



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

As in previous years Dacha Malachi, treasurer of MES Committee, informed us interim about the financial status and results of the students. Marijke and Bert Rieks were able to visit Kenya for a longer time and supported the MES members Kevin Odongo and Erick Mbuga, responsible for the ongoing business in Sondu/Kenya. They asked a number of schools close to Sondu to submit a candidate list of children, to be considered for sponsoring. Kevin Odongo visited each student their homestays and so in the beginning of this year 7 new children started in our program. We informed their sponsors about name, photo and life story of their sponsor child.

At the same time we investigated whether it was possible to adopt a contribution of the parents/tenders in our program. At this moment the caretaker share is paid by us, but we would like to see that adapted insofar as this is possible. In cooperation with Dacha Malachi of MES Committee our treasurer Rob Snelders made an overview for 2020. During the completion of annual accounts 2018 they also made an overview of annual school expenses, that serves as the basis for transferring the advance payments to Kenya. The exchange rate changes in particular remain a point of attention.

Student Bornface Odoyo has now been admitted to university of Nairobi direction Fine Arts, Literature and Architecture; he has chosen for Literature. Kevin Odongo passed his exam for business management at Kericho University and is going for promotion. In December 8 students passed their final exam: Joan Akoko, Innocent Omondi, Brian Kipkoech, Rose Aoko en Lavender Perez with average figures. Students Tyrus Otiende, Phenny Otieno en Silas Okech are eligible for a government grant, they will be called up by an university later this year. More and more often a scholarship is given for an college education, called diploma course. With this diploma in hand, there is a greater chance of work. We find, therefore, that a primary, practical training to work, than a theoretical and academic course work. We will pay more attention to this in our information to our students.

During this year we updated our policy plan for the coming years. In the meantime the modified version has been placed on our website.

The Pona project has been completed. With money from a sponsor we were able to purchase a powerful high-pressure sprayer for hygiene. The promotion campaign has come to a halt due to lack of money. The motorcycle, also donated by a sponsor, is already used for patient transport and brings in money.

Due to the stay abroad of a number of board members we were unable to be present at the Heteren Christmas market. We have indicated to the organization that we would like to participate next year. In the months April, August and November the newsletter went out to our sponsors and interested people; in addition to recent developments, also the periodic study results of the students are included. Interim Jokeline Rieks keeps all information on our website up to date. Because of the AVG privacy legislation all information regarding our policy is adjusted in our newsletters and website.

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