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CHAIR'S LETTER 2006

As the chair of MDG, I am often asked what makes the way we work within MDG original and different from other organisations. Of course it is partly the fact that we work with Mali which has an extremely varied and vibrant culture and is still relatively unknown in Britain but it is much more than that: I feel that the most original part is that we deal directly with people we have got to know quite well and have come to love and appreciate within Jeunesse et Développement (J&D), making it a personal as well as a professional relationship.

By definition North-South partnerships are between people of very different cultures and faiths and extremely different perceptions of what is important in life. That is what is so exciting about them! But it is not always easy and while recognising the values of traditional African culture -it's social cohesion, it's collective sense of responsibility, the family solidarity, the respect for the old, and the high value given to consensus - we are often shocked or bewildered by other things - a very "elastic" sense of time, litter everywhere, and women having very little say in decisions which affect them. It is legitimate to be shocked or bewildered, there is nothing wrong with that as long as we can talk about it, exchange ideas and do our best to understand ... and we DO talk a lot with J&D or rather we email a lot, exchange a lot, ask a lot of questions, make suggestions and ... yes, we disagree sometimes but the contact is never interrupted and the exchanges are always direct, extremely interesting and very often a lot of fun! This is not because we know best nor have higher expectations but because we have a common goal: more justice for the people of Mali in particular and Africa in general.

Then there are these very special moments when we go ourselves to Mali and visit and have the famous "life changing experience" that so many people who discover Africa for the first time, report having ... Try it, it is all true ...and quite a few among us can vouch for it now ... And it is also becoming "a two way street" as two members of J&D, Tanty, our link worker and Gadio who works with J&D's "Micro-projets" , visited London, Oxford and York this summer for the first time and shared our life for two weeks! It was exhausting for all concerned (especially for the "Organiser In Chief", our secretary John Hedge) as their schedule was crammed with contacts with funders, professional meetings, social visits, shopping expeditions, and sightseeing ... all in "Malian" temperatures of 33° and 34°! But it was undoubtedly an extremely enriching experience for everybody. As Gadio and Tanty very movingly said to us the night before they left: "We have had two years of experience in two weeks and we will always have in our hearts the warmth of the welcome we received, the beauty of the country we had never seen and the opening up of our minds to different way of thinking and living"... It was all about mutual understanding and sharing as we talked a lot, listened a lot, learned a lot, laughed a lot ... and cried a bit too, on their last night ... but most of all we celebrated similarities and differences between our cultures.

This last year has seen a lot of other exciting developments, too many really to talk about them all ... just read this Annual Report, you'll see! But I would like to mention just a few of these developments and especially, first, to pay tribute to Andy Benson's invaluable work on strengthening the organisational capacity of J&D and helping them to think strategically about their work. In small development NGOs like J&D, the day-to-day work-load is so heavy and so fragmented that there is usually precious little time and/or expertise to pause and reflect, develop strategic initiatives, network, set aside time for training and try to integrate your action into the wider context. So J&D is really very fortunate to have benefited from the capacity-building enhancement that Andy has provided. It is of course an ongoing commitment and Andy has to be thanked not only for that but also for the remarkable networking he has initiated here in Britain with about 20 other organisations working in Mali, including some "big guys" like Christian Aid, Tear Fund or Plan International. This will not only, hopefully, put Mali on the Department for International Development map here, and in the public eye, but also increase opportunities in Mali itself as it will provide opportunities for cooperation, sharing of good practice and common campaigning.

Another exciting development is the redesign of our web site and the new voucher scheme attached to it, which will be a golden opportunity for us to develop new funding options. In this, the huge amount of work done by Ken and Linda King in collaboration with our "Artist in Residence" Andrea Hewes, is to be highly commended: hours and hours were spent by all three on researching the contents of the pages, on choosing the colours, the fonts, the links for the site, without forgetting finding the right tone to pitch a voucher ... for 10 condoms for example ...or for two goats or for a purifying water kit.... Very tricky!

