









GERED GEREEDSCHAP IS MAKING IT WORK

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-for-support page on our website.

GERED GEREEDSCHAP HELPS: TOOL RENTAL LOCATIONS

Gered Gereedschap undertakes several initiatives to promote entrepreneurship in the craft and construction sector. Purpose of our support is to increase employment among craftsmen. Setting up tool rental locations together with local partners is one of the examples of how we do this.

Quality tools and machines are indispensable for a flourishing craft and construction sector. However, many craftsmen do not have the money to buy these. Gered Gereedschap brings these tools and machines within easy reach by setting up tool rental locations.

All projects are carried by working together with local partners. Organisations who see opportunities to promote 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?

We give organisations an opportunity to set up a tool rental location together with Gered Gereedschap. Craftsmen can rent a set of tools or machines in these tool rental locations. It allows them to carry out their work on location. The larger rental locations offer craftsmen the possibility to rent the workshop for a single day or part of a day to carry out their job and make use of its professional workshop machines. The aim is to support craftsmen such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, bricklayers, car mechanics, metal workers and tailors.

Gered Gereedschap realizes these workshops by supplying the required machines and tools. If required they will also arrange the housing and furnishing. The applicant organisation takes care of the housing and staffing of the rental locations. If required, Gered Gereedschap can also provide technical knowledge about the proper use, maintenance and management of the supplied tools and machines. The organisation can also receive support for managing the rental shop. Either from volunteers of Gered Gereedschap or from any of its local or Dutch partners.

Rental location possibilities

Туре	Which tools and machines?	For which areas	Knowledge
		of expertise?	support
Rental Shop	 Hand tools (1 pers./10 pers.) Power tools Furnishing (work benches, etc.) Sewing machines 	- Electrical - Plumber - Tailor - Carpenter - Bricklayer - Car mechanic - Metal worker	- Technical (maintenance, management) - Management (operations, etc.)
Rental Workshop	 Hand tools (1 pers./10 pers.) Power tools Workshop machines Furnishing (work benches, etc.) Sewing machines 	- Carpentry workshop - Building workshop - Metal workshop - Garage - Sewing workshop	- Technical (maintenance, handling, management) - Management (operations, etc.)

Details RentalShop

A RentalShop is a (small) shop where craftsmen can rent tools and machines to carry out their work on location. For example electricians, plumbers, bricklayers, tailors, carpenters, car mechanics or metalworkers. The RentalShop is furnished according to demand and need in the city or region. This can be a mix of the earlier mentioned areas of expertise.

What are these tools and/or machines?

Hand tools

1-person tool kits containing sufficient tools for a craftsman to carry out his trade.

Hand-held power tools

Depending on the specific trade but for example drilling machines, sanders, angle grinders, saws (jigsaw, circular).

Sewing machines

Specifically for the tailors, hand operated, treadle and electric sewing machines.

Machines

Larger machines such as welding equipment, generators, compressors, etc.

Details RentalWorkshop

The rental workshop is a larger location than the rental shop. It has a professionally equipped workshop. Craftsmen can rent the workshop for a single day or part of a day to carry out their job and use the available tools and professional workshop machines. As in the RentalShop, the craftsmen can rent a set of tools or machines to carry out their work on location. The furnishing of the workshop, number and type of rental tools and machines depend on regional demand and market and therefore differs per project.

Gered Gereedschap provides several different types of workshops, each addressing a specific target group:

Carpentry workshop

Geared towards the support of cabinet makers, carpenters and joiners. Workshop equipped with machines for the manufacturing of furniture such as tables, chairs and beds.

For example: saw table, thicknesser planer, cross-cut saw, wood turning lathe,

drill press, band saw and milling machine. Hand-held power tools like drills, circular saws, jigsaws, sanders and routers

Constructions workshop

Geared towards the support of craftsmen working in construction. Workshop equipped with machines for the production of wood and/or metal structures such as window frames, doors, bars, fences, rafters, etc. Rental of tools and machines aimed at the support of craftsmen working in construction such as carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers and electricians.

The workshop has a mix of metal and/or woodworking machines such as a saw table, thicknesser planer, cross-cut saw, wood turning lathe, drill press, drill press, welding transformer. Hand-held power tools like drills, circular saws, jigsaws, sanders, routers, grinders.

- Engineering workshop

Geared towards the support of metal workers. Laid out with a focus on light construction work. For example the production of window frames, doors, bars, furniture, etc.

Workshop equipped with welding transformers, drill press, grinders, cross-cut saw, etc. Rental of individual tools and machines.

- Garage

Geared towards the support of car mechanics. The workshop offers possibilities for the maintenance and repair of (motor) vehicles such as cars, mopeds, motorbikes and bicycles. Workshop equipped with vehicle lift, tire changer and wheel balancer machines, compressors, welding transformer etc.

- Sewing workshop

Geared towards the support of tailors. The workshop in equipped with professional sewing machines and support equipment. Rental of individual sewing machines (both hand and electric machines) for home use.

Housing and Furnishing

Organisations wanting to set up rental shops with Gered Gereedschap need to have their own workplace. In exceptional cases, Gered Gereedschap can take care of the housing. These are modular concepts based on standard sea containers. The shops can be set up in various configurations with 20ft and 40ft containers, depending on aim and purpose. More information about these possibilities is available at our apply for support page: www.geredgereedschap.nl/applications

Custom-made

The configuration and layout of tool rental shops is always custom made. This will be done in close consultation between Gered Gereedschap and the applicant organisation. It is important to clearly define your objectives and target groups in your project plan. Based on this information the exact configuration will be further developed.

ORIGIN OF THE TOOLS

The required tools and machines for the rental locations 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 rental 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
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 www.geredgereedschap.nl/application. 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.





