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for children in Burkina Faso



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irrespective of age, cultural background, disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity. Using the masculine form in the German text is simply to make it easier to read. It is always inclusive of all people and every gender.

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Dear Readers,

After more than 25 years of labour-intensive days, chaotic nights with young mothers in need in hospital, streetkids and raids, battles with bureaucracy, the loving nearness of orphans and the fruitful cooperation of responsible colleagues, I can only say: it was all worth it!

Orphans have a very good eye for an opportunity and that opportunity is AMPO. From primary school to graduation they are guided and supported by a reliable team. That is why today we can look back with pride on hundreds of young well-trained citizens of Burkina Faso: nurses, laboratory assistants, opticians, IT specialists, engineers, teachers, accountants, midwives and now doctors in the making are now earning their own living and are able to support their younger brothers and sisters.

To add to the list are the tailors or mechanics, many of whom have set up their own studios or workshops in town. We are very proud of these young people because many of them came to us with severe trauma seeking the care and support they need to develop. Our educators and psychologists were there to work hand in hand with each one of them. The success of their work is a testimony to their dedication at grass roots level. AMPO is on the right track and of course we have a guardian angel on top!

I have stepped down from the group of directors. In fact things have turned out just as I intended. The world



can see that Africans are able to develop their country themselves. How happy that makes me!

At this point I would like to express my thanks especially to our colleagues in Burkina Faso. The word "overtime" is not in their vocabulary at AMPO, they just get on with the job. We are all part of a large family, the older ones looking out for the younger. Sometimes the newcomers will sit down with the night watchmen and talk of what they have gone through in their young lives. Each and every one of our staff has a role to play. The cook sometimes is looked upon as a mother and her role is just as important as that of the accountant. One weekend a month the children go back to their residual families so that they keep contact to their roots. Those who have no family are gladly taken home by the staff to join in with their own children.

This is how the spirit of AMPO is kept alive: spreading love, standing up for justice and fighting racism. These are the principles on which we build our house and our children carry these principles wherever they go.

The world is at serious risk and Burkina Faso has been changed by terrorist attacks. In the past we lived under a reign of unconditional peace, but now the seeds of violence have been sown and we must close our ranks even more. The result is that the number of patients in our clinic has doubled and we need help – we need your help. Our annual budget for medicines, prostheses and dressings has exploded. But we are optimistic. Things will change, our world will heal. It may take time, but one thing is certain: we will support each other on the way. Our thoughts and prayers are with you who make all our work possible not only through your generosity but also through your good wishes. We feel your good wishes here in Burkina Faso and in Africa every day and for that I send you my thanks. Please stay with us. These people, these children deserve your commitment to giving them a chance. I wish you all health and peace.

Katrin Rohde





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I. AMPO 25 years plus

How it all began



An adventurous and fateful journey to West Africa prompted Katrin Rohde to sell her entire belongings and move from Germany to Burkina Faso. In 1995 she obtained a former rubbish dump from the local authorities in the capital Ouagadougou as a site to build a home for street children. Before building could start the topsoil had to be completely removed and replaced. The Orphanage for Boys was opened in 1996 and was the first in a whole series of very successful institutions. It was given the name AMPO - Association Managré Nooma pour la Protection des Orphelins (Managré Nooma Association for the Protection of Orphans). "Managré Nooma" in Moré, one of the national languages of Burkina Faso means „The good is never lost.“





Katrin Rohde and her staff have been living and working according to this axiom for more than 25 years now in Ouagadougou. Today AMPO includes a number of institutions and projects covering a variety of areas based on the principle of helping others to help themselves. Learning and education are the key targets to empower people to determine their own lives in their own country in the long term.

Many of these miracles were only made possible by the generosity of those who gave donations large and small. Since all of us are concerned about the long-term sustainability of the AMPO institutions, the Katrin Rohde Foundation (www.katrin-rohde-stiftung.de) was also set up in December 2005 to ensure that the good is never lost in Burkina Faso.



The country and the children

Burkina Faso lies in West Africa and has always been one of the poorest countries in the world. Somewhat smaller in area than Germany, it is primarily a land of farmers and shepherds. The illiteracy rate among the population is higher than 70%. The country depends on its agriculture, hence on its environment, which is being increasingly destroyed by the constantly growing population and by climate change. The result is drastically increasing poverty among the rural population. Mainly young people are driven by poverty to the capital, Ouagadougou which is growing at a rate of almost 10% every year.

The first victims of these economic and social changes are the children, many of whom are forced to survive by begging, stealing and prostitution. The fortunate ones find their way to AMPO. There they are given

a new home and the means to develop their talents.

Over the past 25 years AMPO has grown into a complex of diverse, interrelated aid projects, concentrating mainly on children, young people, women and people with disabilities. The AMPO institutions do not simply distribute alms to the needy, they also expect a great deal from those they help. Those on the receiving end of AMPO are encouraged to stand on their own two feet and to fend for themselves and for others. Never again should they find themselves in the situation that brought them to us in the first place. Children and young abandoned women are monitored until they can look after themselves. Women receive microcredits to set up their own small businesses, people with disabilities learn a trade and can also obtain their own means of transport.

The history of AMPO

- 1988** Katrin Rohde's first trip to Africa, taking her to Gambia, Mali and Burkina Faso
- 1995** Move to Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, founding AMPO and acquisition of building land.
- 1996** Opening of the first **orphanage**, starting with 29 boys. Today there are up to 60 boys aged between 6 and 18.
- 1998** The infirmary for the AMPO children is expanded to become a state-recognised **Clinic**.
- 1999** Opening of the AMPO Annexe orphanage for girls with up to 60 girls ages 6 to 18.
- 1999** **P.P.Filles** counsels women and girls on family planning, AIDS prevention and FGM.
- 2003** Opening of the **MIA** safe house for underage pregnant girls often with HIV, together with their children.
- 2004** The **Cinémobile** travels around remote rural areas showing educational films.
- 2005** Opening of **TONDTENGA**, the organic farm and agricultural boarding school where around 80 boys learn alternative farming methods and livestock breeding.
- 2007** AMPO pays school fees for 1,000 external children every year.
- 2008** The **ALMA** safe house provides a home for 20 underage girls rejected by their families, along the same lines as MIA.
- 2008** The mobile wheelchair workshop travels to remote areas to provide and repair wheelchairs for people with disabilities.
- 2009** The Clinic expands to include a gynaecology unit, a dental unit and a rehab unit.
- 2010** Launch of the nutrition project **LINDA** for mothers and their undernourished babies and infants.
- 2013** Microcredits are set up for groups of women to become independent.
- 2014** The orphanages are remodelled and re-organised.
- 2015** AMPO celebrates its 20th anniversary.
- 2015** **MIA/ALMA** are merged.
- 2016** Another wheelchair project is launched: **Tond Nao**.
- 2020** AMPO celebrates its 25th anniversary.



II. The AMPO Team in Burkina Faso

Dénis Yameogo Director General

Dénis Yameogo is a trained health attaché in the field of pediatrics and worked for ten years as a senior nurse in state health facilities in rural areas of Burkina Faso.

In 2006 he joined the team of the AMPO infirmary. His care, dedication and sense of good work quickly earned him the respect and recognition of AMPO's employees and partners. Dénis Yameogo managed the infirmary for a long time before he was promoted to Director General 3 years ago and is thus at the head of the NGO AMPO/ACPS.

His vision is to consolidate all the achievements that Katrin Rohde has reached in over 25 years. AMPO/ACPS should be used as a reference that Africans have the ability to self-develop the continent.



Edouard Ouedraogo
Pang La Wende



Christine Adamou
Orphanage for girls



Hedwige Ouedraogo
P.P.Filles & Cinémobile



Lamsa Bogni
Orphanage for boys



Souleymane Nana
MIA/ALMA



Olivier Bado
TondTenga



Léontine Samandoulougou
Clinic



Pitroipa Evariste
Administrative and Finance Director



Marthe Sanogo
Assistant to the directorate

III. The AMPO - facilities

AMPO has been applying these principles for over **25 years**

Security
Health
Education
Awareness

The orphanages

The young people living in our orphanages are between the ages of 6 and 20. We can accommodate up to 60 girls and 60 boys. This makes AMPO one of the few institutions in Burkina Faso reaching out to this age group because most orphanages care only for babies and toddlers. Many of the children come to us via state social welfare authorities, in some cases relatives ask us for assistance. Also sometimes a child turns up on our doorstep alone in the morning.



The children are either orphans or semi-orphans, abandoned or mistreated. Each child is assessed by a team of educators and psychologists on a case by case basis, depending on its needs. If the family is still around we try to have the child grow up with them if possible. AMPO will then help with school fees, clothing and medical care. If we take the child into the orphanage we do our best to maintain and improve contact to the family of origin. Many of our children have been severely traumatised by their past experience. At AMPO they are provided with psychological counselling, and more importantly they experience a structured daily routine, loving care, regular good food, individual encouragement and inclusion into a community that offers them the security they need for healthy development.



In keeping with the principle that our children should have a solid education, all of the AMPO children start by attending a neighbourhood school.

