



Dear Max Mustermann,

It is hard to describe the emotional effect the events in the world are having on us. The invasion of Ukraine by the Russian military, the pain and the suffering brought about by this war are simply horrifying. Sadly we too are feeling the concerns and uncertainties that people throughout the world are experiencing daily. In Burkina Faso too the fight against terrorism is continuing and week by week we hear of villages being attacked, terrorists “neutralised” and vehicles belonging to local NGOs captured. Of course one cannot compare the situation in the various countries, yet there is something positive emerging from all this suffering. More and more people are showing solidarity and standing up for peace and democracy. In the small AMPO oasis in Ouagadougou things are still ticking along as usual. The extension to the Clinic is progressing, the kids in the orphanages go on playing UNO as before and the guys in the wheelchair workshop keep on welding. The purpose of this newsletter is to get your mind off the wave of bad news, if only for a moment. We hope we can distract you for a few minutes.

Your Team from AMPO International e.V.

We need your support!

More and more people are becoming aware of AMPO. We are receiving donations from new donors and discovering new activities on social media accounts in support of AMPO. That is why we would like to get to know you, our supporters, better. We have set up an [online survey](#) to help us tailor our information and events to meet your requirements. At the end of the survey you have the opportunity to share with us your thoughts, wishes, suggestions and of course your constructive criticism. Our aim is to improve with your help!



[online survey](#)

Commitment to AMPO

Doing something for AMPO
Sustainability in our facilities



In the markets, in every shop and even at AMPO people use bags made of thin black plastic. These lightweight bags fly all over the place in Burkina Faso and pollute the environment. In order to make a change, all of us at AMPO are committed to using only jute bags in future.

The road is open once more!

A few weeks ago work started on the AMPO Clinic extension. Meanwhile so much earth has been removed and our colleagues have been wondering what to do with it. The boys from the orphanage came up with a brilliant idea. The road in front of the orphanage has a lot of traffic and huge holes have appeared over time. For people in wheelchairs the road is impossible. When it rains water collects in various places. 22 boys aged between 16 and 18 decided to make use of their days off due to the political situation.



Equipped with wheelbarrows, shovels and two rented carts and under the supervision of their educators, they set to work. Some removed the earth from the Clinic site while others spread it out and flattened it down. When the work was done the boys of course were treated to small reward – fruit juice, biscuits and sardine sandwiches. They showered off the remaining traces of dirt, settled down to watch an Africa Cup match and went off to sleep, tired but happy.



A new approach to donations in kind

Several times a year we have the possibility to ship donations in kind to our AMPO facilities in Burkina Faso. However, the cost of processing and shipping is constantly rising and owing to the worldwide pandemic, transport is taking longer and longer. After consultation with our colleagues in Ouagadougou we have updated our list of donations in keeping with requirements. Currently there is a need for example for surgical stitches, blood pressure monitors, clinical thermometers, compresses, garden equipment (watering cans, rakes, spades, spraying equipment, machetes, rubber boots, cord, tarpaulins),

sewing machines and computers. This is only a small selection. You can find the complete list on our website. **There is currently no need for clothing, blankets and plastic toys.** We would like to highlight the fact that we are in close contact with our colleagues in Ouagadougou who keep us updated as to what donations and urgently needed and what not. Thank you for all your support.



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Our monthly diary

In spite of the political situation in Burkina Faso the activities in our facilities carried on as usual. The boys in the orphanages continued their sporting activities, while Katrin Rohde and Marina Pfaffernoschke visited a newborn child at MIA/ALMA. The AMPO Clinic took care of Sana, a 26-year-old woman we'd like you to meet.

Sadly this monthly diary is not entirely positive. Concern about terrorist attacks in the villages is still acute, which is why there is no let up in the number of displaced persons. More and more people, especially women, come to AMPO for food. Our colleagues at P.P.Filles got to work and helped families threatened by hunger with food parcels.



[Read more about our monthly diary](#)

Upcoming events



No AMPO International events are scheduled at present.

At the moment we are unable to organise events on account of the current pandemic situation. We will keep you informed of any changes.

[Dates](#)

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