

LWENGO KIDS FOUNDATION



From the board

This is the final newsletter of 2025. We look back on several successful sponsorship activities, provide an update on the progress of our projects in Lwengo, and ask for your attention in the search for a new sponsor for Evans.

In October, Pieter and Marga traveled to Uganda together with a select group of sponsors on an inspiring and productive trip. On 27 November, all sponsors received a comprehensive travel report from Marga.

Adjustment of sponsorship contribution.

Over the past few years, we have faced significant inflation in the Netherlands. The effects of this are also being felt in Uganda. For the first time in five years, Anthony has therefore found it necessary to increase the school fees, in order to ensure that the children continue to receive the quality of education and care they deserve.

Within the board, we have discussed extensively what this means for our foundation and for you as sponsors. We believe it is important to be transparent and to share responsibility together for the sustainable support of the children. We have therefore decided to increase the sponsorship contribution by €25 per year (approximately €2 per month) starting in 2026.

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From the new year onward, the school fees will amount to €175 per year per sponsored child. The contribution for a sponsored child in boarding will be €275 per year.

We understand that this increase may be challenging for some sponsors. If the adjustment causes personal difficulties for you, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are happy to think along with you to find a suitable solution.

Together, we will continue to build a future full of opportunities for the children in Lwengo. Thank you for your support and commitment.

Record Proceeds from the Pub Quiz

The semiannual Pub Quiz on Friday evening, 21 November, recorded the highest number of participants to date. No fewer than 162 people, divided into 27 teams, took part in the event held in the auditorium of Christelijk College Groevenbeek in Putten. It was an enjoyable evening with enthusiastic teams competing fiercely for the win. After eight rounds featuring themes such as nature, music, and sports, the team Merry Quizmas secured first place with 69 points.

We are delighted to share that the funds raised reached a **record total of €2,625**. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all participants, to Groevenbeek, and to all volunteers who assisted with the organization, presentation, and catering. Would you like to take part in the next Pub Quiz on 20 March 2026? You can register by sending a message to Peter Sennema (+31 6 3741 7783).

Chicken and rice campaign

You should know that in most families in Lwengo, the daily meal looks the same every day: posho with small brown beans and/or matoke, a mash made from small green bananas. Fortunately, since this year the children have been receiving an egg and some small fish with their posho at school each week. (Posho = maize porridge.)



A packed venue during the Pub Quiz



School lunch: posho with beans

That is why, several years ago, we decided to organize the Christmas chicken and rice campaign. This year as well, we asked you to donate €9 per child, enabling us to transfer a substantial amount to purchase the chickens and rice.

A large number of sponsors responded quickly and spontaneously to our appeal, and we would like to sincerely thank you all for helping to make a wonderful Christmas dinner possible for all of our sponsored children and their families.

Nearly €7,000 has been raised, more than enough to also invite the neighbors to join the Christmas dinner. In addition, we will be providing a Christmas treat for all children and teachers at the primary school. Many thanks on behalf of all our sponsored children and their families.



Preparing the matooke



Students with the chickens, paid for with this campaign

Looking for a new sponsor

When we first started sponsoring Evans in October 2018, he was a very fragile little boy. He is HIV positive, and all he wanted was to come home with us.

Fortunately, the next time we visited, he was doing somewhat better, but by then his mother had left to find work elsewhere. Evans is staying with his grandmother, but she is unable to care for him properly. We found Evans completely neglected and severely malnourished, and his grandmother was nowhere to be found. We arrived just in time and received the request to place Evans in boarding. Because Evans is HIV positive, he needs to take medication every day; this makes him extra vulnerable and requires close supervision to ensure he takes his medication consistently.

We placed Evans in boarding, and since then he has been improving a little more each time we visit.

We are now looking for a new sponsor for him. Evans is 13 years old and in Primary 3. Due to the circumstances in which he grew up, he has fallen somewhat behind, but in February, when the new school year begins, he will move on to Primary 4.

Perhaps someone in your family, circle of friends, or a colleague would be willing to take on his financial support? Cost: €275 per year for as long as he is in Primary School.

It would be a wonderful start to 2026 for both him and for us!



Mukasa Evans, 16 April 2018,
date of intake



Mukasa Evans, November 2025,
during our last visit

Ongoing projects

In 2025, we were once again able to achieve a great deal in Lwengo.

The **Health Center** has been better equipped, among other things through the purchase of a scanning device, additional beds, and curtains. A fully equipped dental clinic has also been set up; the dentist is on site one day a week to ensure that all Primary School children are checked at least once a year and to help the community with dental issues. The staff have also received smart new uniforms.

The **kitchen garden project** has been relaunched; 200 families have received a hoe and training in (vegetable) gardening. Seedlings of zucchini and various cabbage varieties have also been distributed.

The **pig and goat project** has also been restarted; the first piglets have already been born and will be distributed among the sponsor families in a few weeks.

In November, we received a legacy. With these funds, a **school bus** was purchased to transport kindergarten children from the main campus to their satellite location and, in particular, to pick up and bring home children with disabilities.

In October, the first block of five **teachers' houses** for staff was completed. The second block will be taken into use before the end of the year. In 2026, we expect to be able to realize ten more houses. We are also pleased that the computer lab now has 40 desktop computers. All students from Grade 5 onwards can now receive ICT education.



Dental clinic



The pig and goat project



School bus

At the moment, around 80 children are sleeping in classrooms. This is, of course, an undesirable situation. Last week, a highly valued sponsor decided to donate more than €55,000 to enable the construction of **two dormitories with 50 beds each** to solve this problem. Wonderful.

Over the past months, a great deal of hard work has been done, and many projects have been realized with the help of sponsors. Thank you for that! We hope to complete and launch many more great projects in the coming year as well.

Christmas wishes from Anthony

As we approach this joyful season, we extend our heartfelt wishes to you for a happy and blessed festive season. May this Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace, love, and happiness.

We are truly grateful for your unwavering support, kindness, and partnership. Your dedication has brought hope, opportunity, and transformation to the lives of many, and we deeply treasure all that you do.

May God bless you abundantly with good health, long life, and many more years of impactful service and success. We look forward to continuing this journey together, making a difference in the lives of children and families.

Your belief in our mission, vision inspires us to continue making a difference every day.

The Organization and the entire Lwengo community wishes you a very merry Christmas and a new year of blessings, more strengthening together and success.

Warm regards,

JJUUKO ANTHONY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Celebratory presentation of the computers to Anthony (Oct '25)



Finally

On behalf of the board of the Lwengo Kids Foundation, the staff of Lwerudeso Primary School, and all sponsored children, we would like to sincerely thank you for your commitment and support over the past year. Thanks to you, we were able to continue pursuing our goals and make a difference where it is urgently needed.

We wish you and your loved ones a **joyful Christmas season** and a **prosperous and healthy New Year**. May 2026 bring you warmth, success, and many beautiful moments.

On behalf of the board of the Lwengo Kids Foundation,

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