We strive to ensure that the children obtain at least the Burkina BEPC junior grade which is the key to continuing education in vocational colleges and a requirement for the public service entrance exam. No child is left by the wayside: we also look for solutions for those who wish to pursue other avenues. Most kids are highly motivated and achieve excellent school results. Many of them are class-spokespersons, which is a huge distinction for a previously neglected child and goes to prove that the AMPO staff often succeeds in giving their wards a sense of self-confidence and reliance.

Both orphanages elect their president who consults their advisers every year to establish rules of behaviour: TV slots, sanctions, washing-up rosters, etc. They meet once a week to discuss any issues – democracy in practice! Our children are used to a fairly normal, realistic african pace of life. They wash their own clothes, help with cooking and washing-up and make sure their rooms and the yard are kept clean, chores just like in any regular Burkina family. During the week school and homework have priority. At weekends the programme includes sport, games, music, learning to swim, soccer and karate. Handicrafts, computer courses, farm work and the annual summer camp with day trips in the surroundings are also part of our leisure activities. During the holidays each child can do exactly as it pleases: singing, fishing, sleeping, drumming, playing – at last!





Freedom of religion applies to all AMPO facilities. In the orphanages we have a mosque and a small chapel where prayers are held regularly with the imam or the chaplain. Religion is very important in Burkina Faso. Mosques and churches are always filled to capacity. Everyone believes in God and each can follow his own religion. Islam, Christianity and many other native religions are practised here and their followers accept each other and often celebrate religious festivals together. For the orphans, once they leave AMPO it is important for them to find their place in their respective religious community.

Depending on the individual situation young people between the ages of 18 and 20 take part in the official fare-

well ceremony when leaving AMPO. Those successfully completing training in an AMPO facility are offered start-up support for their new professions in the form of the necessary tools, in order to practise their acquired skills.

Trainees and students continue to receive monitoring and financial support by the AMPO education promotion scheme and by their sponsors in Europe until they graduate. Many of them stay in close contact with AMPO. Some even find employment in the various facilities as educators or nursing staff, while others set up their own workshops and provide us with products that we can sell in our own AMPO shop or export to Germany.



1. AMPO orphanage for boys

The AMPO orphanage for boys was the first facility set up by Katrin Rohde in 1996. Lamsa Bogni has been working for AMPO since August 2016 and he is the Director of the orphanage. He specialised as an attaché for education and worked for 11 years at the Ministry for Women, National Solidarity and Humanitarian Activities for Groups at Risk. This focusses specifically on children, women and people with disabilities. He and his team of educators are responsible for the implementation of AMPO principles: security, health, education, awareness.



2. AMPO orphanage for girls



The Orphanage for Girls was opened in 1999. It is more difficult to assess the situation of the girls than that of the boys. If their parents die, they are usually handed over to relatives to work in the kitchen. They are often mistreated and there is no one to pay their school fees. This inspired Katrin Rohde to set up the Orphanage for girls. Christine Adamou is a psychologist who has been working with complete devotion to her girls since day one.



Vocational training

Between the ages of 18 and 20 the young people leave the orphanages and are provided with continuous support until they have completed a training. The AMPO team assists them in practical and organisational matters on their way to a new career. Opportunities of training and further education are financed and even university studies are possible.

Unlike in Europe, young people in vocational training in Burkina Faso are unpaid and in some cases (as for school education) they have to pay high fees to the training facilities. To give them access to training we are always on the lookout for training sponsors. You yourself may be a lawyer, electrician or bank clerk who might enjoy the opportunity of opening the door to your profession to a young future colleague. On the other hand, you might enable a young person in Africa to work in a profession that you always wanted to exercise yourself but were never able to do so.



MIA/ALMA Refuge for abandoned



In 2003 AMPO opened MIA, the first home for abandoned girls. The second home, ALMA, was added in 2008. The idea behind the two homes has proved its worth over the years and in 2015 the opportunity arose for the two homes to move together to common premises with its own vegetable garden.

This home offers refuge to girls from very difficult backgrounds. Many have fled from forced marriages or the threat of female genital mutilation, some were prostitutes, some suffered unwanted pregnancies and were subsequently rejected by their families, some are being hunted by their former pimps. Many of them are marginalised because they are infected with AIDS. MIA/ALMA

is a refuge in Ouagadougou offering these girls a way out of their situation. The home can accommodate up to 50 girls and their babies. There is a huge demand because the word has spread among girls in such circumstances that help is available. Social services, local officials and other local relevant bodies refer girls to MIA/ALMA.