Finally I'd like to mention the wider world. Seeking to better the condition of women in the village of Woma by helping them acquire another grinding mill, facilitating social transformation by empowering the poorest through Reflect Circles in Lemouroutoumou or educating the community in Mafélé about different ways to combat malaria is all well and good and MDG, in collaboration with Jeunesse et Développement, is doing sterling work in all this but how do these "small islands of success", as Professor Robert Chambers famously said, connect to economic growth and progress? You cannot really ignore wider contexts for too long and a lot of these problems would not even exist if the main resource of the farmers in Woma, Lemouroutoumou or Mafélé, e.g. Cotton, was paid a just price on the International Market and if the American government did not continue to scandalously subsidise its own cotton farmers. Last January Sue Raikes and Adrian Moyes went to Mali for the first time and met a large group of cotton farmers to talk about their problems, to see what sort of advocacy work could be initiated here and also to promote organic cotton. They reported their finding to The Fair Trade Foundation and this is certainly

something we will be following up as you cannot depoliticise development initiatives and remove them from public scrutiny at the local level.

So when I think about our work, I feel that what we are trying to do, hand in hand with J&D, is to respond to the social energy of the people as the subjects rather than the objects of development because as Desmond Tutu memorably said: "I am not interested in picking up crumbs of compassion from the table of someone who considers himself my master. I want the full menu of rights".

Laurence Lalanne-Devlin

MDG Secretary's Report

This has been another busy year for MDG, and these are some of the highlights from the range of our activities:

Progress on the Work Plan.

We are now half way through the current 2005/8 work plan and much has been accomplished. In the last year this has included:

- Development of the women's market gardens, wells and mills in Manankoro.
- Funding, with the help of Truckfest, the Funding Network, and many individual donations, the ongoing Reproductive Health Programme in Bamako.
- Support for J&D's organisational development and future planning.
- Funding of improvements to Karamoko Sangaré school in Bamako.
- Providing equipment for the new clinic at Womoga.

In the coming year we will be concentrating on providing the money to build the barrage to conserve water for local people in Mafele, Manankoro, but also supporting a major malaria prevention programme across the Manankoro villages.

Links and Educational work.

As members of the United Kingdom One World Link Association (UKOWLA), we are very committed to the development of links, and this is one of the roles of Tanty Samake, the MDG Link worker, funded by us, and a member of the J & D team. Tanty's recent visit enabled her to meet many members and see some of the link projects.

Some highlights from the last year have been

- The new link between Mamadou M'Bodj Lycee and Ansford Community School in Somerset.
- Kader Keita's visit to Ladygrove School and working with over 100 kids at the school fete, followed soon afterwards by Tanty and Gadio's visit.

- A visit by Tanty and Gadio to Aylesbury Prison to meet the young men from the Toyota Workshop, where the In I Che vehicle was prepared. The young men asked Tanty and Gadio questions for two hours!
- The video about school life, Islam and living in Bamako produced by the children at Karamoko Sangaré.

Networking

Three particular highlights this year show MDG beginning to work more actively with other agencies and groupings.

- First was the highly successful launch of the Mali Interest Group, organised at Methodist Relief Development Fund by Andy Benson. It was immediately clear that there was much room for mutual support, ideas sharing and collaboration in raising the profile of Mali in the U.K. Since then Andy has continued to work on developing the network and the contact list is already in regular use.
- Secondly, MDG has been a partner organisation in the Kader Keita visit to this year's WOMAD organised by Sarah castle and Dudu Sarr of ADUNA. In the three weeks leading up to the festival Kader had highly successful workshops with young offenders and disadvantaged young people in Reading. At the festival itself he was an absolute wow!
- The collaboration with International Service (IS) on the visit by Tanty and Gadio, and our ongoing links with the IS worker in the J&D Team, Maria McLoughlin. While in York with IS, Gadio was able to meet as a micro-project worker with a team from the Princes Trust, who have pioneered a similar approach in the U.K.

MDG is entirely volunteer based and most of our fundraising is by our members. Elsewhere in this report is an account of that work by Linda King, who leads our team running and supporting events. As her report shows the activities are many and varied, with some important new projects to be launched at this year's AGM. Special thanks are due to Linda for her commitment and encouragement to everyone who helps with this work.

John Hedge

Treasurer's Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2006.

