

### Delivery of tools for ACSET vocational training centre, Uganda



*In June the sewing machines and tools, necessary for the ACSET vocational training centre, were delivered in Oyam, Uganda. This training material has been made available by the Gered Ge-reedschap Foundation from The Netherlands and was received with great enthusiasm as now training can start immediately after the summer holidays!*

ACSET (Action for Child Social and Economic Transformation) started this spring with setting up a craft school in Oyam to provide vocational training to vulnerable young people from four districts (Amolatar, Lira, Kole and Oyam). The training centre will offer both formal and informal vocational training.

The formal education is a program with a curriculum approved by the government. This lasts 2 years and consists of both theory and practical lessons.

The informal training is intended for young people who cannot afford the costs of formal vocational training, such as orphans, extreme poor, children infected with HIV / AIDS, child mothers and families of minors. This training lasts 6 months. The theoretical knowledge is minimal, the emphasis is on learning a skill. The training can be concluded with an exam and a craft school certificate, but even without a diploma they start working with the acquired skills.

The Foundation [Gered Ge-reedschap](#) from The Netherlands in the meantime pledged to make the necessary machines and tools available. The Van Doorn Foundation will make available € 4,800 for the transport of equipment, the salaries of instructors and procurement of training material (consumables) in the first year.

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### Topping out in Noukoula, Mali

*'Topping out' is a term from the construction industry. When the highest point of a building is reached and the roof tiles can be laid, beer is served. Maybe no beer in Noukoula but certainly a lot of happiness: the roof has been placed on the new classrooms.*

The Van Doorn Foundation has been working with GAAS-Mali since 2014 to improve access to education for girls from the Ségou region in Mali. The project focuses on poverty alleviation and the creation of equal opportunities for education for boys and girls. The more barriers we remove, the greater the chance that more parents can be encouraged to let their daughters go to school! Since 2017 we have been working together on the construction of extra classrooms: the population provides for the construction labour, the foundation pays for the building materials. The classrooms are now for 60% completed and will be finished by the end of 2019.



The funds for this have been made available by ASN Foundation and Aalbers-Kersten Holding.

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### Work visit to Daya Mina, Sri Lanka

*The work visit of Paul, our treasurer, to the Daya Mina Special Centre in Colombo (Sri Lanka) was instructive and moving and commended a lot of respect. In this centre, young people with mental disabilities learn skills that enable them to participate in society, in economic activities, sports and recreation.*

During the visit about 40 young people were present. They are all so different and special but what they all have in common is their incredible enthusiasm to learn a skill! We take a deep



bow for all the coaches and therapists in the centre, some of them volunteers. Sister Anastasia, who leads the centre, explained extensively about the challenges they face. Hats off to the centre's staff, their perseverance and the love they put in their work.

Over a period of four years, the Van Doorn Foundation will support the Daya Mina Special Centre. Funds are needed for that!

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# Applications for scholarships

In May 2019, the Van Doorn Foundation received 233 applications for scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. The majority of the applications came from Kenya and Uganda was also well represented. There was one application from Tanzania and one from Ghana.

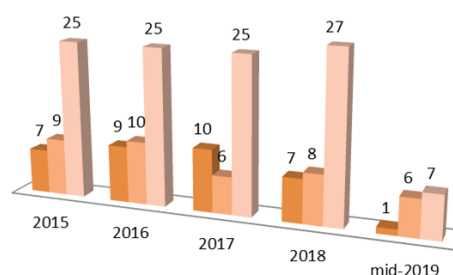
About half of the initial applications were rejected because

they did not meet the application criteria. The other half has been invited to submit a final application.

In July the Foundation will select 14 from all final applications to be awarded a scholarship. In addition to the 28 already ongoing study-funding, this brings the total this year to 42 students, receiving a scholarship.

## Awarded Scholarships

■ secondary education  
■ basic and advanced vocational education  
■ higher professional / university education



## Graduated or still busy with their education!



In 2014, **Sylvia Amondi Odhiambo** started a 4-year higher professional education - public health course at Kabianga University in Kericho Kenya. Due to circumstances her family could no longer pay the costs for her studies and she asked the Van Doorn Foundation for help. She was awarded a scholarship and therefore able to complete her studies.

She completed her study in December 2018 and wrote us:

I would like to thank you for the support you gave me my entire learning period at the university. Were it not for you I would not have completed my studies. You are part of my success as you saw me through it all and may God above bless you so much, I am glad to share with you the joy that I finally graduated in Dec 7th 2018.

Early January Sylvia wrote us:

Hello, I would like to inform you that since you supported my studies, I am currently doing community service by educating the community on matters of hygiene and sanitation.

I am able to make an impact in my community just by talking to them on matters of such importance as the benefits of having a household latrine to prevent diarrheal diseases, the importance having handwashing facilities and washing hands with soap. For households that did not have improved handwashing facility, I was able to propose them modified handwashing facility known as a leaky tin. Thank you for supporting me to pursue my career which I have now put into practice through volunteer ship.

In February 2017, **Godfrey Frederick Tenywa** started a 2-year car mechanic course at the St. Joseph Vocational Training Centre in Kamuli, Uganda. In February 2018 he was supposed to start his 2nd year but lacked the financial resources. On the advice of Egoli Africa, a non-profit organization in Heteren, he submitted an application to us. His application was approved and so Godfrey could continue with his second year in February 2018.

His study progress report shows that he successfully passed the year; his results are great!

Another milestone for him is that he obtained his driving license. This was part of the training program. Because, what is a car mechanic who can repair cars but is not allowed to drive himself?

completed all theory lessons by the end of December 2018 and since started an internship at a garage on Kaliro road in Namung'alwe. After this internship the training is completed and he can graduate.