During their 2 to 3 year stay at MIA/ALMA the girls learn to lead independent lives in keeping with AMPO principles. Most of them attend school and all of them are trained in dress-making and domestic science. AMPO endeavours to equip the girls to face any of the dangers that may have brought them to us in the first place. In cooperation with P.P.Filles Counselling Centre, the girls





On completion of their stay at AMPO, each girl is given a bicycle and some money as start-up capital. Since it was founded MIA/ALMA has been directed with love and complete commitment by Souleymane Nana. He is a real streetworker and vehemently protects his girls from unwanted interference from their past.

are also instructed in topics such as women's rights, FGM, sexuality and AIDS prevention. While the girls are preparing themselves to determine their own future, their children who are often traumatised are looked after by the trained pre-school teachers at MIA/ALMA. After a difficult start in life they find here safety and stability.

Our aim is to re-integrate the girls into their families of origin. However, custom and tradition make this very difficult and we only succeed in a few cases. Fortunately the girls develop a sense of solidarity when they are at AMPO, they support each other and often get together after they leave to share accommodation or set up small workshops.



The clinic



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In the state and private health centres every single treatment including any material required must be paid for immediately and entirely before the treatment begins. And it is often the case that people are deterred from consulting a doctor out of fear of what it may cost. At AMPO things are different: everyone pays a nominal charge of about 30 cents and is given the medication he needs. Only special treatments (especially dental or gynaecological) are more expensive, but still far below the price level of other health centres. Some of the former AMPO kids are now working as part of the clinic team, having completed their training as nurses or medical assistants.

At present we are treating up to 100,000 patients a year, 60 % of whom are children. The waiting room and the covered inner courtyard are frequently overcrowded and a long queue regularly forms along the street outside the clinic. Many of the patients come a long way to get here, sometimes starting out on foot from poor remote areas at night to wait in front of the clinic gate in the morning. An average of 150 patients a day is not unusual. The dramatic increase in the number of people in need is a result of the continuing terrorist activity in the rural areas. People are fleeing towards the towns.

The symptoms most frequently diagnosed by the medical staff are fever (mostly due to malaria) and diarrhoea.

Such illnesses are potentially life-threatening and can be remedied at a cost of less than EUR 1.



1. Dressings Unit

The Dressings Unit treats burns, eczema, snake bites and accident injuries. In Africa open wounds require particularly intensive care since healing when exposed to air is not possible because of the many flies. On the other hand, if they are completely covered, simple injuries may easily result in tropical ulcers, especially during the rainy season. The unit specialises in treating these types of cases. The latest terrorist activities incur new types of injuries and treatments, in particular post-amputation.

2. Gynaecology Unit

The Gynaecology Unit at the AMPO Clinic offers treatment to poor women and girls from the surrounding area as well as to patients referred by the P.P.Filles Counselling Centre. The cost of treatment and medication is modest and, in keeping with AMPO practice, adapted to the situation of the patient. The Gynaecology Unit also conducts screening tests for the women and girls from the AMPO institutions.

3. Dental Unit

Equipped with a special dentist chair suitable for use in the tropics and which remains functional for several minutes after a power cut, the Dental Unit has been treating patients for a token fee since 2005. AMPO kids are free of charge of course. The african dentists here can also manufacture dental prostheses.



4. Optical Unit

Hundreds and thousands of pairs of spectacles are collected in Europe and sent to our Optical Unit, now managed by a former AMPO orphan, Aziz Kabre. The Unit provides help to poor people who can come to have their glasses fitted or receive new glasses. Thanks to the huge number of donated spectacles, we can match the right glasses to the right people. Waiting times are long, but in the end everyone leaves with a smile.



5. Rehab Unit

The Rehab Unit at AMPO offers physiotherapy for children and adults either as out-patients or in-patients. In view of the constantly increasing number of traffic accidents in particular, it is becoming more and more important to provide affordable treatment in this sector too. The Rehab Unit is well equipped to apply a diverse variety of massage and physiotherapy treatments for its small patients. The first successfully separated Siamese twins in Burkina Faso were referred to the AMPO Rehab Unit by the state hospital after the operation. This is indeed an honour for AMPO.

The in-patient section of the Rehab Unit treats children who have undergone hospital treatment and who cannot yet be discharged to their homes. This is the case especially for children with disabilities or those with major burns. In a small courtyard separated off from the clinic we have set up six beds for the little rehab patients. All of the children come from very poor families and are in urgent need of intensive, professional care. Nutritious food and attention are also an important part of the treatment.



6. The LINDA Project



Another programme belonging to the Clinic is the LINDA Project. Many children brought to the Clinic are undernourished. They are referred immediately with their mothers to LINDA. Here the undernourished children are fed with a particularly nutritious porridge until their physical development matches their age. On scheduled visits the mothers learn how to make this porridge themselves with local, affordable ingredients.

