



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, South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Our Resources

The result of the 2023 Christmas newsletter was an impressive €10,000. In addition to private individuals, there are schools, foundations and organisations that support us. In 2024, as a result, we spent over €40,000 on projects. A great result. Thank you very much for this!

Review

This year, 16 students from various African countries completed their studies with our help. These are both college and vocational courses.

Last year we did not accept any new students to ensure that we can continue to support the current 111 students until they have fully completed their education.

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

Secondary Education in Kenya

We currently support 25 secondary school students in Kenya. Our help is often the only way for them to finish high school and learn a trade, but also to avoid ending up in prostitution or crime. Depending on their result in the primary school final test, a committee advises which secondary (boarding) school the student can attend. Government schools are divided into 3 levels: local, district and national. The quality of education and the costs of local schools (often daytime education) are the lowest. The district and national public schools are boarding schools, with accommodation partly paid for by the Kenyan government. Good students from underprivileged families can only receive a better education if we help.

Over the years, we have been able to give more and more children a better future. Most of them are orphans or come from single-parent families. After completing secondary school, a vocational study or college education is required before they can start work. This means that we have many young people in our programme for 7 to 10 years.

A few examples: Anthony completed vocational training after high school and now has his own handyman business. Scholastica now works as a nurse. And Jane is a teacher while Jeniffer works as a medical analyst at the national hospital.

Knowledge gives Strength to Girls in Tanzania

Esther, our Masaai contact person and sponsored by Kune Zuva during her education, delivers three-day workshops on self-awareness, sex and human rights. The results of these workshops are that more and more girls know what their rights are. The aim is to protect girls in Tanzania from circumcision and child marriage. This year, workshops were given at 9 different schools.

On average, there is one distressing situation per school in which the girl in question must be removed from home immediately. Most other worrying situations can be resolved through extensive discussions with the parents. The latter is preferred. For us, out-of-home placement means an additional annual cost of €600 per girl until she has completed secondary school. Secondary school lasts 6 years and therefore puts a lot of pressure on our funds. At the moment, 18 girls are in long-term care and 6 are 'in emergency shelter' for which we do not yet have funds or space in the safehouse.

In the coming year the focus will be on one-on-one conversations with the parents of girls in need.

In addition, we will no longer rent shelters for the long term, but instead we plan to build suitable housing, with a training workspace for providing sewing lessons, for example. There is also the idea of developing activities that lead to the girls being more self-sufficient, such as having a vegetable garden.

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Fleeing from Drought in Ethiopia

Goats for Women Project, Dubuluk, Borana

Droughts and floods are commonplace worldwide. The people in Borana live as nomads with their livestock, but most of the livestock died during 3 years of extreme drought.

Approximately 8,500 families have been affected by this. Having fled from hunger and thirst, they are now staying in a refugee camp. Single mothers, widowed or abandoned, are especially vulnerable and their children malnourished. A good way to guide them towards renewed independence is the Goats for Women project. Ninety vulnerable women have each received two goats to provide their children (almost 400 in number!) with supplementary food, greatly increasing their chances of survival. They dare to think about the future again.



Christmas wish from Kune Zuva

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
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Thank you in advance, and thank you also from our friends in Africa!

Loving Christmas and a Sunny and Healthy 2025!