

# SUNSTAINABLE POVERTY ALLEVIATION GERED GEREEDSCHAP IS MAKING IT WORK



## CRAFSMANSHIP AS A BASIS FOR SELF-RELIANCE



Gered Gereedschap is a Dutch NGO which has been making a consistent effort for craftsmen and women in developing countries for the last 37 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, high level vocational training, fully equipped rental 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.

## HOW WE HELP

Gered Gereedschap supports with her programmes – under the name of EQUIP – craftsmanship in the broadest sense of the word: education, employment and entrepreneurship.



### EDUCATION

**Tools and machines**  
Supporting vocational education in developing countries with tools, machines, accommodation and equipment.

**Scholarships**  
Supporting disadvantaged young people with scholarships to receive vocational training and to purchase study material and tools.

**Teachers programme**  
Providing training to teachers in the areas of technical and didactic skills.

**Curriculum development**  
Development of training programmes meeting the demand of the local labour market for an optimum balance between labour market and vocational training.



### EMPLOYMENT

**Master-Apprentice programmes**  
After their training, start-up craftsmen are supported by an experienced craftsman. Focus on transfer of (practical) vocational knowledge and training of life-skills and entrepreneurship.

**Tool starterkit**  
Set of tools for a craftsman to get started.

**Microcredit**  
Funding of building material and/or tools.



### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Rental workshops**  
Quality tools and machines are indispensable for a flourishing craft and construction sector. Gered Gereedschap makes these available to local craftsmen by setting up rental locations.

**Refurbishing workshops**  
Old used tools are refurbished and prepared for re-use in tool refurbishing workshops. These will be used at locale vocational centres or at tool rental locations.

Our support consists of:

- Tools and machines
- Accommodation and equipment
- Knowledge and guidance
- Finance

## FOCUS COUNTRIES

Gered Gereedschap focuses on supporting projects in a selected number of countries in Africa.



To maximise our impact we focus on a selection of regions where, together with local partners, we support all aspects of technical craftsmanship with various 'building blocks' from our programmes.

## SUPPORTING LOCAL INITIATIVES

Gered Gereedschap always works together with reliable partners to support local initiatives. They are in charge with the preparation and implementation of the project.

- Vocational Training Centres
- Community Based Organisations
- NGO's
- Cooperatives

## STRENGTHEN SECONDARY SECTOR

Gered Gereedschap supports craftsmen and women working in the following professions:

- car mechanic
- carpenter
- mason
- plumber
- metalworker
- electrician
- tailor
- shoemaker





## TARGET GROUPS



age 15 - 30

Gered Gereedschap supports with her projects both men and women with special attention for marginalised groups.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the start of Gered Gereedschap in 1982 we have:



**1,300**

organisations supported



**> 1 million**

craftsmen and women empowered



**75,000**

fully equipped vocational training places created



**2 million**

pieces of tools refurbished and sent

## WHY GERED GEREEDSCHAP

### PRACTICAL TANGIBLE SUPPORT

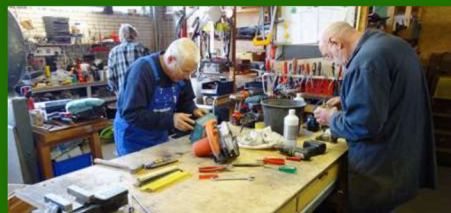
In the past 37 years, Gered Gereedschap has given support to craftsmen and women in developing countries by sharing knowledge, skills and tools.

Our support is practical and tangible. We always work together with reliable partners to support local initiatives. Direct aid without the intermediation of other parties. The result is immediately visible and measurable.



### FIGHT POVERTY TOGETHER

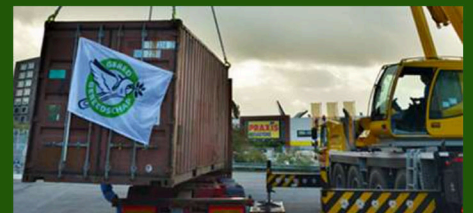
About 500 volunteers are actively involved in the 25 workshops of Gered Gereedschap in the Netherlands. Hands-on 'doers' refurbish tools in a very passionate way for a second life in Africa. Together with the people donating tools, donors, funds and companies we have one goal. To offer practical resources to craftsmen and women in developing countries to allow them to live a life without poverty.



### EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT

At Gered Gereedschap we believe that simple solutions can lead to major differences. Our approach is therefore practical and pragmatic. This is how we have been working for the last 37 years. Thanks to the many volunteers, donated materials and little overhead we keep our costs low.

This ensures you that your donation is well used and it allows us to help more craftsmen and women.



## OUR NETWORK

In the Netherlands we have:



**500**

volunteers



**25**

workshops

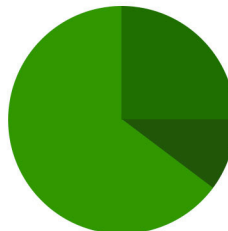


**350**

collection points

## ANNUAL BUDGET & FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

Annual budget: € 300,000 - 400,000



- private donors
- institutional donors / funds
- companies

## MORE INFORMATION

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