

Report back on the delivery and implementation of IRDNC and Karamachan Pilot Project Phase 1

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The first Veggie Tunnels were delivered to the IRDNC and Karamachan students by NHT at Divunyu in the West Caprivi.

The students tested the new tunnels with a demonstration setup of one of the tunnels to IRDNC and the Karamachan Leadership.

Then they installed and set up the second tunnel at a pre-determined site close to a Clinic in the Divunyu area.

As always in these remote areas, the biggest challenge is water. The Veggie Tunnels use 580 litres of water per tunnel per day.

The setting up options were:

- To setup the tunnels on the Erf of one of the students and transport the water from a nearby borehole
- To place the tunnels right next to the local Clinic where there is a borehole as well, but less security
- To setup the tunnels close to the river where there is a lot of water, but security is a challenge

The students with their project leader chose the first option for the time being.

The tunnels will be planted as from Monday the 13th of May 2013 and monitored closely for efficiency, adaptability to the local environment and skills of the students in the present situation.

Foibe, the project leader will monitor the process closely with the help of Moritz Espen (a volunteer) and give the statistics through to NHT for record keeping.

In the meantime NHT will continue to submit proposals to funding and donor entities the fund the Karamachan project at Divunyu. This is a 4 Ha project, right next to the river with lots of potential as a local community Training Centre for Urban Horticulture. The pilot project is simply the first step in this direction.

IRDNC with Karamachan, assisted by NHT will distribute 50 Table Gardens to the communities in the near future as part of the Pilot Project, to make the communities aware of the possibilities of this technique and the skills needed to make it a success.

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