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Dear donors, generous givers and employees of companies, organisations, churches who have sponsored or are sponsoring us,

At the end of the year, when the days grow shorter and people are enjoying the warmth of their own home, people are busy preparing for the holidays and a time of reflection commences, we often look back at the events of the year and at where we currently stand.

If we look back at the year of the children in Kenya, there are many positive results to report:

- Thanks to the monthly and periodical income of our donors, we were able to provide food, firewood, water and education. The loyal companies, churches and schools that sponsor us have played a large part in this as well.
- The project grant requests have led to amazing results.
- Our application with the Dirk Bos Fund has been granted, which has allowed three teachers to start their course to become a certified teacher.
- Thanks to financial aid from our foundation, a new water pump has been installed at Child Support in Mombase.
- St. Dorcas has taken another step towards self-sustainment thanks to the granting of our application with the Hofstee Foundation and the Mundo Crastino Meliori Foundation, which will allow the purchase of a mill and the founding of a store.
- Alle Beetjes Foundation surprised us with a project grant for founding a poultry farm at Child Support in Mombase.

These are all hopeful messages that help our projects become self-sufficient and make the future look a little brighter.

Increase hunger

Unfortunately, the SOFI report that was published on the eleventh of September, written by Unicef and the World Food Program, among others, has revealed that for the third year in a row, hunger in the world has increased and the number of undernourished people has risen to 821 million. Compared to 2015, this is an increase of 44 million. The sad truth of this is that now, 1 in 9 people in this world live in hunger and poverty. The main causes for this are conflicts (wars) and climate change. Another alarming statistic is that 55 million children are underweight. Obesity in adults has also increased. Over 1 in 8 adults is severely overweight. Obesity is not a disease which only occurs in wealthy nations. Malnutrition and obesity

live side by side in many parts of the world. These are important facts to realize while we are nearing the end of the year. Despite the wealth we live in, poverty and malnutrition still grow.

We as a Foundation are glad to be able to help make a difference, albeit a tiny one, for the lives of our children in Kenya.

The passing of Jacintha's father

On the 8th of August, we received the sad news that Jacintha's father had passed away. Most of the children at St. Dorcas are orphans, who consider St. Dorcas to be their only home and Jacintha the mother they never had. It is therefore understandable that Jacintha and the children have been affected by this sad news. On behalf of the board, we have expressed our condolences to Jacintha, her loved ones and the children of St. Dorcas.



Alle Beetjes Foundation

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the team and the local community of Child Support in Mombase wish to start a poultry farm. The chicken farm would make use of the existing water supply and in this way, sustainable and self-sustainable project would be founded. The production of corn as feed for the chickens and the production of meat would be executed by the team and the community themselves. The goal was for this project to generate income that would assist the wellbeing of the 60 students at Child Support, which would help them rely less on benefactors and donors. Due to the self-sustainable nature of this project, the board of the Foundation has applied for a grant with the Alle Beetjes Foundation, and this has had a positive result. On behalf of the team and the local community of Child Support, Mombase, we would like to thank you for your trust and the financial support for this extraordinary project.

Clara Silva

We would like to welcome a new donor: Clara Silva. Clara will be living in Kenya for the next few years for her job and has offered to take the educational materials, gifted by primary school OBS de Carrousel in Dalfts, to Kenya. Furthermore, she has brought 11 boxes filled with clothes and toys and she will divide this over both projects. She feels connected to our foundation and has provided an extra donation to help with overdue rent of St. Dorcas. This is a massive relief to Jacintha, who has to try and make ends meet every month. She has taken some nice pictures of her visits to Child Support and St. Dorcas for the newsletter. Clara, thank you very much for your involvement and support!



Visit Clara Silva



Report Child Support, Mombase

The team and the sixty children of Child Support are doing well.

The water pump is doing its job and providing plenty of water every day. New books have been purchased and the stock of educational books is now at a reasonable level.

Lilian is still busy studying and hopes to finish her course near the end of December of 2018. She has given birth to a beautiful daughter on the 17th of September and both mother and child are doing well. On behalf of the board, we would like to congratulate you and wish you both a beautiful future. She is currently on maternity leave and is being replaced by a different teacher. Together with Sheila, she has returned to the institute in November: Lilian to finish her course and Sheila to start her course.

