

TRIP REPORT

Annual exchange program and visit to TASWO-K,

Kilimanjaro Tanzania 09.-14.Oct. 2018

Rapport fra utvekslingsprogram og besøk til TASWO-K,

Kilimanjaro Tanzania 9.-14.oktober 2018



OPPSUMMERING / SUMMARY IN NORWEGIAN:

Denne rapporten omhandler FO Hordaland sitt årlige besøk i 2018 til sosialarbeider foreningen i Tanzania, Kilimanjaro regionen. Besøket er et ledd i en samarbeidsavtale mellom avdelingene i TASWO og FO. Årets deltakere var to medlemmer som ble tildelt stipend til reise og faglig opphold i Tanzania, samt nestleder for FO Hordaland og nestleder at internasjonalt utvalg i FO Hordaland. I forbindelse med landsmøte i TASWO som ble avholdt i Kilimanjaro, ble det arrangert en internasjonal konferanse om sosialt arbeid 10. og 11. Oktober. 12. Oktober ble det avholdt landsmøte der valg av ny forbundsledelse ble gjennomført. Konferansen ble formelt åpnet av helse- og sosialministeren i landet, etterfulgt av spennende innlegg fra ulike forskningsmiljøer i sosialt arbeid fra Tanzania og det afrikanske kontinentet. Parallelt med konferansen hadde FO en rekke møter med sine samarbeidspartnere i TASWO samt med kolleger fra FO Vest Agder som har et samarbeid med en TASWO avdeling i Manyara regionen. Besøket ble gjennomført i henhold til plan og partene ble enige om oppfølging av en rekke punkter, som gjelder bl.a. rapportering. Konferansen og landsmøte var godt organisert. Innleggene fra konferansen gjøres tilgjengelig for interesserte på FO Hordaland sine sider under internasjonalt samarbeid. Det er verdt å merke seg at hele forbundet med svært begrensede midler, er basert på frivillighet og uten ansatte eller frikjøpte tillitsvalgte.. Avdelingen i Kilimanjaro fikk æren av å være vert for landsmøtet som en de mest aktive avdelingene i landet. Som samarbeidspartner av TASWO-K er vi stolte av dem for den tilliten avdelingen av TASWO nyter. Det lille bidraget som FO Hordaland gir til TASWO-K, betyr mye og gjør dem i stand til å bli en sterk profesjonsforening som på sikt vil stå på egne ben. Medlemmene som fikk stipend ble værende etter konferansen og hadde et faglig opphold på en arbeidsuke og leverer sin egen rapport. Mer detaljer finner du i den engelske fortsettelsen av rapporten.

Bergen, 13 Nov.2018

Med hilsen,

Mohamad Mehdi, nestleder FO Hordaland

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DELEGATION FROM FO HORDALAND:

1. Mohamad Mehdi, Deputy chairperson FO Hordaland
2. Lene Cathrine Fjellsbø, Deputy chairperson, International Standing Committee - FO Hordaland
3. Gry Johannessen and Tove B. Pedersen, members of FO Hordaland. Participants in the trainee program for 2018.

From TASWO-K:

1. Francis Sunguya Chairperson, ,
2. Japhary Salum, secretary
3. Duncan Mgati, vice secretary
4. Margreth Reuben, executive board member.
5. Romana Olomi, deputy treasurer

Others:

Delegation from the International Standing Committee, FO Vest Agder and Board members from TASWO Manyara Branch.

Arrival day:

The delegation from FO Hordaland arrived at Kilimanjaro Airport on Tuesday 09.10. at 21.00 PM. Mr F.S. and D.M. welcomed the delegation and we drove straight towards our accommodation at Bristol Cottages in Moshi town.

Summary from the International Social Work Conference:

From Wednesday 10.10.18 onwards, the delegation attended the 3-days International Conference on Social Work which took place at the auditorium of KCMC Hospital in Moshi. The conference was organized in connection with the National Annual General Meeting of Tanzania Association of Social Workers, which embarked on the last day on the conference, on Friday 12.october 2018.

The conference was opened by H.E. Mrs. Umyy Mwalimu, Minister of Health in Tanzania. She addressed the conference and pointed out several issues concerning the social work profession and the development of social welfare scheme in the country. The event was covered by leading national and regional news agencies.

