

News from the DLN

Here in Denmark it has been a strange kind of spring. It started out with snowstorm and really cold weather and then in May it became really warm, sunny and dry. DLN has been working under all the conditions. You can read more in this newsletter.



The Photo is from the beginning of May 2018.

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News from The Board

By: Karina Ruby, Chairman

Good work is carried out in the project groups, both on current as well as future projects. The Rural Self-help Development Association (RSDA) group has applied for funding with CISU for a new 3 year project totalling 4.3 million DKK. Exciting to see if the project is accepted. The Development of Peace

Nyt fra bestyrelsen

Af: Karina Ruby, formand

Der arbejdes godt i projektgrupperne med vores partnere omkring nuværende og kommende projekter. Rural Self-help Development Association (RSDA)-gruppen har indsendt en ansøgning til CISU om penge til et nyt 3-års projekt, i alt 4,3 mio. kr. Det er spændende, om det bliver bevilget.

Education (DPE) started project phase four last year in July, and a visit is planned for October. We have started the one year project with our new partner, Lesotho National Council of Women (LNCW), on vocational training. A project visit was made in Feb-March and a second one is planned for August.

The project on reuse of school computers from Vejle Municipality in Lesotho is still seeking clarification on funding and sustainability. There is great interest in Lesotho in receiving the recycled computers.

At the AGM this year it was decided to organise a 'vision day' within the next year. We have decided to have it in connection with the 2019 AGM. Probably a weekend event.

The Board is currently focusing on doing more information work in Denmark. Among other things we plan to produce a small video film about Lesotho and DLN partnerships. We have identified a Danish couple with vast experience in film making. They will be going to Lesotho in October.

Working Kids pilot project

By: Carsten Brønden

First stage of our Working Kids pilot project was successfully implemented during three weeks in February- March this year. It concerned training of trainers from a number of small NGO and private vocational schools, who participated with two participants each.

We have received funding from CISU to implement the activities in cooperation with our new partner, Lesotho National Council of Women (LNCW). The Council was founded back in the 1960's and consists of 14 big and small women NGOs from various districts of Lesotho. I met with the Council last year, primarily senior women, and it was my

Development of Peace Education (DPE)-gruppen begyndte på den fjerde fase projektet, og de har planlagt at tage på projektbesøg i Lesotho i oktober. Med vores nyeste partner Lesotho National Council of Women (LNCW) er det 1-årige projekt omkring erhvervsuddannelse i gang. Der har været projektbesøg i februar-marts, og der skal være et besøg igen i august.

Projektet vedr. brugte skolecomputere fra Vejle Kommune til skoler i Lesotho er stadig under afklaring i fht. økonomi og bæredygtighed. Der er stor interesse i Lesotho for at få de brugte computere.

På generalforsamlingen blev der vedtaget, at vi skal have en visionsdag inden for det næste år. Vi har besluttet, at det bliver i forbindelse med generalforsamlingen 2019, formentlig et weekendarrangement ligesom sidst, vi havde visionsdag.

I bestyrelsen har vi for tiden fokus på at gøre mere inden for oplysningsarbejde i Danmark. Der er bl.a. planer om at lave en film om DLNs arbejde med partnere i Lesotho. Vi har fundet et par filmfolk, som i oktober kan tage til Lesotho og lave optagelser til filmen.

Working Kids pilot projekt

Af: Carsten Brønden

Første etape af vores 'Working Kids' pilot projekt blev afviklet med stor succes over tre uger i februar- marts. Det gjaldt efteruddannelse af lærere fra en række mindre erhvervsskoler drevet af NGO'er og private, som alle sendte to deltagere.

Vi har fået midler fra CISU til at gennemføre aktiviteterne i samarbejde med vores nye partner, Lesotho National Council of Women (LNCW). Rådet blev etableret tilbage i 60'erne og består af 14 større og mindre kvinde NGO'er fra forskellige distrikter. Jeg mødtes med rådet sidste år, fortrinsvis kvindelige seniorer, og jeg fornemmede, at de var rigtig glade for udsigten til, at der kunne komme



impression that they were very pleased with the prospect of engaging in new relevant activities.

