

Annual Report 2025 Friends of Kibera Foundation

Activities by the Foundation for the benefit of Oloo Children Centre

Regular donation

As in previous years, this year we were able to continue with the regular quarterly donations. It is up to the school how that money is spent, but what we can donate is in any case sufficient to provide the students with a daily lunch. In addition, it is customary for us to give a little extra at Christmas. The (volunteer) teachers receive a small cash amount and all students then receive an extra snack. The money for this is available to us thanks to one-time donations and thanks to the annual contributions from several donors who donate for a minimum of five years based on a contract.

Project support

Sponsorship of tuition for secondary education

In January 2024, 23 students were able to start secondary education with support from the Foundation. We found donors willing to pay the school fees for these students. We could not pay for all 26 students who needed it at that time. Three students nonetheless started with borrowed money from their parents. For them, in January 2025, we once again reached out to family and acquaintances with the request 'to pay the school fees (or part of it) for a student'. The letter clearly stated that a donation contractually established for five years is tax-deductible for income tax purposes. So, it impacts your own finances less. Most people opted for the five-year contract, while others chose a one-time support or multi-year support without a contract.

The tuition fee varies per boarding school and turns out to be higher than originally intended. In addition, the Kenyan Shilling has become more expensive compared to the euro. At the end of January 2025, there was still too little for the total of 26 students. We asked the Groningen '*Stichting RK-SCI Vermogensfonds ter bestrijding van armoede*' if they wanted to supplement the shortages in this part of the budget. They did so. This allowed 26 students supported by us to start their second school year. We have accounted to the '*Stichting RK-SCI Vermogensfonds ter bestrijding van armoede*' how the money is spent. The payment to the students proceeded in 2025 the same way as in 2024. School years run parallel to calendar years and are divided into three trimesters per school year. Just before the start of a trimester, it is announced how much tuition is to be paid. That bill is received by the parents and, via Judy Oloo, it reaches the treasurer of our Foundation. It is a somewhat cumbersome method but still seems the best possible and most transparent way.

School expansion project with a Junior High School department

Kenya had, until January 2024, eight years of 'mandatory' primary education for children from 6 to about 14 years old (Anglo-Saxon system). Oloo Education Center provided this for children from the surrounding area within the Kibera slum. From 2024 onwards, the Kenyan education system has been adjusted. Children are expected to complete primary education within six years, and thereafter there is a compulsory education requirement until the completion of a three-year Junior High School. On paper, education up to and including Junior High School is 'free'. In practice, however, Junior High School is certainly not attainable for children from Kibera because there are hardly any such schools in the neighborhood. The change in the education system means that, without extra action, attending school for many children stops at the age of twelve, whereas previously it would have been at fourteen.

Judy Oloo and her team have decided to expand their primary school with a 'Junior High School' department. In addition, Oloo Education Center requested funds for the furnishing of the Junior High School department. Money is needed for equipping subject classrooms, lockers, books, uniforms, and furniture. Eventually, the school will also need to expand physically. At least two additional classrooms are needed. We received money for the purchase of extra materials in 2024 from the Jan Amos Comenius Foundation. That money was spent in 2025. In March 2025, we were invited by the Foundation to tell more about Oloo Education Center, and we eagerly took advantage of that invitation. They also invited us to submit a request in 2025 which we did. We made a contribution for a Junior High School department that was yet to be built. That request was granted, so construction started in 2025.

That construction could also start because we have submitted an application to the Nijmegen branch of 'Books4Life' in 2025. From that Foundation we received (award on May 24, 2025) money to buy land within walking distance of the existing building of Oloo's Education Center.

Activities within the Friends of Kibera Foundation

Newsletters

In 2025, one newsletter was sent to all contacts. In the meantime, we have a substantial list of contacts because, with the request 'sponsorship tuition,' we have involved many people with the school. We keep the contacts warm by always sending thank-you letters to everyone who has donated once or does so regularly.

Website and social media

The texts on the website have been partially adjusted and new sections have been added. The website still features the donate button. Through a QR code (linked to the Foundation's bank account), visitors to the website can immediately make a donation. Despite this, the activities on social media are limited. This is partly due to the low response. We mainly experience online traffic after physical or warm encounters outside the online world.

Recruitment of donors and donations

We have discovered that there are foundations in the Netherlands whose goals align with those of our Foundation: 'Lifting children out of the poverty spiral by investing in education.' In 2025, we successfully made a request for financial support three times. The Spanish branch of Incentro continues to support Oloo's Education Center generously. The Dutch branch of Incentro has a different 'charity' policy. In 2025, it was not possible to generate more attention for the Foundation there. In addition, we receive larger and smaller donations from individuals and families. Certainly, the request for support in paying the school fees of 26 students for secondary education has excited people to contribute.

