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Tension in Guinea Bissau, however, projects are progressing – Projects in Ethiopia and in Rwanda

Dear Friends,

We would like to give you some updates on our projects.



As you are probably aware of, last March in **Guinea Bissau** the President and the Army Chief of Staff were killed.

This major issue, although luckily had no impact on the population, has forced us to cancel our presence in the country till the situation will stabilize.

Nevertheless, **the palm oil project has not been affected**, since the operations have always been carried out by **local partners**. They are carrying on the work according to plan: only our check-up visits have been postponed.

Their technical responsible Ramani, who has built 3 new machines, is carrying on the communities' training (photo: Ramani is the guy wearing the cup).

Tourism project: we hope to restart it next September.

In Ethiopia, the collaboration with the local NGO **13 Sunshine Development Association** is consolidating. Two of our volunteers are going to be on site for all the duration of 2009. In August, **Italian and Ethiopian students** will participate to a **workshop**, focusing on small development projects using local resources. Information on this workshop can be found on our website (www.ps76.org/Workshop024-2009.htm) and a further update will follow after the conclusion of the workshop in an autumn newsletter.

In Rwanda, the **fruit growing project** will change fruit, from passion fruit to Japanese plum. An agronomist should undergo a technical mission in the near future.

Fair trade rice is also available: please call Silvano if you are interested in buying some (silvano.stresino@fastwebnet.it, tel. 348 6086359 or 010 2466711).

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