

Annual Report 2024 Friends of Kibera Foundation

Activities by the Foundation for the benefit of Oloo Children Centre

Structural donation

As in previous years, we were able to continue donating quarterly this year. It is up to the school how the money is spent, but the amount is in any case sufficient to provide the students with a daily lunch. In addition, it is customary that we give something extra at Christmas; an extra snack for the children.

Support extra expenses

As an extra, Oloo Education Center asked for money for renewal and expansion of the library collection. The books present are frequently consulted by teachers and students. Students can also borrow them. The school wanted to purchase new method books and reading books and we were able to make that possible.

Sponsorship of tuition fees for secondary education

In December 2023, the school asked if we could do something for 29 students who had completed primary education with good grades and did not receive a government grant for secondary education. Secondary education means '*boarding schools*'; the schools are located outside Nairobi. In addition to the school fees to be paid, costs must be incurred for travelling, school uniforms, a mattress, a bucket, cutlery and other eating utensils, etc. For the parents - often only mothers - from Kibera, this is not affordable when added to the annual school fees.

Our goal is to help children out of the poverty spiral by making it possible to follow education. This request fits within the objectives of the Foundation and we have started working on it. We just started writing to family and acquaintances in 2023 with the request to 'pay the tuition fees for one student'. Secondary education lasts four years. The letter made it clear that a donation that has been contractually agreed upon is deductible for income tax purposes for five years and is therefore extra advantageous. That choice was made by a number of people, others opted for a one-off support or multi-year support without a contract. Originally, it seemed to be 300 euros per student per school year. That amount was clearly underestimated by our Kenyan friends. Tuition fees vary by school and are closer to 370 euros on average. Because we had assumed 300 euros in the begging letter, we needed more than 29 donors. At the end of January 2024, there was enough money for 23 students. They were able to start school in February 2024. We guarantee that the school fees for these children are paid by us for the entire four years.

School years run parallel to calendar years and are divided into three trimesters per school year. Just before the start of a semester, the amount of the school fees to be paid is announced. The parents receive that bill and through Judy it goes to the treasurer of the Foundation. It is a somewhat difficult but still seems to be the best possible and most transparent way.

Project Junior High School

Until January 2024, Kenya had eight years of 'compulsory' primary education for children aged 6 to about 14 (Anglo-Saxon system). Oloo Education Center offered this for the children from the area within the slum of Kibera. From 2024, the Kenyan education system will be adjusted. From the year 2024, children are expected to complete primary education after six years and after that compulsory education will include the three-year Junior High School. On paper attending *Junior High School* is 'free' of costs. In practice, *Junior High School* for children from Kibera is certainly not feasible because there are no such schools in the neighborhood. The change in education system means that for many children education stops at the age of twelve where it was previously at the age of fourteen. Judy Oloo and her team want to counteract this by expanding their primary school with a '*Junior High School*' department. They want to do this with the approval of the inspectorate so that the children can also conclude this education with a final exam. The latter is necessary to qualify for a follow up at a '*Senior High School*'. And you need that in Kenya for a regular job that gets you out of the poverty spiral. The Inspectorate is benevolent but has set a number of requirements; both material and personnel expansions. As the Friends of Kibera Foundation, we have been committed to acquire extra money. The Jan Amos Comenius Foundation has been successfully approached for this. Without success, we have also written to a number of other organizations. In addition, we entered into discussions with 'Wilde Ganzen' (WG; Wild Gooses). Because we do not meet the criteria of WG – Oloo's Education Center is no public school – and WG made many requirements that the school found difficult to fulfill, we as a Foundation broke off the negotiations. Recruitment for extra funds for the Junior High School will be continued in 2025. We are still working on requests for support from Incentro, the ICT company with which we as a board are personally connected and which previously supported us generously.

Sudden death of headteacher Billy Wasonga

On Saturday, August 3, Judy Oloo informed us that her right-hand man and headteacher Billy Wasonga had died in a fatal accident. Billy was only 35 years old and leaves behind a ten-year-old son, a wife and a mother. Besides the loss for the school is great. Billy was a registered mathematics teacher in Kenya, which means that he was entitled to a job in a *public school* outside the Kibera slum. However, he chose an unpaid job in an informal school because he believed that the Kibera children have a right to education. He was the one who, in addition to the school days, organized sports, nature and cultural activities, and took the children to activities outside the slum so that they also get to know that world. In many videos and photos he shared his enthusiasm with us as the board of the Foundation. We approached friends and acquaintances for a financial contribution to pay for the mourning ceremony, in which the school played a major role.

The Friends of Kibera Foundation

Newsletters

Three regular newsletters were sent to all contacts in 2024 and one extra around the death of Billy Wasonga. The list of contacts has grown considerably because we have managed to involve so many more people in the school with the request for 'sponsorship tuition fees'. We keep de contacten warm by always sending 'thank you letters' to everyone who has donated once or does so structurally.

Website and social media

The content on the website have been adjusted partly and new pieces have been added. 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. The activities on social media are very limited. This is also due to the very low response rate.

Recruitment of donors and gifts

The request to pay school fees for a student has had a positive effect. That seems to win people over. In addition, it is easier to ask for money if it can be asked for a project with a start and an end, like the *Junior High School* project. It is possible that Incentro's will donate for the subject ICT. As a foundation, we can continue to support the school through the donations we receive again. We are very grateful to the Spanish branch of Incentro and the many people who personally support our Foundation and thus the school.

Digital work space

The created 'digital work space' has been further designed. A structure has been installed in which all documents are and will be stored. The Google working space is without costs for our Foundation.

Composition of the board

The composition of the board is unchanged. A board member has indicated that he will give up his membership. That has yet to be implemented. In 2024, the board included:

Lieke Aarninkhof: chair

Gerda Geerdink: secretary

Peter Doting: treasurer

Willem Bens: member

Chantal Kool: member

Noortje van der Meijden: member

Board meetings

We had nine on line board meetings in 2024. On line meetings are necessary because the chair is living in Nairobi. It is not always possible to have everyone present. A number of meetings were held with the chair, the secretary and the treasurer. There has also been consultations with Judy Oloo about the discussions with Wilde Ganzen.

Meeting dates: 17 January - 31 January - 14 March - 23 May - 24 June - 12 July - 8 August - 14 October - 11 November

Financial Statement 2024

Ongoing support

In 2024, we have again been able to support Oloo's school with a fixed amount per quarter, so that the children can receive a daily meal. In addition, we were able to make an incidental contribution to costs such as the purchase of textbooks. On this item we spent about € 2000 more than we came in. We cover the difference from our reserve.

Sponsorship secondary education

At the beginning of 2024, we took up the activity of sponsoring children from Kibera who are going to secondary education. Our aim is to enable children who are admissible for further education after Oloo's primary education, but do not receive a grant from the Kenyan government, to go to secondary education. And to pay their school fees for four years. We have recruited donors for this with an intensive campaign. We mention this separately in the annual report, also because these funds are earmarked for this purpose. On this item, we received about €3000 more than we spent in 2024. The difference arises because a number of donors have donated for four years at once.

Projects

Oloo's school wants to expand with a department Junior High School. Spending for the Junior High School will start in 2025.

The project "Billy" was a one-off crowdfunding campaign in response to the tragic death of Billy, teacher and right-hand man of director Judy Oloo.

Balance of income and expenditure at 31 December

	<i>Balance 2024</i>		<i>Balance 2023</i>
Income (from fundraising)	€ 31.659		€ 9.930
General objective	€ 13.824		€ 9.930
Periodic donations of persons			€ 2.200
Periodic donations of companies			€ 1.242
<i>Subtotal periodic donations</i>	<i>€ 5.150</i>		<i>€ 3.442</i>
One-time donations of individuals			€ 6.488
One-time donations of companies			€ -
<i>Subtotal one-off donations</i>	<i>€ 8.674</i>		<i>€ 6.488</i>
Sponsorship objective	€ 11.760		
Periodic donations	€ 7.600		
One-time donations	€ 4.160		
<i>Projects</i>	<i>€ 6.075</i>		
Project Billy gifts	€ 1.050		
Project Jr High School	€ 5.025		
Expenses	€ -26.391		€ -14.394
Spent on general objective	€ -15.950		€ -13.940
Spent on sponsorship objectives	€ -9.014		
Spend for funeral Billy	€ -950		
Spend for Jr High School	€ -		
General charges	€ -477		€ -454
Results	€ 5.268		€ -4.463