

**EWB-Denver Chapter Meeting
January 8, 2008**

Introductions

Treasurer's Report:

Togo ~\$9000

CDM – Pending \$10,000 donation for CDM employee travel for the next trip

This balance includes a \$5000 donation from the Franklin Family in Oregon

MP ~ \$4000

Fundraising:

Jim submitted an application to Whole Foods at Belmar for their community giving program

Project Updates:

Togo, Africa:

Chris Fahlin (FahlinCJ@cdm.com)

No current update

If interested in becoming involved in the project please contact Chris Fahlin.

Malingua Pamba:

Ben Mapes (ewb.ben@gmail.com)

Next implementation trip is scheduled for April 2008 with the following goals in mind:

- Construct 3 pressure break tanks for potable system
- Brad is contacting Gates to see what they could do for help with the forms
- Brad intends to work on a composting toilet
- Repair, replace, and maintain potable delivery system
- Site assessment for potable and irrigation system buildout

If interested in becoming involved in the project please contact Ben Mapes.

Potential New Project Presentations

To potential projects were presented to the chapter members

El Kilometro 71

Wastewater project in Honduras

Presented by Chris Fahlin (FahlinCJ@cdm.com)

The project would include technical assistance and design for the engineers within San Pablo Sula for a wastewater pond which is presumed to contain wastewater from the town and the near by sugar factory.

If approved, the first trip would include site investigation and project suggestions. No current or future general chapter funds will be allocated for this project. CDM has agreed to pay for their employees to travel for the assessment trip.

Discussion: The main concern by the group was that this project may benefit a for profit industry (sugar plant) as opposed to direct benefit to the surrounding community. However, CDM has agreed to cover the costs of the initial trip (assuming only CDM employees travel) so there is essentially no expense to the chapter for the initial assessment trip

Ambalona Village

Madagascar Water Project

Presented by Tom Rutkowski (trutkowski@golder.com)

The project would focus on the potable water system for the village of Ambalona and would pair with the NGO Hope for Madagascar which has been started by woman in Boulder originally from Madagascar.

Options for the potable water system may include utilization of the nearby river (300m from village), seeps, and wells

Hope for Madagascar has committed to donating \$1500
\$10,000 private foundation commitment

Other sources:

- Golder Assoc.
- Madagascar dinner fundraiser

If approved, no current or future general chapter funds will be allocated for this project.

Discussion: It was brought up not just for the Madagascar project but also the Honduras as well that these are both being presented to the chapter as company sponsored projects and could potentially limit the involvement of chapter members that do not work for the sponsoring company.

Chapter Vote:

A ballot vote took place to determine if the chapter approves the submittal of the 501 forms to EWB-USA.

Honduras		Madagascar	
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
22	2	24	0

Both projects pass to continue to the next step of submitting 501 forms to EWB-USA.

Note: the number of ballots submitted was more then the number of active (paying) chapter members meaning that those in attendance which are not chapter members voted. However, since the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the projects no revote was conducted.