

## Ausführlicher Bericht über die persönlichen Eindrücke

### **What were the most impressive experiences? (Family, society, politics ...)**

During my internship I have faced many new experiences. Villagers are really very cooperative, and they are forefront to help when they know that we are doing work for them and for their village. I found women are more hard working than men, they also help their husbands in fields, they take care children and also walk every day 3 to 4 km to get food and collect water. In area where I have done my job, other NGOs also working some kind of other projects. In cities every kind of facility is available, everything you can get it from cities on the other hand the condition of villages are reverse. Many villages there is no water, people are searching for water, totally depend on rain and in dry season they have to travel 3 to 5 km, or they have to drink dirty pond water. Many villages there is no Toilet, even in schools there is no toilet. In villages, economic activity is only agriculture, however in cities because of sea port many trade activities also exist.

### **What did not match your expectations?**

People are uneducated, sometimes it take a lot of time for them to understand what we want to make and what we expect. For example plumber or welder it took many hours to tell them what we want, they said we understand, but at the end what they do something other. Before I travel to Togo, our partner there already start to dig well, the person who dig well he said it is more than 15 meter, when I went there it was only 9 meter. We ask him it is only 9 meter he said with my meter it is 15 meter, when we check his meter it was 20 centimeter less than standard meter. This is the way sometime how they react.

### **What lessons from the preparatory work and study stay can you contribute to your studies?**

The work which I have done there and what we have learn in our lectures sometime not matched with each other, the project how you have planned can't implement as it is as you have planned. It depends on the circumstances. However I have learned a lot, how to deal in such case if happened and my work and thesis are interconnected with each other, I have collect my data from there, my whole thesis depend on the work which I have done over there.

### **What are your options for implementing knowledge acquired in Germany in your home country or in another country in the South? What are the professional possibilities?**

The knowledge which I got from my university such as project management and project implementation tools, some of tools I have also apply during my work. And with this experience and knowledge and I have a chance to work with NGO in my home country or in any third World country.

### **Was the practical preparation and study stay useful for you at this time? What would you do in a future trip?**

Regarding practical preparation, I have tried to make team work, sometimes many people come together to work but we have less work, so we think that we make 2 teams, each team will work after a day, and in between they can do their own work. Secondly we had a translator who can speak English and local language as well. This approach really helped us.

### **How do you assess the meaning of the internship and study stay sponsored by STUBE Hessen?**

This STUBE project internship and study abroad is wonderful for students, it is a kind of financial help to get ticket and also a moral support. I had ever dream to visit Africa, and STUBE Hessen gave me a chance to make my dream in reality.

Thank you STUBE

Best regards

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