

### News from the DLN

Lumela.dk. is turning another round corner. With this issue, 60 numbers have been published inclusive the first in February 2004. A lot of stories have been told, but more are to come. If you want to contribute with a story relating to projects in Lesotho, a trip there or anything interesting from Lesotho or Denmark, please do not hesitate to send it to [dln@lumela.dk](mailto:dln@lumela.dk). Any contribution will be welcome.

DLN has elected a new board at AGM 2019. If you recognize some well-known faces, you are right. Everyone was reelected.



*From left: Helga Halck Højsager, Karina Ruby, Carsten Brønden, Anne Andersen, Grethe Mygind, Nis Skau, Lisbet Kristensen og Arne Pedersen. Bodil Mathiasen was not present while the photo was taken.*

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**Membership of DLN**

### News from the Board

*By: Karina Ruby, chairman of DLN*

The last weekend of March, 25 DLN members joined for a cosy and active stay in the small Villa Gulle hotel in the city of Nyborg. Saturday was spent on discussions of visions for DLN in order to set the direction for our

### Nyt fra bestyrelsen – maj 2019

*Karina Ruby, formand for DLN*

Den sidste weekend i marts var 25 DLN-medlemmer samlet i Nyborg til et hyggeligt og aktivt ophold på det lille hotel Villa Gulle. Lørdag snakkede vi visioner for DLN med det formål at finde en retning for, hvor DLN

work in the coming five years. (See article elsewhere in this newsletter).



*Interesting discussions are done.*

Sunday was dedicated to the Annual General Meeting. All members of the Board were re-elected and so were the alternates and the auditors. It was decided that DLN would make a donation to Scott Hospital in Morija. The Board has afterwards decided to donate 25.000 DKK if the attempts to raise funds from other sources, *inter alia* the Lauritzen Fund, are unsuccessful. The hospital needs money for equipment like stoves, refrigerators, curtains, etc. for a newly built section for pregnant women who are at risk of facing complications when delivering and therefore need to be hospitalised well in advance. The equipment should enable the women to cater for themselves while they stay at the 'Patients' hotel'. Concurrently DLN is trying to procure recycled hospital equipment for the unit, which we hope can be shipped to Lesotho with the support of 'Genbrug til Syd' (recycling for the South) See the full minutes from the AGM at our website <http://lumela.dk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-03-31-Referat-af-generalforsamling.pdf>

**The next interesting activity in which DLN will be engaged is the 'Folkemøde' (people's meeting) on the island of Bornholm.** Six board members, two from our information group and three visiting Basotho will go over

kan/vil være om 5 år. (Se artikel her i nyhedsbrevet).

Søndag afholdte vi den årlige generalforsamling. Bestyrelsesmedlemmerne blev genvalgt uden modkandidater, ligeledes suppleanter og revisorer. Det blev besluttet, at DLN godt vil give en gave til Scott Hospital i Morija. Bestyrelsen har efterfølgende besluttet at bevillige 25.000 kr., hvis ikke det lykkes at skaffe penge ved at søge ved fonde, bl.a. LauritzenFonden. Hospitalet søger om penge til udstyr som komfur, køleskab, gardiner m.m. til en nyopført afdeling for gravide kvinder, der forventes at få en kompliceret fødsel, og derfor skal være på hospitalet i god tid inden fødslen. Det vil gøre det muligt for kvinderne selv at lave mad, mens de er på "patienthotellet". Sideløbende hermed arbejdes der på at skaffe brugt hospitalsudstyr til afdelingen, som forhåbentlig kan sendes fra Danmark til Lesotho gennem Genbrug til Syd. Se hele referatet fra generalforsamlingen på DLN's hjemmeside:

<http://lumela.dk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-03-31-Referat-af-generalforsamling.pdf>



*På GF blev de nye film vist.*

**Den næste interessante aktivitet, som DLN skal deltage i, er Folkemødet på Bornholm.** Seks bestyrelsesmedlemmer, to fra informationsgruppen og tre gæster fra Lesotho tager derover i alle 3 dage. DLN har en stand på folkemødet, hvor vi vil vise de nye



there for the full three days. DLN will have a stand, where we will show the new films about democracy and climate change in Lesotho, and discuss the issues with interested visitors. Two of the guests from Lesotho are from our partner, Development Peace Education (DPE), who works for democracy, while the third is the director of the umbrella organisation Lesotho Council of NGOs (LCN). We look forward to making Lesotho visible to a lot of Danes and discuss international development work with whoever may be interested.

videofortællinger om demokrati og klimaforandringer samt debatter om emnerne med interesserede besøgende. Gæsterne fra Lesotho er to personer fra vores partner Development Peace Education (DPE), som arbejder for demokratisering samt direktøren for NGO'ernes paraplyorganisation i Lesotho (LCN). Vi ser frem til at gøre Lesotho som land synligt for en masse danskere og at diskutere internationalt udviklingsarbejde med hvem som helst, der måtte være interesseret.



*People listening carefully at AGM*



*Ordstyrer og formand*

## Future direction and activities for DLN

**Vision seminar 30 March 2019 in Nyborg**

*By: Solveig Kappel*

In connection with DLN's Annual General Meeting 30 March 2019 we had organised a *vision seminar* and all the DLN people present engaged in discussions of a common framework and direction for our future work. Multi-artist and event organiser Jens Galschiøt set the scene in his speech on international people-to-people assistance and the moral compass, while Mette Kertinge from CISU facilitated and ensured a successful process.

