

Annual Report Lwengo Kids Foundation

2017

Preliminary stage

- Anthony asks us to start a second sponsor project in November 2016 because the current group, Lwengo Children, does not want to grow any bigger. We handle this with both hands because we really want to do something in the so poor Lwengo.
- We received the Child Sponsorship Proposal, the Monitoring Form and the Child History Form. All three documents are translated at understandable Dutch.
- The Child History Form (form completed by Anthony with the details of the new sponsor child) is rewritten.
- Because we have decided to place this sponsorship project in a Foundation, we write statutes, make a policy plan, come up with a name and logo and start with the first children from the parallel sponsorship project (children from friends and our own children).

Board

On February 28, 2017 the Lwengo Kids Foundation is a fact. At that time, the board consists of:

- Marga Streefkerk: chairman
- Judith Beld: secretary
- Pieter Streefkerk: treasurer
- Bert Beld: general member

After a few monthes, it appears that Judith and Bert have little time to actively participate in the Foundation. In September we decide to separate in good consultation and in October we will continue with a new board, namely:

- Pieter Streefkerk: chairman
- Marga Streefkerk: secretary
- Wim Bos: treasurer
- Hetty Kuipers: General Affairs and PR.

We continue to look for new, younger board members to ensure continuity for the future.

Frequency meetings and newsletters

In December we make a meeting plan (for 2018). We meet in principle once every two months. (February, April, June, September and November) If necessary, we will meet more times.

The newsletters will be sent twice a year: 1x in May (after the spring trip) and in November (after the autumn sponsor trip) and with the Christmas campaign.



Subsidies and large donations

We made two subsidy applications in 2017

- Consultative body Development Cooperation Ermelo; this in response to the Double-Sided giving market in december. We have € 300, - submitted and it is honored with a one-time € 150, - because Lwengo Kids is not located in Ermelo.
- Recycling Shop Overnecessary Putten (this is a shop they sell second-hand stuff; the profit is for good causes). Here we have applied for € 6.000 for new school uniforms. This application has been honored with € 1.000, - euro.
- For a new water pump at the school in Lwengo we generate € 5.000, -
- Sanne starts an action for a new bodaboda after a facebook message from Anthony. The campaign runs from Christmas to New Year. With this money, the sale of the old bodabodas and a supplement of Lwengo Kids Foundation, two brand new bodabodas could be realized.

Contact Uganda

The contact with Anthony in Uganda is initially difficult. His mail is hacked and we have to do it via Messenger with Dickson (son Anthony).

Later in the year he gets a smartphone and that solves a lot of communication problems. We received a lot of photos and messages through the app. If we are dealing with a seriously ill child in October through January, we will be kept well informed by Anthony. Even if in December the smartphone from Anthony is broken, Dickson takes over the contact until Anthony is online again.

And that is also the goal: if something is wrong with one of the sponsorchildren, we will, if necessary, talk with the sponsorparents and look for the best solution for the child.

Work Uganda / webshop

Marga designs a giraffe that becomes the figurehead for the Foundation. The idea is that the animal will be sewn on different items.

Because there is a possibility on the website to open a small webshop, we ask Joseph if he can make nice things for the webshop with his ladies. The ladies start making aprons and bags with the giraffe on them. Joseph gets money to buy a sewing machine and fabric. There are also made dishes and coasters of paper, which will all be sold in the webshop, but also taken to markets. The ladies have a small income and the Foundation a little bit income. On July 30 we officially open the webshop.

Activities

- March: we request ANBI, build a website www.lwengokids.nl; create a Facebook page and there will be printed matter: leaflet and business card.
- April / May / June: Marga is developing an up-and-coming growth book. There is a general story about Uganda, a growth chart and in the course of time additions will be made that are interesting for the sponsorparents.



- The children's journey in October is being prepared. All children (51) will complete a question card and make a bracelet for the sponsormother. Marga made the question cards and bought a pencil for all children with a little giraffe. Joseph and his ladies took care of the beads for the bracelets. He had not quite understood, but in the end everything went well and all children could make a bracelet. There are 3 sponsor parents (Nicole van Laarhoven, Peter Sennema and Max van Maanen) with us on trip. We visit all 51 children at home and at school.
- November: Christmas campaign: all sponsor parents receive two blank Christmas cards that we have bought in Uganda. It is intended that they send these two Christmas cards to someone they think the person would become a sponsor. We make a nice note by the cards. Unfortunately, it does not provide any sponsors. Only a gift.
- In December we sell nearly 2.500 oliebollen (= dutch speciality, eating at the end of the year)
- December: we decide to organize a New Year meeting with the Stichting Etiké in January.
- December: preparation 40-day-time project in the reformed church.
- **Exhibition - markets - fairs - presentations**
- In the Wereldwinkel we can hold an exhibition of our work as a foundation in Uganda. We exhibit with all kinds of products that are made in Uganda: dishes, chains, bags, aprons, potholders, oven mitts, etc. and of course we tell our story.
- Pieter gives a presentation at the Rotary in Ermelo
- We are at two summer fairs in Ermelo. The first time we have a lot of rain and we sell little and do not recruit sponsors either; the second time does not yield much. The visitors, most holidaymakers in training pants, have no interest in our charity.
- Pieter holds a presentation in the Wereldwinkel and there from we get 6 child sponsors.
- In November we are on the market "giving two-sided" in the Immanuel Church in Ermelo. This is a market where interested people come to. We often tell our story and sell something.

Sponsor children

We will start with 6 children in January. In October the counter is at 51, which we visit at school and at home during the autumn trip.

We close the year on 31 December with 57 children in sponsorship of which 4 children with disabilities and 5 on boarding school.