Dr. Zena Mabeyo, chairperson of TASWO welcomed thereafter the participants of the conference and the international guests from Norway, England, Ghana and other countries. The program was focused on social welfare policies in Tanzania and the continent, as well as on issues of child protection, family affairs and vulnerable groups. The presenters were researchers, officials, social work practitioners and academics from various universities and institutions of social work, governmental and non-governmental organizations. The presentations will be made available at FO Hordaland's website.

Summary of the Annual General Meeting on 12. October

The AGM was opened by Dr. Zena Mabeyo, chair of TASWO presenting in her speech the annual report, with stories of successes and challenges, followed by treasurer's financial report, debates and elections. The meeting was mainly held in Kiswahili. Special thanks were addressed to FO Hordaland and FO Vest Agder for the support and partnership with respective branches of Manyara and Kilimanjaro. FO handed over an FO flag to Dr. Mabeyo. The AGM gave several words of appreciation to Kilimanjaro Branch of TAWSO for hosting/co-organizing this big event as well as being an active branch with high degree of dedication. Despite the fact that TASWO is mainly is based on voluntarism with limited resources, TASWO has been able to mobilize social workers across the country to organize. The delegation of FO retreated before the final election and the closing ceremony.

Meetings:

The delegation conducted several meeting along side with the conference during the 4-days visit. In addition, a separate meeting was arranged between the trainees and the hosting organization to prepare their visit/internship. The trainees will submit their own report.

Follow-up meeting on partnership agreement between FO Hordaland and TASWO-K:

FO delegation represented by LF and MM and TASWO-K represented by the entire board with focus on feedback on previous inquires from FO (Letter from chair of FO Hordaland dated 29.August.2018) regarding final activity report and finances/accounts for 2017, and report from the visit to Rwanda in March 2018. TASWO-K assured that reports will be submitted before the end of this year. With regard to the questions on the budget for 2018, FS and DM will

follow up and submit the requested documents. MM stressed that FO Hordaland is totally satisfied with work and performance of TASWO-K. The activities conducted are totally in line with our partnership agreement. TASWO- K informed that the AGM of 2018 will be held in April 2019. Rescheduling the meeting plan was necessary due to the national AGM of TASWO, the capacity and availability of the board and the members. FO requested that reports for 2018 and proposal for 2019 can be submitted to FO before the end of this year. We referred otherwise to the letter from FO dated 29.august 2018 and to previous agreements/clarifications from 2016 and 2017. As discussed with the executive board of FO Hordaland, MM conveyed that FO is open for alternative venues for 2019 with regard to the exchange visit to Norway and to Tanzania.

Joint meeting between FO Hordaland and Vest Agder and TASWO Manyara and Kilimanjaro

Upon request from colleagues in FO Vest Agder a joint meeting was arranged to network the two branches of TASWO. This meeting intended additionally to exchange experiences between the two branches and extend technical support and advice from Kilimanjaro to Manyara and vice versa. The latter has recently established a formal branch of TASWO I Manyara region. We agreed that both branches and FO branches should share plans, reports, and templates and learn and gain from each other's experiences.

Final summary and activities to follow up by both parties:

The conference was a testimony for the great work done by TASWO as organization and by TASWO-K in particular, bearing in mind that TASWO is basically run by volunteers. Well organized event, interesting topics/work shops and engaging presenters. The visit was otherwise conducted according to plans and agreements.

Tasks to be followed up TASWO:

1. Provide requested documents referred in letter from FO dated 29. 08.2018 before the end of this year
2. Send a brief summary including expenditures for the international conference Kigali March 2018
3. Send a proposal for 2019 including the underlying documents, as per MoU between FASWO-K and FO Hordaland
4. Discuss alternative venues to meet with FO in 2019
5. Send request for reimbursement of funds for placement for the years 2017 and 2018

Tasks to be followed up by FO:

1. process the proposal / application for funds asap
2. provide technical support regarding budget/reports
3. suggest venues for meeting in 2019 and share asap

Mohamad Mehdi, Deputy chairperson FO Hordaland





