

BLU SPRING ASSOCIATION

Annual Accounts
31 December 2024

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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

ASSETS	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
Cash (CHF)	845	3'793
Cash (EUR)	101	986
Cash (ZMW)	36	—
Postal account – CH26 0900 0000 6932 8118 2	33'244	22'374
Transit liquidity account	22	—
Postfinance credit card	-1'350	1'028
Current Assets	32'898	28'181
Container	3'100	—
Fixed Assets	3'100	—
TOTAL ASSETS	35'998	28'181

LIABILITIES

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
Mary Tembo Training Fund	3'964	—
Long-term Third-party Capital	3'964	—
Paid-in capital	10'284	10'284
Unrestricted reserves	17'897	17'897
Net surplus	3'853	—
Equity	32'034	28'181
TOTAL LIABILITIES	35'998	28'181

INCOME STATEMENT

OPERATING REVENUES		
	2024	2023
Membership fees	550	1'150
Donations / contributions	35'859	24'753
Other operating revenues	—	80
World Park receipts	486	100
Revenue from supplies	—	180
Mary Tembo Training Fund	501	—
Total Revenues	37'396	26'263

COSTS		
	2024	2023
Event costs	76	306
Beit Cure Int. costs	5'470	8'923
Donations to third parties	6'261	9'753
Container transport costs	11'232	—
Travel costs – Zambia (Marco & Jules)	8'044	—
Tools and chair material costs	457	—
Dissolution – Mary Tembo Training Fund	501	—
Project Costs	32'041	18'981
Maintenance, repairs and replacements	—	155
Transport costs	—	14'297
Car leasing and rental	—	2'207
Insurance, contributions, taxes and authorisations	—	80
Office supplies	426	251
Telephone / internet	—	200
Postage (postal expenses)	123	238
Subscriptions, licences, updates	213	1'805
Printed materials and advertising	—	151
Travel and representation expenses	—	7'041
Advertising expenses	276	550
Miscellaneous costs	161	—
Postal and banking charges	309	411

Exchange losses	3	372
Postal account interest	-1	-116
Exchange gains	-9	—
Allocation (withdrawals) to generated equity	—	-20'359
Administrative & Financial Costs	1'501	7'281
TOTAL COSTS	33'542	26'263
NET SURPLUS	3'853	—

MANAGEMENT REPORT 2024

In 2024 we received the following revenues and incurred the following expenditures:

REVENUES		
Donations / contributions	CHF 35'859.—	(CHF 6'800 less than previous year)
Membership fees	CHF 550.—	
Sale of African crafts and fabrics	CHF 486.—	
Mary Tembo school fund	CHF 501.—	
TOTAL REVENUES	CHF 37'396.—	

DIRECT COSTS		
General Assembly 2023 – room rental	CHF 76.—	
Container transport – chairs from Australia	CHF 11'232.—	
Container purchase	CHF 3'100.—	
Travel – Marco & Jules to Zambia	CHF 8'044.—	(outreach, hotel workshops)
Donations to third parties	CHF 6'261.—	PNA Chipata, Kasisi Children's Home, Student Ester
Beit Cure salary payments	CHF 5'470.—	
Material costs	CHF 457.—	
Dissolution – Mary Tembo Fund	CHF 501.—	
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	CHF 32'041.—	

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		
Telephone, internet, postage and misc. taxes	CHF 336.—	
Advertising, website, flyer printing, banner, fabrics	CHF 276.—	
Office supplies	CHF 426.—	
Miscellaneous expenses	CHF 161.—	
Financial costs (postal charges)	CHF 299.—	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	CHF 1'501.—	

NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	CHF 3'853.—	
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Signed:

Marco Kerkhof, President

Blu Spring Association
Brione s/Minusio, 31 December 2024

ANNUAL REPORT – BLU SPRING ASSOCIATION 2024

Dear Partners, Supporters and Friends,

As we reflect on the successes and challenges faced in 2024, we are proud to share the progress achieved in our mission: supporting children with disabilities and empowering young women in Zambia. From wheelchair distribution to our ongoing menstrual cup project, the efforts of our team and local partners have continued to make a significant difference.