Background

An Income & Expenditure Summary for the financial year ending 31st March 2006 plus explanatory notes and comparative figures will be sent to the Charities Commission with our Annual Report, Annual Return, Register Check and Independent Examiner's Report. MDG remains in compliance with regulations. Key features are summarised below and funds continue to be mainly transferred to the charity's partner in Mali, Jeunesse et Développement (J&D)

Income

Regular contributions and membership income have increased and revenue in the financial year totalled more than £21,000. The previous year was exceptional as it contained a significant £18,000 contribution from the Kennington Overseas Aid Group, associated Gift Aid refunds of over £8,000, substantial funding for provision of the Toyota vehicle and a sizeable individual contribution. No Gift Aid refund was recognised in the financial year since its date of receipt meant recognition would be in the 2006/7 financial year.

The largest elements of income during the financial year were as follows:

- Donations and membership subscriptions – representing 62% of income, the majority being on a Gift Aid basis. The charity benefits from an increasing membership level, and a rising contribution from standing orders as well as other regular contributions and individual donations.
- Fund raising events – accounting for 35% of revenue. The largest funding source was a vital £6,500 contribution from the Truckfest festival. Also, in excess of £800 was raised from a very successful book sale in Oxford plus various other events and social functions, as reported elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Disbursements

Financial Disbursements are as agreed by the committee and fall within the Work Plan for 2005/8 agreed between MDG and J&D. Designated officers appointed from within the charity's committee provide prior approval for donations and all expenditures. Regular committee meetings are held at which time expenditures, donations and other matters are fully discussed.

Transfers to J&D amounted to £36,800 in 2005/6 compared to £24,600 in the previous year with modest expenditure being incurred in transfer costs. Other costs included £735 for public liability insurance, which is necessary where public events are held such as those carried out by MDG.

The Current Financial Year

Since the year-end, income has amounted to roughly £15,000 in the first four months of the year. This partially reflects the recent receipt of £7,361.28 relating to a successful bid to the Funding Network for our Reproductive Health project, and this sum plus anticipated funds from the 2006 Truckfest should ensure that this year's commitment is met. Other receipts include £2,928.42 for a Gift Aid refund and £1,341.42 regarding a Comic Relief contribution. A further Gift Aid application will be made in due course.

Transfers to J&D in the 2006/7 financial year have amounted to £18,000 to meet defined needs in Mali. It is now current practice for the charity to remit funds on a quarterly basis subject to Work Plan compliance and prior approval by the committee.

A deficit of £18,219 occurred in the 2005/6 financial-year. This reflects utilization of the significant surplus at previous year-end. Following transactions since March 31st 2006, the charity's bank account balances amounted to £4,320.56 as at August 3rd 2006.

David Hedge

Membership Secretary's Report

People become members of MDG in a variety of ways. They may have joined at an event, checked out our web site, or been encouraged to get involved by a friend or relative. Full membership of MDG is also available to people who have donated the equivalent of the membership subscription. People can join as individuals, family members, or as part of a group or organisation membership- schools or churches for example.

New members are automatically added to the membership list. We have had 27 new members or member groups since the last AGM making a current total of 137 households or groups that have contributed since September 2000 when MDG first got going. When people join MDG we try to establish their particular interests and skills. As an entirely volunteer organisation we rely heavily on the skills and willingness of our members. The past year has certainly seen an increase in the number of members actively involved in our work in a variety of ways. This has ranged from translation work to new funding events, and active support for our link work with schools.

All categories of members are sent the current newsletter by email if possible or by post if not. It is a prime aim of MDG to keep all members in touch with MDG's plans and progress and we receive regular feedback from members who appreciate this direct approach. If you move house, or change or open an email address, please let me know so that I can amend my records. janicehedge@btinternet.com

Janice Hedge

A view from Eric Ward, member and patron

One of the really good things about MDG is the personal link with people in Mali. The relationship with J&D is productive and close, with a great deal of respect on all sides, but there are also real friendships and strong personal ties. E-mail has been really helpful in this, but MDG has also been very fortunate in having a number of members willing to visit Mali at their own cost. This has really strengthened both the link and our awareness. In addition we have had visits from J&D team members to this country, including Sue Upton, when she visits her family in England. It all adds to the strength of MDG as an organisation - we can all see that what we are doing is benefiting real people.