### **Jens Galschiøt and the moral compass:**

The field for our work on vision and future direction was marked out by multi-artist and

## Fremtidig retning og opgaver for DLN

**Visions seminar 30. marts 2019 i Nyborg**

*Af Solveig Kappel*

I forbindelse med DLN's ordinære generalforsamling 30. marts 2019 blev der afholdt visionsseminar, og den fremmødte DLN-flok tog fat på at drøfte fælles ramme og retning for det fremtidige arbejde i DLN. Multikunstner og eventmager Jens Galschiøt satte scenen med sit oplæg om mellemfolkelig bistand og det moralske kompas, og Mette Kjaertinge fra CISU var facilitator og sikrede en vellykket proces.

### **Jens Galschiøt og det moralske kompas:**

Scenen for visionsarbejdet og vores fremtidige retning blev kridtet op af multikunstner og



event organiser Jens Galschiøt. Based on his humanistic core values and personal experience he tried to answer the question: Does international people-to-people assistance really change anything, or does it remain ineffective.

Jens Galschiøt took his own life as a point of departure along with philosopher Hannah Arendt concept of 'The Banality of Evil' as well as the note that 'Modernism is not a bulwark against evil'.

Galschiøt's claim is that if we want to avoid brutalization and maintain human core values and decency each and every one of us need to do something. It concerns our own internal compass and reacting rather than tacitly accepting the development of ruthlessness that our society according to his experience is currently undergoing.



*Very interesting speech by Jens Galschiøt*

Galschiøt refuses to accept the logic of this growing harshness and the morally slippery slope, and he uses art as a battering ram. Through the art symbol and provocation, he tries to lead the thoughts to 'the inner svinehund' (people's inner devil) and continuously organizes international happenings that challenge and rock the established western conformity. But the 'happening dynamics' and provocative art, for which Galschiøt is known, only rock the established worldview when double standards are at play and people's conformity and complacency is hit.

eventmager Jens Galschiøt, der med afsæt i sine humanistiske grundværdier og erfaringer forsøgte at besvare spørgsmålet om, hvorvidt mellemfolkelig bistand 'rykker', eller om det er virkningsløst?

Jens Galschiøt tog i sit oplæg afsæt i sit eget liv og filosof Hannah Arents tanker om "Ondskabens banalitet" og tanker om at "Modernismen er ikke et bolværk mod ondskab"



*Jens Galschiøt holder sit tankevækkende og morsomme oplæg.*

Galschiøts påstand er, at hvis vi vil undgå forråelse og fastholde de humanistiske grundværdier og anstændigheden, så er vi nødt til at gøre noget hver enkelt. Det handler om ens eget moralske kompas og om at reagere i stedet for at acceptere den udvikling og forråelse, som han oplever, der finder sted i vores samfund.



*Spændende foredrag*





*Jens Galschiøt with his "Svinehund" in front*

Galschiøt finished by acknowledging that it can be hard to move against the tide and open society's eyes to injustice and to create change. And he asks the rhetoric questions: Does it change or is it useless? Can it be measured? Should it be measured? Irrespectively of the answers - to keep up one's own self-understanding and human core values the individual human being needs to fight.



*Sculptures was sold to raise money for a sign at the motor highway.*

## Future direction and activities of DLN

With Jens Galschiøt's stimulating entry fresh in mind, the DLN members willingly started discussing the common framework and direction for DLN's future work. Mette Kjaertinge, our development consultant from CISU, facilitated both group and plenary processes brilliantly and ensured that we

Galschiøt nægter at gå ind i logikken om denne forråelse og det moralske skred, og han bruger kunsten som rambuk. Han prøver gennem kunstens symbol og provokation lede tankerne hen på den indre svinehund og arrangerer hele tiden nye internationale happenings, der udfordrer og skubber til den etablerede vestlige verdens konformitet. Men "Happening-dynamikken" og den provokerende kunst, som Galschiøt er kendt for, rykker kun opfattelsen af det etablerede verdensbillede, når der er dobbeltmoral, og hvor man rammer folks konformitet/bekvemmelighed.



*Svinehunden*

Galschiøt afslutter med at erkende, at det er svært at gå imod strømmen og åbne samfundets øjne for uretfærdighed og skabe forandring. Og han stiller de retoriske spørgsmål: Rykker det, eller er det virkningsløst? Kan det måles? Skal det kunne måles? Uanset svaret - det enkelte menneske er nødt til at kæmpe imod af hensyn til egen selvforståelse og egne humanistiske grundværdier.

## Fremtidig retning og arbejde i DLN

Med afsæt i Jens Galschiøts spændende oplæg tog en veloplagt medlemsflok fat på at drøfte fælles ramme og retning for det fremtidige arbejde i DLN. Mette Kjaertinge, vores udviklingskonsulent fra CISU, ledte os engageret gennem eftermiddagens visionsarbejde som facilitator. Mette sikrede en proces i grupper og plenum, hvor vi tog

explored successes as well as challenges from the start in 2002 until now. Mette illustrated the milestones on a timeline in terms of funding allocations from CISU, which has remained our main funder and sparring partner throughout the years.



*Karina Ruby introduces Mette Kjaertinge*

### **DLN's strengths, successes and challenges**

Amongst DLN's main strengths and successes the following was highlighted:

- The organisation is a strong and stable community with room for individual ideas and 'anarchists'.
- Good relations to CISU, both as a funder and advisor.
- Strong and good communication through the regular newsletter Lumela.dk, website, culture travels, and lately also films.
- Strong partnerships and recognition in Lesotho.
- Good effect of the persistent capacity development work, despite the general massive challenges that face Lesotho.

