

### Students make school furniture for Chepkorio vocational training centre – Kenya

Elgeyo-Marakwet County is one of the poorest counties of Kenya. For the rural youth in this county there are limited opportunities for education and employment. In 1979, dedicated members of this rural community, founded a trade school: the Chepkorio Vocational Training Centre. This training centre is meant for the disadvantaged rural youth of the county that cannot afford to proceed education in the 40 km further located university city of Eldoret. The training centre requested the Van Doorn Foundation in 2017 for financial support to purchase materials with which the students of the training centre could make themselves the necessary school furniture. To our delight the AFAS Foundation agreed in December 2017 to sponsor this project!! This allowed us to sign a grant agreement with the training centre and to make the grant available to the training centre before the end of 2017. The Chepkorio vocational training centre purchased early 2018 the necessary tools and materials. This made it possible in the period January-March 2018 for the students of the training centre to make, with the necessary instructions and guidance of their instructors, the school furniture for the training centre. All planned school desks were made in the first quarter of 2018 and are put in use!!

Read more >> [Chepkorio Kenya](#)



### Tools for street children in Nairobi – Kenya



Life in the streets of Dagoretti revolves for street children mainly on survival, without any aspiration in life. These children lack any purpose because of their alienation from mainstream society. The Levozy Self Help Group helps these street children to learn a trade, such as car

mechanic, electrician, tailor and knitting and embroidery. In addition, the young people are assisted in finding work and reintegrate into the community. The results are very promising and it is time to expand the capacity of this little vocational training center. Together with the Tools to Work Foundation from The Netherlands the Van Doorn Foundation wants to make additional equipment and tools available so that they can support a larger group of street children and provide them vocational training. The required € 8,800 has been made available by [KWA Bedrijfsadviseurs](#) from Amersfoort (The Netherlands), particuliere donaties en een by a number of private donations and a contribution from the Addo Kranendonk Fund!

Read more >> [Vocational training street children Kenya](#)

### Expansion of a school in Noukoula – Mali

Since 2015, the Van Doorn Foundation worked together with GAAS-Mali to improve the quality and accessibility of primary education in the Segou region.

Thanks to a donation from [ASN Foundation](#) and from the Aalbers-Kersten Holding (The Netherlands), the school can be expanded with 3 extra classrooms. This makes it possible to have children attend all nine-years of primary school education in Noukoula and prevent many children, in particular girls, from dropping out early. Completing basic training, increases the chances that these children will follow further training (vocational training) and accordingly their chances to

find of a job will increase. The project is aimed at poverty reduction by increasing self-reliance and creating equal opportunities for education for boys and girls. The more barriers we remove, the greater the chance that more and more parents can be encouraged to allow their daughters go to school!

The 2nd phase of the project started in the 4th quarter of 2017. Since then, the agreed activities (site preparation, constructing a foundation with concrete ring beam and production of cement blocks for the walls) have all been realized. The 2nd grant installment was made available at the beginning of 2018, so that GAAS-Mali can construct the walls of the classrooms before the start of the rainy season (normally in the months July-August-September).

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# Graduated!



*It is always nice to see that a scholarship has led to a diploma and a happy and enthusiastic student!*

*We wish all students a lot of success in their future career!*

In 2017, **Baraka Zecharia Jackson** applied for a scholarship for a study at the Nachingwea Teachers College in Nachingwea-Lindi Tanzania. He wanted to graduate from this institute. Due to circumstances, the parents of Baraka Zecharia Jackson could no longer pay for his training. Baraka had only one more year to go before he could graduate. With the diploma he would be a certified teacher.

Baraka was awarded a scholarship and he completed the training and he did an internship at the Naipanga Secondary School. In May 2018 he successfully passed his exams and received his diploma. Congrats!



When asked about his plans for the future, Baraka replied: *"I'm thinking of being a teacher, assisting the youths and youngsters to get education about various cross cutting affairs I specified in."*

*Apart from that, I'm intensively interested in helping the needy children and youths in both rural and urban areas (rural area will be given priority) to get at least basic life knowledge and basic needs by opening a centre where they can meet and can try to forget their difficulties as well as process the opportunities for them to formal education. I also plan to continue with my bachelor degree that I can be the best support to others, I plan in helping others to get independents."*

These are great plans and we wish Baraka every success!

## Applications for scholarships

In the period March-May 2018, the Foundation received 93 applications for the academic year 2018-2019. The applications were from students in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya. A

third of these requests had to be rejected because the applicants did not meet the application criteria. The others were invited to submit final application forms with more information on their intended studies.

In July the scholarships for 2018-2019 will be awarded.

**Ni Putu Laksmi Wulantari** from Bali Indonesia, applied for a scholarship in 2013. At that time Indonesia was one of our focus countries and scholarships for secondary school education were also provided.

A scholarship was awarded. After the Junior High School (3 years) she attended a 3 years training at the Wira Harapan Vocational School, a Senior High School. She followed a training in accountancy.

She graduated in May 2018 and passed with flying colors! Congratulations!



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**1. Of all trips you made, what was the most beautiful one and why?**

Almost 50 years ago, in 1969, I started my first assignment abroad, in West Africa. Since then I have made many trips for different development organisations to different countries and following my retirement in 2010, I continued traveling for the Van Doorn Foundation. To label one of those journeys as the most beautiful is a mission impossible. But I have to admit that I experienced my trip through West Africa in January 2014, as special and nostalgic because I came back in the countries where I once started with my development work.

