

Newsletter Friends of Kibera Foundation (5)

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

The Friends of Kibera Foundation has existed since 2019 with the aim of supporting the Oloo Children Center. This primary school was founded fifteen years ago by Judy Oloo. She leads the team of (volunteer) teachers and is also our discussion partner. We are happy to inform new and old readers about the important events around and in the school, and within the Foundation.

Oloo Children Centre

Final exams January 2023

The school year closes in January. The seventeen final exam candidates all passed and received the *Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE)*, necessary for access to further education. Students have passed if they reach a total of 250 points; 500 is the max. The average score was 338.3, ranging from 293 to 398. Given the results, all students are admissible, but further education means extra costs for transport and a 'school fee' to be paid. Sadly as a result, every year there are a few students with excellent scores who are unable to continue their studies.

Food project

We are always looking for ways to help the school cut back on structural expenditure. A relatively large amount of money is spent on daily lunches. One way to reduce those costs seems to be to establish contact with a regular food producer and supplier through which the intermediary trade can be bypassed. A teacher who is familiar with the school and the area of Kibera and our local board member are now working together to find out what is consumed daily and what fuel is needed for the preparation of the food and which food supplier is suitable for a continuous supply of food. Cooking is still done on relatively expensive charcoal. That can probably also be done cheaper and cleaner.



Coaches for support

As a Foundation, we think it is important that Judy Oloo has support from her own environment when thinking about ideas and plans to further develop the school and prepare / keep it ready for the future. Two Kenyan coaches have been approached from a local organization as sparring partners for Judy and her team. In the end it turned out that for the school it was mainly an extra investment in time and the returns were negligible. One coach turned out to have no time, the other had too many personal interests in the contact. Contact with the coaches has been silenced.

The Friends of Kibera Foundation

Board composition

As Incentro employees, Lieke Aarninkhof and her partner have opened a branch of that ICT company in Nairobi. Incentro was and remains an important donor and that is why we value warm ties with the company. Lieke Aarninkhof lives and works in Nairobi, Kenya and is our local contact with the school and July Oloo. Lieke had often attended meetings of the Foundation and board membership was therefore a logical step. In November, Incentro (Netherlands) employee Noortje van der Meijden also registered as a board member at our request. As a result, we have a diverse board in terms of age, we have warm ties with Incentro and through three members also ties with three other (young) companies. The latter is important because it opens up new ways of acquiring donations and two out of three companies also offer their employees the opportunity to work on a social good cause for a few days a year at the expense of the company.

Website and digital work environment

Thanks to this possibility to work for a good cause in the boss's time, the website has been renewed. We now have a more professional and sustainable website, more up-to-date layout and fully bilingual. The website is made in the WIX program, very user-friendly and with a good price/quality ratio. We deem it very important to keep the costs for the Foundation itself to a minimum (see also the – financial – annual report 2022 on the website: www.vriendenvankibera.nl).

Proceeds from sponsors and donors

In addition to the donors who pay a fixed amount for several years, there are also people who made one-off or multiple donations. We are very happy with all forms and types of gifts.

Finally

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

We send a newsletter to everyone who has donated to the Foundation. If you no longer wish to receive these in the future, you can report this to Gerda Geerdink: secretaris@vriendenvankibera.nl.

Forwarding to other interested parties and registering new interested parties is certainly also allowed. The newsletters appear twice a year. Thank you for your support and/or interest!



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Lieke Arninkhof, Willem Bens, Peter Doting, Gerda Geerdink, Chantal Kool and Noortje van der Meijden.



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