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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public Inspection****A** For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning

, 2009, and ending

, 20

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

Amani for Africa USA Foundation

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

100 N 27th Street

Room/suite

305

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Billings, MT 59101-2054

D Employer identification number

20-3277651

E Telephone number

406-248-7731

F Group Exemption

Number ►

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► www.amanidevelopment.org**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 121,390**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	Statement I	1	121,178
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	
	4	Investment income		4	212
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c		
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐			
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ NOV 15 2010 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a		
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
8	Other revenue (describe ►)	8			
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9		121,390	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	Statement I	10	125,099
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	3,433
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ► Bank fees (\$565) and donor recognition dinner (\$1,597))	16		2,162
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17		130,694	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	(9,304)
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	54,073
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		20	(1,490)
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21		43,279

Part II Balance Sheets. If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22	Cash, savings, and investments	54,073	43,279
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe ►)		
25	Total assets	54,073	43,279
26	Total liabilities (describe ►)		
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	54,073	43,279

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Please see Statement II

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others.)

28	Please refer to Statements I, II and III for lists and descriptions of grants to Amani Development Organization (also referred to as "Amani Care"), an NGO operating in central Tanzania, East Africa.		
	(Grants \$ 125,099) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☒	28a	125,099
29			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	
30			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule) ☐		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ☐	32	125,099

Part IV	List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)
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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	✓
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a None		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b N/A	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a N/A	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b N/A	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ None ; section 4912 ▶ None ; section 4955 ▶ None		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ None		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ None		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ None		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Doris Gerstner Telephone no. ▶ 406-652-4291 Located at ▶ 4311 Loma Vista, Billings, MT ZIP + 4 ▶ 59106		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ N/A		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ N/A		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	☒
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	☒
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	☒
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	☒
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	☐

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

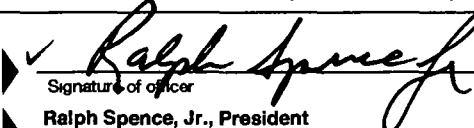
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer		Nov. 10, 2010 Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Ralph Spence, Jr., President Type or print name and title			
	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EIN	Phone no	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	12,616	137,617	179,963	140,419	121,178	591,793
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	12,616	137,617	179,963	140,419	121,178	591,793
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						235,889
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						355,904

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	12,616	137,617	179,963	140,419	121,178	591,793
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	0	0	153	200	212	565
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						592,358
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	60.08 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	Fifth tax year %
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☒
b 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ►		☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a 33½% support tests—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33½%, and line 17 is not more than 33½%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐
- b 33½% support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33½%, and line 18 is not more than 33½%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Area for supplemental information with horizontal dashed lines.

Amani for Africa USA Foundation
20-3277651

Statement I

2009 Receipts / Disbursements

	<u>Operating Funds</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning balances 1/1/2009	\$ 43,809	10,264	54,073
2009 Receipts			
General unrestricted donations	\$ 68,869		68,869
Student Sponsorships	26,960		26,960
Support for various local church projects	9,878		9,878
Igandola orphan children project	3,081		3,081
Grain mill project	2,500		2,500
Windmill project	2,132		2,132
World Water Day	1,890		1,890
Oil seed project	1,000		1,000
Travel expense reimbursement	500		500
Donations for other specific projects	4,368		4,368
	121,178		121,178
Investment earnings		212	212
Total receipts	\$ 121,178	212	121,390