The team still struggles to make ends meet due to a lack of food, caused by a failed harvest which has led to an increase in the price of food (7%). Unfortunately, due to the economic situation, local sponsors were not able to provide gifts or donations, which has made making ends meet even harder.

There are sixty students who are being cared for and taught every day at Child Support. These children are divided up into six groups, namely:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
PP1	11	16	27
PP2	3	6	9
Grade 1	3	3	6
Grade 2	3	4	7
Grade 3	2	1	3
Standard 4	3	5	8
Total	25	35	60

The team of Child Support is incredibly grateful to the Foundation and all donors for the continuing support that helps them provide a better future for the children.

On behalf of the Mombase-team:

Lilian, Lenjo, Sheila, Metrine and Esther and Loice (substitute teachers)



Report St. Dorcas, Nairobi

From April up until June, Kenya experienced heavy downpour. As a result, the small plot of land which the St. Dorcas team rents and uses to grow vegetables flooded and the harvest was washed away. For the children at St. Dorcas, this meant that despite being provided with three meals a day, they were not getting any fruits or vegetables.

The price of firewood (fuel for cooking) also increased, due to the government's decision to stop all felling of trees. All in all, this was a very difficult time for the team.

Fortunately, life improved at the start of the second half of the year. The weather improved, and people were able to use home-grown vegetables to add some variety to the children's diet. One of our alumni, Jentricks Kasiti, has helped make the vegetable garden a success. Thanks to this garden, the children are able to eat vegetables at least four times a week (kale). Friends and generous givers from the local community have also brought food to St. Dorcas and helped where they could.

Lift the Children continues to support St. Dorcas financially on a monthly basis. This money goes towards the purchase of medical and sanitary supplies, but also towards food, such as oatmeal, flour and sugar. The overdue rent was paid for with a donation from our new donor Clara Silva and Lift the Children helped save energy by donating a "stove" to St. Dorcas. As a result of this, the amount of firewood used for cooking has decreased by almost a third in a month. The kitchen also looks much better than before.

We would like to thank every benefactor who helps support the wellbeing and happiness of the children from the bottom of our hearts.

We would also like to thank the friends that stop by to talk to the children, to dance with them, to have fun and have meaningful conversations. It is a different way of showing love for these children, but no less needed and appreciated.



Cooking pot donated by Lift the Children



Food donated by Equal Chances Foundation



Classrooms, dormitories and a new home

Some of the classrooms have floors that need to be repaired. In other classrooms, two groups are sharing one room and teachers teach in shifts.

In the rainy season, the roof of one of the dormitories developed a leak over the room where the youngest children sleep. This led to wet bedding and no other place for the children to sleep. Some of the mattresses and blankets now need to be replaced. There have been some temporary repairs, but unfortunately, we are not able to solve the problem permanently. First, there needs to be clarity over the end of the lease (December 2018) and the rent or purchase of new ground where St. Dorcas could move to. The team and local community are looking at a reasonably priced lot. As of now, the project, founded by the team in collaboration with the local community, is still active and the money raised by this project will soon be deposited into a special account. It is a big project and in order to purchase this land, we will have to ask the Foundation and other sponsors, such as Lift the Children, for help. The aim of this project is to secure a permanent home for St. Dorcas, to give security and peace to both the children and the team.

Books and educational materials

In previous reports, it was mentioned that no new books or educational materials were required. Earlier this year, however, the educational system in Kenya changed and now, new books are required. From Nairobi came a request for help with the purchase of new educational books and teacher's manuals. It may be possible to partly fund this purchase with the project grand from the Dirk Bos Fund.

Teachers' training

The team at St. Dorcas is very grateful for the financial support from the Dirk Bos Fund, which allows them to have two teachers, Florence Kathambi (who has already started her course) and Anorida (who started her course in August), follow a registered course and in this way offer better quality education to the children. Moreover, Selpher's efforts (one of our old students), who has finished her course and now works at St. Dorcas on a voluntary basis, are actively raising the level of the education of the children and in doing this, St. Dorcas is growing less dependent on the efforts of volunteers and part-time workers. This gives the children the security of having one steady teacher, instead of only having temporary teachers.

