

LIVE AND LEARN IN KENYA INTERNATIONAL

Annual Report 2022



EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE

2022 school calendar started on 3rd, January. This is the day we opened our school for the 3rd, term of academic year. From 3rd, January when the school calendar started, we closed the year on 30th, November after grades, 6 and 8 had done their final exams.

The year was tough financially but we succeeded in implementing most of the intended projects.

Below are some of the activities we accomplished during the year 2022.

a) Auditing

Auditing is a government requirement for all organizations in Kenya. Non-Governmental Organizations must provide their audited report to the ***Ministry of Interior and National coordination*** by 30th, March every year.

We started our auditing in early January. By the beginning of February, we had submitted our auditing report to the NGO Board

b) Construction

We received a generous donation from the Podschlapp family in Germany for the construction of a computer laboratory. We started this construction in January and by the end of April, it was complete. The family visited in February to see the progress of this construction. They were very happy with the progress. They decided to support the school with computers and furniture - which they did.



Computer lab on the left and a tailoring workshop on the right



Mr. and Mrs Podschlapp being greeted by our children



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c) Covid-19 Vaccination

Covid-19 pandemic affected a lot of operation both in Kenya and the rest of the world. Some of our staff and children were affected between 2020 and 2022.

We brought in Ministry of Health officers to vaccinate staff and parents last year (2021). This year, we brought them to vaccinate children between 15-17 years.



A medical officer vaccinating one of our children against Covid-19

In February, we also invited Ministry of health officials to vaccinate our children against measles and cervical cancer to children under 12 years. On the issue of cervical cancer, the Ministry of Health focuses on girls who are sexually inactive. Thus below the age of 12.



Measles vaccinations were given to children below the age of 5.

d) Micro-credits



A parent at her food kiosk selling tomatoes, vegetables and fish.

60 LLKparents are in active micro-credit businesses. Most of them received startup funds from their children's sponsors and others received funds through fundraising from members such as Alexandra Merz, Renate Oberdiek and Kathrin Beier from Germany. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

Parents with micro-credits are visited quarterly to monitor their progress. Many of them are keeping chickens. Others have food kiosks, sell charcoal, sell secondhand clothes and diverse items. Most businesses are doing well and parents are able to pay for their basic needs through these businesses. They are very grateful for the support they have received from LLK and sponsors.



Mama Dorcas Chepngeno in her shop

e) Well Drilling

In early March, we received a donation of about 3,000,000 Kenya shillings from the German firm – **HUNTER** - towards the construction of a water well at our school. About 2.3m went towards the borehole while about 700,000 Kenya shillings went towards solar installation. This water project has solved our perennial problem we have been having since 2014. We have been buying 2 lorries of water every week.

It was the dream of Renate Angermann (deceased) for us to have enough water in our school. Before her passing a couple of years ago she had donated several water tanks for rain harvesting. May God bless her eternal soul.

Through the efforts of Renate Oberdick, Maike Diekmann, Jörg Kleinberg and others from Germany, **HUNTER** donated towards the construction and installation of this borehole. We are also very grateful to Nadine Trautwein for this donation.

This project was carried out by the well drilling company **Fountain Vent Ltd**. It took them 3 weeks to complete the work. The project was officially launched by Brique Zeiner, the LLK chairperson on April 16, 2022. This has solved all our water problems. We are very grateful to all who made this possible – especially to Nadine Trautwein.



Renate Angermann



The start of well drilling



A complete well fitted with solar power



Official commissioning of the well by Brique Zeiner and Nadine Trautwein



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Kenneth Branda, Nadine Trautwein and Brique Zeiner

f) Planting of trees and lavender plants

Two of our repeated visitors, Heike and Volker Lätzsch, are gardeners and have once again done their gardening magic at the Center. This time they planted many trees – one of which in honor of Renate Oberdiek’s 82nd birthday – and dozens of lavender plants, which they planted with the 6th graders. The future 6th graders will be the “caretakers of the lavender field”, making sure that the plants are watered and weeded. The harvested lavender will be used for teas and lavender sacks for a good night’s sleep.



The gardeners - Heike and Volker Lätzsch



Lavender ready for planting



Planting Renate's tree for her 82nd birthday



6th graders planting the lavender plants



Trees ready for planting

g) Grade 8 exam results and Graduation

During 2021 academic year, we had 49 children who sat for grade 8 final exams from our project. 30 were from our school (Live and Learn in Kenya Primary) while the difference was in our partner public primary schools. Forty pupils passed very well with at least 250 marks out of the possible 500. Nine pupils' averages were less.