The following substantial challenges were discussed:

- To engage new enthusiasts and partners in Lesotho and to strengthen current partnerships that are vulnerable in that they depend quite highly on individuals/enthusiasts.
- Co-funding and/or alternatives to CISU funding.

udgangspunkt i såvel succeser som udfordringer for DLN siden oprettelsen i 2002 til i dag.



*Mette Kjaertinge forklarer tidslinjen.*

Mette illustrerede milepælene gennem en tidslinje med nedslag i de bevillinger, som DLN har modtaget fra CISU gennem årene, hvor CISU jo har været vores allervæsentligste økonomiske bidragsyder og sparingspartner.

### **DLNs styrker, succeser og udfordringer**

Blandt DLNs overordnede styrker og succeser blev der fremhævet:

- Organisation med stærkt fællesskab og stabilitet med højt til loftet og plads til anarkister
- Gode relationer til CISU både gennem bevilling og rådgivning
- Stærk og god kommunikation gennem nyhedsbrevet Lumela.dk, hjemmeside, kulturrejser og senest film
- Stærke partnerskaber i Lesotho, anerkendelse i Lesotho
- God effekt af det vedholdende arbejde med kapacitetsopbygning på trods af massive udfordringer generelt i Lesotho.

Af væsentlige organisatoriske udfordringer blev der drøftet:



- Mobilisation and new (particularly young) members of DLN. Could perhaps be accomplished through increased information activity in Denmark.
- Continuous development of current projects to support good on-going work with CISU funding.



*Mette, DLN's strengths (yellow) and challenges (pink)*

### General challenges in Lesotho:

Lesotho continues to face massive challenges. Overall climate change with recurrent droughts and excessive rains seems one of the greatest challenges in the country. But political instability, bad economic conditions, unemployment, uneven demography, poor education- and health conditions as well as urbanisation in terms of migration to cities. All of these fields also continue to be in need of necessary efforts.



*Group work for plenum*

- Opsporing af ildsjæle og partnere i Lesotho samt styrkelse af de nuværende partnerskaber, der er sårbare, idet de i høj grad er bygget op omkring enkeltpersoner/ildsjæle
- Medfinansiering og/eller alternativer til CISUs finansiering
- Rekruttering af nye (og yngre) medlemmer til DLN, hvilket måske kan fremmes gennem større oplysningsaktivitet i Danmark
- Fortsat udvikling af nuværende projekter
- Understøttelse af det gode igangværende arbejde med finansiering fra CISU.

### Generelle udfordringer i Lesotho:

Der er fortsat massive udfordringer i Lesotho. Overordnet ses klimaforandringerne med tørke og overdreven regn som en af de største udfordringer for landet. Men problematikkerne med politisk ustabilitet, dårlige økonomiske forhold, arbejdsløshed, skæv demografi, ringe uddannelses- og sundhedsforhold samt urbanisering med folkevandring fra land mod by. Alle felter, hvor der også fortsat er behov for store og nødvendige indsatsområder.



*Gruppearbejde*

### Kommende arbejdsindsatser:

Herefter blev der sat spot på kommende opgaver og udfordringer samt brainstormet på nye tiltag og mulige samarbejdspartnere. Det skortede ikke på engagement samt ideer og

### Future activities:

Next, attention was turned towards future work and challenges, and we brainstormed new initiatives and possible partners. There was no lack of engagement and ideas and problems that need to be addressed. Focus was mainly on the following general themes, which would seem natural continuations of current projects and partnerships.

- Continue the capacity development efforts and relationship building, and endeavour to identify and engage new enthusiasts and partnerships.
- Continue the work to promote and develop food production, agriculture and self-sufficiency.
- Strengthen entrepreneurship and agro-tourism.
- Focus on climate change and strengthen preventive measures and green energy production.

It is now the task of the DLN board together with the existing working groups to process and prioritise the ideas in terms of formulating a renewed strategy for the future work of DLN, which can be presented to the Annual General Meeting in 2020.



*Mette facilitates the Vision day*

Thank you very much for a well-planned, rewarding and very exciting afternoon. 😊

problemstillinger, der trænger til at blive løftet. Der var især fokus på nedenstående overordnede temaer, der vil være i naturlig forlængelse af igangværende indsatser og samarbejdspartnere.

- Fortsætte med indsatsen for kapacitetsopbygning og relationsarbejde samt arbejde med at finde nye ildsjæle og samarbejdspartnere
- Fortsætte arbejdet med at fremme og udvikle fødevareproduktion, landbrug og selvforsyning
- Styrke iværksætteri og agro-turisme
- Fokuserer på klimaforandring samt styrke klimaindsats og grøn energi.



*Resultater fra gruppearbejdet fremlægges*

Det er nu bestyrelsen, sammen med de etablerede arbejdsgrupper, der skal få ideerne bearbejdet og prioriteret, så der kan formuleres en fornyet strategi for indsatser og det fremtidige arbejde i DLN, som kan præsenteres for generalforsamlingen 2020.

Tak for en veltilrettelagt, givende og særdeles spændende eftermiddag. 😊



## Workshop in Thaba Tseka and project visit to RSDA

*By: Nis Skau*

Solveig, I and our son of 16, Uffe, arrived in Lesotho on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. On our way to Maseru we spent a night at Maliba River Lodge. We arrived in rain, which had been long expected in Lesotho this summer. On our walk along the Tsehlanyane river we enjoyed the beautiful, magnificent mountain views. We got really close to a large herd of eland that had chosen this reserve as their summer residency. On this Sunday it was safe for us to quietly move close to them. Sunday evening we reached Maseru and Monday morning everyone was ready at the RSDA office. This was the third time Solveig and I visited RSDA so we know each other well by now. The welcome gift we had chosen this time was a so-called 'Rooligan Hoptimist'. After presentation of three new staff members and review of the programme for the week we could start the checking of vouchers.