2009 Grants and Disbursements

			<u>Program</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>
Construction grants to Amani Care:					
Oil seed processor	\$ 14,495	14,495	14,495		
Grain mill	12,850	12,850	12,850		
Igandola building	2,791	2,791	2,791		
Roofing materials	4,950	4,950	4,950		
Workshop building	1,300	1,300	1,300		
Guest house gutters / finish work	1,100	1,100	1,100		
Childrens' home	500	500	500		
Agriculture grants to Amani Care:					
Grape posts	430	430	430		
Grape vines	1,260	1,260	1,260		
Manure	1,384	1,384	1,384		
Education / Spiritual grants to Amani Care:					
Sponsorships for students / training	19,575	19,575	19,575		
St. Andrew's Church Makang'wa	3,201	3,201	3,201		
St. John's Church Ilolo	3,000	3,000	3,000		
St. Luke's Church	1,000	1,000	1,000		
Text books and tables	830	830	830		
Operating grants to Amani Care:					
Amani Centre operations, wages, supplies	34,600	34,600	34,600		
Auditor and annual meeting expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000		
Vehicle operation and repairs	1,777	1,777	1,777		
Office rent / accountant fees	3,000	3,000	3,000		
Famine relief	4,000	4,000	4,000		
Windmill	2,132	2,132	2,132		
Igandola support	750	750	750		
Well pump shelter	700	700	700		
Bricks	400	400	400		
Work related travel	916	916	916		
Worker training	370	370	370		
Other expenses related to operations	1,020	1,020	1,020		
Water project grants to Amani Care	2,513	2,513	2,513		
Other reimbursed costs	2,255	2,255	2,255		
Travel reimbursed	3,433	3,433			3,433
Meals for donors	1,597	1,597			1,597
Bank fees	340	225	565	565	
Total grants and disbursements	\$ 130,469	225	130,694	565	5,030
Current year net	\$ (9,291)	(13)	(9,304)	95.72%	0.43%

Unrealized loss on Investments		(1,490)	(1,490)
Ending balances 12/31/2009	\$ 34,518	8,761	43,279

Net Assets at December 31, 2009

Assets	
Cash in bank	\$ 34,518
Investments	8,761
	\$ 43,279
Liabilities	\$ -
Net Assets	\$ 43,279

Amani for Africa USA Foundation

Attachment to Form 990-EZ, Part III 20-3277651
December 31, 2009

Statement II

The purpose of Amani for Africa USA Foundation ("Amani") is to fund charitable, educational, religious and developmental activities in Africa. During 2009, Amani pursued this purpose by obtaining donations from individuals, churches and foundations and distributing funds to relieve poverty in central Tanzania.

The 2009 program expenditures itemized at Statement I were distributed as grants to Amani Development Organization (also known as "Amani Care"), a "community related and Christ centered" Non-Governmental Organization registered with the government of Tanzania. Amani Care's programs provide care of orphans and families, water resources, agricultural and horticultural development, general education opportunities, vocational training, health and nutrition and social and spiritual development. Activities are jointly planned with communities where people are not comfortable with handouts, but willingly work for Amani Care's programs and serve as volunteers on community projects such as supplying water and building schools. The immediate aim is sustaining basic human needs; the long-term aim is to facilitate an improved quality of life that can be maintained by the local communities. For more information on the activities of Amani Care, please see <http://www.amanidevelopment.org> and the report attached as Statement III.

The address for Amani Care is:

Amani Development Organization
Attn. The Rev. John F. Naumann
PO Box 2094
Dodoma, Tanzania
East Africa

The total of grants given to Amani Care in 2009 = \$125,099.

The Rev. John F. Naumann, VP and Director of Amani for Africa USA Foundation resides in Tanzania and serves as Managing Director of Amani Care (the grantee). Amani Care has four other Tanzania resident directors, none of whom serve Amani for Africa USA Foundation in any capacity.

