

## Information about projects



### UN-advisor: “Kpare fits Millennium goals”



**Kofi Annan and  
VN-advisor  
Hans Eenhoorn**

#### Millennium goals:

- Abolition of extreme poverty and hunger
- All children to school in 2015
- Women and men are equal
- Less mortality
- Fighting Aids, malaria and other diseases
- Taking care of the environment
- Worldwide partnership for development

www.  
millenniumproject.  
org or www.undp.org

The Kpare Foundation will conclude its fifth successful year with renewed growth of its projects and loans. Recently the Kpare projects were praised from an unexpected source, i.e from Hans Eenhoorn, former Unilever top executive and now involved in the UN Hunger Taskforce. The taskforce puts the abolition of hunger, Millennium Goal number one, at the top of its agenda

#### Millennium goals

The Hunger Taskforce is part of the Millennium Project and installed by UN secretary-general Kofi Annan. Targets are set higher than ever before: by 2015 world-wide poverty and hunger should be cut by half and every child should have

access to learning, while mortality figures should be halved. In Ghana for instance infant mortality is 11%. Other goals are equal rights for men and women. Also developing countries should be able to fare better by the international trade systems while measures should be taken to diminish their debt figures.

Totally 189 countries, the Netherlands being one of them, have signed the Millennium program. The Hunger Taskforce recommends raising local food production. World-wide 850 million people are chronically undernourished. All the more shocking because solutions are readily available, says UN advisor Hans Eenhoorn. This is why the Hunger Taskforce asks the

highest priority for food production. More food means that people are less vulnerable to illnesses

#### Encouraging earthen architecture

The Kpare program aims itself at poor people. By giving loans for agriculture they can produce enough food while they can generate income with the remainder to spend the way they want, for instance on healthcare or schoolfees. Also we aim at limiting expenses. We encourage constructing buildings in the traditional earthen architecture (cheaper and much healthier) and by preventive medical care, resulting in fewer expensive hospital visits.

### Hans Eenhoorn : Nederland-Ghana “one-to-one”

One of the initiatives of Hans Eenhoorn is the 1-2-1 (one to one) idea. European countries should team up with an African country bilaterally. Holland, says Eenhoorn, should adopt such a partnership on various levels with Ghana, a country with strong

Dutch historical ties. Our government is now in accordance with this idea. The Dutch prime minister endorsed it in the UN Assembly, thereby preparing the way towns and municipalities can adopt districts in Ghana. Drechterland for in-

stance could adopt the Kpare area.

For more background take a look at the School Feeding Initiative Ghana Nederland (SIGN) www.sign-schoolfeeding.org



### Lustrum of a vision

**“Malnourishment still is health risk number one in the world”, according to the Worldbank in a statement.**

**Plan Netherlands is one of the organisations to support this view.**

**For the Kpare program locally produced food is fundamental. This view has been applied since its inception five years ago.**

## Kpare Foundation supports building of sheanut-factories in Ghana Upper West

The Kpare Foundation supports the setting-up of shea-nut factories in Ghana Upper West. As part of a number of initiatives to give women more opportunity to generate an independent income from various products produced out of the sheanut. A new womengroup from Kpare is just starting this up to increase their earnings. The factory has already been designed and will be totally loam-built with suncollectors on the roof for the necessary electricity supply. As soon as the building is completed, the machines can be installed.

The sheanut is a native tree growing in the wild. The trees are left standing in the fields because of their economic value. Ecologically the sheanut is an acceptable product, as well as its endproducts butter and cream.

### Painstaking process

Making butter out of the sheanut is a painstaking and long process. After the fruit from the tree has been eaten the nut is left in the sun to dry. After that the shell is crushed and the inside mashed in a large vessel. The ensuing mass is then roasted and rubbed between two stones, a tiresome process taking ages. In a special designated place the sheanutmass is then ground, kneaded by hand and cooked whereafter the layer of fat is

removed. What remains is the endproduct, a mass of butter which can be used right away.

### Women Group successful

Another sheanut project is aimed at the Yipaala Sontaa (=collective) Women Group totalling twenty members who are involved in these type of activities since 1997. At first by cultivating vegetables and peanuts. Now also by gathering sheanuts and making sheabutter. As a group they also work the land. To simplify and industrialize the manual process machines have been developed in Ghana. These implements offer the possibility to open up a small agro-industry based on the sheanut, in several villages in and around Kpare, exclusively run by women. Needed for the production process are a breaking machine, a grinding mill and a kneader for the sheapaste. Also a burner to heat the mass and to extricate the fat.

## The various projects in the Kpare program

- **Microcredits: In this way the farmers can escape from the poverty trap. Women Groups are first in line for microcredits.**
- **Building with mud, including the ‘clinic’.**
- **Oxen, plows and carts**
- **Making compost**
- **Seeds**
- **Marketing (peanuts, sheanuts)**
- **Agro-industry: sheanut butter**
- **Genesbank by traditional healers**
- **Reforestation**
- **Community based rehabilitation: More than 100 handicapped children are being supported in their own environment.**
- **Project healthcare (by way of latrines, clean water, impregnated mosquitonets and deworming).**
- **Beekeeping**
- **Sewing and weaving**
- **Basket weaving, ceramics, ropemaking, woodcarving, etcetera**
- **Emergency help by way of a personal budget (PGB) for food.**

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