

## Annual Report 2023 Friends of Kibera Foundation

### **Activities by the Foundation for the benefit of Oloo Children Centre**

#### *Water tank donated*

The Kenyan government, in collaboration with the World Food Bank, pledged in 2023 to provide clean drinking water in Kibera. They have kept that promise and have installed overhead pipes for this purpose. The school was given a connection to the pipe if they would provide a new water tank that had to be placed above ground. As a Foundation we have made an extra donation of 688 euros, on that date in Kenyan shilling (KES) 93,539. For the school itself, this means a saving of fifty euros per month that they previously had to spend on bottled drinking water.

#### *A network around the school*

The contact with African coaches for which we had committed ourselves as a Foundation (see annual report 2022) turned out to be unsuccessful. As the board of the Friends of Kibera Foundation, we thought it was important that Judy Oloo had more local contacts. It has now become clear that the school has an impressive network around it. This became clear before and during a meeting on location. Gerda Geerdink has visited Oloo Children Centre as part of a trip to Africa. During that visit, there was a meeting with both Judy Oloo and Billy Wasonga (the "right hand" of director Judy) and from the board also Lieke Aarninkhof. Prior to and during the visit, there was contact with the NGO "CFK Africa", formerly "Carolina for Kibera". They are committed to 'informal' education in slums such as Kibera and support the schools. Oloo's Children Centre is part of CFK's *Best Schools Initiative*. CFK has a lot of confidence in the school. They have a beautiful and sturdy building, good performances are delivered and there is good contact with the community/parents of the students.

The visit to Africa has also led to contacts with the Dutch school in Nairobi and with the 4 life Foundation. The Dutch school wants to support us wherever possible and in any case we can always send messages to many Dutch expats in Nairobi through the school's media. The 4 Life Foundation ([www.Stichting4life.nl](http://www.Stichting4life.nl)) is a foundation with the same goal as ours - to get children from Kibera out of the poverty spiral - but is a bigger foundation. It has been around much longer, is much larger, has more budget, supports more schools and supports children longer than during primary school. They also support further education and job searches. Precisely because they have more money, they can also provide a salary for the teachers of the schools they support. Those teachers receive a 'formal' teacher's salary on which tax is paid and includes health insurance. Those are the long-term dreams for us.

The trip to Africa has also made it clear that Kenya has a register for teachers, arranged through the *Teacher Service Commission, Kenya*. Oloo's Children Centre employs three registered teachers, including Billy Wasonga. Once registered, you are entitled to a teaching job at a *public school* with salary and health care and pension insurance. It is to the credit of teachers like Billy that they want to do something for the children from Kibera and choose to work there with a much more uncertain and lower salary.

Through more intensive app traffic with Billy Wasonga, we now know that the school participates in extracurricular activities where possible, such as football matches, music festivals and a 'tree planting event for students' of the Kenyan Green Belt Movement.

### *Music in the school*

Just like in the Netherlands a few years ago, primary schools in Kenya are obliged to introduce music as a compulsory subject. Nationally prescribed methods have been developed for this. Part of the assignment was participation in a music performance that took place in various places in June 2023. The Foundation has given an extra donation for the purchase of the textbooks for the teachers.

### *More color on the walls*

An unforeseen expense for Oloo's school was wall paint. The school was visited by the education inspectorate, which comes once in a while to determine, among other things, whether the school building is compliant. They also do this at non-government-subsidized schools such as the Oloo Children Centre. There was nothing to criticize about the building, but there was something to criticize about the walls: 'boring and too gray'. That provided the obligation to do something about it. As a Foundation, we paid for the material that was needed. All walls have been given colors, the inspectorate has been for a follow-up check and was satisfied.

### *Food project*

The food project was already started in November 2022 to achieve lower costs for the food provided to the children daily at the school (lunches, extra snacks). In order to get a good idea of the total expenditure on food and what is needed, we mapped out over three months what is bought and how much is spent. The costs turned out to be about 200,000 KES = 1479 euros per month. With a list of power needed per month, Billy Wasonga started looking for a supplier in the Kibera area in the first months of 2023 who could supply it for an acceptable price and found one. In order to purchase on a large scale, extra storage space was also needed within the school and a space has been made available for this. In March 2023, this wholesale delivery started for a monthly amount of 129,350 KES = 955 euros. That means a saving of about 524 euros per month.

