



NEWSLETTER CHAKO 2020

The year 2020 is very special for Chako, because with your support finally our glass, paper and textile recycle workshop will move to a new location. We will start the build of a clean, green and zero waste workshop in Langoni, Central Zanzibar.

The construction of the new workplace has started, and we expect to open doors in October 2020.

Our mission and vision to up- and recycle tourism induced waste whilst bringing training, empowerment, education and employability to the unemployed and uneducated youth of Zanzibar is being lifted up. Currently working with 38 employees in a small, remodelled family house, the new workplace will bring training, empowerment and income to at least as many new women and youth. In doing so we contribute to the (circular) economy of Zanzibar and protect the environment and beauty of the island from the waste being dumped, littering and being burned.

From today we are proud to present to you our quarterly Newsletter for Chako | Upcycled - Uplifted.

Extra update:

The year 2020 also brings a worldwide challenge, the COVID 19 virus, known as Corona has flooded the world with health attacks, anxiety and uncertainty. The focus of the world has shifted to fighting, adjusting and developing for the unknown which this virus is bringing.

In Zanzibar the virus was first reported on the 21st of March 2020. Chako had followed the global news and prepared a training plan according to WHO guidelines for the staff, and their communities.

Since the first week of March all people at the workplace wear a protection (kitenge) mask, maintain social distance and use the washing (sanitizing) stations for the hands. All who enter need to sanitize or there will be no entrance, there is no exception for any staff member or guest.

On the 6th of June it was declared there are no current cases of the virus in Zanzibar, and the airports and ferries are allowed to bring guests again. All guests do need to keep distance, and wear the facial protection masks during interactions in Zanzibar.

Chako applied successfully for funding in the fight against the virus, the prevention of a second wave spread, and for support in paying fair wages and providing food baskets, as staff can only work a maximum of 50% due to social distance. The funding enables 38 staff members being able to provide for their families, bringing education to the local communities and continue working.

Asante sana, thank you very much for all your help in creating a better future

