

"GET 40 TOILETS FOR SAN MARTIN DONE" - MATERIALS ARRIVED IN SAN MARTIN

Only about half a year ago, the Small World Foundation celebrated the launch of "Get 40 Toilets for San Martin Done" through the project platform GET IT DONE (www.getitdone.org). The project aims to install 40 toilets in the community of San Martin de Amacayacu in the Colombian Amazon. At the end of November 2011, the necessary budget was reached and on Thursday January 12th of 2012, the materials for the first toilets could already be transported!

This took quite some effort, because we had to transport cement, which needs special authorization because it is used in cocaine production. At least 8 documents were necessary to get the Colombian army authorization (picture below). The special police information service carried out the cement inspection in the Leticia harbour, before it was allowed to be loaded onto the transport boat.

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The actual toilets and PVC tubes were bought in Tabatinga, a Brazilian village glued to Leticia. To get these materials to enter Colombia, other documents had to be shown to the customs. Luckily, the project is carried out in three parts and no import tax had to be paid over the imported goods.

All together, it took three whole days of gathering documents, organizing the cargo boat, purchasing the materials, visiting the army, police and customs, and directing people to receive the materials in the harbour and load them on board. One advantage was that this time, the ATM machines were working fine...

In the meantime, also in San Martin some people were working hard. Gravel was bought in the community and the necessary timber for the toilet cubicles are sawn in the direct vicinity of the community. All was going well, until the chainsaw was swallowed by the water after a wrong movement of the canoe in which it was being transported... To be continued! On the 16th of January, the 40 beneficiary families were invited to hear about the development of the project and the parties involved in getting the budget together. An impression of it all on the next page...

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FIRST FISH PONDS DONE!

Two years after winning the BN/DeStem Development Prize, one year after the approval of the INCODER project for the construction of 11 fish ponds, after hundreds of liters of *masato* and soup, uncountable jokes and mud, mud and more mud, the big moment has now arrived: the first fish ponds are basically done! We are only still waiting for the little fish...























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Last year 2011 was a political year. There was no need anymore to finance activities that gather arguments for the application for the legal recognition of the ancestral lands of San Martin de Amacayacu. Before, this is what represented the expeditions to the rain forest, the paper and digital map, and the construction of the family tree of the community. In 2011 we did finance crucial meetings with meals and transport for the participants. We also paid 50% of the lawyers payment for writing the application. The other half will be paid when the application has been signed and handed over to the INCODER in Bogotá. 2012 will be an exciting year. Maybe, many meetings will still have to be orgnanized with the many institutions or maybe some things still need to be changed in the application itself. Maybe one meeting is sufficient to hand the application over to the the government. Maybe, decisions will be made soon, or maybe not.. You will remain informed!!

Over the last few months, the Small World Foundation has written the annual reports of 2009-2011. With this, the foundation aims to supply you with more detailed information about its functioning and finances. The annual reports are available in Dutch only, on the "annual reports" page on www.smallworldfoundation.org.

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The contributions will be spent exclusively on the development and realization of local initiatives in San Martin de Amacayacu in the Colombian Amazon. No wages are being paid to anyone. The expenses will be mentioned as much as possible in the newsletters. For alternative contributions, please contact Heike van Gils at: heike_van_gils@hotmail.com.

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