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**THE ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE
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Dear Members

**REF.; OUR LETTER ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF 40 YEAR
JUBILEE OF PARTNERSHIP WITH MAVANGA COMMUNITY**

Dear Members of the Association for Development and Peace at St. Mary's Parish in Düren,
Peace be with you!

I am very much pleased to write a letter to you on the important occasion of the Commemoration of 40 Years of the Partnership between the Association for Development and Peace of St. Mary's Parish in Düren and Mavanga Parish Community in Njombe Diocese on the 15th June 2025. What a great coincidence with the Year of Jubilee 2025 of the Universal Church! We are sorry that we will not be able to participate physically, but we will join you during our Holy Mass Celebrations at Mavanga Parish and the diocese at large.

The 40 years of our partnership have been years of charity and generosity from your community for the people of Mavanga and beyond. The pioneer project was “**Water for Mavanga**” which led to clean and safe water supply to the community of Mavanga. The late **Fr. Gerold Sanga**, whom you know, played an important role on the project implementation at Mavanga. He was a man of hard working. All people of Mavanga since then have access to clean and safe water irrespective of one's religious background. It was **water for all!**

After a very successful water project implementation, a number of projects followed including but not limited to:

1. Hydropower project which supplied electricity to the villagers of Mavanga. It was the first hydropower supply in Ludewa district. The power supply has enabled the people of Mavanga to run some development projects such as carpentry, grinding mills machines, cars' batteries charging, welding activities, and so forth. Mavanga now is among villages with good housing in the district of Ludewa. The Association



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continues to supply spare parts for the hydropower turbine which are not available in the Tanzanian market.

2. The construction of a health centre and the supply of medicine through Action Medior of Tanzania. The health centre facility is of great help for the Mavanga community and beyond. Not all people can afford to pay for the medicines administered at the health facility. Therefore, your support through medicine supplies is of great help to the people.
3. In the recent years the Association has helped the renovation of the Priests' house which was constructed by the late Fr. Gerold Sanga. The house accommodates two priests and seminarians.
4. The Association supplied equipments for the training college of Mavanga which trains young boys and girls in various skills including carpentry. The centre has enrolled young people from Mavanga village and neighbouring villages such as **Mundindi, Njelela, Lugarawa, and Mahanje.**
5. The Association helped Mavanga Community by constructing a Kindergarten building for pre-primary school children. The school is now operating with many children from Mavanga and beyond.
6. The Association supported a new Primary School of St. Mary's Immaculate at Mavanga Parish by supplying books and the construction of a staff office building.
7. Apart from the support directed to Mavanga Community, the Association for Development and Peace of Düren, supported financially our nuns of the St. Gertrude Monastery of Imiliwaha in Njombe Diocese on various projects. In addition, the Josephine Girls' Secondary School in Kibena Parish also benefited from the Association through various projects. The school was initiated by Susmarie Gross from Ulm who for many years has been working in our diocese in various development projects especially for women, children, and girls. She is now turning 98 and health is not very stable. Please remember her in your prayers.

All the projects were made possible because of generous hearts from a number of people from St. Mary's Parish in Düren. We understand that some of them have returned to our heavenly Father, may they rest in peace. However, some are still with you. For all of you, on



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behalf of the People of Mavanga and the diocese of Njombe in general, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude from the bottom of our hearts. We were blessed to have the late **Fr. Gerold Sanga** who on behalf of the diocese supervised the implementation of the projects and maintained contact with the Association in Düren. Today we have **Fr. Method Msanga** who continues the excellent and constructive communication with you. Fr. Method is among our young priests in the diocese who are very reliable and hard working. He has been working for pastoral and social sustainable development for the people of Mavanga. We always pray for such spirit and his health.

The 40 years of our partnership have been years of great impact to our people which is manifested through the quality of life and standard of living. The presence of clean and safe water, reliable power supply, health facility, and schools at Mavanga, cannot be taken for granted. It is through the partnership that all these were made at the disposal of the Mavanga community. Thank you so much! **“Asante Sana!”**

We understand the situation of the Catholic Church in Germany and the Western World in general and its impact on parish membership and financial resources for the Association. It is an epoch for the Catholic Church which occurs after every couple of years. However, there are always those who would return to the Lord.

The Mavanga Community and our diocese at large believe that our partnership is not solely based on financial ties. We pray that our partnership continues even in the current situation. It is our hope that in the future we will continue to visit each other and exchange our greetings in various important occasions.

May I conclude by **WISHING YOU A VERY COLOURFUL AND JOYFUL JUBILEE CELEBRATION. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

In Union of Prayers,

Eusebio Kyando

Bishop of Njombe Diocese