**2. Which country appeals the most to you and why?**

Every country appeal to me for their uniqueness and diversity; I do not have a favorite country. The sub-Sahara countries do make a big impression on me because mother nature makes life incredibly difficult and the population has to be inventive to survive under given circumstances. They must be able to withstand the hardship and always have faith and drive that they will survive. Life for people in the sub-Saharan countries is relatively hardest, at the same time they complain the least and are satisfied with the little things of the day. These countries compel a lot of admiration and their population an incredible amount of respect.



**3. Of which project are you most satisfied?**

It isn't so much my satisfaction, it is much more my respect for the local organisati-

ons that have been able to achieve their objectives. At this moment, I am thinking of a project in the Segou region of Mali where through a horticultural project a local organisation succeeded to persuade parents to send their daughters to school. And a project in Mwanza in Tanzania, where a local organisation developed a roving vocational training program to teach people with disabilities in their own neighbourhood trades and provided them tools to generate their own income. These are just two of the many more beautiful projects!

**4. Where haven't you been yet but is still on your bucket list?**

For the Van Doorn Foundation I haven't yet visited Zambia (one of our focus countries) because we have not yet received an application from Zambia. Possibly we may support first a project in Zambia through one of our partners (Gered Gereedschap, Tools To Work, Tools4Work) before traveling there. In our approach – ideas and initiatives need to come from a local organization; we don't propose solutions – which makes that we just have to be patient among others because we are not yet well known in Zambia. But that can change anytime!

**5. What do you like best about the Foundation or what are you most proud of?**

What I like most is that the Foundation does things differently. Most of the projects I was involved in while working for big development organisations were large-scale projects with large budgets. Consequently, those projects were mainly implemented by large local or international companies. The Foundation explicitly uses a small - scale approach with local organisations that are directly involved or related to the target group and have a better insight into how objectives can be achieved. Not spending the money but achieving the objectives is most important to us. Equally important for us is the durability of the effort and creating independence for those local organisations from sponsors. I am proud that 'giving underprivileged youth a chance' is not just a slogan for the Foundation, but that we mean it. The search for ways to reach those disadvantaged is not always easy, but that does not matter. Our target group has been struggling for a long time, so we may well do a little as well. As long as we can achieve the best possible result!

**6. What would you like to achieve with the Van Doorn Foundation?**

Small scale approach, goal-driven involvement and cooperation with local organisations that are directly involved with the target group - that should remain paramount and is what makes the Foundation special.

I would like to show everybody that in addition to the beautiful safari parks in Africa there is also a lot of 'survival' for people in the slums and in the countryside. Not to arouse pity but much more understanding. Showing the success of the small scale (small projects) approach and cooperating with other foundations that are in the same way involved in development work. Sharing best practices and encouraging others to follow a similar approach is important for me!

**7. Would you like to tell our newsletter readers something else?**

In my work for slums dwellers and poor and secluded rural communities I have always been driven by infinite respect for people that can survive under such miserable conditions, continue hoping, continue striving for a better life. Too often 'solutions' were presented to them (including the clearance of slums ....) and rarely listened to the ideas the slum dwellers had themselves about how to improve their living conditions. Unfortunately, the biggest donors are not always the best listeners, while listening and supporting local initiatives has always led to more sustainable solutions.

The Foundation wants to support these unique local initiatives. Small investments with a big impact: a vocational training for a street child; providing a school the tools so that more young people can learn a trade; helping young people to start their own business with microcredits; supporting an organisation that shelter girls who have fled for female genital mutilation in a safe house; helping to create internships for young people who are likely to end up in crime and prostitution ... and so on! It is the small projects with big and sustainable impact, that makes the work of the Foundation useful. And it is incredibly satisfying to see the real 'champions' succeed: that is not us as a Foundation, but the street children who want to learn and apply for a scholarship and local organisations that give underprivileged young people the chance and opportunity to learn a trade....!



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## The Kranendonk family in Kenya...!

After a lot of preparations we boarded on Christmas 2017 the plane to Nairobi to visit projects of the Van Doorn Foundation together with our good friend Paul. We have known the Van Doorn Foundation through Addo, our brother / brother-in-law / uncle, who unfortunately is no longer with us but always told full of enthusiasm about his work for the Van Doorn Foundation.

In Nairobi, we visited first the [Levozy Self help Group at Dagoretti Corner](#). Levozy biedt jongeren die op straat Levozy offers young people, living on the street and or having dropped out of school, a perspective by teaching them a trade. There are lessons in making shoes, cars mechanics, making clothes and furniture ... all of these in their compact workshop. We were received very warmly right upon arrival and it was very special to see how much passion,



love and energy the teachers put into training their trainees. Some of the teachers have been trainees at Levozy themselves, now having a job, passing on their knowledge and experience to the new trainees. We were served a delicious meal and as icing on the cake, each of us got a beautiful homemade cloth.

### The second project was the [Reality tested Youth Programme in Mathare](#).

This program is designed to provide training for young people from the slums. This involves training in tailoring, hairdressing and computer training. But the program also organises dance and football matches, among others, to ensure that the children from the slums can be children and do not lose themselves in other matters.

We were also received with love in Mathare. We were guided in groups through the different classrooms and the teachers told us a lot about the training. Even though it was a holiday, we got a good picture of the beautiful work that this organisation is doing.

We will never forget this special trip and we will definitely come back to see how our Kenyan friends are doing!

*The Kranendonk Family*

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Our target group are young people between the ages of twelve to twenty-five years, whose parents cannot or with great difficulty pay the school fees, and institutions (such as vocational training centres, technical schools and universities, training centres for disabled children) who need financial support to make education accessible and affordable for disadvantaged young people.

