

Foundation Ukunda Schools Project

Newsletter - Spring 2007

Jambo, Karibu!

Hello, Welcome!

This newsletter is especially made for our sponsors and it is also ment for all those who are interested in the activities our foundation is doing in Kenya.

Training period Dutch student teachers at Magutu

During the month November 2006 three student teachers -Lot, Yvette and Cindy- did their training period at primary school Magutu. They gave some workshops for the Kenyan students: Music & Drama, Dutch games, Culture and Weather.

The three students were supervised by our foundation, especially by our Field Manager Rose Anami. We will use the outcome of this training period for future supervision.

As far as Magutu concerns, the training period was a success and the school let us know that they are willing to welcome new Dutch students teachers in near future. If you are interested in this opportunity for your own study, then you can contact the board members of our foundation for further information.



Progress of our projects...

Thanks to the donated money and funds we were able to finish a few of our projects. It is our pleasure to tell you about some of the activities we did so far at some of the schools!

Classrooms, water tank and school uniforms Mwabungo

Our local constructor Sammy Gichohi did a great job: two new classrooms and a water tank for Mwabungo. The school needed this very much as you can see at the photo below. In February 2007 the classrooms were officially opened. In cooperation with Foundation Hulp.nl we also were able to hand over brand new school uniforms the students. During the opening ceremony the District Education Officer of Kwale -Mr. W.A. Nyangweso- held a speech and accepted the classrooms on behalf of the school. Our next project for this school will be toilets and a pre-school classroom. The school needs toilets very badly, so it is our wish we can start building very soon. We need your support for this!

Left: the old situation...

Right: new classrooms and school uniforms



Festival day at primary school Magutu

Project: building canteen, building 4 new classrooms and building water tank.

The school received two different kind of support:

- electricity connection, 2 laptops and a new school canteen;
- 4 classrooms and a water tank;



27 February 2007: officially opening of the canteen. DEO Kwale opened it. Magutu prepared a fest ceremony. All members of the school committee, the DEO, the teachers and the new Head Teacher, our constructor Sammy, our Field Manager Rose Anami and her sister Eva, Project Manager Rene de Vries (he visited Kenya again on his own costs)



and of course parents and all the students were attending this fest. During this day, parents started to dig the foundations for the new classrooms as well! The construction of the new classrooms and the water tank were finished end of April.

Windows and doors for Magale

Project: glass-in-steel windows and doors for 12 classrooms for primary school Magale. We started with this project in autumn 2006. In April 2007 the school finished this part of the renovation. The students no longer suffer from the cold wind and rain. This is a huge improvement for the school, as you can imagine! Rene and Rose discussed a new priority list with teachers and school committee in February 2007



Joint financing by NCDO

NCDO is an independent, neutral organisation uniquely embedded and positioned in Dutch society. NCDO's core goal is to strengthen and highlight public support for international cooperation and sustainable development and achievement of the Millennium Goals.

Our foundation receives funds from NCDO. It will double all our raised funds. So if you donate € 1000,- to our foundation, then we also will get € 1000,- from NCDO. By knowing this, you might consider to support our foundation, because with this joint financing program, we can do double as much with your donations!

(Further information can be found at: <http://www.ncdo.nl> - there is a link to English pages)

Finally:

We will publish our next newsletter in August 2007.

Within a few weeks, the summer vacation will start in Holland. But the members of our foundation will -of course- continue with their work for the foundation, even during this vacation period. We hope you and your family will have nice holidays!

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Goodbye