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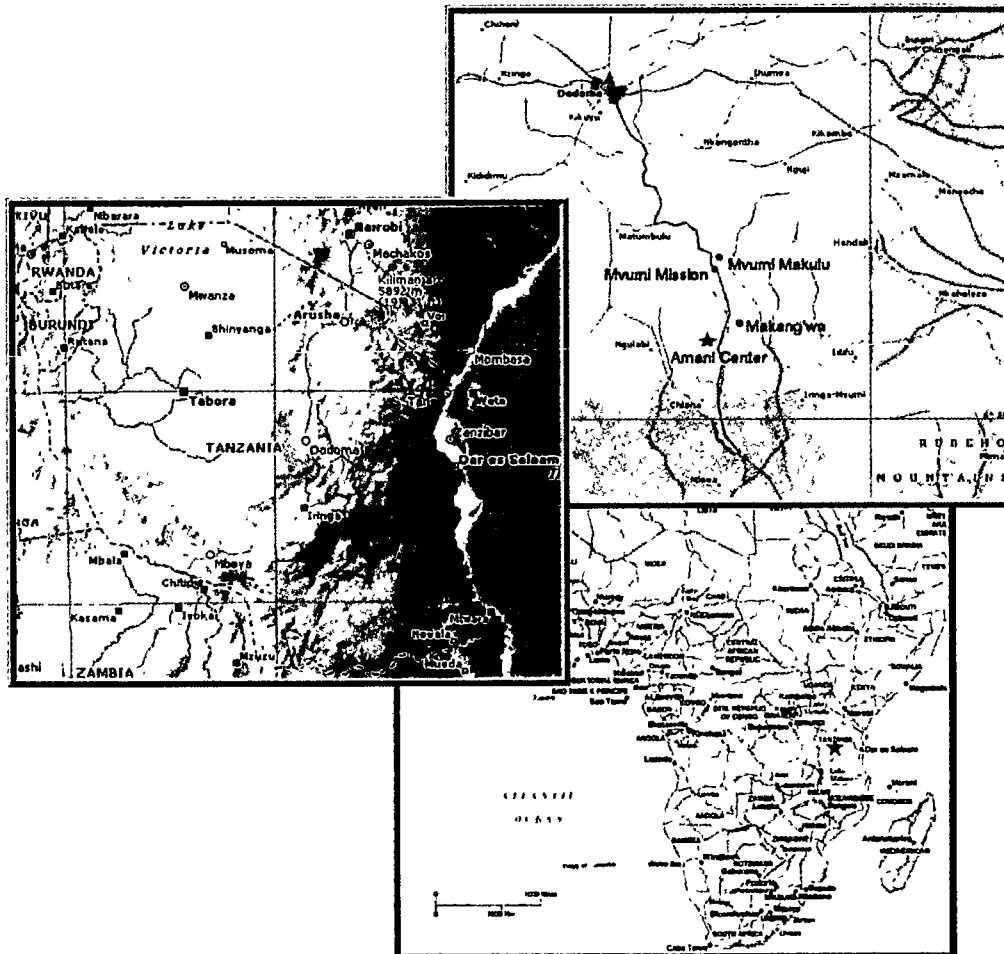
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Amani Development Organization

"I am planting a tree which will bear fruit."

Working closely with communities in rural central Tanzania to establish and sustain:
Water Resources, Agriculture & Forestry Development, Health, Education and Nutrition

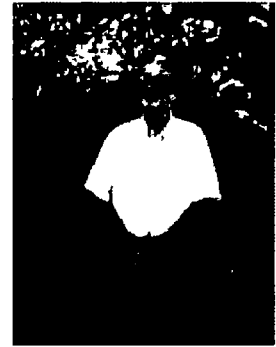


Tanzania covers an area of 945,087 sq km (364,900 sq miles) stretching from the Indian Ocean to the Great Lakes region in the west of the country. The population is approximately 37,000,000. The central region of the nation is semi-arid. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many of its people live below the World Bank poverty line.

Dodoma, the capital city (population approx. 200,000) is located in the center of the semi-arid central region. The Amani Development Organization operates out of the Amani Center which is located 50 miles south of Dodoma about 2 miles from the village of Makang'wa with a population of 17,000.

Amani Overview – From 2000 to Today

Fr. John Naumann is the founder and Director of the Amani Development Organization. He was raised on a farm in Australia, graduated from St. Francis Theological Seminary in 1966, served in a series of churches in Australia and then moved to serve at St. Stephen's Parish in Billings, Montana in 1989. In 2000, Fr. John spent much of his four-month sabbatical in Tanzania. It was then he realized that in many rural areas the people desperately needed water. Fr. John came home from his sabbatical and started raising money for deep-water wells to supply the precious resource.