LNCW started vocational training activities some years ago and runs three small training centres, including the one in Maseru East, where we implemented the pilot courses. They train in sewing, cooking, weaving, basic IT, entrepreneurship, and lately also carpentry/cabinet making - after they started to enrol boys too. But even for a 'none-carpenter' it seems obvious that there is a big need for upgrading and upskilling here. When I happened to pass by I felt obliged to show a couple of boys that one needs to hold the angle firmly against the side of the wood if you want to draw a straight orthogonal line before sawing. The trainer is a student from last year. During my visit last year, (that DLN funded ourselves), we agreed that the needed capacity development could start with three training modules, each of one week's duration: 'Training Needs Assessment', Course Design' and 'Train the Trainer'. The first module was intended to sensitize participants to the need for vocational schools to interact more actively with the target groups and the communities they want to serve. Trainers were trained on methods of communicating, identifying and understanding training needs – and also to mobilise and enrol more trainees. The latter is needed for some of the schools. The next module was on Course Design, i.e. exercises on how to revise programmes and courses, or even design brand new ones based on the results of the previous needs analysis: How to formulate training objectives in behavioural terms, what methods and materials to choose, how to decide duration, costs, etc. The last week was dedicated to the Train the Trainer module. Some very active days, where participants trained lesson planning and modern participatory training methods, using the rest of the group as their trainees. In addition to the LNCW trainers we had also

gang i nye relevante aktiviteter. LNCW gik for nogle år siden ind i erhvervsuddannelse og driver tre mindre skoler, blandt andet den i Maseru East, hvor vi afviklede pilotkurserne. Skolerne underviser i syning, madlavning, vævning, basal IT, entrepreneurship, og de seneste år også tømrerfag, efter man begyndte at tage drenge ind. Men selv som ikke-tømrer kan man vist godt slå fast, at der er behov for opgradering og opkvalificering her. Da jeg tilfældigt kom forbi, følte jeg mig nødsaget til at vise et par knægte, hvordan man holder siden af vinklen ind mod træet, hvis man skal tegne en vinkelret streg at save efter. Læreren er selv elev fra sidste år.



Et udsnit af glade deltagere

Under mit besøg i april sidste år, som DLN selv finansierede, aftalte vi, at den tiltrængte kapacitetsopbygning, vi gerne ville have gang i, passende kunne starte med tre moduler af hver en uges varighed: Nemlig 'Training Needs Assessment', 'Course Design' og 'Train the Trainer'. Altså som udgangspunkt noget om, hvordan man som erhvervsskole bør og kan interagere mere aktivt med de målgrupper og lokalsamfund, man gerne vil servicere for bedre at forstå deres behov - og få flere elever. Det sidste kniber det nemlig lidt med for en del skoler. Næste modul var 'Course design', dvs. øvelser i at revidere kurserne eller kreere helt nye programmer på baggrund af det, behovsanalysen havde vist. Hvordan

invited participants from other private and NGO-run vocational schools, including schools for disabled, a school for young single mothers, a private agricultural college, and, not least, and elderly couple, who runs an open informal community training centre on a voluntary bases and with great enthusiasm.



Demonstration exercise: Teach the kids to wash their hands properly

Involving others proved to be a very relevant and positive feature that gives us something on which to continue our efforts. However, it was noticed that many participants, not least some of LNCW's own trainers, were struggling a bit with the English language. We need to observe that in the planning of future activities. Fortunately we can probably draw on a local consultant, who is a member of the board. She was in charge of the first module and did very well, while Carsten lead the two subsequent modules. Only one of LNCW's teachers hold a formal teacher qualification and they are all volunteers who receive a monthly allowance

formulerer man kompetencemål for undervisningen, hvilke metoder og materialer skal der bruges, hvor langt skal kurset være, hvordan prissættes det, osv. Og den sidste uge afvikledes 'Train the Trainer' modulet, nogle særdeles aktive dage med øvelser i moderne deltager-orienterede undervisningsmetoder. Udover LNCW lærere, havde vi også inviteret deltagere fra andre private og NGO drevne erhvervsskoler med, blandt andet fra skoler for unge med forskellige former for handicap, fra en skole for unge mødre, fra et privat landbrugsskole, og ikke mindst et ældre ægtepar, der driver et åbent lokal center på frivillig basis og med stor entusiasme. Og det viste sig at være yderst relevant og en stor gevinst for kurset. Her er noget at bygge videre på. Det må dog siges, at en del kursister, herunder mange af LNCW's egne lærere, kæmpede noget med det engelske. Det bliver vi nødt til at tage højde for i planlægningen af fremtidige aktiviteter.