Fundraising activities for MDG

We've had another really good year for fundraising with members contributing in so many ways! Thank you to everyone for your efforts. In the last year we have had a really wide range of events including:

- *A wine tasting- thanks to Peter Devlin.*
- *A Bat walk- thanks to Linda Francis.*
- *An Opera evening- thanks to Peter Knapp for the singing, and Sue Raikes and Adrian Moyes for the organising.*
- *An Auction in London- thanks to Andy and Gail Stonard and family.*
- *Several Oxford book sales- thanks to lots of people, but especially Chick White for the storage space, Tim and Andrea Hewes for lots of sign-carrying in central Oxford, and Erica Swift of Community Service for arranging lots of leaflet distribution.*
- *Fielding a dozen stewards for this year's Truckfest Music Festival, as part of our ongoing collaboration to support the Peer Educator programme in Bamako.*
- *A 'slave for a day' project at Didcot Girl's School, when Bev Fraser and her form mates raised money by doing jobs for teachers!*

I'm sure you can think of others as well! We are very grateful to everyone who has helped, and to those who organised events.

In the coming year we will be repeating some events but have some new things planned as well. These include a Grand Prize Draw for Christmas, and, after a long wait, a place has come up for us on the Flora London Marathon Silver Bond scheme. We have a runner, Zoe Sinclair, and we hope all members will support her with sponsorship, as well as selling many draw tickets in the run up to Christmas. At the AGM we plan to launch our third new project, the Gift Voucher scheme, enabling people to buy equipment for J&D projects in Mali as a birthday or Christmas gift. These will also be available to buy on-line a very exciting development for us. More information will be given in newsletters and on the web site soon.

In the meantime you would like to help with an event or run one yourself, please contact me on 01865 890829 or at vinecottage@whereer.com

Linda King

Report from J&D

This has been another busy year for J&D. The Manankoro programme continues to evolve and now includes women's micro finance and opportunities for children out of school to enter the education system, in addition to the ongoing literacy, health and civic education initiatives. MDG is supporting women's vegetable gardens in several villages, encouraging better nutrition and increased income generation. Comic Relief funding for young people's micro projects in Mali, Burkina Faso and Togo is entering its third year and the pre-school education programme now supports 30 centres in poorer areas of Bamako. The MDG funded reproductive health initiative works with young people and local schools and health centres in Bamako to disseminate information and facilitate access to contraception, counselling and advice. Links between schools in Mali and England have expanded with the addition of Mamadou Bodj secondary school to the original link with Sangaré Primary School. These initiatives help to increasing understanding of different ways of life and different opportunities among tomorrow's adults. The annual football tournament, sponsored by MDG, continues to inspire and enthral participants around Lafiabougou, the area of Bamako where J&D has its office.

Some funding for Reflect networking in the sub region came to an end in 2005 but the development of links with other West African countries is evolving through the new capacity building unit that J&D is putting in place. This unit aims to build capacity at three levels - in J&D and its programmes, among NGO's in Mali and in the sub-region. It plans to promote the sharing of innovation and good practice in development and to improve networking and advocacy so that less powerful voices can be better heard in national and international fora.

MDG is our third biggest funding source, providing 17% of total J&D income in 2005, in addition to the ongoing support, advice and encouragement that make the relationship so important. A series of visits from MDG members greatly enriched the partnership over the last year as does the opportunity for two members of the J&D team to visit England and learn more about the work of MDG in the summer of 2006.

Mahamadou Kone Director of J&D

Sue Upton Secretary of the J&D Management Committee

Working on Strategy with J&D

J&D, our partner agency in Mali, has now established itself as a substantial local NGO, managing an array of projects, some of which are reported on elsewhere in this report. As J&D grows, so also must its vision of the future, and its aspirations for work with local communities.

In January 2006, as an MDG Committee member I made my second trip to Mali. These strategic issues were the major theme of my discussions with J&D managers and staff, which looked at such matters as:

- What is a sustainable rate of growth and optimal size for J&D?
- What are the management and organisational implications of growth?
- How does J&D decide where to work in the future and who with?
- How to develop an appropriate regional West African role for J&D, building on the Reflect and Micro-credit programmes?
- What should be the relationships between NGO activities and the development of State-run public services?
- How can Malian NGOs work best together for maximum effect?

On my return I prepared a discussion paper to summarise my own thoughts on these and related issues. The paper was fed into discussions going on within J&D about the creation of a new Training and Development Unit. Preliminary set up work for this unit is now being undertaken and its role, inside and outside of J&D, clarified.

Many of the issues affecting an NGO like J&D are mirrored here in the UK Voluntary and Community Sector, where I work as a freelance consultant. My visit provides an example of ways in which MDG is working to create opportunities for mutual learning between practitioners in Mali and in the UK.

