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## Sambe Sambe

**Seasons Greetings in Bambara, the local language in Bamako**

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The year 2011 was compared to previous years calmer. Meaning that there were no unexpected events such as a defect car, not available gas for milk pasteurization or flooding. We therefore focused more on the small-scale dairy DJOM KOSSAM as its expansion still displays a tricky challenge. One difficulty is the collection of milk at the farmer's place and the subsequent transportation of it.
We did a major step forward with regard to our objective to develop a long-standing collaboration with farmers by the foundation of 5 cooperatives in the region of Siby. We are now planning the realization of the collection and transport of milk whereof the purchase of motorbikes is key to setup the required transport capacity.
This year we could improve the cost structure of DJOM KOSSAM further and were able to enroll our first employee at the social security assurance. This means that he gets a pension fund after reaching the age of retirement.
As a next step we are planning to open a further selling point. Well this means that the shop, the fridge and furniture are ready and we are still waiting for the installation of the electricity meter.
We unfortunately could not yet realize the continuance of the cow project, as we could not agree on the terms with the farmers. We therefore still employ a herder who takes care of a flock of 30 cows. The flock is healthy and there were also no bad surprises except that one calf died after a lion attacked it.
We again conducted the meanwhile established and well-appreciated medical care program of farmers and their family members in collaboration with local doctors. We are convinced that this unique project, by which the health of farmers is connected with the production of milk, leads to a long-term increase of the family earnings and the quality of milk.
We are planning; in alignment with the strategy of the association pro milk Mali to support the local dairy sector, to increase the awareness among more farmers on the created market situation giving the option to farmers to sell their milk daily. Based on our financial situation we are also intending to support the small-scale dairy DJOM KOSSAM with selective measures so its economical situation can be improved further.

You can support our activities in Mali by getting a member of the association pro milk Mali (annual membership fees: single person CHF 100.00, students CHF 40.00, institutions CHF 1000.00), baptizing a calf on your selected name (CHF 250.00) or making a smaller or bigger donation.

We appreciate your interest and are looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Dr. Stephan Wullschleger, President association pro milk Mali.

Our youngest calf. It was baptized on the name "Spiegel".

P.S.: The cantonal tax office of the canton of St. Gallen excluded the association Pro Milk Mali from its liability for taxation. The exclusion for taxation was declared on harmonized national taxation law and is valid in each canton of Switzerland. The deductibility of donations is regulated on cantonal taxation law.