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Annual report Lwengo Kids Foundation 2020



We are entering the year 2020 with 190 sponsor children.

In January Pieter and I will travel to Uganda together. We visit little Joan with her sickle cell disease, who also stays at school during the holidays (under supervision).

We will also buy a large number of books with Anthony, in addition to the books supplied and subsidized by Knowledge for Children (see below). For this addition we received a substantial donation through one of our

sponsors.

If every child had their own book for each subject, then we would need a substantial budget according to Anthony's proposal. We come into contact with Knowledge for Children, a Dutch organization in Uganda that supports schools in the purchase of school books. After consultation it is decided that study books can be purchased, based on 1 book for 2 children. Now it is often 1 book for 10 children.... The purchase will be spread out over 3 years and Knowledge for Children will reimburse more than € 4,000 and Lwerudeso School has to pay more than € 1,700, which LKF will pay for.



We have received a large donation from AFAS Foundation where we can realize new dormitories for 100 boys and 100 girls this year. We have talks about this with Anthony, the contractor and a number of staff members. In February the (almost) first shovel in the ground by Pieter and construction can begin.

An extensive photo report of this construction can be found on the website: <https://www.lwengokids.nl/projecten/dormitory-en-toiletten>.



In January we organize the first of three Pubquizes. They are well attended evenings with a great atmosphere and where we save a nice amount.

In February we will be busy presenting in three churches in Capelle ad IJssel, Renkum and Putten. They are good services. We score a number of sponsor children and receive donations. These are also excellent activities for the name recognition of Lwengo Kids Foundation.

In March 2020, COVID-19 strikes and all activities are canceled, including the third pub quiz, the herring party, the youth mission day and a presentation at Christelijke College Groevenbeek. We also have to postpone our child sponsorship trip in April. We would make this trip with young people from the "Applied Photography and Image Communication" course at the Dutch Academy for Image Creation, Photo Trade School department, who would make a photo report and video of the children in Lwengo. Pity. Later in the year, as an alternative assignment for the study, the students make a beautiful brochure that we will use at the end of the year.

COVID-19 also strikes in Uganda and all schools are closed in mid-March. At the time of writing this annual report, 14-01-2021, the schools have only been open for exam candidates since 15-10-2020 and therefore also for Primary 7.

In April, we get an emergency call from Anthony that people are lacking everything. The complete lockdown in Uganda paralyzes everything and people have no money to get food due to lack of income. We send the sponsors an email with the emergency call and in no time we have collected more than € 7,000 and can buy foodstuffs for a large number of families in Lwengo, such as flour, beans, rice, etc.



A number of staff members have been come for the Health Center, including Dr. Lubega Samuel (in blue pants). The money that we have left over from the food campaign can also be used to purchase basic medicines for, among other things, the fight against malaria and the medication for AIDS-infected children, which can now be used through the Health Center, which is now being used more quickly.

In June a trip to Uganda seems far from possible, so we ask Anthony to visit the more than 30 new sponsor children and some problem cases with his staff and unfortunately without us at home. They get to work and we get a good report of the home visits. The reports have of course been forwarded to the relevant sponsor parents.

In September we organized the Shoe Box for Uganda campaign. The container that is ready to be shipped for the mortuary project, which is irrelevant in this report because it does not fall under the responsibility of the Lwengo Kids Foundation, we fill with about 350 shoe boxes that were delivered by children of the Reformed Church and students from the Puttense primary schools, the Wegwijzer, Pelikaan and Bij de Bron, are full. The boxes will be delivered in due course to a project known to us in Masaka and in the slums of Kampala.





In the meantime, the construction of the dormitories is as good as finished. The sturdy bunk beds have been supplied and beautiful new mattresses and new mosquito nets are also supplied. Normally every child brings their own

mattress and mosquito net, but because the parents often cannot afford this, the mattresses are of such poor quality that they break in no time and that is why we have decided to take care of them.

They are very proud of the new dormitories, which even have electricity!



In October it seems to be a bit calmer with regard to COVID-19 and we will give a short presentation (Pitch) at Christelijk College Groevenbeek, together with 2 other charities. We are bringing in the project, which will start in the 2021/2022 season.

At the beginning of November we ask all sponsors with a child in Primary 7 to increase their sponsor contribution to make Secondary School possible for this group of children. Of the 18 children, 16 children return to school after the closure due to COVID-19. 11 sponsors decide to sponsor their sponsor child completely; 3 sponsors continue to pay part and 2 sponsors stop the sponsorship completely. As a foundation we do not let these children down and we bear the costs (approximately € 800). We will of course continue to look for sponsors who want to make up for this shortage or who want to fully sponsor a child.

In November we started developing a teaching package for primary school in the Netherlands. Goal: make children aware of children of their own age in completely different living conditions and school situation. All this is of course directly based on the situation in Lwengo. We hope to find primary schools that offer us the opportunity to roll out the curriculum at their school with associated fundraising actions.

Because the food problem has not been solved, we appeal once again to our sponsors to surprise their sponsor children at Christmas with a chicken and a bag of rice for Christmas dinner. The campaign is well supported by a large number of sponsors and with the help of our good friend Joseph in Masaka (Uganda), a huge surprise campaign could take place in Lwengo during a Christmas and all sponsor children could get a chicken and 5 kg of rice from school. The joy was enormous!



See also the photos on the website <https://www.lwengokids.nl/projecten/kip-en-rijst-met-kerst>.





In December, we again organized the now traditional oliebolle campaign. The collection of the orders was organized COVID-19-proof at the home of the Streefkerk family. The net result of the sale of 2,400 oliebolle and 700 apple fritters was more than € 1,800. We also sold bird feeder stems and received a considerable number of gifts. All in all, more than € 3,000 net proceeds!

We close this special year with 210 children in sponsorship. In order to be able to continue to guarantee the small scale and therefore the personal involvement with the children, the board has decided that the number of sponsor children is in principle limited to 250.

Unfortunately, a large number of activities could not take place this year, including our sponsor evening. It's a shame we couldn't meet. Both the April and October trip had to be postponed. As a result, we were also unable to report much to the sponsors. We did, however, send a COVID-19 update around a number of times to keep the sponsors informed of the ups and downs of their sponsor children.

Fortunately, we had good contact with our people in Lwengo all year round via social media and if there were any questions back and forth, they could be answered quickly.

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