The visits to LINDA are a platform of exchange with the women and the children are regularly weighed. Home visits provide opportunities to show how to filter water with sand, or how to prepare their own medicine using available, natural ingredients such as leaves and tree bark. The other women in the neighbourhood learn from

this as well. In traditional families in the villages throughout the country the knowledge about feeding children with local products and simple home remedies is passed on from the older generation to young mothers. In the city it is rare for several generations to live together and the knowledge is lost. In a society, especially among the poorer populations, where much is still passed on by word of mouth, this is very often the reason for many undernourished, sick children.



7. The Viimde Project



„Viimde“ means „Life“!



The Viimde Project was started in 2013, providing medical care for 50 HIV-positive mothers and their children every year and offering access to counselling on matters of hygiene and nutrition. The respective village communities are included in the counselling process, to improve understanding of the disease and thus ensure better integration of the women into their families and into society. The Viimde Project is conducted by the staff of the AMPO Clinic and works in the villages around Ouagadougou in cooperation with the local representatives of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs.

The Head of the Clinic is Léontine Samandoulougou. After six months practical training in the clinic she completed her vocational training in 2004 and was employed as a nurse. She became assistant to the Head of the Clinic and was placed in charge of the LINDA Project. Denis Yameogo, the former Head of the Clinic was appointed Director General of AMPO in 2019, when Léontine Samandoulougou became Head of the Clinic.

We do not publish photographs of the Viimde Project. These photos were taken in other facilities.



Pang La Wende - The wheelchair project



People with disabilities in need of a wheelchair can apply for one to AMPO. We assess their situation and on presentation of a valid identity card we will build a tricycle wheelchair for them. Usually the AMPO staff have to assist in applying for the identity card which represents a huge step towards autonomy. The hand-driven wheelchair costs around EUR 270. Sometimes there is quite a wait, because it is not always possible to finance the wheelchair immediately.

The money comes from specific donations from sponsors in Europe. Once we receive a donation we start to build the wheelchair which is then passed on to someone in need in Ouagadougou.