*M'Thulo, M'Lelimo and Nis. Good energy and cooperative spirit during the budget check at RSDA.*

The first transfer of funds was on October 1<sup>st</sup>, but though only four months had passed it is important to optimise the entries in the project accounts from the outset. As usual Lelimo was

## Workshop i Thaba Tseka og projektbesøg hos RSDA

*Af Nis Skau*

Solveig og jeg, samt vores søn Uffe på 16, ankom til Lesotho lørdag den 9. februar 2019. På vej til Maseru overnattede vi på Maliba River Lodge. Vi ankom i regnvejr, som havde været længe ventet i Lesotho denne sommer.



*Storslåede bjerge og tiltrængt sommerregn i Tsehlanyane*

På vores vandretur ud langs Tsehlanyane floden nød vi de smukke og storslåede bjergsider. Vi kom tæt på en større flok eland antiloper, der denne sommer havde taget ophold i reservatet. Denne søndag formiddag kunne vi roligt bevæge os tæt på dem.



*Hoptimisten på kontoret.*

Søndag aften nåede vi til Maseru. Mandag

in full control of vouchers and receipts. We discussed how the storm damages on the RSDA demonstration farm in Mafeting were entered and the invoices for painting of the offices in Maseru. And we discussed the receipts for a coaching programme in which the RSDA staff participated. The subjects taught were organisational design and income generating business. The programme was strategically and participants gain valuable insights and tools on how to develop an organisation built on membership representatives that are financially self-reliant.



*'Mountians in the sky' with corn-fields and a beautiful view to a village near Thaba Tseka*

Early Tuesday we drove to Thaba Tseka for the fourth out of five kick-off/workshop meetings in the new project. Overnight rain had washed earth and stones down on the road in many places, so we were delayed. Thulo drove with us while the four other RSDA staff had arrived the night before.

As Anne, Ole and Anne-Marie had reported in the March issue of Lumela, the discipline and motivation to participate in the debate could fully match what we know from Denmark. About 60 farmers participated. The challenge for RSDA is that they are just one in a row of NGOs, project brookers, government advisors etc., who all promise development and possible funding. If only .... And what happens after a couple of years? It

formiddag var alle klar på RSDA kontoret. Det var Solveigs og mit tredje besøg hos RSDA, så vi kender hinanden godt. Velkomstgaven, vi havde med denne gang, var en Roligan Hoptimist. Vi kunne efter gennemgang af ugens program og præsentation af tre nye medarbejdere gå i gang med bilagskontrollen. Første overførsel af projektmidler var 1. oktober 2018, men selvom der kun var gået 4 måneder, var det vigtigt at få optimeret konteringen i projektreghnskabet fra starten. Som sædvanlig havde Lelimo godt styr på bilagene. Vi drøftede, hvordan fakturaerne for stormskaden på RSDA's demonstrationslandbrug i Mafeteng og maling af kontoret i Maseru blev konteret. Vi drøftede desuden bilagene for et coachingforløb, de ansatte på RSDA fulgte. Emnet var Organisational Design og Income Generating Business. Kurset er et strategikursus, hvor deltagerne opnår værdifuld indsigt i og redskaber til opbygning af en organisation af medlemsrepræsentanter, som økonomisk kan hvile i sig selv.

Tidligt tirsdag morgen kørte vi til Thaba Tseka til det fjerde af fem kickoff/workshops i det nye projekt. Nattens regn havde flere steder skyllet jord og sten ned på vejen, så vi blev forsinket på vej derud. Vi havde Thulo med i vores bil, medens de fire øvrige fra RSDA var ankommet aftenen før.



*Landsby i Thaba Tseka distriktet.*

Som Anne, Ole og Anne-Marie skrev i Lumela.dk fra marts måned, var



closes and perishes. This is where Me Mampho Thulo surprises us again and again in terms of her passion and ability to create enthusiasm amongst the participants and get them involved.



*Group work at the workshop and brainstorming about possibilities in a united organization.*

At the meeting in Thaba Tseka a private consultant, P.J. Lerotholi, also participated. He is in charge of the baseline study that is part of the project. 10 young people between 20 and 30 years of age also participated. Together with Thulo, Solveig and I organised a network meeting separately for these young people with the topic: What specifically were they missing, what their motivation is, and what their level of education was.



*Me Thulo facilitates a workshop for young people who are managing their own farm.*

mødedisciplinen og viljen til at deltage i debatterne fuldt på niveau med, hvad vi kender fra Danmark. Der deltog ca. 60 landmænd. Udfordringen for RSDA er, at de blot er en af mange i en lang perlerække af NGO'er, projektmagere, statsansatte rådgivere osv., som hver især lover mulig udvikling og stiller midler i udsigt. Det er bare lige ..., og hvad sker efter et par år eller mere. Det lukker og slukker.



*Oplæg fra Mangaging Director M'Thulo og P.J. Lerotholi til baseline workshop i Thaba Tseka*

Det er her Mampho Thulo gang på gang overrasker os med sit engagement og evne til at skabe begejstring blandt tilhørerne, så de involverer sig.

Til mødet i Thaba Tseka deltog også P.J. Lerotholi, en privat konsulent, som har ansvaret for at beskrive og dokumentere baseline i dette projekt. Der deltog 10 unge mennesker i mødet, alle mellem 20 og 30 år. Sammen med Thulo fik Solveig og jeg organiseret et netværksmøde udelukkende med de unge og med emnerne: Hvad stod de helt konkret og manglede, hvad drev dem, og hvad var deres uddannelses niveau.

