

**Tevel b'Tzedek and Matanel
Fellows for Sustainable Development Program
2022 Activity Report**

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Number of active participants in the program: The project provides various services (agricultural and nutrition training, access to clean drinking water, youth groups, and more) to about 5000 residents living in an area called Mphande in Zambia. In 2022, we had two volunteers in the project who met the definitions of volunteers as defined by Methanal.

Estimated number of impacted participants: Throughout the years of activity in the project (about three to five years), we expect that all the residents of Mphande (about 5000) will benefit from its various activities and outcomes. In the first stage, after less than eight months of activity, about 400 people have already participated in at least one of the activities we did in the area and many other benefits from the clean drinking water we provided through 2 boreholes.

Give the actual state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines): We are currently at a relatively initial stage of the project. The fieldwork in Mphande started around April 2022 and is supposed to last at least three years. The understanding that sustainable utilization of groundwater and careful community work can positively change the lives of rural communities in Mphande is guiding us. As such, we started with conversations with the area's leaders, followed by a baseline survey for over 140 households in the community. Then, we provided two additional boreholes for household and animal use, conducted 21 agricultural and nutrition training sessions, and began working with a youth group. Besides the improved access to clean water for household needs, groundwater use will enable the development of agriculture throughout the months of the year, thus substantially reducing hunger, increasing economic activity, improving health, access to education, and gender equality.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

Since the initiation of the Mphande project in April 2022, Tevel has -

- Obtained permission to **own an area of 10 hectares** in a central location in Mphande. This will soon become our training and demonstration farm.
- Created and maintained **good and close relationships** with the local leadership of the area's **three villages**.
- Achieved a better understanding of the area and the communities through a **baseline survey of 140 households**.
- **Drilled two boreholes** (wells) in particularly dry locations in Mphande.
- Provided **training in agriculture and nutrition**, in which over **380 participants** got relevant and practical knowledge.
- Hosted **two volunteers** -
 - One was part of the planning team for the agricultural training for smallholder farmers and our comprehensive needs assessment (baseline survey) in the village area (Mr. Yotam Yeivin).
 - The other was responsible for developing sexual reproductive health and menstrual health hygiene framework for young girls and women in the village area (Ms. Orli Lesser).
- Began the YSP (youth service program) with more than **20 participants** who will become change agents in Mphande.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...): Because the project is still in its infancy (the first year of activity), we cannot compare it to previous years of activity in the same place, but to other projects that Tevel has operated during the NGO's 15 years of activity in the global south. Years of community work in similar contexts have led us to formulate an orderly work model, consisting of a combination of principles and the freedom of adaptation to each specific work area. The actions that have been done so far in Mphande (and, of course, those that will be done in the following stages of the project) align with our work model, and we find that our achievements so far meet our expectations.

Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

In the coming year of activity, we plan to continue to strengthen and maintain significant relationships with the local leadership and the community members, develop drinking water and irrigation infrastructures, and provide knowledge and additional opportunities to gain experience in agriculture, nutrition, and health and education. We will do all this through the Tevel team, our local partners, volunteers, and the YSP members - the communities' future leaders.