Forberedelse til præsentation for resten af gruppen.

Heldigvis kan vi formentlig trække på en lokal konsulent, som er medlem af rådet. Hun stod for det første modul og gjorde det rigtig godt, mens undertegnede ledede de to sidste

instead of proper salary.



Some trainees just love their trainer

I raised the latter issue with the Dir. of Vocational Education from the Ministry, who visited the course and gave a speech to the participants. We have met a couple of times before on my previous visits, where we have discussed, amongst others, the Ministry's plan for launching a new, formal vocational teacher education. But it will probably be a few years before the first teachers will graduate from that programme. The government is actually already obliged to pay the salaries of qualified teachers who work for registered NGO schools, but there are apparently some budgetary constraints at the moment. The Dir. of the Ministry's Curriculum Development Department also visited the course, and I was interviewed by a radio as well as a newspaper journalist. All this had been arranged by our contact person, Ms. Mamotseoa. The publicity may be beneficial for our future work. The participants' feed-back and evaluations

moduler. Kun en enkelt af LNCW's egne lærere er formelt læreruddannet, og de er alle sammen frivillige, som får lommepenge i stedet for løn.

Det sidste tog jeg op med chefen for direktoratet for erhvervsuddannelse fra ministeriet, som besøgte kurset og holdt et lille oplæg for kursisterne. Jeg har mødt ham et par gange tidligere og blandt andet diskuteret ministeriets planer om at lancere en formel erhvervsskolelærer uddannelse. Men det tager nok nogle år endnu, inden de første lærere er færdige med den.



Vores facilitator og kontaktperson Ms. Matmotseoa og Ms. Matabesi

Regeringen er faktisk allerede forpligtet til at betale regulær lærerløn til kvalificerede lærere, der arbejder for NGO skoler, men det kniber vist med budgettet. Chefen for ministeriets læreplanudviklingsafdeling kom også på besøg, og senere blev undertegnede interviewet til

indicated a slightly growing rate of 'happiness' towards the end of the programme. This has been seen before and is not surprising, when new concepts are introduced that disturb traditional methods and cause confusion - until it all starts to become clearer towards the end.

To finish the pilot project a follow-up visit is planned for August. We will make a brief visit to all participants' institutions and, amongst others, conduct a small informal exam, where they will be asked to demonstrate how they practice what they have learned.

At the end we will arrange a large workshop for all stakeholders, where we will review the experience so far and also try to outline the framework for a possible new and larger future project.

både avis og radio. Alt sammen noget vor kontaktperson, Mamotseoa, har sat i værk. Så vi får da lidt opmærksomhed, som sikkert kan bruges fremadrettet.

Deltagernes fortløbende evalueringer tydede på en jævnt stigende 'tilfredshed kurve' hen imod kursets afslutning. Det er set før og er ikke overraskende, når der introduceres nye koncepter, som udfordrer traditionelle metoder og måske forvirrer lidt, indtil man får en klarere ide hen mod slutningen af forløbet. Som afslutning på pilotprojektet er der planlagt en opfølgning til august. Her skal vi på en kort tur rundt og besøge deltagernes institutioner. Her vil vi bl.a. afholde en form for uformel 'eksamen', hvor deltagerne skal demonstrere, hvordan de praktiserer det, de har lært. Derefter afholder vi en større workshop for alle implicerede, hvor vi skal opsamle erfaringer og prøve at udstikke rammerne for det fremtidige arbejde i form af et nyt, længerevarende projekt.

Newly elected to the board

Helga Halck Højsager

I worked for Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke in Lesotho as a development worker from 1989 to 1994.



I worked for a project dedicated to physically disabled children. The main purpose was to identify the kids and together with their families plan how the kids could be integrated

Nyvalgt til bestyrelsen

Helga Halck Højsager

Jeg var i perioden 1989 til 1994 udviklingsarbejder udsendt til Lesotho af Mellemfolkelig Samvirke.



Jeg var tilknyttet et projekt, som arbejdede for børn med fysiske handicap. Hovedformålet var at identificere børnene og sammen med

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in the local communities. Families had to be motivated to train the child, the child to play with other kids and enrolled in school.

Together with the Min. of Social Affairs I developed a curriculum for education of social workers who could continue the support to families and communities.

