

Annual report SME 2024

Introduction

The year 2024 was characterized by two components:

1. The further implementation of the use of water of the well for agricultural use and consumption by animals and inhabitants of Arabsiyo.
2. Making an extensive project plan for upscaling FQ in a quantitative and qualitative way for the coming 10 years. An important point in this was attention for the development of agricultural activities in a climate resistant way.

The board

The board consisted of 6 persons. The operational capacity was minimum, because some members were ill or had a too busy life to spend the necessary time to SME.

The board had several meeting, partly by digital media.

One of the board members, a former inhabitants of Somaliland, visited his homeland two times. He was several times in Arabsiyo to talked with the board of FQ about their ambitions and possibilities. The outcome was positive, which made that the board of SME decided to go on with the eventual support of upscaling the activities of the training farm Arabsiyo Farmer Training Centre, AFTC.

Activities

SME changed its working area for almost 100% from Ethiopia to Somaliland. The chicken project stopped completely. The board of SME saw no longer opportunities to bring this project in a good perspective. The man power was too little to put enough time and competences for a successful development. Some money was sent to the NGO Community Empowerment for Local Development, because SME can endorse the goals of this NGO.

The focus of the activities was to come to a good project plan for the upscaling ambition of FQ. SME only supported the work of FQ, because FQ should be the owner of the project. The resulted in a project plan of FQ which was good enough to find out if funding could be realized. A meeting with Wilde Ganzen gave good expectations: Wilde Ganzen is positive about this initiative. The maximum amount of money Wilde Ganzen can provide is 33,% of the needed money during three years. The challenge for 2025 will be to find the other 67%.

Next steps

1. Supporting FQ to perfect and transform the project plan to the phase of execution.
2. Investigation of the possibilities of funds.
3. First steps in execution of the project plan of FQ in the second half of 2025.

Addendum

Project plan of FQ