



KUNE ZUVA NEWSLETTER

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The Foundation

Kune Zuva means 'the sun is shining'. This is the direct goal of this foundation: to let the sun shine by giving people in Africa opportunities in life. Kune Zuva has been doing this since 2000! In addition to supporting people on an individual basis, we also support small-scale projects..

We currently have projects in Tanzania, Namibia, South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

The Resources

The result of the 2022 Christmas newsletter was almost €10,000. In addition to private individuals, there are schools, other foundations and organisations that support us. Therefore in 2023, we were able to spend almost €40,000 on meaningful projects.

In total, we were able to support 80 pupils, 52 students and 1 kindergarten last year. A great result, thank you very much for this!

Review

In Malawi, we have reduced support for a nursery school and currently mainly support pupils with albinism and some students.

In Namibia, we are currently looking at how an underprivileged, indigenous population group can organise themselves to stand up for their rights. We are giving the younger generation (20-35 years old) the means to achieve this. It's a complicated and difficult process, but all too necessary to give these people a chance to make the best of their opportunities.

Despite the country's civil conflict, 14 more students have graduated in Ethiopia, from both university and vocational training. The latter includes the graduation of Montessori kindergarten teachers.

Extensive background information about our projects can be found at our website www.kunezuva.nl and with recent updates on Facebook and LinkedIn (Dutch).

Introducing...

Collaboration with the MOKK Foundation: Roosendaal

Primary education is reasonably well regulated in most countries, but this is not the case in secondary education. The MOKK Foundation is a small organisation that therefore focuses specifically on secondary education. MOKK stands for Secondary Education for Underprivileged Children. In search of new opportunities to support high school students in a responsible way, MOKK entered into a partnership with Kune Zuva at the beginning of 2020. Kune Zuva has more requests than our budget allows, given MOKK's objectives.

We are pleased that MOKK has indicated that it wants to support a number of our secondary school students throughout their secondary school years. These include some young people with albinism (Malawi), orphaned young people (Kenya) and girls who can no longer live at home to avoid circumcision and child marriage (Tanzania). Thanks to the contribution from the MOKK Foundation, we can enrol more underprivileged students in our programme. Of course, members of the MOKK board would like to get to know the students they sponsor through us. This took place last summer with visits to Malawi, Tanzania and Kenya. They have been warmly welcomed everywhere.

A project visit is like a warm welcome

Our working area is Africa. Many people think of poor people in huts and large game parks with elephants, rhinos, lions, zebras and so on. Africa is so much more and the continent is enormous. It's seven times the size of the EU with three times as many inhabitants. It consists of 54 states (while the EU has 27) and features a great diversity of cultures and landscapes. But everywhere the hospitality is heart-warming. While people in Europe often assume that you will leave before dinner, most Africans assume that you will eat along with them. It regularly happens that donors of the Kune Zuva Foundation visit one or more of our projects, usually as part of a trip and sometimes even as the main purpose of the trip. Visiting projects is a real treat. The contact people, within their limited capabilities, do everything they can to provide a warm welcome.

For example, donors who visited our contact person Agnes in southern Kenya were treated to songs, adance, a meal and personalised gifts. Agnes and the other villagers care for orphans who would otherwise not be able to go to school.

This also applies to sponsors of the Tanzanian Esther's Safe House. The girls who were saved from mutilation and/or marriage by this project provided singing, dancing, treats and a beautiful Maasai blanket as a farewell gift.

When a donor visits Bonface from Malawi, he proves to be a true host providing an extensive tour of a school

with students from the sponsorship programme. Bonface himself has albinism and is actively committed to a safe learning environment for students with the same condition. Because no one in Africa is sent out on an empty stomach, his parents provide lunch for the visitors.

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A Tanzanian Safe House

In recent years, a lot of time and energy has been invested in three-day workshops on self-awareness and sex and human rights with the aim of protecting girls in Tanzania from circumcision and child marriage. These acts are prohibited by law, but ignorance means that most young Maasai girls from rural areas still have to contend with the threat of circumcision. Their parents and family are happy to continue this age-old tradition with all the pain, health risks and oppression that this causes.

Distressing situations become obvious during every session at primary and secondary schools. Vulnerable girls need to be removed from their homes as quickly as possible to avoid being married off, circumcised or both. These girls are being looked after in a safe house. A boarding school is being sought for them so that they can complete their secondary education. The cost of such a three-day session is €600.

Unfortunately, we were unable to sponsor any sessions last year because the entire budget was needed for the basic needs of the girls already in care.

New sessions are necessary to protect as many girls as possible from genital mutilation and child marriage. We would be very happy to have sponsors for this specific project.

Christmas wish from Kune Zuva

As you can see, Kune Zuva keeps supporting marginalized people in Africa. Kune Zuva works hard to continue the support of the various projects. The focus is on all phases of education, from kindergarten to university, for the less fortunate people in society. Most of these projects will extend into future years. In this respect, your financial support is essential to us and will be gratefully received.

Also this year we are sending our newsletter with our Merry Christmas greetings. We sincerely hope you are willing to support our Foundation with a donation via IBAN NL89 INGB 000 5837915 – Swift/ BIC Code INGBNL2A of Foundation Kune Zuva, Tolsedijk 10, 4681 SV Nieuw Vossemeer, The Netherlands. By supporting our Foundation, you are not just wishing us a happy 2024, but you will let the sun shine for people in Africa, and provide them with the key to a successful future. Thank you in advance, and thank you also from our friends in Africa!

Loving Christmas and a Sunny and Healthy 2024!