was the theme of this year's edition of the newspaper Verdens Bedste Nyheder which we handed out in September, as usual, alongside 2,500 other volunteers around Denmark.

This year, we were joined by the mayor of Køge, Marie Stærke, who distributed the newspaper together with us. Although there are many challenges at national and international level that require attention from the media and the world, it is important to remember the progress, solutions and developments that certainly also deserve column space.

Read more about Verdens Bedste Nyheder on their website: www.verdensbedstenyheder.dk.

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