Andy Benson

A Gap Year volunteer's experience with J&D- July 2006

After 2 years of planning, my feet finally touched Malian soil nearly 3 months ago. I decided to come to Mali to get experience of working with an NGO (as I'm going to be studying Social Anthropology and Development Studies at university) and to improve my French. My main interest has been working with children; as a result I have worked at the Karamoko Sangaré Primary School, and a children's home.

At Sangaré, I was working with the second year class, three times a week. I designed activity sessions where I took 14 kids to do crazy fun filled activities. The aim of these activities was to give them more of a one to one contact time with a teacher, to somewhat better their French and encourage team building and leadership skills. It was so refreshing to see kids' whose main pastime is not the internet or Nintendo and for whom the game piggy-in-the-middle is the days highlight! After the hours session it was great to see them wanting to carry on playing and I was told that some of the games were played at lunchtime with other classes!

The other placement I have is with an organisation called ASEMALI - a home for orphaned and abandoned children. Here, I'm working in the crèche with babies of 6 months to 2 years. It is hard work, but incredibly rewarding. It's lovely opening the door every morning to big smiles and cries of "anna, anna, anna!" It was my birthday in July so I asked for family and friends to donate money to ASEMALI. The money is being wired over in a few days, so, with the help of ASEMALI's director, I'm going to buy up Bamako's stock of baby stuffs!

It hasn't all been work and no play for me though - I became quite the Bogolon master thanks to Kader. And, with the help of Sue and Maria I've been to some of the best watering holes Bamako has to offer!

My parents are coming out soon for a 3- week tour of Bandiagara to round off my stay. Time has literally flown by and I've had the most incredible time so far (apart from the slight malarial mishap). Everyone here at J&D has been so supportive and I know that my experiences here will stand me in good stead for my time at university and beyond!

Hannah Smith

All about Maria....J&D's new International Service worker

I began working with J&D as a funded International Service (IS) worker on 3rd April this year. According to IS methodology, the initial 6 months are spent gaining an understanding of the work, the cultural environment and the languages. As part of the initiation process, I've been 'renamed' Mariam Diarra. Surnames are a crucial part of the Malian social fabric and my adoption by the Diarra family allows me not only fraternity with all other Diarra, but also to engage in 'joking relationships' with the Diarra cousins, Traoré, Koné etc. I am continuing to develop my French skills and I am also studying Bambara, the predominant Malian language in Bamako.

I am working with J&D to enhance their institutional capacity generally, paying specific attention to the micro enterprise and young people programme. The programme operates in Burkina Faso and Togo as well as in Mali. J&D provide the overall coordination for the programme, as well as co-ordinating the activities for the beneficiaries in Mali. In May I accompanied the Micro Project team on a monitoring tour of the three countries which gave me a wider understanding of the strengths and needs of the young people and their supporting organisations.

Each young person is supported by a local organisation and they must pitch their enterprise project to a selection panel of young people. If selected, the young person receives between 150 000 FCFA (£150) and 700 000 (£700) to establish their enterprise, 20% in grant form and 80% in a repayable loan. The micro enterprises include carpenters, motorbike taxis, soap makers, clothes makers, telephone card and cold drinks sellers. Their income not only allows the young person some stability or to return to education, but also allows them to contribute to their family's welfare.

The co-ordination of the programme includes enterprise training, confidence building workshops and the participation of the young people in the overall decision-making. It also includes development of the capacity of the organisations directly supporting the young people to empower the young people and to lobby the governments on income tax and other bureaucratic systems, which can frustrate the success of the young entrepreneurs. J&D are committed to the realisation of all levels of this complex programme and I will be working with the team to mobilise on weaknesses identified and build on successes.

Maria McLaughlin/Mariam Diarra

Ladygrove Park Primary School link with Sangaré School

Our Year One children have loved learning about life in Mali. At the beginning of the school year we spent a week finding out about the weather, geography and art of Mali through websites, photos from Sangaré School and meeting the exotic and talented Kader Keita. We made Malian flags, dressed paper dolls in traditional colours and style, baked peanut biscuits, designed our own Bogolan patterns, made fish in the colours of the flag, dressed up and spent one whole day pounding grain to find out just how hard it would be to prepare our family's supper!

