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Annual report Lwengo Kids Foundation 2022

We enter the year 2022 with 219 sponsor children.

The situation in Lwengo

After a 2-year lockdown in Uganda, in which the schools have also been closed for 2 years, the children are going back to school this year. The government allows all children to skip a class. This requires a lot of administration struggles in Uganda and in the Netherlands. When the school is fully operational again, we take stock and find that four children have not returned to Lwerudeso Primary School.



A number of children can no longer go to school because parents have lost their jobs during the Corona period and therefore, there is no more income.



One of our sponsor children with a disability, Henry, finds a training place at a Vocational School in Masaka. This school trains young people with disabilities to become shoemakers, seamstresses, carpenters, etc. We hope to be able to place another girl here in the future.

In June of this year, a mother of one of our sponsor children drowns while fetching water. We pay extra attention to grandmother and children on site and that feels good for the family and for us.



In the autumn, Uganda is rocked by an Ebola outbreak. Lockdowns are following in a number of districts and Kampala also seems to have been affected. For a moment we hold our hearts, but fortunately it stays at that. As a result, a trip of two volunteers to Lwengo is canceled.





During the November work trip we notice that Rihana does not go to school in the right place. It seemed like a good place for this severely disabled girl, but the care is bad and together with Anthony we decide to take her out of there. During the holidays, Rihana can go to her mother and when school starts again, Rihana is included in the boarding section and a housemother will take care of her.

The Liliane Fund has also been written to for her and Anthony will contact the Liliane Fund department in Uganda.

This year we were able to visit Lwengo 2x extensively again and we see that despite the rising prices and greater unemployment, there is also satisfaction with how things are organized. A travelogue of both trips can be read via the website.

In conversations with Anthony, new plans are made for, among other things, expansion of the Health Center with extra infirmaries, a place for dentist and ophthalmologist, etc. We would also like to realize classrooms for deaf students, make the water pump at school electric and develop a good ICT plan for automation education.

3 newsletters have been released this year. Next year this will be expanded to 4.

Administrative affairs in the Netherlands

Definitively established is a Local Based Organisation: LKF-Uganda. These include: Matovu Joseph, owner Masaka Backpackers; Mwambu Shallot, mother of 2 sponsor children; Namirembe Pauline, sister/clergyman at the Kitovu Hospital (in Masaka) and Pieter Streefkerk, chairman LKF-Nederland.

On February 28, Lwengo Kids Foundation celebrates its 5th anniversary. We don't want to let this pass by, but there are still too many corona rules that we have to adhere to organize a nice party. We decide to organize a lustrum sponsor day in October and at that time the invitation is also planned that Jjuuko Anthony and Matovu Joseph are in the Netherlands. Unfortunately, the men do not get their visa on time and have to postpone their trip. We are therefore postponing our anniversary party to February 2023.

The April work trip is postponed to May and is going well. We can easily see all the children and work out the results on the spot.

This year, for the first time, we are confronted with children who go to Secondary School and cannot afford the requirements. This concerns costs for the uniform, lunch, books, notebooks, exam fees, etc. These costs were paid from general funds at Lwerudeso Primary School.

We create the "requirements fund" and find two sponsors who want to (partly) take on these costs .

The November work trip is a little different. In principle, sponsors would travel with Pieter and Marga, but they cancel their trip. This means that there will be space in the planning and a lot of time will be spent talking with Anthony about the state of affairs, the plans and future of Lwerudeso School and our role in it. But we can also visit the young people who study a little further away. A worthwhile journey.



Board change

We say goodbye to our board member Liesbeth van Musscher and we have to look for a new board member who can take on the PR. For the time being, Marga is taking care of these tasks.

We will meet a possible successor in September, but due to private circumstances she has to drop out for the time being. We'll try again with her in a year.

Activities

The search for useful funds to generate money for various projects continues unabated.

Christian College Groevenbeek has chosen us as a charity for 2021/2022. In 2022, all kinds of actions will be organized and at the end of the ride we had received enough money to allow 11 students to go to school.



In October we will have a market stall at the Ossenmarkt in Putten. We sell a large number of envelopes and generate brand awareness.

We also organize a chicken-and-rice campaign at Christmas for which we receive many donations from both sponsors and interested parties. The action is another success.



At the end of the year we sell almost 3500 oliebollen and more than 1500 apple fritters. Another successful action.

Finally

We end this year with 239 sponsor children. Five children did not return to school after the corona shutdown because the parents have found work elsewhere and we have been able to give 25 children a place in our sponsorship project. A significant increase that is partly caused by the 11 children sponsored by Christelijk College Groevenbeek.



We also end this year with a concern: the concern that we cannot honor the wish to have all children attend Secondary School. We think of Swaibat, Jackline and Derrick. There are sponsors who (have to) stop the sponsorship due to the higher costs of the Secondary School. We will have to find a solution for them.

A challenge that we are happy to take on in 2023.



Swaibat



Jackline



Derrick

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