From 2001 to 2004 I was posted in Swaziland, but still attached to the office in Maseru. I was a member of the DLN board for eight years and then took a break for four years. I have visited Lesotho a few times since then, and the last visit to DPE in October 2017 encouraged me to join the board again.

familien lægge planer for, hvordan børnene kunne integreres i lokalsamfundet, og at motivere familien til at træne med barnet, motivere barnet til lege med andre børn og få en plads i skolen.

Jeg udviklede et curriculum i samarbejde med socialministeriet, så der kunne uddannes sundhedshjælpere til at fortsætte støtten til familierne og lokalsamfundet.

Fra 2001 til 2004 var jeg udsendt til Swaziland, men med tilknytning til kontoret i Maseru.

Jeg var i 8 år medlem af DLNs bestyrelse, og holdt derefter en pause på 4 år. Jeg har flere gange været i Lesotho herefter, og det sidste besøg hos DPE oktober 2017, gav mig fornyet lyst til at være med i bestyrelsen igen.

News from Lesotho:



Another massive diamond find at Letšeng

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BY LESOTHO TIMES ON MAY 26, 2018 LOCAL NEWS

Herbert Moyo

LETŠENG Diamonds continued with its impressive performance of recovering high quality diamonds, with the latest find being a 115 carat top white colour Type IIa diamond from its mine in Mokhotlong.

Gem Diamonds, which owns 70 percent of Letšeng Diamonds with the remainder held by the government, released a statement on Tuesday announcing the latest find.

“Gem Diamonds Limited is pleased to announce the recovery of a 115 carat, top white colour Type IIa diamond from the Letšeng mine in Lesotho, the highest dollar per carat kimberlite diamond mine in the world,” the company said this week.

“This is the ninth diamond of over 100 carats recovered in 2018, already exceeding the total number of diamonds of over 100 carats recovered in 2017.”

The finds are the latest in the long line of impressive performances by the Letšeng Mine which also saw the recovery of a 910 carat diamond in January this year.

The 910 carat diamond, which was christened the ‘Lesotho Legend,’ was sold for a staggering US\$40 million (M520 million) at an auction in Antwerp in Belgium in March this year.

Letseng has also recovered a high-value 117 carat diamond and a 110 carat Type IIa diamond this year.

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Bike costs drive away youths from motorcycling

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BY LESOTHO TIMES ON MAY 26, 2018 SPORT

Mikia Kalati

THE Lesotho Off-Road Association (LORA) reckons that the lack of interest in motorcycling by local youth is a resultant of the fact that it is an expensive sport hence is an expensive sport.

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The country is preparing to host the 52nd edition of the Roof of Africa that is scheduled for December this year but there has not been any significant uptake of the sport by local youths. Only three local riders, Basia Maseatile, Timello Tšolo and Tobatsi Maseatile have so far qualified for the 2018 edition of the competitions in the bronze category qualifiers that were held at Ha Ramabanta a fortnight ago.

The trio will be joined by Joseph Motenane and Teboho Moretlo, who are in the silver class category of the competition dubbed the ‘Mother of Hard Enduro’.

LORA public relations officer, Keketso Malebo, admitted that the sport has failed to grow in the country due to the high cost of purchasing and maintaining motorcycles.

He said they are exploring means grow the sport in the country and they are considering bringing back quad bikes which are cheaper.

“When the Roof of Africa started, it was a car race before it moved into motorcycling and later quad bikes but we faced challenges since our routes were poor so we scrapped them off,” Malebo said.

“We decided to settle for a competition for motorcycles as it did not demand a lot in terms of the routes but we are now weighing options so that we can bring back the quad bikes.”

Malebo said they have also noted that the number of people that are using quad bikes is increasing in Southern Africa so they would consider a lot of factors.

He said for riders to get regular competition they have to go and participate in events that are held in South Africa, which is also an expensive exercise as the sport suffers from lack of corporate support.

“Another huge challenge for the sport is lack of sponsorship especially on the part of rider. Getting a bike alone itself is still expensive and maintenance increases the costs.

“It is also a very risk sport as some of the injuries that riders suffer are life threatening and this could be another reason that despite the fact that we have hosted the sport for so long we still have such small numbers of local riders competing.

“However, we are hopeful that we will find solutions to make the sport bigger in the country and have a bigger participation in the Roof of Africa,” he said



Thabane reshuffles principal secretaries

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BY SUNDAY EXPRESS ON MAY 22, 2018 LOCAL, NEWS



Keiso Mohloboli

THE government has announced a major reshuffle of principal secretaries in a move that it says is aimed at increasing efficiency in the cabinet ministries.

