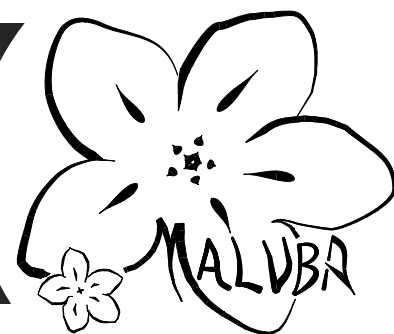


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SOLIDARITY: GRATIS !!!

Voluntary work is one of the unexpected phenomena of this millennium.

It is surprising especially for media and governments ready to analyze all social changes, because it stems from the concept of doing something for free without getting a compensation. Today this concept destabilizes because it is unthinkable.

It was used to assume that only priests, nuns and singles wanted to be volunteers but today we are forced to recognize that also laic people are volunteers.

But how many are really working as such? Which is the turnover in this "third sector" ?

Some statistics show that there are 3,000,000 of volunteers, of which only 100,000 are religious and only 600,000 are paid. 38 billions € is the turnover.

It is very good to use figures when they are available.

Politicians from all the political parties want to meet these volunteers to whom they

promise financial aids and solidarity.

Media and TV are successful in touching people's good feelings and in collecting huge amount of money during solidarity contests. Media are very powerful and able to involve even the least interested human being in solidarity who would have never given any cents for the reason that he does not trust anybody...who knows where the money is going??

However media are also very powerful to destroy people trust in solidarityit is just enough to whisper about an association or NGO telling that few volunteers have misused the money collected. People will think immediately after that all volunteers steal money...but we know that it is not like this.

Maluba, and thanks to God not only Maluba, **has as founding principle voluntary work.** Voluntary work as continuous and free commitment trying to improve living standards of the less lucky people in the world

showing that is possible to do this in a different way.

The money collected is mainly used to finance projects. Small ad-hoc contributions are enough to easily cover management expenses of an association as small as Maluba, (please read our budget published yearly on these pages). Moreover the volunteers working for Maluba do not get any reimbursement and travel to Zambia at their expenses, the airplane ticket is bought with the money they donate...!!!

Maluba's volunteers are neither heroes nor saints, they are just men and women with a clear idea of what is solidarity. Our supporters share the same idea of solidarity, therefore it is unfair that incomplete and not precise information create suspicious in their mind.

Anyway a big thank to all the volunteers who are accountable only to the generosity of our supporters and who work for free just in the interest of the people in Zambia.

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