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Introduction

This annual report describes the activities and achievements of the ABaCus Foundation in 2020.

Composition of the board (as of 31 December 2020)

- Chair: Rik Oosterbaan
- Secretary: Bianca Kingma
- Treasurer: Bert van den Akker
- General member: Hieke van der Meulen (also chair of the educational support working group)
- General member: Jeanette Zinger (official farewell postponed until 2021 due to corona)
- General member: Marjet de Haan (official farewell postponed until 2021 due to corona)
- General member: Paul van den Heuvel

The board is supported by the following working group members:

- Working group member (PR, educational support): Dirkjan van den Berg
- Working group member (educational support): Veronique van der Horst (official farewell postponed until 2021 due to corona)

The members of the ABaCus board and working groups do not receive any remuneration for their activities.

Organisation of the ABaCus Foundation:

- In the first months of 2020 two new board members were appointed: Bianca Kingma (secretary) and Paul van den Heuvel (general member). Bianca and Paul have been induced during the year.
- In parallel, Jeannette and Marjet withdrew from the board. The last meeting they attended was the meeting on 10 June 2020. Both Jeannette and Marjet were very involved and enthusiastic board members. Due to the coronavirus the official, personal farewell to Jeannette and Marjet has been postponed until 2021.

Contacts with the AMO Programme

- In 2020, Henk and Joa Bosch mainly resided in the Netherlands due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, Henk returned to Ghana for some weeks in November/December. This was important for the coordination at AMO and it also supported us in communication with the AMO Programme.
- Agenda and minutes of meetings are exchanged.
 - The same applies to the annual reports and plans, budget and financial reports.
 - When Henk is in the Netherlands regular discussions take place.

- If necessary, members of both boards communicate using FaceTime.
- Various affairs were supported, including:
 - Making the newly built premises more sustainable as well as improving the working conditions. Amongst others by setting up a spray room. This project has been completed in 2020.
 - In 2020, a car was bought to replace the old pick-up truck. This project was realised thanks to a number of sponsors.
 - The volunteers' programme to give, support and expand the Active Learning training at the model schools. The appointment of two local trainers was realised in June 2020 and can partly be funded by the Rabofonds. The main focus of these was getting acquainted with the training programme and the educational vision behind it. They also work on digitisation of the programme to enable remote training, if necessary.
 - Because schools in Ghana were closed due to the coronavirus hardly any training was given on schools from March 2020 onwards and together with AMO we have thought about setting up a training unit so as to enable remote training.
 - Create a basis in Ghana to guarantee the AMO Learning Materials (ALMs) and training courses and expand them, possibly even connect them to the Ghanaian curriculum imposed by the government
 - Thanks to an anonymous donation multiple projects have started, including boring of a well and the installation of a water pump.

Activity overview of the working groups

Educational support working group

In 2020, the educational support working group has:

- Supported Veronique, as Dutch volunteer, in visiting the model schools. Veronique would mainly work in North Ghana as trainer and job coach.
- Supported two PABO (TTC) students of the HVA. They have fortunately been able to gain some experience about education in Ghana.
- Veronique and the students were regrettably forced to prematurely stop their work due to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. The two students have subsequently written a proposal in the Netherlands about how and where to connect the AMO Learning Materials to the new 2019 curriculum for the subject of English.
- Some new working group members, experienced educationalists and people with many years of experiences in Ghana have confirmed and validated their proposals.

In 2020, the educational support working group has also functioned as sounding board for AMO in:

- Digitising the ALM manuals.
- Implementing a more extensive 'Active Learning' training programme using the ALMs which can be developed and executed by the appointed Ghanaian trainers. This could be a prelude to a link with the Ghanaian national curriculum for 2019-2024. This can be included in the Ghanaian portfolio as part of the further professionalisation of teachers in primary education.
- Mapping the positive and negative effects on AMO's vision on education and its possible distribution by cooperating in a consortium and becoming a social enterprise. This seemed to be only possibilities in 2019. However, in 2021 it looks to be a reality and AMO is reflecting on its core values regarding this.

Fundraising working group

General

- Also in 2020, our usual donors have contributed significantly to the available funds. We would like to thank them and all other donors!
- The cooperation with 2Select was brought back to live at the end of 2020.
- Cooperation with the Brandpunt Oecumenical Centre in Amersfoort: Ghana Vice Versa project contributes a fixed amount annually from 2018-2021.
- A foundation has pledged to support AMO in facilitating a local Ghanaian trainer.
- Various donations by churches through targeted offertories.
- Gifts of other organisations, including two second-hand shops.

