



Foundation Ukunda Schools Project

Newsletter - Summer 2008

Jambo, Karibu!

Hello, Welcome!

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

New projects

For the coming months we have selected new projects, in total for about € 75.000,- Here is an overview of all the projects we want to finish:

Magutu Primary School:

- The school still has too less classrooms. They already use the system of the "hot seats" for the lower classes: half of the students come to school during morning hours, the other half during the afternoon. And still many groups need to follow their lessons outdoors. The school itself has 4 unfinished classrooms and they asked our foundation to support them to finish them. We want to do this as soon as possible, because during rain season, the school has to send students home since it is not possible to find dry places under the trees for the kids.
- The school (with around 1200 students) also needs badly new toilet buildings. We want to donate two toilet buildings with each 6 toilets.

Mwangea Primary School:

- The rain season is a huge problem for Magale, but Mwangea's problem is the opposite: much too dry. Most of the students have to fetch water before they can go to school. The nearest place to do so is about 4 km from the school building, so they have to walk at least 4-8 km to get water for themselves and their family. We want to support this school with a water pipe line, so the school will have fresh drinking water and the school can sell the water to the neighboring families as well.

Mwabungo Primary School:

- This school needs badly more toilets for the girls. Our foundation wants to support the school with a new toilet building with 6 toilets.

The schools above are all situated in Coast Province, East Kenya. Our foundation made the decision that we to expand our support to Magale primary school and the community of Kambiri in Western Kenya.

Magale Primary School:

- Renovation of the roof, delivering of 300 school desks (which means that 600 students do not have to sit on the floor anymore) and we want to donate a water pipe line, so the school will have fresh water.

Kambiri Polytechnic School:

- In co-operation with our Kenian NGO we want to start building a polytechnic school on the school compound of Magale. We already have the full support from the local community, the District Education Officer and Magale itself. By founding this polytechnic school, the youth of the Kambiri valley will be able to continue education which means they will have more possibilities for a better future for themselves, their family and the community.

For all these projects we are hoping to get support of NCDO. This Dutch Governmental organization will double the money we raise with the support from our sponsors...!

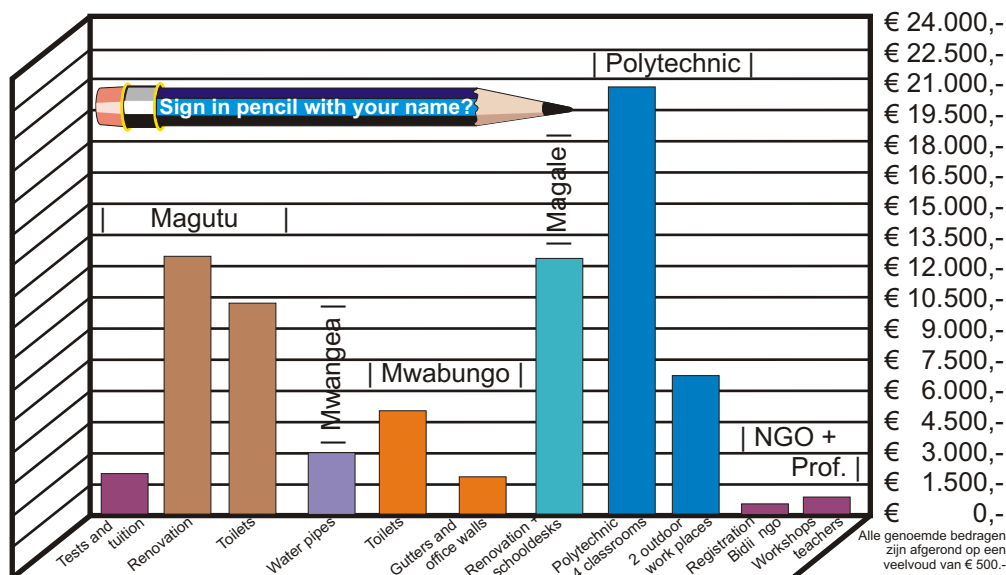


(For more information: <http://www.ncdo.nl>)

We need your financial assistance in completing the projects.

The money diagram:

Below an overview from the amounts of money we need for each project:



Charity project at your school / in your company:

It is possible your school / company already joined a charity program. If not, then hopefully you will consider to support our foundation. What can we offer you?

- Small projects, easy to realize.
- We can set up an exchange program between your school/company and “our” schools (teachers, students, parents). We know the people from the schools personally and we pay visits to the schools regularly (on our own costs, we do not use donated money for that!). So maybe your students / co-workers would like to chat with Kenyan students? No problem.
- We can give you ideas how you can organize a charity walk or other fundraise activities: check out our website for more information.
- If you want we can add your name on our website and/or above the entrance of a classroom/toilet you paid for.
- Our Field Manager will always make photos and videos from the construction, from the beginning till the end. We send these photos and videos to the sponsors of that particular project. Which means that you can show your students / co-workers how it was, how the construction took place and the final result. We know that students and parents of your school will appreciate this gesture very much.

Other news facts:

- Primary school De Wadden (Haarlem, The Netherlands) donated 30 second hand Pentium 3 computers. We hope we can ship these computers to Kenya in October 2008. So hopefully we can start setting up computer classrooms during the first period of 2009. If you want to make computer donations (English educational software is also welcome, suitable for Windows 98se or Ubuntu), then please do not hesitate to contact us.
- For finishing the equipment for the polytechnic classrooms we need support from your polytechnic school / engineering company. If you think you can donate materials suitable for the Kenyan polytechnic school, then please contact us as soon as possible.
- We start with libraries at “our” schools, but we can use your English atlases, dictionaries, encyclopedia, reading books, etc. Please help us to fill the shelves with suitable books!