In 2002, to support Fr. John's increasing efforts in the region, the village of Makang'wa donated a 530 acre tract of land for the development of the Amani Center. In 2005 Fr. John joined with others from St. Stephen's Parish and formed the Amani for Africa USA Foundation and made plans to retire and move to Tanzania. The Hearts for Africa Foundation was also formed in Australia by supporters of Fr. John's work. Upon his arrival in Tanzania in October, 2005, Fr. John stayed in a house in Mvumi Mission, about six miles north of Makang'wa, while the initial house at the Amani Center was prepared. In April 2006 the Tanzanian government approved the Amani Development Organization as a registered NGO.

Water Wells

The cost to drill and equip a well in Tanzania is about \$40,000 and the benefits of uncontaminated water are far-reaching. Life is totally transformed, the cycle of cholera is broken, the incidence of typhoid is greatly reduced and eye infections in children practically disappear. Also, by using drip irrigation on family gardens, a household of seven can raise enough vegetables for a full year. Amani has now drilled and equipped five wells and completely restored one abandoned well. At the Makang'wa well, Amani has installed an extensive water supply system through part of this large village. Four "traditional" hand dug wells have also been completed. These average about 20 feet deep and are brick lined for long term use. **Over 30,000 people from eight local villages rely on clean water funded/provided by Amani.**



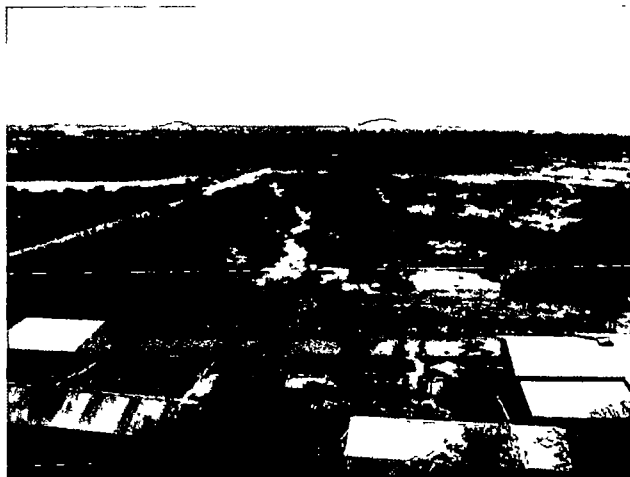
Drought Relief – Work Program

Soon after Fr. John's arrival at Amani, there was a severe drought with no government "safety net" for the region. Fr. John set up a work program at Amani providing a minimum wage and a midday meal. Pay was only equivalent to \$1 per day, but many said, "We have never had the opportunity to work, receive a meal and then get a tin of maize at the end of the week!" Because of limited funds, daily participation was set at 35 households. Also, elderly people (some days over 50) received assistance. The program touched the lives of about seven villages in the area.

At Amani local people are in charge of all aspects of operations. There are **25 registered employees** and the relief work program continues to this day. There are about **40 workers each day** and participation is rotated to allow the benefit to be shared. No one who is able to work asks for a handout. People with special needs, such as medical expenses, secondary school fees or house repairs, are allowed to work for a three week period. There are often three special need requests per day and people need to come with evidence of need in the form of a document from a doctor, hospital, school or Village Committee.

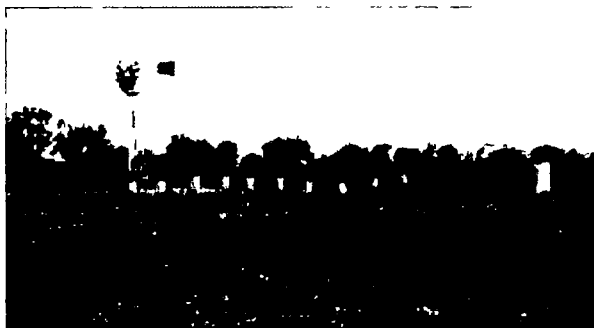
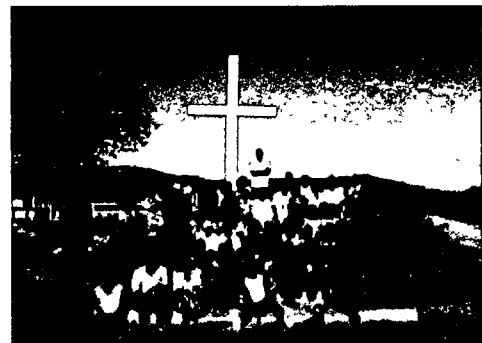
Amani Buildings and Entrance