## **The Friends of Kibera Foundation**

### *Newsletters*

As usual, two newsletters were sent out in 2023, this time in both Dutch and English. We also decided to translate the Newsletter so that the employees of the school in Kenya can also read it, as well as the employees of the Spanish branch of Incentro, who donate a lot. The mailing list gets a little longer every year.

### *Website and social media*

The texts on the website have been adjusted in parts. We have also added a donate button. Via a QR code (linked to the Foundation's bank account), visitors to the website can immediately make

a donation. Because we are now also on LinkedIn and Instagram, links to those media have been added. On both LinkedIn and Instagram, whenever there was a reason, it was posted. In any case, this has led to more brand awareness and also some donations.

#### *Digital work environment*

The created 'digital work environment' has been further designed. A folder structure has been installed in which all documents are and will be stored. The Google working environment is free for our ANBI Foundation.

#### *Composition of the board*

The composition of the board is unchanged. The board changes that had already taken place in 2022 have been passed on to the Chamber of Commerce. The board in 2023 included:

Lieke Aarninkhof: chair

Gerda Geerdink: secretary

Peter Doting: treasurer

Willem Bens: member

Chantal Kool: member

Noortje van der Meijden: member

#### *Board meetings*

The board met online five times in 2023 in full composition. Because we have a board member who lives in Nairobi, we meet on line. Chantal Kool and Noortje van der Meijden met separately to brainstorm about the way in which we can use Social Media. Gerda Geerdink and Lieke Aarninkhof, who lives in Nairobi, have had consultations on location with Judy Oloo and Billy Wasonga. It has been established that the online meetings with Judy Oloo do not yield very much. In 2023, they were also difficult to organize due to childbirth and political unrest in Nairobi. Instead of online consultations, there has been more personal contact in Nairobi.

#### *Donates*

At the beginning of 2022, we received a very generous gift from Incentro through their Christmas campaign in 2021. In 2022, they opted for a Christmas market, organized by an organization from outside. In 2023, this organization turned out to be bankrupt and that meant (for the time being) no gift from the end-of-year celebration. That was a setback for us.

We were able to recruit a single new regular donor with a five-year agreement in 2023. That remains very difficult. We have found more people who make an irregular donation, usually this happens when another Newsletter has been sent.

As early as December 2022, we decided to take other paths as well, always with the aim of raising money. This remains a point of attention for which the following activities were carried out in 2023:

1. We have made sure that we are on the list of charities of the Social handshake' Foundation.
2. We found out if we could be on the charity list of Facebook or LinkedIn. That turns out not to be possible.
3. Discussions have been held with Judy Oloo about starting up tourist tours of Kibera. Judy used to do that as a job She made the school part of that tour and that sometimes meant extra support. Visitors who left their email address have been approached by us.
4. We have focused on binding people who make a one-off donation by sending thank you gifts and newsletters.
5. Where possible, we have informed (potential) donors about our work, by means of a

- renewed website, the newsletter and the brochure.
6. The *fundraising page* of the 'From Dam to Dam run' has been shared via LinkedIn. Incentro Nederland ran along and riders could donate to four charities including the school.

#### *Transactions to Kenya*

The payments were made once every three months and extra in the meantime where necessary. Transactions continue to be difficult. Payments were not transferred by the bank or only after a long time. Opening a business Wise account did not work. The treasurer, with the approval of the board, always solved this by using his private account as an intermediary.

#### ***Financial Statements 2023 - Friends of Kibera Foundation***

##### Notes to the 2023 Annual Accounts

##### 1. Income and expenses.

The income is lower than in 2022. In that year we received a substantial donation. The costs are also a lot lower, in terms of spending on the objective. We adjusted the support because there was less income. The general charges consist exclusively of bank charges and expenses for the website.

##### Balance sheet

Assets decreased because although we were able to spend less directly on the objective, we still spent more than we have received.

This has been taken into account in the policy for later years.

#### **Balance of income and expenses at 31 December**

		Balance 2023	Balance 2022
<b>Income (from fundraising)</b>		€ 9.930,24	<b>€33.618,20</b>
Periodic donations of persons		€ 3.200,00	€ 3.650,00
Periodic donations of companies		€ 242,00	€ 0,00
One-time donations of individuals		€ 6.488,24	€ 8.375,20
One-time donations of companies		€ 0,00	€ 21.393,00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Spent on general objective		€13.940,00	€ 25.443,00
General charges		€ 453,65	€ 406,12

<b>Results</b>		<b>4.463,41</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€ 7.769,08</b>
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