

WeCare- Association 07/2022



Overview Kenya



Here is an overview of our current projects in Kenya

NASARU

SUPPORT FOR GIRLS AT THE LEARNING CENTER

We currently support 20 girls at the Nasaru Learning Center and enable five more girls to attend secondary school.

FGM

EDUCATION & SUPPORT

With this project we support the communities of Iloshon and Mperrishi, because FGM is often the end of the girls' school education and turns them into child brides - education is important.

FARM KITENGELA

HELP FOR SELF-HELP

We have recently rented another field for the production of vegetables on site in Kitengela. However, the drought and heat there is getting to us. The enormous inflation does not really help either.

NASARU

Currently, we support 20 girls who live in the Nasaru Learning Center. They also receive regular sewing lessons from a seamstress paid by us. The 1st semester has ended July 1, 22 and the schools are closed until July 11, 22.

We have the results of the girls available:

Five of these girls are currently in grades 7 and 8 and were still assessed under the old Curriculum 8.4.4 system. There, there is a maximum score of 500 and anything over 250 is passing. Only one of the students is below that with her reading.

In the new competency based grading system all the girls have achieved the requirements and 5 of them have even exceeded the expectations by far.

The five secondary school girls have performed very differently. Purity Kidemi even achieved an average grade of A, meaning 81 - 100% of the requirements were met. Bravo!!!

TAILOR TRAINING

Dressmaker Lilian tells us daily about her activities. She not only teaches the girls at the Nasaru Learning Center but also their mamas.

This semester they have made shirts with short sleeves, bags, skirts, Masai Shukas and school uniforms.

In the pictures she sends, you can see the great concentration and eagerness of the girls. She also attaches great importance to order and cleanliness in the studio. Lilian is doing a great job! We still have to work on the quality of her photos (see photo on the right ;)).



FGM

Our local contact, FGM activist Agnes Gitonga, has visited Mperrishi twice and Iloshon twice. Each time, she has also brought food for the parents and teachers to provide additional motivation.

However, inflation in Kenya is giving us a hard time, which means that the budgets we have set aside either have to be reduced in content or - depending on the availability of donations - increased.

For example, the price of gasoline has risen from 100 KES to 200 KES, and a package of flour for preparing the main meal, ugali, has risen from 100 KES to 250 KES. So, unfortunately, there are really dramatic price increases, which will have a negative impact on the supply situation of the population.

MPERRISHI

Unfortunately, one of our FGM ambassadors, Rachel Mainte, became pregnant at the age of 16 and is therefore no longer able to attend school. Consequently, she has been removed from the program. At 16, she is now a child bride, and one of approximately 650 million girls (as of 2019) worldwide. She will soon give birth to her child in a boma (mud hut) and then spend a few weeks in the boma with the child. As a result, she will then likely get pregnant again every year. And the vicious cycle of lack of schooling, FGM and child brides continues.

The support position that became vacant was filled by Rose Tipooi. We are currently supporting 6 girls who were mutilated in late 2020 and 6 girls from lower grades whom we hope to protect from mutilation.



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As a result of the experience with Rachel Mainte, pregnancy tests have now been carried out on all the girls at Mpirishi School at the end of the semester at the end of June and the parents have been informed that they will each have to pay for the test.

Agnes reports that the girls are receiving many threats and are being silenced.

On the other hand, the chief's deputy has expressed his support and said that he wants to convince the men to stop marrying young girls.

An attempt to place the girls of Mpirishi in the Nasaru Learning Center was rejected by the parents.

For better understanding: Mpirishi is a very remote village, about 100 km away from Iloshon, and most of the people from Mpirishi have never left their "village".

Equipping our FGM ambassadors with proper shoes, tracksuits and new school uniforms has already been seen by the people there as an enormous progress and achievement. In this way, the girls we support there act as ambassadors for school: many girls do not go to school at all. For example, in the 6th grade, the number of girls has doubled from 3 to 6.

Development of the number of students in Mpirishi:

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
PPI	20	15	35
PP2	33	21	54
GRADE1	15	20	35
2	10	11	21
3	14	7	21
4	6	7	13
5	1	11	12
6	4	6	10
7	5	6	11
8	2	3	5
TOTAL	110	107	217



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It is very pleasing to note that there has been a massive improvement in the performance of the girls in the upper grades, compared to the 1st semester of 2021. Attached are the performances of the girls in grades 7 and 8.

Surname	Name	1st Term 21	1st Term 22	% Evolution
Layian	Florence	253	289	14%
Lakanet	Emily	204	282	38%
Yiamet	Victoria	195	247	27%
Rhodah	Santa	196	291	48%
Nanyokie	Emily	182	283	55%
Siimoi	Abigail	178	302	70%

It is amazing that even Victoria Yiamet has achieved a significant improvement in her performance despite her learning disability. The positive development of Abigail shows the potential of this girl, who has also developed into the leader and spokesperson of the group. The fact that her father now also supports her can be seen as great progress.

The new grading system is also in effect in the lower grades, so there is no comparison with last year.

It is small progress that we are making in Mperrishi, but one must also remember that Mperrishi is about 100 years behind our development due to its remoteness. So the meetings with parents are very important. But the message that FGM and subsequently child marriage is a bad thing is slowly but surely getting through.

There are at least two more visits by Agnes Gitonga to Mperrishi planned for this year. Furthermore, I will travel to Kenya again in October 2022 to inquire about the girls and the status of the projects on site.

ILOSHON

In Iloshon, too, it is important to involve the parents. Agnes has identified a girl there who is obviously to be forced into FGM by her parents. The girl speaks openly about it and our goal is to use her as an ambassador against FGM - under the condition that we can dissuade her parents from their intention.



Overview Cambodia



Here is an overview of our current projects in Cambodia

BICYCLES

SUPPORT FAMILIES

As already reported in detail in the travel report, we have started an emergency aid for 30 families living on the garbage dump in March 2022.

As further family support we are in the process of buying about 100 bicycles for needy children. The mobility gained by the children in this way makes it much easier for these children to attend school.

FEMMES DES RIZIERES

HELP FOR SELF-HELP

The marketing of FDR is going well so far. We were able to land our first major order for 2022.

Our new board member, Esther Enkelmann, also presented FDR to a larger target audience at the Open House in her studio. We are working on professionalizing FDR and experimenting with different product categories.

In mid-June, we were again at the Atelier Days in Erlenbach with FDR and were able to register a satisfactory demand there.

How to help?



Every centime counts and we guarantee that the help will reach where it is needed!

How can you help?

- An annual membership with the WeCare-Association (www.wecare-association.ch)
- A donation to our association WeCare-Association (www.wecare-association.ch).

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