Pictured right is the residential area at Amani in 2007. To the left is the two bedroom Guest House. Center is the four bedroom main house. To the right is Fr. John's unit with bedroom, bath, study/office, and store. Between the main house and Fr. John's unit there is now a two bedroom unit (driver, housekeeper, laundry). A large water cistern is behind the Guest House. A shed was added between the main house and Guest House. The area behind and to the right of Fr. John's unit is very beautiful and will be lightly landscaped to become a natural garden and meditating area.



The view (pictured at left) is from the large rocks above the house looking towards the Amani property entrance with the village of Makang'wa in the background. In the foreground you can see the landscaping project around the main houses. It draws the attention of all who come to the Center. The area already has been named the Makang'wa Gardens! Eventually it will encompass the areas around the housing, walking tracks through the forest areas and 'viewing points' along the hill. Using gutters to collect water into cisterns, the gardens demonstrate ways to raise home-vegetables and beautify homes.

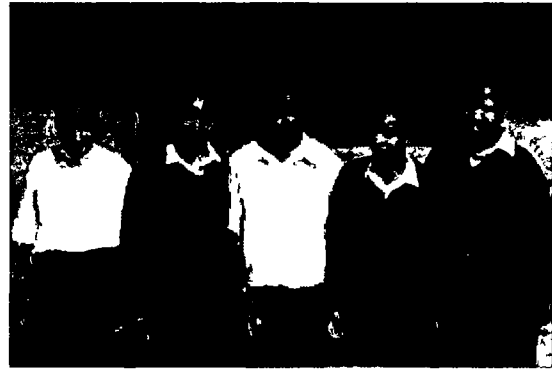
The dedicated area at the entrance to the Amani property has become a gathering place where as many as 400 can meet in the shade. The Cross (shown at right) was a project initiated by the workers. It is twenty five feet tall, reinforced in concrete, and located in the center of the area. Local worship is important in this region and, while Fr. John participates, he has no plans to build a church. There are plans to build a public toilet and 'shelter' in this area for workers and other gatherings. This will also be a gathering site for the Women's Vocational Training Center presently being developed.



In the picture to the left, you can see the Amani windmill/well, water storage tanks and crops using drip irrigation. This well was drilled in 2006 and later equipped with the windmill. Located nearby is the pump house and accommodations for security personnel. A system is in place for water delivery to the Igondola Children's Project and the Makang'wa village (the 5 gallon buckets are filled twice a day).

Education

Amani has sponsored students at levels up to High School, College and Diploma Studies (some early students are pictured at right). Studies include: Nursing/Laboratory School, Teachers Training College, Secretarial College and Secondary/High School. With only three exceptions, every student or a parent has worked to raise part or all of the necessary funds. This has evolved into a 'sponsorship program'. Fr. John knows the students personally and all come with recommendations from schools and from pastors.



Basic Crops

Farming operations on the Amani property include 33 acres under sorghum, millet, maize, peanuts and sunflowers, about 65 acres of grape vines and fruit trees and 2 acres of vegetables, for a total of 100 acres. With the considerable investment of time and money, water reticulation systems have been added that allow water to be available across most of the cultivated areas, including about 420 holes for fruit trees. Additional crops include: melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn, beans, Chinese cabbage, mchicha (like spinach), passion fruit, paw paw and squash.

On the advice of the Tanzanian Department of Agriculture, the initial crops at Amani included bananas (trees donated by the Department), pawpaw trees (about 300) and cashew nuts (also donated). Unfortunately, the well water at Amani is not suited to bananas and pawpaw – although grapes and other crops do well – and the dry seasons are too long and the wet seasons unreliable. Fortunately, a second traditional well has suitable water. Amani raises vegetables to sell to support the center, and also to feed workers. The Center also runs a drip irrigation program and an extension program to help local farmers improve farming techniques.