The Government Secretary Moahloli Mphaka yesterday confirmed the reshuffle saying it was “part of a restructuring exercise to relocate people to where they would be more effective”.

“Yes, there was a reshuffle of principal secretaries by Prime Minister Thomas Thabane,” Mr Mphaka said.

“There are three new appointments while others have been moved from one ministry to another.

“The aim of the reshuffle is to relieve those ministries whose broad mandates require separate supervision of the various departments.”

The reshuffle, which is with effect from 18 May this year, will see the number of principal secretaries increase from 26 to 29.

The ministries of Education and Training; Public Works and Transport as well as Defence and National Security now have two principal secretaries each.

‘Mamonyane Bohloko is one of the new principal secretaries after being appointed to the foreign affairs portfolio, replacing Nkopane Monyae who has been moved to the Ministry of Police and Public Safety.

Thabo Motoko is another new appointee and he joins the Ministry of Public Works and Transport with a specific mandate to oversee the transport section of the ministry.

The incumbent, Mothabathe Hlalele, is now responsible for the Public Works section.

The third new appointment is that of Bereng Makotoko who joins the Ministry of Defence and National Security with specific mandate to oversee the National Security Service.

Meanwhile, ‘Maseithati Mabeleng was moved from the Ministry of Labour and Employment to the Prime Minister’s Office (with a mandate for Economic Affairs).

Nthoateng Lebona (ex-Finance) was moved to the ministry of Development Planning to replace Mr Khomoatsana Tau who was moved to the Energy and Meteorology ministry.

Thebe Mokoatle (ex-Trade and Industry) was transferred to Forestry, Range and Soil Conservation, replacing Mr Ntali Matete who has been moved to Mining.

Monaphathi Maraka (formerly Health) has been moved to Tourism, Environment and Culture to replace Mrs Motena Tšolo who has been moved to Finance.

Tšeliso Mokoko (ex-Local Government) replaces Tanki Mothae at the ministry of Defence and National Security. Colonel Mothae has been transferred to Law, Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights ministry.

Mr Soaile Mochaba was moved from Mining to Trade and Industry.

Khothatso Ts’oana has been moved Police and Public Safety to Local Government.

Advocate Mole Khumalo has been moved to Health from Law, Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights.

Thabiso Lebeso (ex-Education and Training) has been appointed Higher Education principal secretary while former Energy and Meteorology principal secretary, Ticho Mamasiane has been moved to Basic Education.

The others, Malefetsane Nchaka (Agriculture), ‘Mabotle Damane (Communications), Tšeliso Lesenya (Public Service), Emmanuel Lesoma (Water Affairs), Lebohang Mochaba (Justice and Correctional Services), Malefetsane Masasa (Social Development), Tjoetsane Leoka (Gender, Youth, Sports and Recreation) ‘Machabana Letsie-Lemphane (Home Affairs) and Mr Lerata Pekane (Small Business) remained unchanged.

Dr Thabane has also reshuffled his cabinet twice in February this year.



The four party coalition government came to power in the aftermath of the 3 June 2017 snap national elections. It comprises of Dr Thabane's All Basotho Convention, Monyane Moleleki's Alliance of Democrats, Thesele Maseribane's Basotho National Party and the Reformed Congress of Lesotho which is led by Keke Rantšo.

What is Denmark Lesotho Network?

The NGO Denmark Lesotho Network (DLN) was founded in 2002 by former Danish development workers in Lesotho and other good friends of the tiny mountain kingdom in Southern Africa. DLN aims at supporting NGO's in Lesotho in their work to develop civil society. DLN uses its network of people and organisations in Lesotho to pinpoint beneficiaries of DLN's support – and to keep an eye on that funding is used according to agreements made. DLN wishes to enhance knowledge of the living conditions in Lesotho and to seek funding from foundations, business enterprises and organisations for actual projects in Lesotho.

Membership of DLN

Anyone, who can support the aims of DLN, can achieve a membership. Members contribute to support initiatives in Lesotho that develop and better living conditions in the country. Members will receive an electronic newsletter four times a year and be invited to DLN's annual general assembly. The cost of a membership is 100 Danish kroner yearly. For membership: Contact DLN:

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