The year began positively with an article about Blu Spring published by the renowned newspaper La Regione. This recognition highlighted our continued commitment to children with disabilities and women in Zambia.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2024

Wheelchair Distribution

This year we successfully distributed 352 new wheelchairs across Zambia, with the contribution of the following partners:

- Seeds of Hope: 35 wheelchairs
- Beit Cure Hospital: 164 wheelchairs (of which 50 with Bakashana in Kasama and 17 with Moses Charity in Monze)
- Pamodzi Ndi Ana: 137 wheelchairs
- Blu Spring: 16 wheelchairs
- Cheshire Home Mongu: 11 wheelchairs

In addition, we carried out 881 follow-up visits to ensure the correct use and maintenance of wheelchairs.

Partnership with Pamodzi Ndi Ana

We renewed our collaboration with Pamodzi Ndi Ana, an important local organisation dedicated to children with disabilities. Our financial support will continue in 2024, enabling them to distribute and maintain wheelchairs effectively. Pamodzi currently manages approximately 380 wheelchairs, and their tireless fieldwork is a source of inspiration.

KOBO Registration System

To streamline operations, we successfully implemented the KOBO registration system, a free digital programme for associations. This system allows immediate registration during distributions and follow-ups, ensuring efficient data management. To date, 2,750 new entries have been recorded on the portal, including wheelchair distributions and follow-ups.

New Wheelchair Container

In February 2024 we initiated the process of shipping a 40-foot container to Zambia containing 340 wheelchairs. Although Seeds of Hope committed to covering part of the transport costs, payment is still pending. As with previous shipments, Wheelchairs for Kids generously included other donated goods in the container – such as adult chairs and hospital equipment – already destined for local partners.

Collaboration with Wheelchairs for Kids

The collaboration with Wheelchairs for Kids continues to be productive. This year our feedback led to improvements in wheelchair design. We are pleased to continue this collaboration, now under the leadership of Jeff McAskill, who is managing distribution with great dedication.

Volunteer Support

In September we welcomed Jules, a Dutch physiotherapist, who volunteered for two months. Jules made a significant contribution through follow-up visits, strengthening existing ties and creating new contacts. Jules has also confirmed his availability in the future.

Field Visits and Workshops

In October I travelled to Zambia to supervise operations and hold workshops on the importance of wheelchairs for children with disabilities. Together with Jules we visited various regions, including:

- Pamodzi Ndi Ana in Chipata (600 km from Lusaka)
- Lumezi Mission Hospital (155 km from Lusaka)
- Kasama (14 hours' travel from Lusaka)

In each location we conducted workshops for local physiotherapists, delivered wheelchairs to 12 children and monitored previous distributions.

Adult Chairs

In addition to children's chairs, we distributed adult wheelchairs to hospitals and local organisations, including Pamodzi Ndi Ana and Natwange Foundation.

Community Engagement

In August, Blu Spring participated in the 'World at the Park' event organised by FOSIT and the city of Lugano, raising awareness and funds for our projects.

Menstrual Cup Project

In 2024 we sponsored the distribution of 100 menstrual cups through the Natwange Foundation in the Chongwe region. We also developed a feedback module to gather data on the impact of this initiative.

Sponsorship for Mary

One of the most moving stories of this year concerns Mary, a young woman who, following an act of violence, became pregnant against her will and tragically lost her child in April, at the age of one and a half. Despite these difficulties, Mary is determined to continue her education, and we have decided to sponsor her so she can complete her studies.

Projects for the Future

Looking ahead to 2025, we want to improve logistical support by acquiring a 4x4 vehicle to facilitate the transport of wheelchairs, spare parts and equipment to more remote areas. We will also work to ensure wheelchairs suitable for older children and young adults.

The success of our projects is only possible thanks to the generosity of donors, sponsors and partners. We invite you to continue supporting us. Your donations – material or financial – and volunteering make a concrete difference.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We are looking forward to tackling 2025 together with you.

With gratitude,

Marco Kerkhof, for Blu Spring