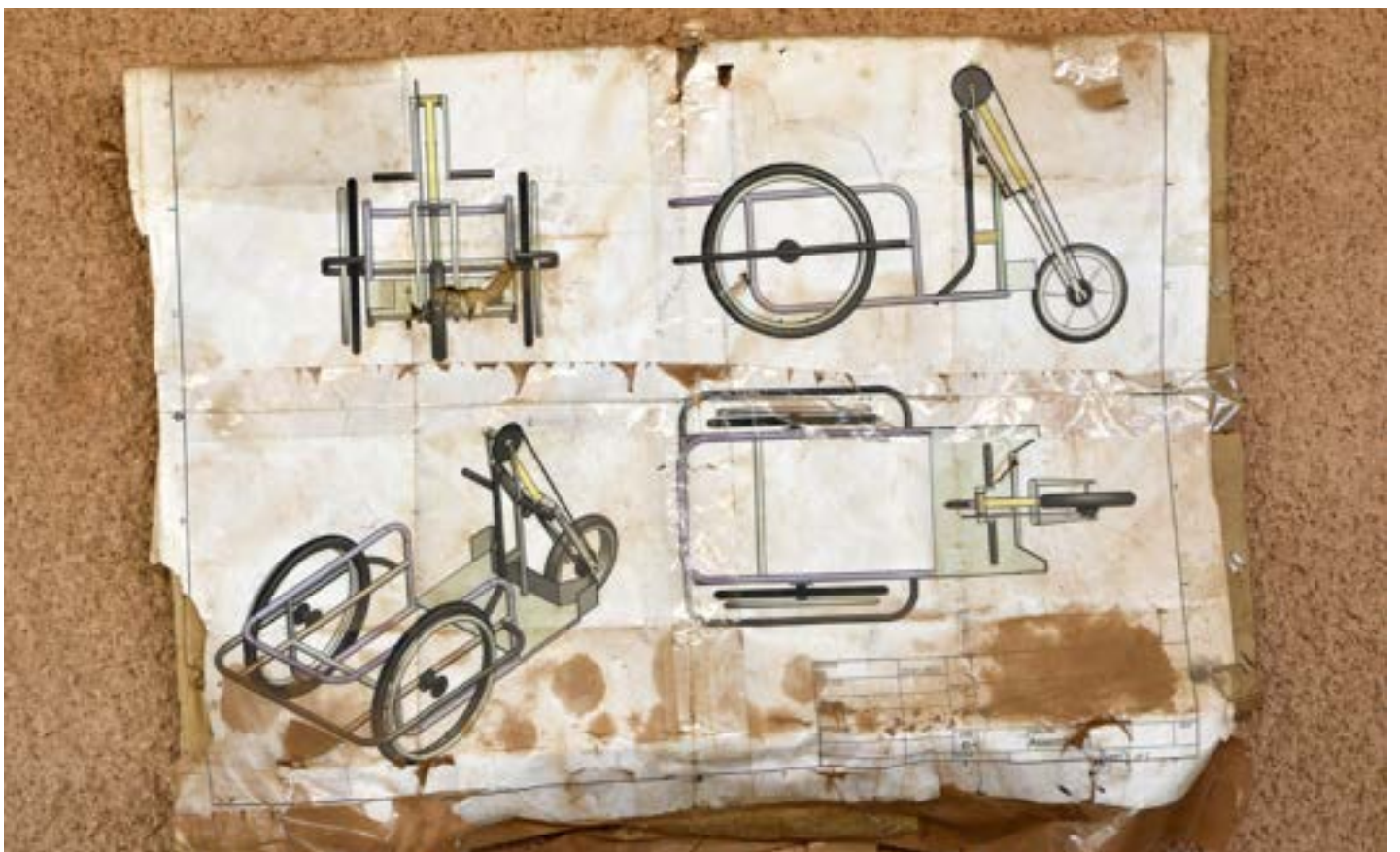


The reputation of the AMPO Wheelchair Workshop spread fast and in January 2008 we set up a mobile Wheelchair Workshop called Handicap Mobile. More and more people from surrounding villages started to apply for wheelchairs and so the mobile wheelchair workshop started to tour villages as far away as 200 km from Ouagadougou. This program travels three times a month to assess the needs of people with disabilities and to carry out any repairs on site.



It is often tougher for people with disabilities in the villages than in the city because the distances to cover in the daily life of a wheelchair user make life even more difficult. The mobile workshop provides wheelchairs mainly to children with disabilities to enable them to go to school.

The Project Director Edouard Norgho uses a wheelchair himself and is a former Paralympic champion of Burkina Faso, so he is fully aware of the needs of people with disabilities. He has been working with Katrin Rohde for 18 years now and is a role model of courage and joie de vivre.



Tondtenga - Teaching farm and agricultural college

„Tondtenga” means „Land” in the language of the Mossi, the largest ethnic group in Burkina Faso. Tondtenga is our entirely organic agricultural college about 15 km outside the capital of Ouagadougou. Affectionately it is known to everyone as „TT”.



The air is good and the surroundings are peaceful, something not to be found in the capital. Young farmers learn to cultivate the land for profit at the agricultural college. The aim is to reduce rural exodus and to give the young men in their villages the possibility to lead secure and fulfilled lives. 10 boys aged between 10 and 18 from 8 different villages spend 2 years being taught methods of improving agricultural yield as well as animal farming.

The farm extends over 7 hectares and includes orchards and vegetable gardens, small arable plots, compost ditches, animal sheds (pigs, goats, sheep, rabbits, ducks, turkeys, chickens, cattle and horses). The farm needs water and so we installed a solar pump that feeds water into the water tower from a depth of 65 metres. The skilful use of various irrigation systems is an important component in the training of these young people.





Each working group has to cultivate its own area and each boy is in charge of his own plot. This develops a sense of responsibility and also gives them an opportunity to measure their own performance against that of their peers. In the past only corn, millet and groundnuts were grown in Burkina Faso, but the younger generation has made successful attempts at growing sesame and hibiscus, now possible by applying the latest subtropical farming methods. Orchards are planted and they are taught to ferment compost in the compost ditches. Composting under the climatic conditions of Burkina Faso is quite an art and is so important for organic farming.



Tondtenga is managed by Olivier Bado, a qualified water and forestry engineer. With 9 years' work experience he moved to Tondtenga in 2016 in charge of the cooperatives. In 2018 he became Director of Tondtenga. The aim of Tondtenga is to combat rural exodus, to send the well-trained young farmers back to their villages as role models and to find new sources of income and sales markets for the project. He is supported by educators, veterinary doctors, gardeners, teachers and of course cooks,

all caring for the wellbeing of the boys. The daily theoretical teaching units form the basis of knowledge for ecology, environment, animal farming, agriculture and organic vegetable farming. The young people are also taught reading, writing and arithmetic.

On completion of their training the young people go back to their villages where the village community gives them a piece of land on which they can put their acquired knowledge into practice. AMPO also contributes wells, sheds for animal farming, fences and seed. The groups are supported in setting up their own small farms in the villages for a further two years. They are all linked together in cooperatives.