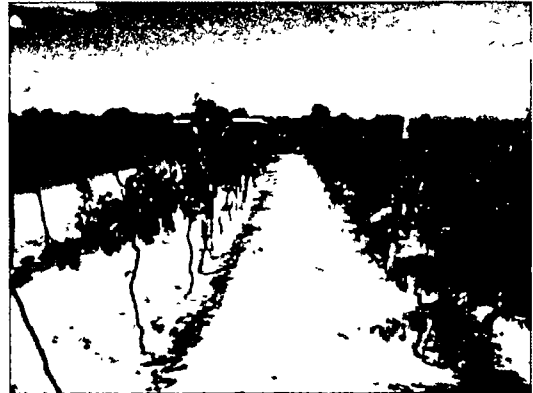


Concrete Block Making

In 2006, the production of concrete blocks was initiated for use at Amani and for contribution to other regional projects. Strong young men operate the block making machines, with other villagers carrying sand and water from the adjacent river bed. The first production of blocks was used to construct a 'maternity' addition to the Makang'wa Clinic, which had been a long term goal. After completion of that project, most blocks have been used for development at the Amani Center – well keeper's house, farm supervisor's house and other structures.

Wine Vineyards, Table Grapes and Raisins

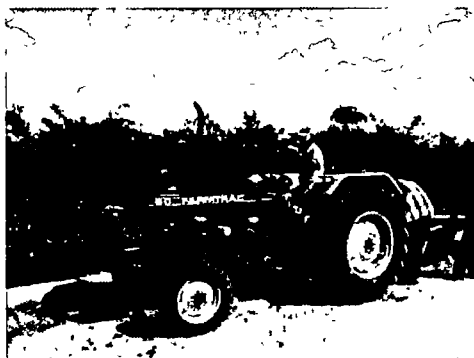
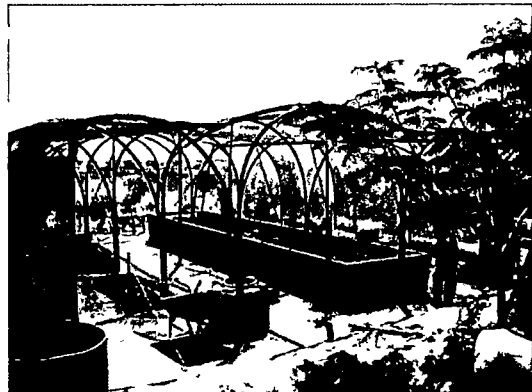
In this region of Tanzania, vineyards produce two crops per year. Grapes do not need a lot of water, but they do need it at critical times. Developing water wells and drip irrigation has been essential. Working in cooperation with the Makutupora Grape Research Center north of Dodoma, three neglected vineyards on the Amani property have been revived. During 2006 and 2007, hundreds of yards of new trenches were dug and filled with manure in preparation for expanding the vineyards. Folks from the Makutupora Center have trained Amani workers in caring for the vines and a South African method of pruning.



Vineyards at Amani now feature Chenin Blanc, Makutupora Red, Black Rose and three other varieties. Amani has also developed a relationship with DISTELL in South Africa for marketing, and the income will help support operations at Amani and schools at Igondola and Mvumi Makulu. To avoid reliance on the wine industry, efforts are also underway to develop markets for grape juice, table grapes and raisins. The vineyards at Amani will also serve as a Vocational Training Center (workers learning pruning shown at left) for farmers in the region.

Forestry Project

The Tanzanian Government is encouraging people to plant trees and many are responding. The initial effort at Amani is to plant 200 Congo Trees. These are a native tree, tall and straight, useful for timber when mature. In 2008 Gordon Matthews from Australia assisted with the construction of a Shade House (seen at right) for the propagation of tree seedlings. Later in 2009, Richard Ince from Great Britain came to continue development of the Tree Nursery/Forestry Project. There are now plans in the works to embark on a district program later this year with nurseries to be established in Makang'wa Village, Mvumi Mission and Mvumi Makulu.