We loved the video of children dancing that friends brought back from Mali and had a fantastic time sharing all we had learned with parents, when we invited them in to school for tea and biscuits. One parent was persuaded to pay £10 for a cup of tea in aid of Kader's Anga Siri Na project and the children were thrilled to be able to send MDG a sizeable cheque.

We have some understanding of the injustice that means some children in Mali have to beg for food whilst we throw food away because we don't like the taste (evidenced by our school dining hall floor after lunch!). Throughout the year we have shared conversations about the children Kader wants to help and have enjoyed having such positive images of black Africans. It is great that 60 children in Didcot have learned this year that children in Mali play football, watch TV and help their Mums and Dads, go to school and love to grow plants.

Kader's visit in September 2005 brought Mali to life for us and we have regularly referred to our photos of Mali throughout the year; for example our topic on Victorian Life caused some children to draw comparisons with washday in Mali, our investigation of local houses reminded us of building techniques in Mali and music/science projects made us think of Kader playing his Ngony. At Christmas time we filmed our Nativity play and sent the video to Sangaré with John and Gill Hedge, when they visited Mali. The thank you letter we received was very enthusiastic, convincing us that our friends at Sangare are as excited about the link as we are.

Kader returned in July 2006 to spend a day with us at our school fete. He was long awaited and warmly welcomed by children and adults alike who were fascinated by his art and the MDG display. Several children with physical and learning needs were especially thrilled to spend time with him again and proved that there need be no barriers of language, race or colour. Our last fortnight at school this year was spent planning and filming a video to send to Sangaré of our favourite games and songs. Huge thanks must go to Anne and Jo (wonderful teaching assistants) who stayed up all hours through the night editing and adding French subtitles. We can't wait to see the video Tanty has brought from Sangaré for us! She has gone back to Mali with a school uniform, brochure and photographs as well as our messages of friendship..



Language is no barrier. Kader Keita and his Ngony.

Cream tea and lots of laughing.

The recent visit of Tanty and Gadio from J&D was equally wonderful in a different way. They were able to visit the Clumps Summer Club, an environmental education week that I was helping lead. It was great to share the vision of sustainable education and to learn of projects in Mali. Several children from the school, parents and members of staff were able to share a cream tea with Tanty and Gadio. We swapped videos of school life in Didcot and at Sangaré and were able to give them a tour of the school.

At one point Gadio and Tanty told us that our school would make the Headteacher at Sangaré cry because the facilities in Mali are virtually non-existent and there is such a terrible shortage of trained, vocational teachers. They spoke of huge class sizes and children not receiving the education they deserve, of the desperate need for books and computers. They could not believe that we had a room dedicated to computers and were bowled away by the interactive whiteboards and landscaped school grounds with fantastic play equipment. I found our meeting exciting and humbling. How often do teachers in England complain about a lack of resources, time or support? I know I couldn't teach a class of 140 or so children!

Sarah Lawfull

Fair Trade and Malian Cotton

During August 2006 week Marks and Spencer launched their new range in Fairtrade cotton. "Our customers care how our products are made" the Chief Executive said. It seems amazing that it was only last November that we went to the Fairtrade Foundation's public launch of Fairtrade cotton – along with some hard nosed retailers (including M&S) and found ourselves recruited as "volunteers" to collect some case studies during our visit to Mali in January 2006.

There are three million cotton farmers in Mali and the ones we spoke to were well aware of the unfair world subsidies and the political wrangling at the World Trade Organisation in Hong Kong in December 2005. We met farmers – men and women who are now selling through the Fairtrade Foundation – getting a good price for themselves and a premium to benefit the village as a whole.

The villages that MDG supports around Manankoro are economically dependent on cotton, which is their main cash crop – but they hadn't heard about the opportunities, benefits and challenges of Fairtrade. Embarrassingly we found ourselves "experts" in this hugely complicated issue invited to give a seminar in French to 100 members of the farmers co-operative in Manankoro!

So thanks to MDG the farmers in the villages supported by J&D are now making links with organic and Fairtrade cotton farmers in Sibirila – five hours drive away. MDG, at the request of J&D is also going to fund a conference for local farmers to take things further. Who knows – M&S jeans from Manankoro? If you want to know more we have written a report with case studies for the Fairtrade Foundation and can email it to you – contact us; - sue@eynsham.org

Sue Raikes and Adrian Moyes

