STIMULATING EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITH MULTI-PURPOSE LOCATIONS

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Gered Gereedschap is a Dutch NGO which has been making a consistent effort for craftsmen in developing countries for the last 39 years. Projects supported by Gered Gereedschap strengthen technical vocational education and entrepreneurship in Africa. Our support is practical, tangible and comprehensive. From tool sets and machines for schools, fully equipped sewing workshops to the education of technical vocational teachers. All our support is directed towards one purpose: promoting technical craftsmanship as a basis for self-reliance.

If you'd like to know more about our organisation and the projects we carry out in Africa under the name of EQUIP, please refer to the information on the apply-forsupport page on our website.

GERED GEREEDSCHAP HELPS: MULTI-PURPOSE LOCATIONS

To be able to provide practical vocational training or to start for instance a tool rental location it is important for organisations to have their own locations. Those organisations which do not have their own location can submit an application for a multipurpose location to Gered Gereedschap. These are modular concepts based on standard sea containers.

Organisations who see opportunities to stimulate education or entrepreneurship for craftsmen in their region in such a way are invited to submit an application for support.

WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT DO WE OFFER?

Gered Gereedschap is able to set up these container workshops in various configurations depending on aim and purpose by using 10ft, 20ft or 40ft sea containers. These locations can be used as a workshop to provide vocational education, as a tool rental or as a (small) production workshop set up to produce products which for instance contribute to food supply, environment or health. Besides the supply of the containers, Gered Gereedschap will also supply the required tools and machines and takes care of furnishing with workbenches and cupboards. Gered Gereedschap has drawn up some examples to be used as a starting point, focusing on specific target groups: carpentry, construction, engineering, tailoring and car mechanics.

Possibilities

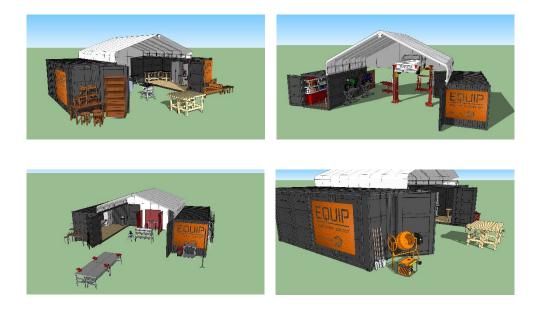
Small

Suitable as a base for a tool rental shop or small production workshop. Small location based on one standard 20ft container. Small lean-to with corrugated iron sheets for protection against weather conditions like rain and sun. It also allows a handful of people to carry out (minor) activities at these locations. The containers can be locked at night ensuring tools, machines and possible sales products can be stored safely and are protected against theft.



• Medium

Suitable as a base for vocational workshop (education), rental location or small production workshop. Workshop based on two 20ft containers. The area between the two containers will be covered, which will create a practical working area. The structure covering the area can either be a fixed roof made of corrugated iron sheets (locally made) or made of canvas (brought from Holland). Provides a working area for 5 to 8 people. Tools and machines can be locked away safely in the container at night.



• Large

Suitable as a base for the support of vocational training (vocational workshop) or entrepreneurship (tool rental shop). Location based on one 40ft container and three 20ft containers. Provides a working area for 5 to 10 people. The area between the two containers will be covered, which will create a practical working area. The structure covering the area can either be a fixed roof made of corrugated iron sheets (locally made) or made of canvas (brought from Holland). The containers can be locked at night ensuring tools, machines and possible sales products can be stored safely and protected against theft.



Custom-made

The configuration and layout of these multipurpose workshops is always custom made and is done by mutual agreement. This depends on regional demand and market and therefore differs per project. It is therefore important to clearly define your objectives and target groups in your project plan. Based on this information the exact configuration will be further developed.

These workshops will only be used to support vocational education or for setting up tool rental locations. Further information about these programs can be found on www.geredgereedschap.nl/applications

If required, volunteers from Gered Gereedschap can help with the set up and layout of the workshops. We can also provide technical knowledge about the proper use, maintenance and management of the delivered tools and machines.

Please bear in mind that the number of multipurpose workshops that Gered Gereedschap is able to make per year is limited. A clear project plan with well-defined goals and detailed information increases the chances of a positive decision.

ORIGIN OF THE TOOLS

The required machines and tools are collected in the Netherlands by Gered Gereedschap through 400 collection points. These are then refurbished and prepared for a second life by some 500 volunteers in 26 independent workshops of Gered Gereedschap. Every year about 100,000 tools and 1,000 sewing machines find their way to projects in Africa, to support vocational education and entrepreneurship like setting up the tool rental shops.

CONDITIONS FOR SUPPORT

- Our focus countries are: Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana and Malawi. Because of the uncertain situation within Cameroon, we were forced to put requests from this country on hold, till the situation is stable again.
- Gered Gereedschap only supports projects in which the target group itself takes the initiative and remains active in the preparation, decision-making and implementation of the project.

- Gered Gereedschap offers free transport of the materials to the nearest international port if the support consists of tools, machines or (multipurpose) workshops. For landlocked countries overland transport to a capital be arranged as well.
- Costs of customs clearance and transport to the final destination are the responsibility of the applicant organisation. Gered Gereedschap neither offers nor mediates in insurance, clearance, storage and/or local transport costs.
- Gered Gereedschap never provides financial support, agricultural equipment or household appliances.
- In the case of the supply of a rental shop and/or multipurpose workshop, the applicant organisation is responsible for the operation. There will be an agreement between Gered Gereedschap and the receiving party in which the rights and obligations with respect to the use, support and reporting are clearly laid down.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SUPPORT

Application

A request for support provided by Gered Gereedschap starts with submitting an application form. You can find this form on <u>www.geredgereedschap.nl/application</u>. The application must be submitted before the end of September.

All organisations are assessed according to established criteria and assessment guidelines. You may be asked to provide any additional information or documents.

Final decision

All applications submitted before the end of September will be assessed before December 31th . Each applicant will be notified whether their application for support in the following calendar year is approved or rejected by the end of the year.

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