Quite a number of groups of trained young people have been reintegrated into their village communities and in many villages we can see how their knowledge of improved farming methods has been passed on to others in the village, resulting in a significant improvement in the living standard of all those involved. Tondtenga sends out a clear message to the villages, showing by example that rural life is not necessarily linked to poverty and hopelessness.

We are grateful to the Dr. Elvire Engel Stiftung, a foundation in Luxemburg, for setting up this facility and for the many years of loyal support for the Agricultural College. Katrin Rohde received the Ashoka Fellowship Award for creating this project.



P.P.Filles- Counseling center for women

P.P.Filles targets socially challenged women and girls, offering them counsel and material assistance. The broad scope of the center's activities ranges from educational projects on sexual issues, contraception, HIV-AIDS and female genital mutilation, including counselling for mis-

treated women, to microcredits for groups of women who want to set up their own small business. In addition P.P. Filles organises discussion groups – an important tool in a society in which women in particular are not accustomed to turning to other people with their problems.



P.P.Filles is an open house to which anyone can come. Matters which go beyond the remit of the centre are referred by the staff to the proper authorities or appropriate bodies.

They work in very close cooperation with the other AMPO facilities. Abused women can also be referred to the AMPO Clinic. Homeless girls may find shelter at MIA/ALMA, undernourished babies are given a chance of survival through the LINDA Project.

Conversely P.P.Filles takes their awareness campaigns to the other AMPO institutions: the instructional films and group discussions are also of particular benefit to the girls and boys from the AMPO Orphanages, MIA/ALMA and Tondtenga Farming School.



Cinémobile / Microcredits



P.P.Filles not only conduct their activities on their own premises, they carry their message to schools and neighbourhood districts. With their Cinémobile they have the means to spread information on the rights of women and girls in the more remote areas of the country. Cinémobile is a cinema on wheels and using its own generator it can even set up viewings in places without electricity.

Each year a different region in Burkina Faso is selected for the awareness projects of the mobile cinema. During the months where work has stopped in the fields, up to 20,000 people come together in various villages. With packed audiences the film is followed by a round of discussion. Of course men are also welcome to attend these events, because the effective implementation of the rights of women and girls can only be possible with the inclusion of men.



Explaining their rights to women can only help to a limited extent as long as they are financially dependent on their husbands. With this in mind P.P.Filles provides a series of activities to help women earn their own living.

One very successful means is to offer microcredits. The women form small groups of 5-10 people and the members of the group are jointly responsible for the credit the group receives.

The amount of credit allocated to each group is small, starting with around EUR 40 up to a maximum of EUR 80 at a minimal interest rate of 5 %. Such sums may appear to be insignificant but they still help the women to set up a small business. Some start by selling cooked rice, others work as hairdressers or trade fabrics. Every year we are able to grant microcredits to as many as 500 women.

Figures: Status June 2020

IV. External support projects

1. School fees

In addition to the projects described above, AMPO also provides practical support. Every year AMPO pays the school fees for several hundred children from the poorest backgrounds, so that they too have access to the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic. Especially children approaching the end of their schooling are given assistance so that they are not forced to leave school shortly before graduation because their parents can no longer afford the school fees.



2. Light and Dignity

In this context we have set up a special programme for girls known as Light and Dignity, which enables a further 100 orphaned girls or girls from difficult social backgrounds to attend school. Meals in the school canteen also provided if necessary. The girls' progress is regularly monitored. If a girl has to repeat a class twice, she is no longer eligible to participate in the programme and another girl is then given the opportunity.



3. Dear Mama/YikPinda

The aim of this project is to create awareness of self-testing methods to promote early recognition of breast cancer. The project also explains methods of birth control in the interest of family planning, monitors the family burden on women and seeks to improve their living conditions.

Direct target groups are women of child-bearing age and parents of young girls. Other target groups are parents, spouses, training facility staff and community leaders.



4. ASAO

The charity, Solidaritätskreis Westafrika e.V., has launched a second Cinémobile in cooperation with the AMPO Cinémobile. Sharing our staff and our experience we will be able to offer people in remote areas counselling and information on a wide variety of subjects.

5. AMPO Kits

In certain cases even the AMPO Clinic reaches the limits of its capacity and children have to be referred to a state hospital. In close cooperation with Developed.Aid, children are taken care of in hospital and their families provided with financial support, since hospital treatment is unaffordable for underprivileged families.

V. Visiting AMPO

For friends, supporters, sponsors, partners and anyone who volunteers help we have guest accommodation available at AMPO. Come and visit us and see for yourself the work being done in all of our facilities, or meet your sponsored child in person. For those wishing to participate actively we can arrange a longer-term practical visit. For further details contact our AMPO International office.

