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## Dear donor, reader, stakeholder,

Thank you for opening this third newsletter! A lot has happened since May and we are happy to share it with you!

## The first practical experiences with the Tulip filter system.

The first group of 6 families with a Tulip filter system have now been using it for 3 months in their village of Mabura in the Tonkolili district. The experiences are generally positive. Some minor start-up problems were solved with additional instruction by our local project coordinator Osman Sesay.

Photo: Mother taps clean water from her filter set



Distribution to the remaining 3 villages has been significantly delayed. Osman Sesay's pregnant wife was hit by an ambulance at the end of May. This led to a lot of extra care and visits to health centers at greater distances, such as Yonibana and Magburaka, respectively. 26 and 70 km drive, largely via unpaved roads.

In the final weeks before giving birth, the mother and unborn child seemed to be doing well, but recently their baby was born lifeless. Mother is now doing reasonably well again. And now that Osman has retired as a teacher as of August 1, he can also pay more attention to the Safe water project.

## The first promotional campaigns.

As announced in our news flash in June, we had a stand at the "Planty of Food Festival" in Apeldoorn on June 14. An idea to organize a "two buckets of water" game for schoolchildren from the neighboring school somewhat fell through. Later that afternoon, some stand visitors and children experienced the African way of carrying water. See photos









We also received newsletter registrations and the first donations during the events.

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Last weekend, August 10<sup>th</sup>, we had a promotional stand at the annual International Outing, organized by the SLCU Holland. Here we were able to make some very valuable new contacts with people who are already active in projects in Sierra Leone. Once again a number of donations and sales were achieved. In addition, the Ambassador of Sierra Leone, based in Brussels, was also present at the Outing and he was very interested in our Project initiative, see right photo below.

Photo left: Pleasant crowds at the "Clean Water" stand

Photo right: Ben in conversation with Mr. Samuel Tamba Musa, ambassador of Sierra Leone.





# Recent team reinforcements.

We are pleased with three new volunteers, who will support us in different areas. Last weekend at the Outing, the "newbies" were able to get to work straight away and at the same time get to know each other better. Our new team members are:

**Henk Holtslag**, our water technical advisor living in Apeldoorn (NL): an expert with more than 40 years of experience in similar water supply projects in countries in Africa and Central America.

**Kapri Turay,** our first ambassador: born in Sierra Leone, but living in Tilburg (NL) for more than 20 years, is our support and refuge in the field of culture and the Diaspora network in the Netherlands.

**Lammert Veenstra,** our newest ambassador, living in De Moer (NL) and with a technological background and bee expert, is a great addition to our team.

The new members will introduce themselves in the coming newsletters.

# Money makes the world go round! Yet another new, now definitive bank account.

After waiting a long time for an ING bank account, we decided at the end of March to also submit an application to BUNQ Bank, which was granted to us within a few weeks.

Finally, in May we also received the ING bank account that had already been requested at the end of 2023, which prompted us to recently cancel the BUNQ account. The choice for ING was based on both the cost aspect (which is lower than BUNQ), as well as the recent public discussions about BUNQ's working methods. Although: we have had nothing to complain about BUNQ's working method!

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#### Fundraising.

Since last May we have finally been able to start fundraising! And the first successes have already been achieved at both previously mentioned events.

In addition, we received a nice donation from Mr. to cover 50% of the current pilot project. M. Gillis, director of Refitech Composite Solutions in Waalwijk. The photo shows the presentation of the donation certificate to Mr. Gillis (left).



## Would YOU like to support us?

And contribute to more healthy and clean drinking water in Sierra Leone?

Then please donate using this link

Or look at the next page where we offer some funny and valuable products for sale.

FYI: A complete Tulip filter set with buckets for approx.7,000 liters of clean drinking water costs EUR 45. The annual replacement of the core filter costs approx.EUR 20. Every donation amount is appreciated!

A deposit directly into our new ING bank account (see header) is warmly welcomed!

Thank you for your interest and support for our cause; Please share the newsletter with your network!

## Are you interested in helping us?

Volunteers are warmly welcomed! Mail us: <a href="mailto:info@safewater4africa.org">info@safewater4africa.org</a>

#### Or call us:

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Photo: Our One-page-plan as shown at the international Outing.

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#### FOR SALE NOW!

- 1) The original Tulip Filter Set we supply in Sierra Leone, is now also available in the Netherlands, take a look at the flyer below.
- 2) And... a beautiful drinking bottle with our logo. Donated by BEVON Advies, so the entire turnover benefits the foundation! Limited edition of 100 pieces, so be quick!





Want to buy a drinking bottle filter set? Email us <u>info@safewater4africa.org</u> and we will respond within a few days. The shipping costs within the Netherlands costs EUR 7.50 per shipment, other destinations in consultation. No transport costs for pick-up in Apeldoorn (NL).

Are you an entrepreneur? We would like to investigate with you how we can contribute to the SDG 6 goal together with you and your company: **Clean water for all on earth.** Our drinking bottle for your entire staff could be a great start!