

JANUARY-APRIL 2022 PROJECT UPDATE

School began on 3rd January after the school holidays. This is the day we opened our school for the 3rd term of the academic year.

We had several activities lined up for our implementation. Below are some of the activities we did during the period of January through April.

a) Auditing

Auditing is a government requirement for all organizations in Kenya. Non-Governmental Organization must present 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 donation from the Podschlapp family in Germany for the construction of a computer workshop. We started this construction in January and by the end of April, it was completed. The Podschlapp family visited in February to see the progress of this construction. They were very happy with the progress. They planned to support the project with computers and furniture, which they did when Mr. Podschlapp celebrated his birthday.



Computer Workshop on the left and our Tailoring Workshop on the right



Mr. and Mrs. Podschlapp being greeted by our children



The Podshlapp family and friends visiting one of our classrooms

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 (Covid-19) one of our children

In February this year, we also invited Ministry of health officials to vaccinate our children against measles and cervical cancer to children under 12 years. On cancer, the ministry of health target children who are sexual inactive. Thus below 12 years of age.



Measles vaccination to children below 5 years

d) Micro-Credits

We have about 40 parents who are in active micro- businesses. Most of them received start-up funding from their children's sponsors while others received through fundraising from Alexandra Merz, Renate Oberdiek and Kathrin Beier, who are all dedicated sponsors from Germany. We really appreciate their efforts.

In February 2022 we visited all of the parents who received micro-credits. Most of them are keeping chickens. Others run food, charcoal, and used clothing kiosks among others.

Most businesses are doing well, and parents are able to earn for their basic needs through these businesses. They are very grateful for the support they have received from LLK and sponsors.



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



Mama Dorcas Chepngeno in her shop that grows and grows

e) Well Drilling

In early March, we received a donation of about 3,000,000 Kenya shillings from a company in Germany (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 Renate Angermann's (deceased) dream for us to have enough water in our school. Before passing on a couple of years back, she had donated several water tanks for rain harvesting. May God continue resting her in eternal peace.

Through the efforts of Renate Oberdiek, Maïke Diekmann, Jörg Kleinberg and many others from Germany, the company **HUNTER** in Germany donated the funds for the construction and installation of a well. We are also very grateful to Nadine Trautwein, the head of the **HUNTER** company for this donation. Through the tireless fundraising efforts of Renate Oberdiek and Maïke Diekmann, the costs of the solar power panels for the water pump were completely paid for.

This project was awarded to a well drilling company called **Fountain Vent Ltd**. It took them 3 weeks to complete the work. This project was officially launched by Brique Zeiner, the LLK chairperson on 16th April. This has solved all our water problems. We are very grateful to all who made this possible.



The start of well drilling



A complete well that is fitted with solar power panels



Official unveiling of the well by Brique Zeiner

f) Grade 8 exam results

In the 2021 academic year 49 LLK children who sat for their grade 8 final exams. 19 children were attending our partner schools and 30 children were from our school (**Live and Learn in Kenya Primary School**). Out of them 40 passed very well with at least 250 marks out of the possible 500. 9 were below average.

In our school all the 30 children passed very high marks. One child received 317 marks out of the possible 500. Abdul Razak was the best student with 397 marks. 5 of our children were admitted to national schools – which is the highest form of high school in Kenya, while 30 were admitted to extern county high schools. Only 5 were admitted in county high schools.

I thank all teachers, parents and children for the hard work and cooperation that enabled this fabulous performance. I also thank our sponsors who have donated school fees and other learning requirements that enabled all of 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.



Our grade 8 children in the exam classroom



Grade 8 immediately after exams



Children and parents celebrating exam results on the streets



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

g) Graduation

One of our students graduated from university this year. Danny Knight graduated in February from Maseno University with a Bachelor's degree in Education.

We are expecting 3 students to graduate before the end of this year.

In April we had also a graduation ceremony for children who were joining grade 1 from Pre-school.

30 children graduated on 16th April 2022. They joined grade 1 on 25th April, 2022.

Pre-school graduation was presided by Brique Zeiner the chairlady of Live and Learn in Kenya International.



Danny Knight on her graduation day



Pre-school children during their graduation day

h) Visitors from Germany

On 10th of April we greeted 5 visitors from Germany. They were headed by Brique Zeiner, the chairperson for Live and Learn in Kenya International. Others were Brigitte Ostrowski, Alexandra Merz, Birgit Gothert and Valeriya Arnold.

They came with an abundance of presents for both children and staff. On their arrival in Nakuru they organized a special party for all staff. On 11th April they were welcomed to our center by children, staff and parents.

While in Nakuru, they carried out several activities. They visited sponsored children and their families and micro-credit projects, they helped with cooking and serving the children's lunches, and finally they officially dedicated 3 constructions that we had built. (Kindergarten block, Administration block and vocational block). They also unveiled the newly built well.

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



Brigitte visiting a sponsored child

The Betty Monardo and Virginia Buena Friendship Library



“Are we not like two volumes of one book?”

Marceline Desbordes Valmore



Brique at the bookstore



Official opening of the kindergarten block



Visitors helping in preparation of food



Official opening of our modern library

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 and for weeding. We are expecting a good harvest if rain continue as it is now.



Parents planting maize and beans.



Parents weeding maize and beans

j) Form 4 exam results

In 2021 we had 4 students who sat for the final high school exams. Two boys and two girls. Caren Adhiambo, Dorcas Omotto , Ian Ambunya and Michael Ochieng sat for their exams in March this year. Out of these 4 students, two passed for university while the other two did not qualify.

Caren Adhiambo and Michael Ochieng qualified for university. I congratulate them for their good work.



Kenneth Branda

Brique Zeiner

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