In 2015 MAM DUNIA, the AMPO restaurant, was renovated and tastefully refurbished. Guests can sit in pleasant surroundings and enjoy traditional dishes from Germany or discover the culinary specialities of Burkina Faso. The teaching restaurant is a training facility providing training opportunities for cooks and serving staff.

Katrin Rohde tells the story about the restaurant:

„We proudly present: Our restaurant MAM DUNIA

It all started 24 years ago when I opened the small MAM DUNIA restaurant in the city centre. It was very popular because of the good food and the ambiance in this cheerful spot open 24/7. However there was a lot more behind the scene. We needed a place of refuge for streetkids under threat, a place where they could come to at any time, day or night. The threats were usually due to knife fights or brutal police raids. The building had to be demolished five years later. By that time we already had our own properties and we were able to build a new restaurant, this time offering training apprenticeships for many of our young people.



„MAM DUNIA “ means „My world“ ...



...and we were hoping to serve a diversity of customers who would share their world with ours. And so it became a meeting place. Today we employ a restaurant manager, four cooks, six serving staff and eight housekeeping staff who look after our three guest rooms. Everything is kept spotlessly clean. All of the staff are former or current AMPO children. We have also been discovered by several tourist guides because of our high standards of hygiene. The real breakthrough came 5 years ago when we were

invited to provide catering for the first time for the celebration of the Day of German Unity on 3rd October at the residence of the German Embassy, a huge undertaking. All the diplomats were there, ministers too of course, local royalty, along with German and other European expatriates, 600 guests waiting to be served. The logistics took weeks to prepare, recipe testing, procuring glasses and crockery, sewing uniforms for the serving staff. The waitresses, mainly the older girls from the orphanage and some of the girls from MIA/ALMA, underwent fast-track training. We needed altogether a staff of 70, including delivery drivers, baristas and chauffeurs.



I was not in town at the time and Christine Adamou, Director of the Orphanage for Girls, took over the reins. The clearing up lasted well into the night until everyone finally boarded the pickups, singing all the way home. The celebrations at the residence had continued until midnight and AMPO did a splendid job.

We are so grateful to the German Embassy for the confidence they placed in AMPO. Since then even the UN, various ministries and embassies call on our catering services which have become a major portion of our income. MAM DUNIA is the only one of all the AMPO facilities that is self-supporting.

VI. AMPO International e.V. - About us



Burkina Faso, offering better opportunities in life to the children, young people and those in need.

The Association raises money, collects donations in kind, provides information about the work of AMPO, looks after the sponsors of AMPO children, advises AMPO on legal matters and provides commercial and logistic support. Aid in the form of food and medicine plays an increasingly important role.

The Association is governed by an honorary Board of Directors and the General Manager, Ute Krüger in Berlin. The headquarters are in Hamburg and the office is in Berlin. In Germany there are also support groups and informal meetings of "Regulars" contributing to our work and we only hope that more local groups like these will be set up in future.

The office also offers handicrafts from Burkina Faso for sale, some of which are made in our own training workshops. Our office staff would be pleased to see you if you care to visit. They are the first point of contact for any questions you may have about AMPO and they can give you further information about donations, also donations in kind, sponsorship, membership and lots more.

At the beginning of 2020 we merged the two associations, Sahel e.V. and Freunde für AMPO e.V. to form the new AMPO International e.V. By doing this we pooled our resources in Germany into one common association in order to provide more effective support for the projects of AMPO in Ouagadougou. The new name is also indicative of our close cooperation with the Katrin Rohde Foundation and other partner organisations on an international level.

AMPO International e.V. is a recognised non-profit organisation whose task is to provide and ensure sustainable financial support for the AMPO projects and facilities in



How you can help ...

Donation

Your donations will leave a fingerprint on the planet. There are various ways to support our work in Burkina Faso:

To mark an occasion

To commemorate a loved one

Donations in kind

We are grateful for every kind of donation and support.

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Sponsoring

You can accompany the children on their long road to independence with personal sponsoring and be there for them along the way. A regular sponsoring contribution covers part of the cost of childcare during their time spent in the orphanage.

Training sponsoring

Training sponsoring will change the life of young people in the long term, giving them a chance to fend for themselves and their future families. We count on your support. Select any amount you may wish to contribute regularly and you will meet the cost of educational or vocational training entirely or in part. Sponsoring runs for the duration of the training period of 3 – 5 years.



Active Support

Become a fundraiser and start your own fundraising activity for AMPO (information booths, markets for products from the AMPO workshops, cake sales, fleamarkets, eBay activities, sponsored runs, charity concerts).



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