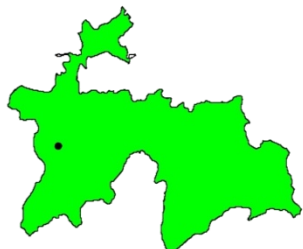


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Terie Leys, TSP board member, visited Tajikistan and the TSP supported projects in June-July 2010. The goals of this trip for Terie were to get acquainted with the country and the projects, and in addition to strengthen the working relationship and to contribute to the development of feasible support plans.

Terie was very pleased with all the assistance he got from many people to make his journey possible, as they are amongst others, mr. Saidbeck Kalandrov, Muzafar Muzafarov and Dr. Shokir in Dushanbe and Hussein Faizulloev and Dr. Tolibjon in Khojand/Lakkon. Many thanks to them! In his report Terie writes about his observations of city and country life, for example how many old vehicles try to avoid the myriad of potholes in Dushanbe and his fascinating trip over the mountains from Dushanbe to Khojand.

Please find below his brief impression about the TSP project sites.

Lakkon Hospital

Terie spoke extensively with director Dr. Rustam, and seized the opportunity to meet the patients and had a tour around the hospital premises. Terie's impression is that the living conditions of and treatment for the patients has not improved significantly, as their accommodation is still outdated and the treatment still consists of custodial care and medical treatment (if available). What could be considered as an improvement is the fact that real food crises did not occur during recent years, partly thanks to financial assistance of TSP and a well functioning hospital farm which was kick started with the assistance of Dr. L. van der Post and TSP. The farm focuses on cattle/rabbit/duck breeding for meat and milk production and cultivation of cereals and rice. On average 20 patients are working on the farm. Terie thinks that the attention on farming is lavish compared to the other aspects of patient care.

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Pictures from Terie Leijs
on his journey in Tajikistan 2010

The Red Cross has donated a 41KWh generator which improved the electricity supply.

In terms of innovation of care and cure, Dr. Rustam is said he is positive about this but lacks the consent of the local and national health authorities (to be explored). In spite of and because of this TSP, together with Dr. Tolibjon, continues to develop a plan to stimulate/support a rehabilitation pilot project.

Children's Centre

Dr. Shokir, former director, accompanied Terie during his visit to the Childrens Centre. There they met director Dr. Zebo. She pointed out the need for physical rehabilitation of the centre and complained about the low salaries for the staff which subsequently negatively affects their performance.

As the communication between TSP and the CC deteriorated over the last year and given the fact that TSP only has a very limited budget, they agreed to revive the relationship through small scale donations of play materials for children.

Hamdilon

Terie was introduced by mr. Jamshed, clubleader, and Dr. Nargis representative of GIP Tajikistan

Terie participated in a user club meeting with 9 participants . In these session, under the guided by mr. Jamshed, a variety of subjects are being discussed, such as "relations", "secrets of the computer", "health care in Tajikistan ".

The main purpose of the club is to be a peer to peer meeting point in a safe environment.

The number of participants is still limited due to many reasons. In order to improve the accessibility and participation ,Terie suggested to clearly separate the following club facilities: such as - provision a safe meeting place - therapy/support groups and user service/advocacy centre. This year Abilis (Finnish NGO) co-funded the project.

It became clear once again that Hamdilon really is an innovative project that TSP is eager to support. What needs to be improved in order to facilitate the development of the project is to fine tune and coordinate the support by the different donors, based on an improved reporting from Hamdilon.



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