Ingen af de unge mennesker havde nogen landbrugsfaglig uddannelse, men de havde lært noget om landbrug i skolen. En pige på 27 år havde syv grisesøer, en anden havde fire. Fire af de unge dyrkede grønsager og kartofler med salg fra egen vejbod.

None of the young people had any agricultural education. However they had learnt something about agriculture in school. One 27-year-old girl owned seven sows, another had four, four grew vegetables and potatoes and sold them from a roadside stall. Two produced cuttings for cabbage, and a couple of others made yarn from sheep wool. They all depended on local purchasing power. Earning cash was their motivator.



*Voting on proposed possible initiatives was one of the methods employed during the workshop for 60 farmers from the Thaba Tseka district.*

A few positive stories that we hope could be developed further. We encouraged Mampho Thulo to organise networks specifically for young people. They exchanged contact information – they all had smartphones. Thursday was spent on some unfinished business related to the previous project. CISU had requested us to focus and explain our results and outcomes more precisely, rather than describing the processes. Accordingly we organised a Skype meeting between CISU advisor Mette Kjaertinge and Mampho Thulo. Thanks goes to Mette for helping and guiding us in the right direction and helping us in finally closing the previous project. Thursday afternoon we discussed RSDA, the organisation and internal processes and levels of control. We used CISU's Accountability Dialogue Tool and had a really good dialogue with Lelimo, Lineo and Thulo with whom we



*Unge workshop*

To af dem lavede stiklinger til kål, og så var der et par stykker, som spandt garn af fåreuld. De var alle afhængige af købekraft i lokalområdet. Det var kontant indtjening, der drev dem.



*RSDA og DLN samarbejdsposter.*

Nogle positive historier, som vi håber kan udvikle sig yderligere. Vi opfordrede Mampho Thulo til at organisere netværk specielt rettet mod de unge. De unge fik også indbyrdes udvekslet kontaktoplysninger. De havde alle en



went through the text. We hope there will be opportunities later to apply the Tool together with the RSDA board, some members and employees.

After adjusting some of the budget lines in the project accounts we could finish our visit. We had brought three large sausages, a Southern Jutland speciality, which we shared with the staff. One was consumed immediately as a snack when all staff joined in singing the birthday song for Anders Hedegaard (60 years). We recorded a little video that was sent to Anders.

Great thanks for yet another successful visit goes to Thulo, Lineo and Lelimo, who all received a present in terms of a Georg Jensen Christmas mobile.

Friday afternoon the rains continued. We went for a weekend stay in Semongkong. On our way we saw storks on the mountain slopes – once a characteristic bird in Denmark.



*Corn fields in Thaba Tseka district.*

smartphone.

Om torsdagen havde vi et hængeparti med endelig afrapportering af det tidligere projekt. CISU havde bedt os om at fokusere, dokumentere og beskrive præcist det, vi har opnået og ikke så meget processerne. Vi fik derfor organiseret et Skype-møde med CISUs rådgiver Mette Kjaertinge og Mampho Thulo. Tak til Mette for at hjælpe med at lede os på rette vej mod en endelig afslutning af forrige projekt.

Torsdag eftermiddag drøftede vi RSDA og organisationens indre sammenhænge og kontrolniveauer. Vi brugte CISU's Accountability Dialogue Tool, og vi havde en rigtig god dialog med Lelimo, Lineo og Thulo, som vi havde valgt at gennemgå testen med. Vi håber ved en senere lejlighed at kunne gennemgå den med RSDA-bestyrelsen, samt nogle af medlemmerne og de ansatte. Efter en justering af nogle budgetlinjer i projektreghnskabet kunne vi afslutte vores besøg. Vi havde medbragt 3 store sønderjyske krospegepølser, som blev delt blandt de ansatte. Den ene pølse blev spist som snack, da vi og alle ansatte sang fødselsdagssang for Anders Hedegård (60 år). Vi optog en lille video, der blev sendt hjem til Anders. Den største tak for endnu et vellykket besøg går til Thulo, Lineo og Lelimo, som hver fik en gave i form af en Georg Jensen juleuro. Fredag eftermiddag fortsatte regnen. Vi tog på weekendophold i Semonkong. På turen derned så vi storke på bjergsiderne - engang en karakteristisk fugl i Danmark.

## Visit to Mosoang High School

*By: Anni Petersson*

In February 2019 I visited South Africa and Lesotho together with Arne and Ursula. As mentioned in newsletter Lumela no. 59, Arne had provided 26 recycled computers for Mosoang High School and we had made an

## Besøg på Mosoang High School.

*Af Anni Pettersson*

I februar 2019 var jeg på tur med Urzula og Arne i Sydafrika og Lesotho. Arne havde, som omtalt i "Lumela.dk nr. 59", skaffet 26 brugte computere til Mosoang High School. Planen og aftalen med skolen var at besøge dem den 18.



appointment with the school to visit on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We stayed overnight in a guesthouse in Morija, app. 50 km from Maseru.

Mosoang High School is situated on a mountain plateau above Morija. The road leads through Matsieng, the Kings village, where he has his private house. Immediately beyond, a gravel road winds its way up through a pass with magnificent views on both sides. The King's house in clear view beneath.

Well arrived at the top the terrain was very flat for Lesotho standards. We continued across the plateau and when the road split we were in doubt which one to take. We chose the one that seemed the easiest, but that was wrong. We stopped the first vehicle we met, a truck, and asked directions. We turned around and found the right way.

A short while later we met a group of at least 50 high school students, who cheered and sang, when they saw us. They had been sent out to look for us. With so many guides it was now easy to find the way to the school, where we had a reception worthy of kings and queens.



