

Newsletter Friends of Kibera Foundation (8)

June 2024

Dear reader,



This newsletter comes from the Friends of Kibera Foundation (www.vriendenvankibera.nl). The Foundation was founded in 2019 with the aim of supporting the Oloo Education (Children) Center in Kibera, Nairobi (Kenya). In this way, we make it possible for children from this slum who cannot afford it themselves, to receive education. Oloo Education Center, a primary school, was founded fifteen years ago by Judy Oloo. Together with a team of (voluntary) teachers and support staff, she is committed to getting the children of Kibera out of the poverty circle by education. Judy and her team depend to a large extent on support from private individuals. Parents must also make a small contribution.


As a Foundation, we support the school by financing the daily lunch and from January 2024 also by paying the school fees for secondary education for 23 students. If possible, we donate for extra and unexpected expenses that the school has to incur. We receive money structurally or incidentally from donors who are willing and able to contribute to this way of poverty reduction in Kenya. The use of the money is always in consultation with the school itself. One of the Foundation's board members lives in Nairobi.

Project sponsoring school fees

Thanks to enthusiastic and benevolent friends and family, we managed to raise money in January 2024 for 23 students in a short period of time so that they could start secondary education (always boarding schools) that same month. School will take four years and we have (financial) commitments for that period. We transfer the requested school fees annually divided into three portions. On April 5, the first trimester was over and we also received the reports of a number of students. The end of that first period and the holiday afterwards were different because of the many rain showers that Kenya had to deal with. Roads were unusable and many students could not go home, so the planned return meeting at Oloo Education Center was cancelled. The same water misery made the government decide to keep all schools closed for three more weeks. The second trimester started on 5 May. At the end of April, the school fees were transferred again. Payment is made through Judy Oloo.


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ACADEMIC REPORT FORM - FORM 1 - END TERM - (2024 TERM 1)



NAME: Etyang Kape
ADMNO: 10687
FORM: 1C

Subject Performance - Student vs Class



Mean A - 183% -3.4

Total Marks 890/1100 -24


Total Points 75/84 -4

Overall Position 240/821 -75

Stream Position 31/61 -9

SUBJECT	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	END TERM			RANK	COMMENT
				MARKS	DEV.	GR.		
English	80%	86%	86%	71%	-16	A	55/59	Excellent work
Kiswahili	95%	80%	89%	71%	-1	A	33/59	Excellent work
Mathematics	56%	53%	69%	73%	+4	B+	1/59	Good work but aim higher
Biology	98%	49%	65%	47%	-18	A	34/59	Below average, can do better
Physics	86%	41%	55%	80%	-24	B+	28/41	Good work but aim higher
Chemistry	88%	43%	56%	92%	+9	B	13/59	Excellent work
History and Government	92%	70%	80%	86%	+4	A	40/58	Excellent work
Geography	80%	81%	80%	71%	-11	A	44/59	Excellent work
Business Studies	86%	71%	89%	80%	-6	A	8/18	Excellent work

Etyang Kape Performance over Time



Remarks

Ms Rose - Class Teacher
 Aim higher, you are capable of doing much better.

Mr. Peter Otieno - Chief Principal
 Good work but aim higher, you have the potential to do better.

Signature _____

Project expansion with 'Junior Highschool'

The Kenyan government has decided to organize education more according to the Finnish model (was Anglo-Saxon) from 2024 onwards. Primary education that was previously for children aged 6 to 14 (eight classes) is now for children aged 6 to 12 (six classes)*. After that, the twelve-year-olds go to *Junior High School* for three years and then there is the three-year *Senior High School* for students with high scores. Children who were in group six in December 2023 already took their final exams and thus completed primary education. For them, the next step is Junior High School. There are hardly any secondary schools in the Kibera slum and it always means travelling and getting away

from the familiar surroundings. According to the team at Oloo Children Center, they are too young for that and it is unaffordable for many parents. The alternative is to stop school at the age of twelve. The school wanted to set up its own 'Junior High School' department for these children, but has not yet received permission from the government/inspectorate for this. This is necessary in order to be able to take exams. For approval, they must have at least subject teachers, a Science (physics, chemistry) room and a computer lab. As a Foundation, we cannot provide that at the moment. The plan has been postponed. Maybe it will work out before January 2025.

*For children aged four to six, there is pre-school, similar to the lower years in our primary education.

Library renewal project



In the library there are reading books but also the (government-prescribed) school books. The latter in particular need to be replaced regularly because the Kenyan government is active when it comes to renewing prescribed methods and parts of courses. Because Oloo's school is not an accredited public school, they are commissioned to renovate but without public funds. Nevertheless, they want to keep up because they want to prepare children for the national final exam of primary education that leads to the required certificate for further education (Kenya Certificate for Primary Education). Children do not have copies of the textbooks themselves. Those are only for the teachers. Children can borrow books

from the library, but those are mainly reading books. At the start of the 2024 school year, the school has decided to invest extra in updating and expanding the library, especially with regard to method books. For the lower grades and the first three classes there are books needed for (preparatory) math, physics, environmental activities and arts.

For the highest three classes, books are also required for English, Kiswahili, technology, music and education about nutrition. For the higher classes, school wants more copies so that children have a book in front of them at school. Purchasing the desired method books means 2,500 euros. As a Foundation, we were able to transfer half of it right away. We use various channels such as social media to acquire the other half. That should still be possible in 2024. Last weekend we received a message that the first books have been bought (see image on the right).



Finally: the Friends of Kibera Foundation

Not much news about the Foundation itself this time. No changes within the board. We remain committed to his great project. If you have any questions or suggestions as a result of this newsletter, please let us know so that we can include them in the collaboration with Oloo Children Centre.

We will send a newsletter to everyone who has donated and/or is interested. If you no longer wish to receive these in the future, please send a mail to Gerda Geerdink: secretaris@vriendenvankibera.nl. You can always forward this newsletter to other interested people. Thank you for your support!

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