

Newsletter



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student in Kenya,

Successful
progression to
University

Mombasa
New learning center

Word from the Chairman

Dear friends of the foundation, from the morning prayer and classroom lessons to sharing meals and playing together. It is in these everyday moments that the true value of our work becomes visible. Behind every school day lies a future that is being built, one step at a time.

The summer is still in full swing, and here in the Netherlands we have recently experienced another intense heatwave. It is a reminder that climate change is becoming increasingly noticeable here as well. At the same time, it also shows just how great its impact can be elsewhere. In Kenya, the most recent rainy season once again brought significant challenges. Heavy rainfall and flooding caused damage and uncertainty in several areas, highlighting how different circumstances can be and how vulnerable daily life sometimes is.

You will also read how both schools continue to grow and develop. In Mombasa, four new classrooms have been completed, allowing the school to expand further. In Nairobi, work is continuing to improve the school's facilities. Perhaps the most heartwarming news of all is that the donated shipping container from the Netherlands has now arrived at both schools. Seeing children proudly using their new supplies and enjoying the bicycles together shows just how much this initiative means to them. Its greatest value lies not only in what has been given, but above all in the knowledge that people, even from far away, are thinking of them.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank everyone who continues to support our foundation. Whether you donate, volunteer your time or organise a fundraising initiative, your contribution makes all of this possible.

In this newsletter, we invite you to experience a typical day at our school in Mombasa. Rather than focusing on a major event or construction project, we take you through an ordinary school day—

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Support our current and future projects, whether as an individual or as a business. Fundraising remains an important priority.

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Your support means the world to us

"The team in Mombasa is deeply grateful for all the support we receive from the Netherlands. Thanks to your commitment, we are able to continue building a brighter future for our children every single day. May God bless the foundation and all of its donors."

– Lilian, Lenjo, Sheila, Metrine, Vincent, Nelly & Jane



A Day at School in Mombasa

For many children in Mombasa, the school day begins early. From the surrounding neighbourhoods, they make their way to Child Support Centre, a place where they not only receive an education, but also find a safe environment to learn, play and develop.

At the heart of the school is Lilian Lisanza. Since 2010, she has devoted herself wholeheartedly to the children. What began as volunteer work in the classroom has grown into her role as School Manager. Together with a dedicated team of teachers, a cook and a security guard, she helps ensure that around sixty children can count on education, personal attention and two nutritious meals every day..

Each school day begins with singing and prayer. It is a peaceful moment in which the children start the day together. Afterwards, the teachers take time to greet every child personally. Attention extends beyond the classroom: they also check whether the children are wearing clean clothes and whether their nails, teeth and shoes are well cared for. Whenever necessary, the teachers provide immediate support. Learning to take good care of yourself is considered just as important as learning to read and write.

Midway through the morning, it is time for breakfast. Every child receives the same nutritious porridge. Bringing snacks from home is not allowed. Not every family can afford them, so the school consciously chooses to treat every child equally. No child should ever feel different from another.

After breakfast, the playground comes alive. There is running, laughter and football before lessons continue. The children spend the rest of the morning learning to read, write and do mathematics. Skills that form the foundation for their future. The teachers guide them step by step and encourage them to ask questions, stay curious and continue learning.

Before lunch, all the children carefully wash their hands. This too is part of the daily routine. The lunch menu consists of simple but nutritious



meals such as ugali, beans and fresh vegetables. For many children, this is the most important meal of the day. Sharing a meal also strengthens their sense of community and belonging.

After lunch, the youngest children take an afternoon nap, while the older pupils continue with their lessons. Later in the afternoon, there is time once again to play outside together. The school day ends with a shared prayer before the children head home.

At first glance, it may seem like an ordinary school day. Yet behind this familiar routine lies something much greater. The school offers structure, safety, education and healthy meals to children whose lives often lack these certainties at home. Thanks to the continued support of our donors, Child Support Centre can provide this care day after day.

It is in these ordinary days that the real difference is made. Every lesson, every meal and every moment of play contributes to something that reaches far beyond today: a future in which children are given the opportunity to develop their talents and find their own path.

07:00 a.m.

The day begins with singing and prayer.

Healthy and Well Cared For

Every child receives personal care and attention.

Breakfast

Everyone eats the same meal, ensuring that every child is treated equally.

Time to Play

After breakfast, the children enjoy playing outside

Handwashing

Before every meal, the children wash their hands.

Hot lunch

Today's menu includes ugali, beans and vegetables.

Rest Time Before the Next Lesson

After lunch, the youngest children take an afternoon nap.

4:30 p.m. Home time

After a shared prayer, most children walk home accompanied by their caregivers.





A container full of,

opportunities! In our previous newsletter, we shared the progress of the donation campaign. We are pleased to announce that all donated supplies have now safely arrived in both Mombasa and Nairobi.

Their impact goes far beyond their practical value. New clothing, school furniture, toys and bicycles not only improve daily life but also give children a sense of dignity, joy and the reassurance that people care about them and are thinking of them.



Building for the,

future. In Nairobi, work continues on creating a safe and future-ready school. In recent months, the leaking roof has been replaced and an additional floor has been constructed, creating more space for education. It is a result everyone who has contributed to the foundation can be proud of.

Looking ahead, plans include a boys' dormitory, a laboratory, a multifunctional space and a new kitchen.



Education

Education remains at the heart of everything we do. Thanks to the support of our donors, we are able to provide learning materials, examinations and daily meals at both schools.

That investment is already bearing fruit. Last year, five students from St. Dorcas achieved outstanding examination results and were admitted to the university programme of their choice. A wonderful achievement that shows how equal opportunities can truly change lives.



Meaningful

The children were able to enjoy a Christmas filled with delicious food, music and togetherness.

For a little while, everyday worries faded into the background as everyone came together to celebrate. For many children, these are memories that will stay with them for years to come. They are moments that remind them people are thinking of them, even from thousands of kilometres away. That sense of care and connection is perhaps the greatest gift of all.

More Room to Grow

The school in Mombasa has taken a major step forward. Thanks to the purchase of an adjacent plot of land and the construction of four new classrooms, there is now significantly more space for the children. The classrooms are already largely in use and ensure that the school meets the standards for primary education in Kenya.

Child Support Centre is now also able to support pupils up to Grade 6. For the children, their teachers and their families, this represents an important investment in the future.



Call for new donors and sponsors

The daily costs of providing education and nutritious meals continue to be a challenge, partly due to rising food prices and unfavourable exchange rates. Would you like to help? Whether personally or through your organisation, your additional support can make a real difference.

We are also happy to work with companies to make their contribution visible in a meaningful way. If you have any questions, please contact us at: info@gelijkekansen.org

Ongoing fundraising priorities include:

- A water well at the new St. Dorcas campus
- Furniture and classroom equipment for the new classrooms in Mombasa
- Teachers for the Mombasa location who will teach Grades 5 and 6
- Increased volunteer allowances for the team in Mombasa.

Teacher training



Funding required:
€ 1.500,-

Waterwell



Funding required:
€ 9.000,-

Furniture



Funding required:
€ 2.000,-



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