

Newsletter Friends of Kibera Foundation (4)

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Dear donor, (potential) friend of the 'Friends of Kibera Foundation'

The Friends of Kibera Foundation has been in existence since 2019 with the aim of supporting the Oloo Children Center. This primary school was founded fourteen years ago by Judy Oloo. She leads the team of (voluntary) teachers and is also our point of contact. Halfway through the year 2022, we would like to inform you again about the important events around and in the school, and within the Foundation.

Oloo Children Center

Coaches for support

In Nairobi, our local contacts were looking for coaches who could think along with Judy Oloo about ideas and plans to further develop the school and to prepare/keep it ready for the future. Two Kenyan persons were found who seemed suitable, but in practice they unfortunately deemed not to be as useful as expected. This, due to a lack of time and conflicting interests. Judy's investment was greater than what she received in return, the contact has faded and we are now looking for another way to support Judy.

Good scores for final exams

As every year, February was exam time. Passing the exam is necessary to obtain the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE), an entry-level certificate for admission to secondary education. Group 8 children take exams in five subjects: Kiswahili; English; calculating mathematics; biology, physics/chemistry (science) and religion/social studies. A maximum of one hundred points can be obtained per subject, comparable to a ten in the Netherlands. Despite the long school closure due to Covid-19, the results were very impressive. The scores range from 267 to 396, with an average of 243.3 (7.5): a good reason to celebrate!



Based on the obtained score, children can follow vocational or general secondary education. Once the type of school is known, Judy has to do time-consuming negotiations for the best location. The starting point is to get as many children as possible to enter secondary education. Travel costs are major barriers, so it is important to fight for places at schools that are accessible for the children.

The Foundation

Board meetings

As of March 2022, we as a board met once with Judy Oloo and twice without her. A recurring item on the agenda is the way in which we as a Foundation can focus on making the school more sustainable. Part of this is reducing fixed costs. An earlier investment has been the construction of a well. The current aim is to investigate whether savings can be made on the costs of daily lunch: structural purchasing of food from a regular supplier (local farmer) could make this cheaper.

Proceeds from sponsors

A special Christmas promotion by Incentro (the main sponsor of Oloo Children Centre) enabled us to increase the installment contribution in 2022 so that the daily lunch for the children is fully paid for by the Foundation this year. In addition, in the first quarter we made a donation to the (voluntary) teachers (each ten euros) and contributed to new school books. The latter was necessary because the Kenyan government has adjusted the centrally prescribed curriculum. New courses have been added and existing ones have been expanded. As a foundation, we have ensured that at least the teachers have access to the new material.

New board member (members)

Incentro (The Netherlands and Spain) are important donors to the Foundation, so we value our close ties. Willem Bens (the treasurer of the Foundation) worked at Incentro the Netherlands and was the main link between us and Incentro. However, since he has recently started a new job, there is no direct link anymore with Incentro, the Netherlands. We are happy to welcome Lieke Aarninkhof as a new board member. She works for the Kenyan branch of Incentro and had been involved as a 'linking pin' with Judy Oloo for some time. Therefore, becoming a board member was a logical next step. We are currently still on the lookout for a new board member for our foundation from Incentro NL.

Final remarks

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this newsletter or the Foundation, please let us know so that we can include them in the collaboration with the Oloo Children Centre.

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– Afternoon nap in kindergarten –

Boardmembers of the Foundation: Peter Doting, Lieke Aarninkhof, Willem Bens, Gerda Geerdink and Chantal Kool.



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