Tractor and Trailer

In 2008 a tractor was purchased using gifts from Australia and the USA. It was purchased primarily to assist with the preparation of land for farming. It has been a great help in that, and when not in the fields, the tractor is kept busy hauling sand, cement, local building bricks, etc. to local building sites. It is also rented out to local farmers to prepare their family plots for farming and other local needs. It has proven to be a source of income and is kept busy in the area.



Grain Mill

In 2007 a grain shed and accompanying small store were constructed at the Amani Center. It was essential to have storage for the harvest of maize, millet, groundnuts (peanuts) and simsim (sesame seed). This was followed in 2009 by the addition of Grain Milling equipment. This equipment facilitates the milling of maize and millet/sorghum into ugali flour, the staple food of most people in Tanzania. There was great support for this project locally. At present women carry grain about six miles to Mvumi Mission and then carry the flour home. The income from the Mill will help support the general operation of the Center.

Oil Seed Processing Plant

In 2008 efforts began to create an oilseed processing plant for turning sunflowers and peanuts into oil. The equipment (picture at right) was installed in the Spring of 2009 representing a great step forward for Amani and the region. It opens up opportunities for local farmers and will also be of financial benefit to the sustainability of the center. Apart from the center buying local seed for processing, village women will also be able to bring seed for pressing and then take the oil home for family use. All profit from the Plant will be used to help support the Igondola Children's Project.



Raising Pigs

In 2009, Amani began the development of facilities for raising pigs (first "pig sty" is pictured at left). There is a ready and growing market in the region for pork. Oil, grain and pigs are interconnected with 'bran' from the first stage of milling and the 'cake' from the sunflower pressing combining to make an excellent feed. There is room for two breeders and 15 "porkers" with facilities for 50 more to come. Income from the sale of these pigs will be used to support operations at Amani as well as the Mvumi Makulu Primary school.

Developing the Local Economy

Projects that provide income for Amani not only help sustain operations, but also provide products and services that improve life in the region. Developing these local markets helps keep resources in the region where circulation helps the economy grow. In Makang'wa, some refer to the Amani payday as "Fr. John Day" because workers often make purchases that day in the local market. Fr. John has noted the appearance of more homes with sheet metal roofs since the Amani operations began.

Igondola Children's Project - Makang'wa

There are orphans in the Makang'wa area as the result of parents dying of malaria or sometimes AIDS. Poverty in households is a symptom of a father dying or deserting the family. Compassion International was offering assistance, but in 2007 that support ended. At the request of St. John's Parish in the village of Igondola, Amani joined the effort to provide nourishment and care for these children on 9.25 acres one mile from Amani.



A committee was formed with leaders from St. John's congregation to oversee the Igondola Children's Project. St. John's members provide cooks, management, homes for orphans and men for construction projects, while Amani provides assistance with food, wages for teachers and funds for the purchase of uniforms (in the picture above). Uniforms are also needed for the local Primary School. They help put every child on an equal level so they can feel like 'somebody'! There are other costs, such as medical care, but these only come up on an occasional basis.

Initial efforts were to complete the two main buildings (the first is partially completed and pictured above) and erect a "cookhouse" (the kitchen and multipurpose building are pictured below) and toilet. Additional projects include a new Teacher's room and storage area. The complex includes an in-ground rain water cistern and currently guttering is being installed for the collection of water. When completed, there will be clean drinking water for in excess of 350 children each week plus other gatherings. With St. John's Parish building and the planned addition of a two-classroom block and new toilet, it will be possible to host conferences /seminars at this site.



Through the Igondola Project, Amani has sponsored the education of a graduating Kindergarten Teacher and there are sponsors for two more. (The Igondola complex with students and teachers is pictured above.) **There are over 400 students at the Igondola preschool and in the Sponsorship Program.**

Land suited to growing bananas, paipai (300 trees) and grapes has been dedicated to this project. New grape vineyards are being developed and, with the sale of table grapes, grapes for wine and raisins, it is possible that all basic costs of operation could be covered in three years.