*Students performing a Basotho dance*

Camara, the organization in Maseru, had decided which school should benefit based on certain criteria. Most important had been the fact that the local community of Mosoang would also benefit from the computers. The school itself was very nice and well-kept. A staff member from Camara had brought the computers, installed them and been in charge

februar. Vi boede i den forbindelse på et guesthouse i Morija ca. 50 km fra Maseru. Mosoang High School ligger på bjergplateauet oven over Morija. Vejen dertil går gennem Matsieng, kongens landsby, hvor han har sin private bolig. En grusvej snor sig umiddelbart efter opad gennem et pas med de smukkeste udsigter til begge sider. Man kan se direkte ned på kongens bolig. Vel oppe var der meget fladt efter Lesotho forhold. Vi fortsatte ud over plateauet og kom til et sted, hvor vejen delte sig. Vi var i tvivl om, hvilken retning vi skulle vælge. Valget faldt på den letteste, men, viste det sig, forkerte vej. Vi stoppede den første bil, en modkørende lastbil, for at spørge om vej. Vi vendte om og kom i den rigtige retning. Efter kort tid mødte vi en flok på mindst 50 elever fra Mosoang High School, som hujede og sang, da de så os. De var blevet sendt ud for at se efter os. Det var nu ganske nemt at finde resten af vejen til skolen med så mange vejvisere. På skolen fik vi en modtagelse, der var konger og dronninger værdig. Organisationen Camara i Maseru havde besluttet, hvilken skole der skulle have computerne ud fra nogle bestemte kriterier. Det afgørende havde været, at i Mosoang ville også lokalsamfundet profitere af computerne. Der var tale om en meget fin og velholdt skole. En ansat fra Camara havde bragt computerne ud fra Maseru, opsat dem og forestået undervisningen.



*Computerlokalet på Mosoang High School*

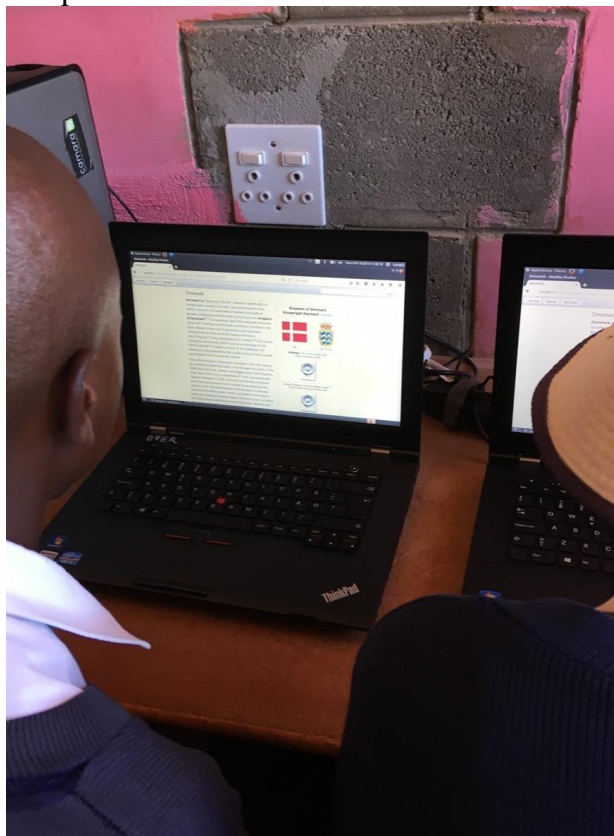
Computerne var installeret i et computerlab, i



of training.

The computers were installed in a computer lab in a safe room and the students had been instructed to carefully look after them.

The principal, the teachers and student representatives had been trained on some educational programs, and learned how to write on the computers and use them. They had some search software installed that could be used almost like Google. There was no internet, so the search was limited to whatever was included in the program. The intention was that all 150 students should learn to use the computers. In addition, shepherd boys and others from the community could use the computers after school hours.



*A student found information from Denmark and read it for the guests.*

We were placed in the shade under a roof together with several representatives from the school and the local community. Though the teachers were on strike for better salaries and

et sikkert lokale, og eleverne var instrueret i at passe godt på dem. Principal, lærere og elevrepræsentanter havde modtaget undervisning i brug af programmerne og havde lært at skrive på og bruge computerne. Der var installeret et søgeprogram, der kunne bruges næsten som Google. Der er ikke internet på stedet, så de kunne kun finde de oplysninger, som programmet indeholdt. Det var meningen, at alle godt 150 elever skulle lære at bruge computerne. Desuden skulle hyrdedrene og andre fra lokalsamfundet kunne bruge computerne uden for skoletid.

Vi blev anbragt under et halvtag i skyggen sammen med en masse repræsentanter for skole og lokalsamfund.

Selv om lærerne strejkede for bedre løn- og arbejdsforhold, havde de valgt at deltage i computerundervisningen og havde sendt repræsentanter til denne store festdag den 18. februar 2019. Der var desuden skolens principal, forældrerepræsentanter, en repræsentant for skolebestyrelsen, en principal som repræsentant for områdets primary schools, en chief, en counsellor, en repræsentant fra Camara m.m. Alle holdt taler og gav udtryk for deres store taknemmelighed over gaven fra skolen i Egtved. De udtrykte en dybtfølt og ægte taknemmelighed, som rørte mig dybt.



*Arne viser en lille film på GF om besøget på Mosoaeng High School. Her læser en elev op fra en tekst om Danmark.*

Eleverne sad over for os, og 2 af dem var

working conditions they had chosen to attend the computer training and had also sent delegates for the this great celebration.