Individuals make their own choices regarding the size of the donation. As a foundation, we appreciate every donation; large or small, regular or occasional. Among the occasional donations is also the income from the sale of homemade (crocheted) animal-like bookmarks and returned beer cans (by one of the board members). Especially collecting and returning beer cans is reminiscent of the silver foil we used to collect for poorer countries, but it always results in a surprising contribution. For four cents, a child in Kibera can have a cup of maize porridge for lunch. The deposit of one can is therefore nearly enough for four lunches.

Digital work environment

The created 'digital work environment' has been further organized. A folder structure has been implemented in which all documents are and will be stored. The Google work environment is free for us as an ANBI foundation.

Board composition

The composition of the board has changed. Willem Bens has left the board due to too busy work commitments (resigned 1 – 5 – 2025) and so did Chantal Kool (resigned 7 – 7 – 2025). Elke Germers joined on 1 May 2025. In addition, Lieke Aarninkhof had to give up the chairmanship due to an overly full agenda. We are very happy that Lieke Aarninkhof remains a member of our board from Nairobi. As of 1 January 2026, Elke Germers will be the chair of the board. The changes have been reported to the Chamber of Commerce.

All board members work on a voluntary (unpaid) basis. We concluded the year 2025 with the board members:

- Lieke Aarninkhof: chair (member from 1 – 1- 2026)
- Peter Doting: treasurer
- Gerda Geerdink: secretary
- Elke Germers: member (chair from 1-1-2026)
- Noortje van der Meijden: member

Board Meetings

The board has met six times (online) in 2025. Because we have a board member who lives in Nairobi, online meetings are necessary. In addition, we often coordinate in between by using emails and notes via the digital workspace and WhatsApp. The chair used to held meetings in Nairobi with Judy Oloo either in person or by phone. Because it is sometimes difficult to find times to meet, we have decided that in the future (from 1-1-2026) four dates will be set, and in addition, the approval of the official board documents will only be done or completed with the daily board (chair, treasurer, secretary).

Notes on the 2025 financial statements

Financial position

Our cash and cash equivalents have decreased by over €8,000. A subsidy received in 2024 for the Junior High School was largely spent in 2025, leading to a decrease of approximately €2,500. In 2025, we prepaid over €4,000 in school fees for further education in 2026. The remaining €1,500 was withdrawn from our equity in service of the general objective.

The equity and pledged donations provide sufficient assurance that we can continue our policy in 2026 unchanged.

Income and Expenses in 2025

We were able to support the school again in 2025 with a fixed contribution per quarter. Thanks to donations from the Jan Amos Comenius Foundation and Books4Life Nijmegen, we were able to help the school purchase land, build, and furnish classrooms for the Junior High School.

With regular periodic donations from donors, supplemented by a donation from RK-SCI Groningen, we were also able to pay the school fees for 26 children again this year, enabling them to attend secondary education. That supplement was much needed because costs had risen sharply due to exchange rate fluctuations.

In the expenses of 2025, a payment of over € 4,000 is included that relates to school fees 2026. To be able to transfer the school fees for the first trimester on time, we already did that in December 2025.

Taking all this into account, the negative result for the year 2025 is no cause for concern. The money of our foundation is intended to be spent on the objective, and we succeeded well in that again in 2025. The expenses of the Foundation (bank charges reduced by interest, website and hosting costs) amount to € 322, not even 1% of the total expenses.

Balance 31-12-2025		
	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Assets		
Cash	€ 10.198	€ 18.252
Liabilities		
Equity	€ 10.198	€ 18.252
Designated components of equity 31-12-2025		
Junior Highschool	€ 2.412	
Further education	€ 4.206	

Statement of income and expenses for 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Periodic donations	€ 3.650	€ 5.150
One-time donations		€ 8.764
individuals	€ 1.455	
companies	€ 3.874	
	€ 69	
Sponsors secondary education	€ 11.900	€ 11.760
Donations Junior High School	€ 8.000	€ 5.025
Special income		€ 1.000
Total income	€ 28.948	€ 31.659
Expenses		
School support	€ -10.500	€ -15.950
School fees secondary education	€ -15.567	€ -9.014
Junior High School	€ -10.613	
Special expenses		€ -950
General expenses	€ -322	€ -477
Total expenses	€ -37.002	€ 26.391
Result for the financial year	€ -8.054	€ 5.268