Mvumi Makulu School and Farm

With funds raised in 2001 with the "Walk for Water" program in Montana, Fr. John assisted the folks in Mvumi Makulu (a community of 12,000 people 10 miles north of Amani) in restoring an existing water well. As the relationship grew, the village donated 55 acres to Amani for the development of a Primary School adjacent to the site of a new Secondary School (at right with Secondary School in background). Nearby are very poorly equipped government schools, and the large Mvumi hospital, an Anglican Church hospital with a highly regarded nurse training unit.



While plans progressed toward the development of the school, Amani rented a local house for an office and began developing a Computer Training Center. The Education Department has published plans for school buildings and Amani began working with a local committee on the development process with the Regional Education Office. A school board composed of parents, local church representatives (seen to the left) and representatives of Amani was organized to oversee operations of the school.

The Hearts for Africa Thrift Shop in Australia was established in 2007 to support this project and over \$110,000 has now been contributed. In 2008, the village donated another 100 acres of land to Amani that included an abandoned well. After removal of a bee hive in the well bore, it was found to have excellent water. Installation of a windmill was funded by a grant in 2008 by "Kitchen Table Charitable Trust" in England. With the completion of the windmill, the well can supply the new Secondary School and the Amani Primary School, as well as people living in the eastern section of the village.

Building finally began on the Primary School site in May 2009 with the first two classroom blocks (seen to the right). Plans include an administration block, four classrooms, toilet facilities, library/computer block, two 1,320 gallon elevated tanks and an in-ground rainwater cistern. During 2010, a Kitchen and Dining/Fellowship Hall is being constructed. The buildings and site are being set up so bookings on weekends for baptisms, weddings, engagements and other functions will be possible.



The land at Mvumi Makulu is most suitable for agriculture. Crops (seen to the left) include millet, peanuts, sweet potatoes and there are many established mango trees on the land. As the school develops, maize, millet, sweet potatoes, bananas, paipai and vegetables will be grown. The farm is teaching and using drip irrigation and income from the farm will assist parents with school costs. Amani is also assisting the local Upendo Group (AIDS Survivors Support Group) with a vegetable garden.

Mahoma Makulu – Dodoma Children’s Project

Orphans of parents who have died, or children whose parents can't afford to care for them, end up on the streets of Dodoma, the country's largest city. Beginning in 2005 with a partially built house in Dodoma, several young adults gathered orphan boys from bus shelters and other areas to create a home for their care. They were assisted by a small Anglican Parish and, when forced to move, a supporter and property owner offered a house at a low rent.



Amani began supporting this program in 2006 through its Dodoma Children’s Project. In 2007 the village of Mahoma Makulu (east of Dodoma) donated eighty acres of land for the development of the home and a farm/garden development to support the children. A Board of Directors governs the development of the Home and the care of the children. Currently children are cared for in private homes in Dodoma until the initial building is completed. When food is available, one of the members of the board goes into downtown Dodoma at night to share food with children who are currently still ‘on the street’.

Presently, 47 children are involved in this program and the first building (pictured above) is underway. The village of Mahoma Makulu also gave an old well in the area (pictured at the right) to provide water for the project.

At this point, this program has strong support from Australia and contributions are primarily used to fund the building project and provide food through sponsors. Recently the Rotary of Los Angeles, through its Arusha, Tanzania office, has sponsored 26 orphans. The Tanzanian government has indicated it will assist with child care; however, the initial building must be finished first.



Summary Comments

Locally it is said that “Fr. John walks with the people” because he joins as a partner with local leadership in developing opportunities for people to improve their lives. The first phase of Fr. John’s activity was focused on developing water resources and the second has seen the establishment of the Amani Centre for vocational training, schools and general poverty relief. Now, efforts are aimed toward developing leadership for succession, sustaining operations, and expanding assistance to surrounding villages.

The following is a summary of the audited finance report which shows how resources have been applied over the past five years. Besides the main projects described above, expenses include several individual projects in surrounding communities where Amani has been a local partner.