All 30 pupils from our school passed with very high marks. The lowest grade was 317 marks out of the possible 500. The highest was 397 marks. Abdul Razak was the best student with 397 marks. 5 of our children were admitted to national high schools while 30 were admitted to extra county high schools. Only 5 were admitted in county schools.

We are thankful to all teachers, parents and pupils for their hard work and cooperation that enabled this good performance. We are also grateful to our sponsors who have donated school fees and other learning requirements that will enable all these children to join high school.

When results were announced by the minister of education, there were celebrations all over the streets. Parents joined pupils and staff to celebrate good results on the streets of Nakuru.

Two of our students graduated from university this year. Danny Knight graduated in February from Maseno University with a bachelor's degree in Education. Fatuma Akinyi graduated with bachelor's degree in Business Management. Five of our students are expected to graduate in 2023.



Our 8th graders in their exam room during exams



Children and parents celebrating excellent results in the streets of Nakuru



Abdul Razak the top student being carried high through the streets of Nakuru



Danny Knight on her graduation day

h) Visitors from Germany

In 2022, we had two groups of visitors from Germany and Netherlands. One group of 5 visitors came in April while another one of 20 visitors came in October.

On April 10th five visitors from Germany arrived. They were headed by Brique Zeiner, Live & Learn in Kenya International's chairperson. The others were Brigitte Ostrowski, Alexandra Merz, Birgit Gothert and Valeriya Arnold.

They arrived with suitcases filled with presents for both children and staff. On arrival in Nakuru, they organized a special party for the entire staff. On April 11th they were welcomed to our center by the children, staff, and parents.

While in Nakuru, they carried out several activities. They visited sponsored children and their families, they also visited micro-credit projects, and finally they commissioned 3 constructions that we had built. (Kindergarten block, Administration block and vocational block). They also commissioned our water project.

We also received a book donation from ***Second Life*** through Brique Zeiner. These books were worth 121,000 Kenya shillings. On behalf of our children, we were very grateful. These books will boost reading of our children especially literature.



The official opening of the kindergarten block by Birgit and Brique

Official opening of the school library



Brique buying books from Second Life funding



Brigitte visiting her sponsored child's family

On October 28th, we welcomed 20 guests from Germany and the Netherlands. The guests arrived with suitcases full of presents for our staff, children, and their families. They stayed with us until November 6th. On October 30th we celebrated our annual school festival together with parents and children and guests. We had a prayer meeting for grades 6 and 8 who were sitting for their final exams. Bishop Michael from Kings outreach Ministries was invited to lead in prayers.

During their 10-day visit the visitors undertook many activities such as visiting children and their families, teaching hygiene and dental care workshops, visiting families with micro-credits, helping in the kitchen and cooking food for the children, and especially singing, dancing, and playing with the children every day.



Arriving at the airport in Nairobi



Carla and Tivo charmed the children and staff with their music and skits



Dentist Martina giving a dental hygiene workshop



Brique introducing the visitors



A Bishop praying with the children



Loredana visiting her sponsored child's family

i) Farming

This year we leased 5 acres of land for farming. We lease this land for our feeding program.

We planted maize and beans. We ploughed the farms and bought seeds and fertilizer. Parents came to plant, weeding, harvesting, and drying.

The harvest was not as good as last year's because of unreliable rainfall.

We harvested 5 bags of beans and 33 bags of maize. This will be an immense help with our feeding program.



Parents planting maize & beans



Parents weeding maize & beans



Parents shelling beans



Maize harvesting

j) Christmas Presents

This year, like last year, children received LLK T-shirts and families received 20 € each for Christmas. The new Day Care children 2023 are already all sponsored and received dolls and cars for Christmas

These presents were given out on December 23rd after a huge Christmas meal donated by Brako and Nicole Kreinz especially for this day. After lunch we closed our project for Christmas holidays. Both children and their parents were very grateful to our sponsors and donors for these presents.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM SPONSORS AND DONORS



Day Care children with their presents of dolls and cars



Happy parents with Christmas money



Children in their Christmas presents (T-shirts)

Despite the many challenges we went through, we ended the year successfully. We are indebted to thank all the sponsors, donors, LLK staff, children and parents for their tireless efforts that have made everything possible.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year filled with love, good health, success, PEACE and always a reason to SMILE.



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Links to videos - Christmas/New Year’s greetings from LLK children and LLK parents:

<https://youtu.be/KujHBCZ1JZk> Children’s Christmas/New Year’s greeting

<https://youtu.be/MrMcupEPaos> Parents’ Christmas/New Year’s greeting