

Maasai Bag Project Set to Start in October

After many delays due to difficulties in travel and locating a proper trainer, the Maasai Bag Project in Mkonoo Village is set to finally begin in early October. This small business development program will empower Maasai women to develop and manage a leather and beaded product business that, when successful, will bring the first significant income stream into this impoverished village. Terrawatu is assisting in start-up and marketing. We know many of you have already placed your order for one of these bags and thank you for your patience. If you would like to put your name on the list for acquiring one of the first bags made by the Mkonoo ladies, please email us at info@terrawatu.org.

Partner with a Classroom in Tanzania?

The students and IT managers at the school computer labs supported by Terrawatu are seeking partners to link in with. Appropriate partners would be classrooms (preferably Swahili and/or English-speaking) willing to make a plan for meaningful on-line engagement.

As the Tanzanian computer centers are located in semi-rural impoverished communities, partners would also engage in ways to help identify and develop reliable funding streams that would empower and maintain the labs into the future. Therefore high school and University classrooms focused on social studies, global affairs and business development are most appropriate, although

other types are possible. If you yourself are a faculty member or know of someone who may be interested in partnering with a classroom in Tanzania please email us at tanya@terrawatu.org.



A sign for the first computer center built by Terrawatu in 2003 with the support of USAID.



ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

Terrawatu's Founder Dr. Tanya Pergola is showcased on the social entrepreneur Website "A Developed World" - <http://www.adevelopedworld.com>. A Developed World is an action-oriented social publication that uncovers the stories behind the work of social entrepreneurs and visionary leaders who are changing lives around the world. You can find Tanya's story under "Region" "Africa".

Terrawatu searches for a new Program Officer. Terrawatu is conducting a search for a new Program Officer. The ideal person for this voluntary position is someone with an interest in development work particularly in sub-Saharan Africa; has initiative, creativity and some marketing experience. Ideally the person is able to make a one-year commitment. Email us at tanya@terrawatu.org for more information.



Terrawatu Founders Lekoko Ole Sululu and Dr. Tanya Pergola in Monduli, Tanzania.

Terrawatu succeeds in securing international investors to continue project progress. Our goal is to have five to ten supporters who will invest in the future of Terrawatu and help to sustain Terrawatu's work and name in the Arusha district of Tanzania. The investors have specific annual newsletters investigating account resources and allocation of funding as well as the ability to investigate projects of their own interest. In recent months, we have secured four new significant supporters.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are several ways to contribute to Terrawatu's work:

- ❖ **Make a donation directly to Terrawatu.** While we know that money is tight for many people at this moment in time, do note that your hard-earned dollars go very far in communities still struggling to secure basic access to such things as clean water and food.

The mission of Terrawatu is to empower communities to improve education and health, protect the environment, and promote cultures of peace. As compared to larger aid organizations that retain 75% or more of financial contributions for administrative costs, Terrawatu uses only 35% for administrative costs. All of the remaining goes directly for on-the-ground project implementation in Tanzania ensuring you get the biggest bang for your buck.

Donations can be made ONLINE, by MAIL or through a CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM. You can direct your donation to a specific area or program or make a gift for general support. Go to www.terrawatu.org and click on "Contribute". **Checks can be mailed to: Terrawatu Inc., 3225 Franklin Ave. Suite #407, Miami, Florida, 33133.** US 501(c)(3) number is 26-0212786.

MAKE YOUR DONATION ALMOST PAIN-FREE by considering a monthly or quarterly recurring donation. Instead of having a one-time hit of say \$1,200 you can easily set up an automatic deduction of just \$100 a month for one year. Go to www.terrawatu.org and click on "Contribute". Click on the "Donate Now" button to set-up your recurring donation. It is FAST and SIMPLE and makes a HUGE difference in sustaining project operations in Tanzania.

- ❖ **Keep Terrawatu in mind when you hear about grant opportunities and/or partnering possibilities** with foundations and organizations with a similar mission. Many of you have already provided Terrawatu with excellent connections that have helped us prosper. Thank you!
- ❖ **Tell your colleagues and friends about our work.** Forward this newsletter and Web address - www.terrawatu.org - to those you think may be interested in learning about Terrawatu.



Recipe

Sweet Potato and Pea Soup

Delicious, heart-y, and healthy! A perfect soup for both autumn and spring evenings. Great accompanied with chapati.

What you need:

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon Garam Masala (Indian spice mix found in most supermarkets)
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 large sweet potato (or 2 smaller), diced
- 1½ lbs. fresh green peas (or frozen)
- 4 cups/1 quart water

What you do:

- Gently heat a soup pan with a little oil and add the garlic and onion. Cook until well softened being careful not to burn. Add the ginger, salt and spices and cook for a few minutes, stirring frequently.
- Add the tomatoes and sweet potatoes, stir and then add half the water. Stir to mix, bring soup to a boil then cover. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes. Add 2/3 of the peas and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.
- Add more of the water and take off the heat. Puree the soup until smooth using an immersion hand blender or in batches in a stand-up blender. Add the remaining peas and cook on medium heat for about 4 minutes. You can adjust the thickness to your liking by adding more water here. Heat until warmed through.



What's Going On with the UN Millennium Development Goals?

World leaders came together in New York the week of 22 September 2008 for a high-level event convened by the UN Secretary-General and the President of the UN General Assembly to renew commitments to achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and to set out concrete plans and practical steps for action.

The Millennium Development Goals:
End Poverty and Hunger
Universal Education
Gender Equality
Child Health
Maternal Health
Combat HIV/AIDS
Environmental Sustainability
Global Partnership

Details on What's Going On can be found at <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>

Reports on "Achieving the Goals in Africa" are shared. Terrawatu's goals and work have been in-line with these MDGs since its founding. Learn how you too can take action in making poverty history by 2015.



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"We cannot wait for governments to do it all. Globalization operates on Internet time.
Governments tend to be slow moving by nature, because they have
to build political support for every step."

- Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations