

Newsletter 'Friends of Kibera Foundation' (3)

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Dear donor, (potential) friend of the 'Friends of Kibera foundation',

The Foundation was established in 2019 with the aim of supporting Oloo Children Center. In 2021, the school reopened after a year of forced closure (lockdown, Covid-19). Another special year because the Kenyan government set high catching-up requirements and also imposed substantive innovations on primary education. In this newsletter we would like to inform you about the current situation of the school and about the activities we have undertaken as a Foundation over the past six months.

Oloo Children Centre

Involvement of supporting coaches

As a Foundation, we find it important that Judy Oloo has local support in thinking about ideas and plans to further develop the school and to prepare / keep it futureproof. Our contacts in Nairobi have started a search for coaches and two Kenyan coaches from a local organization have been approached as sparring partners for Judy and her team. One coach originates from the educational world, the other has experience working with NGOs and has studied in the Netherlands. Meanwhile we have become acquainted and an initial consultation has taken place. Those involved have set up a Whatsapp group to maintain close contact.

Catching up with the forced closure due to Covid-19

The kids need to catch up on the missed material; therefore the long holiday that normally takes place in December and January has been shortened by two weeks.

New courses

The Kenyan government has decided that a number of subjects will be added to the curriculum. Some of these were previously abolished and are now being reintroduced, like home economics. New books are needed for these subjects and we have promised to take care of the purchase of copies for the teachers. Books for the children are still on the wish list. New subjects for the lowest classes include initially reading and math, hygiene and nutrition. For the higher classes, this concerns, among other things, an expansion within science and also the subjects music, art and physical education.

(library)



New furniture

Due to the increase in the number of students, there were no longer enough chairs and tables for all children. New furniture has been purchased for 600 euros with the support of the Foundation.



The foundation

New board member

The board has been expanded with a fourth member: Chantal Kool. She is a recently graduated mathematician who was introduced to the foundation through the chairman. She is passionate about equal opportunities in education and is excited to start working with us on pursuing the goals.

Board meetings

It has been agreed with Judy Oloo and our Dutch contacts in Nairobi to host joint consultations (online) once every three months. The most important intended result is getting to know each other better so that we can optimally support the school and the activities in Nairobi.

Sponsors

Last year we had enough resources to transfer a (limited) monthly contribution. We have recently received royal support: our local contacts work at Incentro (NL) and this company is eager to contribute to the school. In December 2021, it did so by offering the employees two options as a Christmas gift: sports shoes or a donation to Oloo Children Center. Many employees opted for the latter. This has resulted in a total amount of: €20,758,-

Final remarks

If there are any questions or suggestions regarding this newsletter, please let us know so we can include them in the collaboration with the Oloo Children Centre.

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter in the future, you can report this to Gerda Geerdink: secretaris@vriendenvankibera.nl. Forwarding to other interested parties and registering new interested parties is also allowed. The newsletters appear irregularly.

Thank you for your support and/or interest!

Boardmembers of the Foundation: Peter Doting, Willem Bens, Gerda Geerdink and Chantal Kool.



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