# Work in progress....!

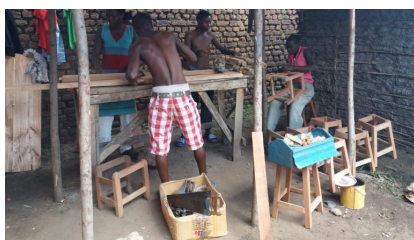
## Van Merode College for vocational training – Uganda

In 2018, the Van Doorn Foundation entered into a partnership with the Van Merode College, which since 2015 has been providing vocational training in car mechanics, carpentry, hairdressing and tailoring. However, the available training tools were too limited to provide quality vocational education. At the end of 2018, the Foundation made funds available to purchase much-needed training material and tools for the various courses. This will make it possible to train more than 150 unemployed and poor rural youth in the coming 2 years.

In 2019, the Foundation assisted the Van Merode College in developing a business plan and training modules. The funds (€ 4,200) for this project were available at the end of 2018 and spent up to and including the beginning of 2019.

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[Van Merode College, Uganda](#)



## Expansion of carpenter's training for orphans – Uganda

The Van Doorn Foundation agreed recently to support this project. The project is being carried out by ABEXINAH Orphans and Vulnerable Community Centre, which was founded in 2009 by five young men from the Kasese District who have had themselves external support for their education. The Dutch foundation [Tools To Work](#) will make available the machines and tools necessary for this project. For an overhaul of these (second-hand) machines and tools and their shipment to Uganda € 4,800 is needed.

The aim of the project is to provide underprivileged young people with carpentry skills, so that they can earn a living after the training with the production and sale of furniture. Furthermore, the trained young people will be provided the opportunity to continue working in the workplace and to do paid work until they are able to set up their own workplace.



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## Ayaga Dani vocational training for teenage mothers – Kenya

For the setup of a vocational training centre for teenage mothers in Homa Bay, Kenya, an amount of € 3,800 is needed for the overhaul of (second-hand) machines and tools and their shipment to Kenya. This material is meant for the tailoring and embroidery courses and will be delivered by the Dutch foundation [Tools To Work](#).

Ayaga Dani Widows Group (ADWG) is a community based organisation striving to provide suitable vocational training for unemployed girls and young women: training as a tailor, hairdresser and manicure / pedicure for small and medium-sized service companies and training in use of computers, internet and social media for service companies such as information and communication services.

ADWG's vocational training courses are aimed at training in skills for which there is an actual market demand; market needs are examined every five years to ensure that the centre does not train people in skills for which there is no longer severe demand – this is so to ensure speedy absorption of trainees.

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[AyagavDani](#)



## Aminkeng centre for empowerment of teenage mothers – Cameroon

This project is being executed by CODEC (Community Initiative for Development Communication), founded in 2012 by benevolent community volunteers who themselves have been victims of discrimination, illiteracy, and poverty.

In 2015 CODEC set up the Aminkeng Centre in Limbe and wants to establish a second vocational training centre in Menji in 2019 to provide young women with knowledge and skills that will enable them to provide for their own livelihood. The single teenage mothers will develop skills in sewing and the production of indoor and outdoor decoration.

The centre will provide training to at least 150 young women per year as well as technical support and micro-credit to enable them to establish little businesses and to create a marketing plan to sell their products.

The Dutch foundation [Gered Gereedschap](#) will deliver the sewing machines needed. The Van Doorn Foundation will contribute € 3,300 for training materials and the salary of 2 trainers for the new centre.



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[Aminkeng](#)





## Interim policy evaluation at the Africa Museum

The Dutch economy is doing well, but that does not mean that more money is being made available for charity works in developing countries. Several companies and charity funds that provided faithfully every year money, for educational projects in Africa, have decided to now only make it available to charities in the Netherlands. Possibly because these projects are more visible to them and more recognizable to their clientele.

In April 2019 an extraordinary board meeting was therefore convened in the Africa Museum to evaluate the policies of the Foundation. A useful meeting during which these developments were discussed and we mapped out the different options available to us to achieve our (fundraising) goals. We also looked at what is realistic and feasible for a foundation like ours, which consists only of volunteers.

**Adjusted targets** - It has been decided to at least lower the targets for the coming two years. In concrete terms, this means that in the coming years we will stick to 30 to 40 scholarships per year (which translates to a budget of € 12,000 per year) and 6 small projects per year (which translates to € 24,000 per year). This should be achievable with the Foundation's own resources and limited fundraising.

**Fundraising** - We also looked at our approach. In the first half of 2019, the Foundation submitted a request for fun-



ding for three of its projects to organisations with which we have not previously worked. We want to actively look for other / new sources of financing!

But we also appeal to the readers of our newsletter to make the realization of projects possible with small contributions. Whether you donate € 10, € 20 or more, all contributions are welcome, for example for our beautiful [Daya Mina project in Colombo, Sri Lanka!](#)

We currently support two craft schools where tools are needed for the growing number of young people who want to follow vocational training and we support two workshops for tailor training, where sewing machines are needed to give young women, mostly teenage mothers, a vocational training. For every € 200 we can make a fully filled toolbox available and for every € 150 a sewing machine via [Tools To Work!](#)

Every little bit helps – notably small amounts can have a big impact on the disadvantaged you!

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## Learning Opportunity for Everybody

The mission of the Van Doorn Foundation is to contribute to the fight against poverty by funding education for vulnerable and financially less fortunate youths in third-world countries, so to increase their chances to find jobs to provide for themselves and to support their families in the future.

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.



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