In addition to the principal there were parent representatives, another principal representing the primary schools in the community, a chief, a counselor, a representative from Camara etc. They all made speeches and expressed great thankfulness for the gift from Egtved School. They expressed deep-felt and genuine gratitude, which moved me deeply.

The students were sitting opposite us and two of them acted as toastmasters on the day. In between the speeches the students performed Sesotho songs and dances, the sun was shining, and it was sheer celebration.

The principal mentioned that everything Arne had promised had actually come through. That seemed to be a very important fact for them. Arne also made a speech expressing, amongst others, a wish that the computers would be beneficial for a long time to come.

In Basotho culture it is important to give presents when you receive one. All three of us received gifts. Arne received one of the finest Basotho blankets. We all had Basotho hats and a locally made mug. Arne also received 200 Maluti that he was supposed to keep. In addition he was given a plot of land – not that they expected him to move up there, but he could just choose! In Lesotho land ownership is different from Denmark. Land is allocated by the chief and can be taken back if it is not used. It was then time for photos.

Afterwards we saw the computer lab and watched the students demonstrate their skills. Amongst others they found facts about Denmark that they read aloud to us. Finally we were treated to delicious local dishes, chicken with papa and moroho with sorghum porridge. As important visitors we were served first.

It was a day filled with Basotho culture, song, dance and traditions. The Lesotho that I love the most and the reason why I always want to come back. We left Mosoang in bright

toastmastere på dagen. Imellem talerne var der optræden af eleverne og sesotho sang og dans. Solen skinnede, og det var bare en fest.

Principal omtalte, at alt hvad Arne havde lovet, var sket, som han havde sagt. Dette virkede som meget væsentligt for dem. Arne holdt også en tale, hvor han bl.a. udtrykte ønsket om, at computerne måtte være til glæde og gavn lang tid fremover.

Som noget meget væsentligt i Basotho kultur giver man gaver, når man får gaver. Vi fik alle 3 gaver. Arne fik et af de allerfineste Basothotæpper. Vi fik hver en Basothohat og et lokalfremstillet krus. Arne fik også 200 Maloti, som han skulle gemme. Desuden fik han tildelt et stykke jord, ikke fordi de forventede, at han flyttede derop, men han kunne bare vælge! I Lesotho ejes jorden ikke som her, den bliver tildelt af chiefen og kan fratages igen, hvis den ikke bliver brugt.



*Her har vi fået vores gaver.*

Hele arrangementet sluttede med fotografering. Derefter så vi computerlab, og eleverne demonstrerede deres kunnen og fandt bl.a. noget om Danmark, som blev læst op. Til slut blev vi beværtet med lækre lokale retter, kylling med papa og moroho, dertil sorghumvælling. Som vigtige gæster blev vi budt først, hvorefter det blev de andres tur. Det var en dag fyldt med basothokultur, sang, dans og traditioner, det Lesotho jeg holder allermest af, og som gør, at jeg altid ønsker at



sunshine after several hours with students' and others' enthusiasm in our ears and minds. A day of great celebrations in Mosoang had come to an end.

vende tilbage. Vi forlod Mosoang i strålende sol efter mange timer og med elevernes og alle andres begejstring i ørerne og for vores indre blik.

En stor festdag i Mosoang var slut.

## News from Lesotho:

### From Lesotho Times:

May 24, 2019

### **Mahao rallies a declaration of war: Thabane**

#### **'Marafaele Mohloboli**

THE Prime Minister and leader of the All Basotho Convention (ABC), Thomas Thabane, has lashed out at Professor Nqosa Mahao for defying his call to halt his competing countrywide party rallies that have exacerbated the discord within the fractious ruling party. He said Prof Mahao's rallies were tantamount to a declaration of war against his leadership of both the ABC and the government. The ABC is the biggest party in the almost two year-old governing coalition which also features Deputy Prime Minister Monyane Moleleki's Alliance of Democrats, Communications minister Thesele Maseribane's Basotho National Party and Labour minister Keketso Rantšo's Reformed Congress of Lesotho.

Dr Thabane said by his defiance, Prof Mahao and his allies had effectively created an internal opposition movement within the ABC which was working in tandem with the opposition parties to tarnish the image of the party and the government.

Dr Thabane said this while addressing ABC supporters at a weekend rally in Taung Mohale's Hoek.

The ABC has been riven by discord and infighting ever since its 1 and 2 February 2019 elective conference which ushered in a new national executive committee (NEC) which has Prof Mahao as the deputy leader.

Others who were elected into the new NEC are Dr Thabane's son-in-law, Lebohang Hlaele (secretary general), Samuel Rapapa (chairperson), Chalane Phori (deputy chairperson), Nkaku Kabi (deputy secretary general), Tlali Mohapi (treasurer), Likhapha Masupha (secretary), Montoeli Masoetsa (spokesperson) and 'Matebatso Doti (deputy spokesperson).

However, Prof Mahao and his colleagues have not been able to assume power due to fierce resistance from the old NEC as well as the 11 February 2019 court challenge by three ABC legislators, Habofanoe Lehana (Khafung), Keketso Sello (Hlotse) and Mohapi Mohapinyane (Rothe). The old NEC, which is said to enjoy Dr Thabane's backing, has declared it is only prepared to compromise and allow the new NEC into office if Prof Mahao steps down as deputy leader. It says that Prof Mahao, who joined the ABC in 2015,

is a “relative newcomer” who should not be allowed to succeed Dr Thabane ahead of more seasoned ABC politicians who formed the party almost 13 years ago in 2006.

While all eyes were trained on the much-postponed Sello, Lehana and Mohapinyane case, the Acting Chief Justice 'Maseforo Mahase last Wednesday stunned the Mahao faction and indeed the nation with a default judgement that nullified the February 2019 elective conference which ushered in Prof Mahao and others.

