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Annual Report Lwengo Kids Foundation 2021

We are entering the year 2021 with 210 sponsored children.

The situation in Lwengo

In January 2021, in addition to COVID-19 measures, we will also have to deal with the elections in Uganda. The schools are still closed and it is restless in the country.

The children are at home and are gradually being homeschooled. The children who live further away are not home schooled at all. Most children have to help at home. There are few COVID-19 infections, but due to the consequences of all the measures, people are losing their jobs, and products are no longer allowed to be sold along the road during the strict lockdown. Poverty is getting worse and worse and from here we can only watch as we take some big steps back in Lwengo's development.

We are startled by a rape of one of our sponsor children. The girl is going to recover in our house in Masaka and is improving under supervision.

Despite all the concerns about COVID-19, Pieter still dares to travel to Uganda and arrange the necessary matters.

In April, the children are allowed to go back to school. During the lockdown period, children have moved to other places to look for work with their parents or to have a better life with family. Children have also been sent to look for work in the household in order to generate a little income in those ways, with all the consequences that entails. In this period we lose five sponsor children.

Unfortunately, the infections also go up and down in Uganda and the schools will close again in June 2021 and will not open again that year.



Provisional farewell, i.v.m. the closure of the school, of a large part of the teaching staff. We go for the year 2021 with 210 sponsored children.



With all vaccinations and negative PCR tests, Pieter and Marga will fly to Uganda in October. The new sponsor children are visited at home and the children with disabilities are also visited at home.

New plans are made together with Anthony. Pieter and Marga also visit a vocational school for older children with disabilities in Masaka. Here young people with a disability learn a trade, with which they can also work more or less independently after a year, of course under supervision. The plan is being worked out further and will certainly be followed up.



They also visit a severely handicapped girl who, thanks to the Lwengo Kids Foundation, has been placed with a couple that specifically cares for this type of handicapped children. Rihana gets the right treatments here such as physiotherapy and she can go to a school where she gets the right guidance. There are still plenty of opportunities for her here. Costs are fully paid by the sponsor in consultation



Together with the successful Primary 7 children, we celebrate that they have passed and can continue to Secondary School or another further education. We eat cake together and we hear two older sponsor children (Jesca and Axum) talk about how they have always been supported and encouraged to continue learning and to do their best. The other children sit breathlessly listening to them. Another incentive for these children to continue learning!

Slowly but surely things are moving in the right direction in Lwengo. And while we are in a strict lockdown here in December, people in Uganda are getting ready to re-open the school doors in January.

The children will miss a full school year with this Pandemic and will continue in the group where they left off.

After 3 weeks, Pieter and Marga return to the Netherlands tired but satisfied with many new ideas to start beautiful projects.



Administrative matters in the Netherlands

In May we have a brainstorming morning with the board. This was planned longer ago, but due to Covid we had to postpone it several times.

There we talk about the future of Lwengo Kids Foundation. After a morning of brainstorming, we have the following conclusion: The Foundation is getting bigger and there is a need for a better organizational structure with various board positions and committees. The board directs the committees. Job descriptions are made and on the basis of an organization chart we look for people for the committees.

We propose to set up an IBO (Informal Based Organisation) to keep a watchful eye on the projects in Lwengo. Joseph (director Masaka Backpackers) and Pieter will participate in this. A sister from Kitovu Hospital will also be asked to sit and a sponsor parent.

Lesson packs

Liesbeth and Marga are developing a teaching package for primary school. One school has already indicated that it is interested and is looking into how the package can be developed even better.

Board change

Hetty Kuipers (PR) has completed her 4 years on the board. Liesbeth van Musscher take over. Wim Bos also leaves the Foundation and his successor is Erik Koster. Both new board members are also sponsors.

Policy plan

The policy plan has also been revised this year and the revised edition has been placed on the website.

Activities

In November, the 350 decorated shoe boxes with presents will finally be delivered to Masaka and Sanne Streefkerk and her friend Lisa can hand out these boxes in the slums of Masaka.



Due to all the COVID measures, there have been few activities in the Netherlands. We do have good contact with Christian College Groevenbeek Putten/Ermelo. There we are the 2021/2022 charity. But here too we are dealing with COVID and there are plenty of limitations in the possibilities.

At Christmas we also organize a chicken-and-rice promotion for which we receive many gifts from sponsors as well as from interested parties. The campaign is again a success.

Also this year we sell 2400 oliebollen and more than 1000 apple fritters in a COVID safe way. A fantastic promotion that, in addition to an excellent yield, also generates brand awareness.

We are closing this special year with 218 children in sponsorship. We have had 14 new children and we have had to let 6 go.

Unfortunately, a large number of activities were canceled this year, including our sponsor evening and pub quizzes. Very sorry that we were not able to meet the sponsorparents. The April trip could not continue either. In April we asked Anthony to visit the new sponsor



children at home with his team until that moment so that we could stay informed and the sponsors could report how and where their sponsor child lives.

Fortunately, we had good contact with our people in Lwengo through social media throughout the year and if there were any questions, they could be answered quickly.

The many gifts we received at the end of the year made up for a lot! See our annual financial report.

for the report: Marga Streefkerk

