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From WCAT to Edukans

Dear Mrs. Hendrien:

Thank you for your unreserved efforts in supporting our programs all the time. We are always reading the most interesting website of the Anena School. Ms. Wendy is also doing excellent job for the school and for WCAT too. Yes, we want to prepare the new sign board for the school and WCAT will use the logo. The school is ready for instructional process in the coming new academic year (September 2012). We have furniture purchased before. We also planned to purchase additional furniture (Combined desks) for all the classrooms with the existing budget. So, WCAT will be responsible to equip the classrooms with available budget and it is highly possible.

We have discussed with the Woreda cabinets to think of upgrading of the school to full primary 1-8. They are highly impressed by the construction process. They admired the donor and WCAT for such huge contributions to the Dera community and children. They are in favour of upgrading the school. However, for the coming September, our level three (Level-3) children will join grade 5 based on the previous ABE regulation. The cabinets discussed that they may continue in ANENA School but the problem is there are no grade 4 children. We have grades 1 to 3 because the school has already been transformed in to formal primary school in 2011. It has its own Principal (school director) assigned and paid by the Woreda Education office. For the reason that the existence of gaps of grade 4 children for this year, they decided that the school should continue as formal primary school after June 2013. It will serve as the full time primary school (grades 1-8) because we will have grade 4 children by then. The concrete reality is this one.

Regarding the presence of the place for the staff and community members to drink coffee, yes there is an open place reserved for such services. The project coordinator and the education supervisor have told us that we can have a kind of new traditional cottage (small house) for such purposes. Coffee ceremony has high social value for the community to discuss issues and create close interaction between the community and ANENA School. We perceive that it is golden idea to do so.

Wow, the school is very impressive for everybody and WCAT staff. The Zone professionals have approved the construction after visiting it. The GO-NGO forum participants have visited the school after finishing of the construction. They admired the whole qualities. They expressed that very few organizations such as WCAT can succeed in such huge projects. WCAT has witnessed its efficiency and effectiveness in implementing projects with the supports from our donor, the community and the local government.

Up on completion of the first block, the community members expressed their deepest thanks for the donor and WCAT for alleviating problems of children by constructing the school. Children are safe from travelling long distances. Parents also said that they are free from threats about girls while travelling to another school. They said that what WCAT has done with the donors is always unforgettable in their lives. They said that the school is their special asset and property. They also examined that they are the luckiest and the most special community in getting such golden chances. They added that, If WCAT and the donor didn't intervene; we would not get such chances even within 20 years. Their contribution is getting stronger and stronger, such as participation in plantation of seedlings in front of the school. The official opening ceremony of the school is planned in the beginning of September 2012.

Concerning the **School Sponsored children**, the facilitators, the CMC members, the care givers/parents and WCAT's staff are also making close follow ups every time. Besides the construction, WCAT is highly concerned about these children. This is because it is the question of sustainability for the program. They are our future hopes to sustain the projects. This year they didn't get special support services, such as livelihood supports because of budget deficit. WCAT believes that you may come up with and advice us for compensating year I (one) support and how to establish sponsorship funds for these children. For year I the rising costs of construction has taken some of their budget (10,000 Euros). For Year II, we are very curious about these children. Up to now, they are getting proper services equally like other children with other projects/budgets.

WCAT is very proud & eager to visit ANENA School with you and the donors (Ms Ank and Mr Armand). The community is always appreciating your essential contributions.

By this time, we are ready to start the second block with the allocated planned budget.

I think you are on the process of facilitating & preparing the contract agreement.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Wishing you a nice time!!!

With Best regards,

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