Anorida and Florence are doing well at school and are already helping the inexperienced teachers, which improves the quality of the education that is being offered. Sheila and Lilian at Child Support, Mombase, are also dedicated to finishing their course successfully to provide better education for the children.



Self-sustaining projects

We have already mentioned the income generating project in Mombase: starting a poultry farm using the donation from the Alle Beetjes Foundation, but there is another project. The corn and grain mill and the grocery in St Dorcas, have received a donation from The Hofstee Foundation. This means that the wishes from the team of St. Dorcas, of improving and being more self-supporting in the future, have a better chance of coming true. The team has already made a start on this, by leasing ground to grow vegetables. This provides better balanced nutrition for the children. The extra vegetables were sold to the local community. This initiative from St. Dorcas could receive a follow up in Mombase. The government has tightened legislation around day care and is demanding that children are provided with one healthy meal every day. There is acute lack of vegetables and fruit at Child Support, the parents and the local community have already started a financial contribution to provide breakfast. The centre is searching for support and donations.

The project from St. Dorcas can start once more clarity is provided around the purchase of new ground and the continuation of St. Dorcas at a different location. The team of St. Dorcas is getting antsy now that the end date of the lease is nearing (December 2018). The owner of the ground is willing to sell the land to a project developer and unfortunately, he is the only one who can provide St. Dorcas with more time to move. We, the Foundation, the team and the local community, will do everything in our power to preserve St. Dorcas for the future at a different location.

We are really happy with the generous donors such as Mrs. Zipora Kegema, representative of the Foundation Lift the Children with her consistent supplies of rice, vegetable oil, sugar, oatmeal, flour, medical and sanitary supplies and the support of the teachers.

In one of the following Newsletters we hope to give you a positive message considering the purchase and move of St. Dorcas. Nairobi has send us a business plan. We will decide in our board meeting if and in what way we can participate financially.

Our urgent message from the last newsletter still applies:

If you know of any companies or investors who would like to invest in charities, please let us know! In the last newsletter, we have asked urgently for new board members and names of organisations with which we could possibly collaborate. We were hoping for responses, which we unfortunately did not receive.

The board has also searched for capable board members or possible collaborations.

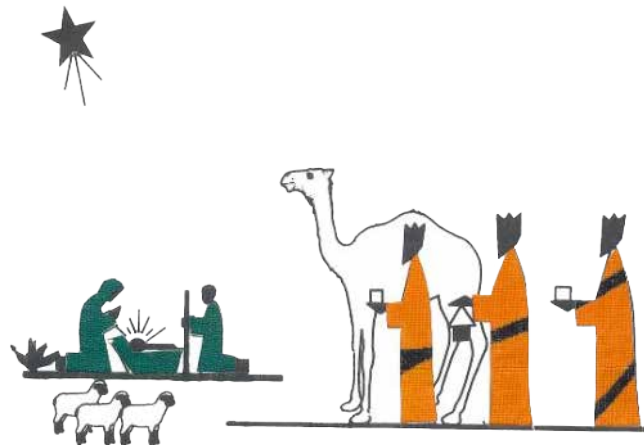
This search has not been successful and therefore we ask you again to think and ask around in your environment to figure out whether you are able to help us in any way.

At the end of 2018, we would like to thank all of you for the trust and support that you give to the foundation, which allows us to help provide a better future for the children, their environment and the country in which they live.

Together, we can make a small change towards a better world.

We wish you happy holidays and an amazing 2019.

The board of Kenya Foundation Equal Chances.



Kenya Foundation Equal Chances runs exclusively on gifts and sponsoring. All board members work on a voluntary basis and companies work either for free or at cost price. Every penny spent is accounted for and will go towards food, drinking water, education or housing for the children.

If you wish to donate to one of the current projects: the move of St. Dorcas, the store, the pump or the new exam candidates of 2018, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are incredibly grateful for every gift, great or small.

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