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## TCHUMA TCHATO PROJECT HISTORY

Tchuma Tchato Project started end 1999 beginning 2000, when hurricane Eline devastated parts of Sabie and Limpopo valley, bringing with it great desolation.



Missionary João Rodrigues, Project Director, the different partners, alongside with sister organization FIM have, since then, given of their time and resources, to ease, rehabilitate, train, assist and make sure the needy under their care are able to make their lives worth living.



**2000** - Preparation and submission of the first humanitarian container (20ft) - Project Start and integration in the working group MRC (Missions Relief Coalition) - Coordination and distribution of humanitarian goods at the Nelspruit airstrip.



**2001** - Preparation and shipment of 420kg of humanitarian aid, distribution and reception at the destination.

**2002** - Preparation and shipment of 586kg of humanitarian aid, distribution and reception at the destination - Lecture at the University of Minho and Coimbra University - Portugal.

**2003** - Preparation of the expeditionary travel in January of the following year - Contacts with sponsors and promotion of the initiative.

**2004** - Preparation and shipment of 1530kg of humanitarian aid, receipt and distribution at the destination - Three young Japanese students



have joined the trip in order to receive training in volunteer work.



**2005** - Visit to the Project - The Coordinator in Portugal and a young university student joined the expedition, one to make contact with the reality of the work and the youth with the same objective of receiving training in volunteer work.



**2006** - Visit to the Project with two young students, one American and the other from Brazil. Same purpose as above.



**2007** - Visit to the Project with a young man resident in Durban, for training in volunteer work.

**2008** - "Operation M44." Preparation and shipment of 150kg of hospital and school supplies, reception and distribution at destination. Two young men joined the team.



**2009** - "Operation 4x4." During 2008, we did fund raising in order to acquire a 4x4 vehicle. The efforts were rewarded in February. We visited the project. Two young students joined the expedition for the second time. We visited the village of Baptine, in Sabié, where there is already a health care clinic. Distributed the hospital supplies sent the previous year.



**2010** - "Operation Sabie" - The Tchuma Tchato Project and FIM secured medicines and other hospital supplies which were distributed at the Sabie District Hospital.

## PLANS FOR 2011/2016

It is of paramount importance, in the area of the Tchuma Tchato intervention, which include 5 villages and a clinic, to setup boreholes with respective water pumps, tanks and structures, to bring water and thus fulfill goals 4A, 5A and 7C of the MDGs. We are right now hard at work to create a favourable response among our network, in order to reach this objective within the next 3 to 5 years at the most.

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