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DAY

First thing to do today is to get a packet of water, but you better watch out. It is not appropriate to buy water everywhere. Finally, we found a good "store" and while walking home I carried the packet on my head as the natives do. This was appreciated and they smiled. Walking by the seaside again as we did yesterday, and visited the fishing market again to get some photos. After negotiating a fare with a taxi driver we headed to Hotel Seacliff, an upper class hotel located north of the Upanga area. Lying on the cliff with a fantastic sea view, here we had a vegetarian lunch and water. Incredible, how much water we are drinking. We drink approximately 3 liter per day to avoid to get dehydrated. After some hour outside we get in to the lobby for reading the newspaper.

Mpwapwa, the place we are going to visit, are mentioned in the paper as they are hit hard by the draught. Mpwapwa are located southeast of Dodoma in the middle of nowhere, if you need company, this is not the place to go. Just a small village with nothing! In that area we will work for 4 weeks, constructing stoves at Mpwapwa primary schools. Back to our hotel again to get some rest, as it is now the hottest time of the day, something around 35 degrees and the humidity on top...

As I have grey hair and often is amongst the oldest, I am called Baba. The natives respects the elderly people and says this to the one who is of the age as there own father or older than they are. In official meetings this is very important and they always look and talk to Baba. They are considered not showing respect if they do not do this.

Walked around again in the area alone to find another Internet café; the usual one where out of power. Found one but they charged 1000 shilling per hour so I walked on... That's why the site not was updated today.

NIGHT

We were tired due to the heat and the sunburn. Therefore we had dinner at the restaurant inside the hotel and went to bed early again. Do not know what I had on the plate, but I do look a bit peculiar...

