



Dear Friends,

This year we have officially established our association, named Programma Sviluppo 76 ONLUS (Development Programme 76 Onlus, where Onlus stands for Not Lucrative Association with the aim of Social Benefit). We have effectively started some important projects.

A long and demanding journey has begun. The challenges are many and complex. Further, they concern people with very different past, traditions, cultures and customs.

Therefore, our guideline is:

- First, to approach communities and get to know them, by sharing knowledge and values with each other,
- Then, to choose and develop together the projects,
- In order to make the locals achieving the projects and feeling ownership.

At present, we are undergoing 5 initiatives.



Aleksinac, southern of Serbia. We were there again last September.

The major need is to re-start the economy, nearly halved following the break up of ex Yugoslavia.

The first project will focus on helping the locals to open a local agency to assist operators in getting organized, becoming aware of the law and the market and finding international partners.

We have prepared a training project. We will present it to the ministerial ban in the coming year, trying to raise part of the project expenses. The remaining funds will come both from the local community (since there cannot be development without investment from who will

be the beneficiary) and PS76.



Guinea Bissau. A new mission, funded by UN, will start next January to assess local conditions for a project on tourism and improving the production of palm oil and caju.

At present, production is achieved by using rudimental medium and commercialization is poor. Therefore, we have identified simple technologies that, nevertheless, would achieve quality satisfaction by the international market.

We are planning an analogues programme in **Guinea Conakry**, but we are waiting for the suitability of CLMC, a NGO from Genoa, to which we will supply a technological contribution.

In Ropi, **Ethiopia**, there is Father Paolo Marré Brunenghi mission. The Missionaries from Genoa joined Paolo association, where two of our partners participate. The association has been active for the past 3 years. It is based on a formation programme, focused on the self-sufficiency of water and food for illiterate people that farm using still primitive medium. Here, a new operational project started. Lorenzo, our partner, will work there for a year for the NGO named Tovini Foundation that obtained the funding. Further, Lorenzo will supervise an experimental programme involved in building huts made of raw earth, to avoid the expense of wooden structures covered by mud. This programme is funded by a Rotary Club in Genoa.

There is also a project on the production of aloe extract for the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries.

Following this first year of development, we are planning further training, for which new funding and volunteers will be needed.



In the current year "Komera Rwanda", an association from Genoa, started operating in **Rwanda**. Two PS76 partners are part of this association. The people who live here have come from refugee camps, started after the civil war. For them we could intervene with water and agriculture projects, making use of our experience in Ethiopia.

Our first step has been a generator, gifted by PS76, to power the sanitary needs, while waiting for the possibility of renewable energies.

In Italy the association is active with initiatives that we are evaluating in collaboration of other associations. The most important one is about networking, offering our technical knowledge on developing countries on the internet, using data developed by many years experience in the field by our partners. This data will be found in the database of the African observatory, recently established and sponsored by Genoa municipality.

All these projects are in need of funds for machinery and structures. Above all, they need technological and organizational tools. We believe that without the knowledge shared by our friends, none of these projects

could have started. Therefore, whoever would like **to contribute, sharing their knowledge in the fields above**, even without dedicating much time to the project, would give a great contribution.

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