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Gituamba Community Youth Polytechnic

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## Foreword

Not knowing where their donations to NGO's were precisely used for and questioning if Africa is really that bad as being told, three men decided to check out the continent for them self. These three men are us; Henk Rigter, Marten Mulder and Minne Bonnema, hereafter referred to as 'we' or 'the ThreeLeftHands', which also identifies the non-profit organization we founded to explore and to document the situations throughout Africa. While doing this, we help out people and organizations where ever we can and report about our activities to the Netherlands using various media among which our website ThreeLeftHands.com. Africa is a big continent and we cover all the distance in our easy recognizable 25-year old and orange minibus.

As being a supportive organization, ThreeLeftHands strive to improve other organizations that are being visited. To achieve this ambitious goal, the ThreeLeftHands posses a various skill set which are acquired through study and, mostly, excessive practice. Fields of expertise wherein TLH can excel are especially, but not limited to, internet and other computer applications, (mechanical) engineering, marketing / communication and business management. In cooperation with the counterpart organization, one or more projects are appointed to the ThreeLeftHands and after completing the goals agreed upon, ThreeLeftHands moves on to the next organization that will hopefully also benefit from their visit. As long as an organization is serving the public, ThreeleftHands will not differentiate between organizations and offer their services completely free of charge.

While the ThreeLeftHands are perfectly capable of taking care of their own, a donation or expense coverage is never expected, but always highly appreciated

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## Organization Profile

Name: ThreeLeftHands

Established: July, 2008

### **Mission:**

To experience Africa by own hand, to report on situations throughout Africa from a different, sincere view and to help out people, communities and organizations where possible.

### **Vision:**

Africa is often referred to as 'The Lost Continent' and news feed from this region often agrees with this negative alias. Whether is famine or war, dictators or rebellion, there's not much good coming from Africa. We don't believe that. We believe that there is more to a story, more to a continent than the media tells us. Also we believe that one man can make a difference and therefore we travel through Africa to make that difference and find out what's Africa about by our own experience. By our stories, we hope to inspire people to try to change the world as well.

### **This are the ThreeLefthands:**

Henk Rigter, age 25

Fields of expertise: Communication, marketing and management;

Marten Mulder, age 24

Fields of expertise: (Mechanical) engineering and teaching;

Minne Bonnema, age 26

Fields of expertise: Computer applications, internet solutions and business management

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## Introduction

We are directed to the technical school of Gituamba by Teun Wolters of Iscom and we arrive at a small compound harboring a few well constructed buildings. This is not what we expected, but after a short tour we are impressed by the attitude of the people here. With as little as they have, they truly try to make the best of it. Recession strikes here too, what causes a lot of students to be send home, due to a lack of fees. We are assigned to analyze the inventory and to give advice on what resources are needed here. We will do that with past experiences in mind. This means that aid should be granted under close watch, so the people will continue to rely mostly on their own, instead of growing dependent on other (foreign) organizations.

## **1.0 Project details**

### **1.1. The Inventory**

Duration: 7 days

#### **1.1.1 Objectives**

To make inventory of the the schools stock and to report the needed resources, to enhance fund-raising.

#### **1.1.2 How to achieve the objectives**

Well, during our tour through the school and its compound, we easily found the time to see what exactly the inventory of the school is. Thats not because we are that quick, but because there's hardly an inventory. Hereafter, TLH will bundle their findings in a comprehensive report, containing not only numbers and figures, but also some advice on how to aid a school like this the best.

#### **1.1.3 Project limitations and recommendations**

TLH limits its activities to bringing report of the inventory and giving advice on how to help. We will not do any fund-raising ourself or whatsoever. We strongly recommend to implement the suggestions that will be made in the report, as we've seen what 'help' can do to an organization, region and even to an entire culture. More information on this is to be found at our website [ThreeLeftHands.com](http://ThreeLeftHands.com)

## 2.0 Monitoring and Evaluation

The activities actually only involve a report. Monitoring will not be necessary, but an evaluation of our work will be greatly appreciated and can be send to [info@threelefthands.com](mailto:info@threelefthands.com).