Rabofoundation employee fund

The Rabofoundation employee fund has allowed us to:

- use the promised money for an additional year, up to April 2022;
- and thus enable us to allow Dutch teachers volunteering at model schools to share their educational experience with Ghanaian teachers;
- and/or employ a Ghanaian professional, based on a Ghanaian annual salary to stimulate the use of ALMs and the use of active learning methods;
- use two of the three tranches for both Dutch volunteers and Ghanaian trainers, so a thank-you is in order to the Rabofoundation employee fund.

Brandpunt Ghana Vice Versa

- A declaration of intent was signed with Brandpunt, which states that Brandpunt wishes to devote itself to raise a fixed financial amount to donate money to AMO for three liturgical years. They have made a substantial contribution in 2019-2020, for which we would like to thank them.

- The added value for Brandpunt is awareness by cooperation in the fields of sustainability, growth economy, diversity, culture and religion.

PR and communication working group

General

- Articles and reports were published regularly on the ABaCus website.
- The planned day for donors was cancelled in connection with the coronavirus measures.
- At the end of December 2020, a general update of the website was started. This concerns both the contents as the design (attractive, clear and user-friendly).

Holland-Ghana Day

- On 28 November 2020 there was a Holland-Ghana meeting via MS teams. This was organised by the Holland-Ghana platform in cooperation with the Wilde Ganzen foundation. With more than 40 participants experiences were exchanges and contacts established. This included a school for carpenters who could possibly work or do an internship at the AMO workshop.

Annual financial report

Due to the coronavirus a cash audit has not yet taken place. As soon as we can meet again, this will be carried out and a final version of the annual financial report will be published.

ABaCus FOUNDATION

balance sheet as of 31 December

Amounts in €

Assets	2020	2019	Liabilities	2020	2019
Liquid assets	15,174	28,331	Equity of the foundation	12,540	12,540
Interest to be received	-	0	Reserved for car		6,521
			Reserved for teacher training	5,937	8,488
			Accrued expenses	802	782
	15,174	28,331		15,174	28,331

Explanatory notes to the balance sheet

Assets of the foundation

- The assets of the foundation consists of a reserve for the future support of projects.

Reserved for car

- AMO needed a new car.
- We have received a donation from Reed for a car.
- In 2019, we received a donation for a car.
- The reservations for new premises and machines have been transferred to the reservation for a car.
- The car was bought in 2020; the reservation was used for this.

Reserved for teacher training.

- A project was started in 2017 to provide teachers in Ghana with additional training. Funds were raised to this effect in 2017.
- In 2018, the first three Dutch volunteer teachers visited Ghana. Partially financed by these funds.
- In 2019, a Dutch voluntary teacher was financially supported and money was received from two funds for this training; the remainder of this contribution is included in the reservation.
- In 2020, a Dutch volunteer visited schools in Ghana.
- In 2020, two local – Ghanaian – trainers were employed.

Costs to be paid

- This concerns banking costs for Triodos bank for the fourth quarter.
- A reservation has been made for an audit certificate for the Rabobank fund.

Profit and loss account

<u>ABaCus foundation</u>	Actual 2020		Budget 2020		Actual 2019	
<u>Income</u>						
Gifts			€ 3.000		€ 3.247	
Anonymous gift	€ 20.000					
Fundraising fo car					€ 1.500	
Fundraising for trainings courses	€ 100		€ 4.940		€ 7.140	
Donors	€ 1.488		€ 2.000		€ 2.228	
Release of reservation for car	€ 6.521					
Release of reservation for training cou	€ 2.551					
Campaigns, including at schools			€ 150		€ 241	
Total income		€ 30.660		€ 10.090		€ 14.356
<u>Expenses</u>						
AMO projects			€ 2.000			
- Anonymous gift for AMO projects	€ 20.000					
- Spraying shop					€ 2.250	
- Website					€ 1.201	
- Contribution to AMO consultancy					€ 1.300	
Purchase of AMO car	€ 11.000		€ 3.000		€ 1.500	
Costs of training courses	€ 2.651		€ 4.940		€ 7.140	
		€ 33.651		€ 9.940		€ 13.391
'Partin' membership	€ 60		€ 60		€ 60	
Chamber of Commerce			€ 25			
Fundraising costs (2select)	€ 607					
Board costs	€ 169		€ 400		€ 277	
Bank costs	€ 270		€ 250		€ 202	
PR			€ 200		€ 129	
Miscellaneous			€ 240			
Ghanaday					€ 94	
Total expenses		€ 1.106		€ 1.175		€ 762
Result		€ 4.097-		€ 1.025-		€ 202