

Chronology

- 1972** Opening of the first bookshop in the town of Preetz in Schleswig-Holstein.
- 1983** Second bookshop opens in the neighbouring town of Plön.
- 1988** Katrin Rohde's first trip to Africa, via The Gambia and Mali to Burkina Faso.
- 1995** Move to Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso. House sold, businesses sold, remaining possessions fit into a minibus.
- 1996** Opening of the first orphanage, AMPO (ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ORPHANS: THE GOOD IS NEVER LOST). At first it houses twenty-nine boys, today sixty boys live here, aged between six and eighteen.
- 1997** The handicapped workshop provides training opportunities for twelve physically handicapped boys. They make wooden toys.
- 1998** The wheelchair project provides spare parts for wheelchairs at twenty-five percent of the list price and gives the handicapped an opportunity to help with repairs.

- 1998** Forty street kids build their own house where they live together and attend night school.
- 1998** The private surgery for now more than a hundred children becomes a public, state-recognized clinic. Forty thousand patients were treated in 2009 and fifty-three thousand in 2011.
- 1999** AMPO orphanage for girls, today sixty girls live here, aged between six and eighteen.
- 1999** PPFILLES starts counselling women and girls on family planning issues, AIDS prevention, circumcision and malnourishment.
- 2000** AMPO clinic extended to include gynaecology unit.
- 2001** Katrin Rohde receives the BUNDESVERDIENSTKREUZ AM BANDE, the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, for her work.
- 2001** AMPO produces short films on road accident prevention, which are shown on national TV.
- 2002** Katrin Rohde writes the book *Mama Tenga – My African Life*, first published in German by KIEPENHEUER & WITSCH.
- 2003** AMPO produces films about child labour and human trafficking in girls.

- 2003** The MIA project takes in pregnant minors infected with AIDS and their children, an innovative concept indicating that AIDS patients need not be ostracized, as is so often the case here.
- 2004** The *Cinémobile* spreads the message to remote villages in the bush. Four facilitators show films on the most important topics. We have an audience of about twenty thousand every month.
- 2005** Opening of *Tondtenga*, the organic farm and boarding school. Eighty boys come here to learn animal husbandry and farming. Many visitors marvel at this project for organic farming in the tropics, a unique concept in this country.
- 2005** Our transition to biogas and solar energy demonstrates the possibilities of soft energy in Burkina Faso.
- 2005** A dental practice is added to the AMPO clinic.
- 2005** Katrin Rohde is appointed CHEVALIER DE L'ORDRE DU MÉRITE BURKINABÉ.
- 2005** Katrin Rohde is nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize as a part of the swiss campaign *1000 women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005*.
- 2006** SAHEL E.V. receives the internationally recognized DZI charity seal of approval for the first time.

- 2007** Every year AMPO pays the school fees for around one thousand children in Burkina Faso, in addition to that of our own three hundred children.
- 2008** ALMA is the urgently needed extension to MIA. There are now fifty abandoned girls in the care of AMPO.
- 2008** The mobile wheelchair workshop and Edouard make it possible to provide a direct service for the physically handicapped in the villages.
- 2009** Two hundred wheelchairs are distributed to the handicapped, mainly to children whose school fees are also paid by AMPO.
- 2009** The AMPO rehab centre is the latest extension to the clinic, for the long-term treatment of children with serious burn injuries.
- 2009** AMPO receives a gift of five hectares of land from the Mayor – what will the next project be?
- 2009** Katrin Rohde receives the distinction CHEVALIER DE L'ORDRE NATIONAL BURKINABÉ and the Certificate of Honour of the Order of Mother Teresa (MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY) for her work.
- 2010** The nutrition project is launched at the clinic. Two thousand four hundred mothers with undernourished children are trained in subjects including the prepara-

tion of enriched baby food, hygiene and family planning. The children's development is regularly monitored and the effort is rewarded by the progress made by the smallest infants.

- 2011** Katrin Rohde is appointed ASHOKA FELLOW.
- 2011** New strategies are developed for the *Tondtenga* agricultural project.
- 2012** Opening of the EMMA YIRI generation project in Ouagadougou. Twenty young girls and five to ten elderly women in need live and learn together in this facility. The young women learn organic vegetable farming methods and small livestock farming. They can also learn pottery in our own pottery workshop. The elderly women come from the poorest backgrounds, they are integrated into the community and teach the girls traditional values, sharing their experience of life. Serving as an example, this farm is unique in Burkina Faso.
- 2013** Owing to urban development the orphanages have to undergo reconstruction by the end of the year. The road between the AMPO and ANNEXE houses is to be tarmacked and the children have to be moved.