Justice Mahase delivered the default judgement in an *ex parte* (one sided) application filed in the High Court last week by Advocate Thulo Hoeane on behalf of his clients, Motseki Lefera, 'Matumisang Ntiisa and Martha Makhohlisa.

Unlike Messrs Lehana, Sello and Mohapinyane who argued that the February 2019 elective conference results should be nullified on the grounds that its outcome was marred by “vote rigging”, the trio of Lefera, Ntiisa and Makhohlisa argued that the entire elective conference should not have been held at all because the ABC constitution does not provide for it. They asked the court to nullify the new NEC's election and allow the old NEC to remain in charge on an interim basis for a year while superintending over processes that should culminate in the amendments to the ABC constitution to provide for NEC elections. Although Justice Mahase's Wednesday judgement nullified the election of Prof Mahao and his colleagues, this did not stop them from holding their own competing rallies in which they continue to refer to themselves as the authentic NEC. On Sunday they held their own rally in Lepereng in the Maseru district– a development which irked Dr Thabane.

Addressing hundreds of ABC supporters in Taung, Dr Thabane railed against Prof Mahao and his faction for disregarding his appeal to them to desist from holding the parallel rallies which he said had become a platform to degrade other party members and attack the government.

“I am gravely concerned about the way ABC cadres are handling their issues,” Dr Thabane said.

“I have asked you to make constructive utterances and I have barred you from holding constituency rallies but this has worsened as some of you are even opting to hold branch rallies.

“My heart bleeds seeing that our own people are hell-bent on disregarding the party administration

“I am aware that these (pro-Mahao) rallies are being used as a platform to denigrate other party members and attack the very government which is led by ABC. If these are indeed constituency rallies why then are they being used to help the opposition in its campaign to tarnish the government's reputation?

“I can tell that those doing these acts have turned themselves into the opposition within the ruling party. It is evident that these are war rallies and they are not for those who believe that they are still ABC members.”

Dr Thabane also implored party members to follow internal conflict resolution mechanisms and desist from taking their disputes to the courts of law.

He said the courts could not effectively solve what were essentially political disputes and their intervention could only destabilise and eventually destroy the ABC.

“I have seen some ABC members turning to the courts of law and wondered what could have happened as our constitution is clear on how to deal with internal issues.

“Since the elective conference there have been conflicts which have led to lawsuits in defiance of our agreement to deal with our issues internally. We have previously received





court orders and have respected them. Even now we will respect the latest one that says we should amend our party constitution.

“However, the courts cannot solve our political problems. Some political parties were destroyed on account of the courts’ involvement and today they are in fragments.

“It is all because of the court judgements that such parties are in this state and if you want the same to happen to our party, you can continue running to the courts as well. When it (the ABC) is also destroyed, I will certainly laugh at you because I already have my pension.

“I plead with you to stop testing each other’s strengths through the courts of law.

“The name-calling within the party and hurtful utterances happened in the heat of politics and I ask that we forgive each other and forget. Let us now deliberate on how best we can take our party forward,” Dr Thabane said.

April 23, 2019

## **Maputsoe factory fires hundreds for striking**

### **Ntsebeng Motsoeli**

JONSSON Manufacturing Pty Ltd, a workwear factory in Maputsoe, has with immediate effect terminated employment for about 700 of its workers for recently engaging in an “unlawful strike”.

This comes after a 7 and 8 April 2019 strike where hundreds of the company’s workers downed tools and picketed on the streets to demand better working conditions from their employers.

The workers were unhappy with their working conditions which they said their employers have ignored despite attempts to engage in talks.

A letter seen by this publication addressed to one of the employees accuses the workers of engaging in the strike despite a court order interdicting the industrial action. The company’s Managing Director, Anton Barker who signed the letter, said the workers’ action calls for dismissal.

“This letter serves to inform you of the immediate termination of your employment with Jonsson Manufacturing Pty Ltd,” Mr Barker wrote.

“The termination follows your act of engaging in an unlawful strike today the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

“You engaged in the said strike despite the fact that you were informed that you were interdicted from engaging in same by an order of the court. You failed to resume your normal duties despite ultimatums given to you during the said strike.

“You are expected to return any property of Jonsson that might be in your possession.”

Attempts to get a comment from the company’s management were fruitless as their phones rang unanswered.

Samuel Mokhele, the Secretary General of the National Clothing, Textile and Allied Workers Union (NACTWU) said while they have so far recorded close to 700 employees who have been fired, the numbers were likely to increase.

Mr Mokhele said the workers were discontent with their low salaries which they said were not commensurate with the long hours that they work. He also said the workers were also complaining about being made to work unpaid overtime.

He also said the workers were unhappy about their everchanging payday dates and delayed disbursement of severance pay for those who have resigned.

Although the strike was suspended until further notice on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and workers returned to work the following day, some of the employees who had participated in the strike were shown the door by their supervisors upon reporting to work on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Mr Mokhele said by the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, over 500 workers had been fired for participating in the strike.

“At least 500 people had been served with letters of expulsion for engaging in the strike by Friday. We believe that there were still many more to be fired,” Mr Mokhele said, adding that there were already moves to challenge the dismissal in the courts.

The NACTWU deputy secretary general, Tšepang Makakole yesterday said close to 700 workers have so far approached their offices.

“So far, we have recorded close to 700 workers who have been fired and these are only those who are affiliates of our union. We believe that there are many more who have not come to us because they are not members of the union. We have already taken the matter up with our lawyers,” Mr Makakole said.

## 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.

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