

### Expansion of Noukoula primary school – Mali

Since 2015, the Van Doorn Foundation collaborates with GAAS-Mali to improve the quality and accessibility of primary education in the Ségou region. Together with the population a number of classrooms and toilet blocks were refurbished in the period 2015-2016. In addition, within the compound of the school a water well was drilled, a horticultural greenhouse constructed and vegetables' garden made. Here the parents of the school children can grow vegetables, sell them on the local market and generate income as an incentive for parents to send their daughters to school! In the second half of 2017, the final phase of the project started: the construction of three additional classrooms over a period of two years. This has been made possible thanks to financial contributions

and commitments from the [ASN Foundation](#), restaurant [In De Kazerne](#) in Nijmegen and restaurant [Thuis Bij Fien](#) in Wychen from The Netherlands.

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The local population has already bought cement with the first funds they received and started making cement blocks. The population is wildly enthusiastic and very grateful to the Foundation and the sponsors who make this possible!

Read more >> [GAAS-Mali](#)



*The ambition of GAAS-Mali to give boys and girls equal chance for education, is praiseworthy and deserves to be supported!*

### Recreation and Vocational Training in Mara's Safe House –Tanzania

In the fight against female genital mutilation in the Mara region, a first Safe House was set up in 2014 with the support of the Tanzania Development Trust. In 2015, the Van Doorn Foundation provided assistance to allow for recreation and vocational training (skills in tailoring and handicraft) for the girl in the Safe House. In 2016 with additional support from the Foundation a workshop was constructed where the girls can make products for sale and generate income for themselves. In July 2017, a second Safe House was set up, which was necessary to accommodate the growing number of girls seeking refuge. Also in the second Safe House the Foundation wants to make it possible to provide those girls recreation and vocational training. This has been made possible by a fantastic donation of € 2,500 from the [Soroptimist Club – West Betuwe](#) from The Netherlands who organised a bicycle tour earlier this year.

Read more >> [Safe House & VTC in Mara-region, Tanzania](#)

### Good results in 2017!

*In the second half of 2017 we completed 4 projects, making vocational education more accessible for large groups of young people in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya!*

The [Ebeneza vocational training centre in Shinyanga](#) (Tanzania) has been supported to become a sustainable and financially independent centre and to gain recognition from the government. In 2016, with financial support from Transpetrol Foundation and in collaboration with SIDO learning tools (machines and tools) have been procured.

The [NDD sewing workshop in Tabora](#), also in Tanzania, was able to purchase sewing machines and equipment for the training of underprivileged girls and young women. Funds for this were raised through several sponsor activities. Two groups of 30 pupils have already acquired the tailoring's skills.

Thanks to funds made available by medium and small business in Woudenberg area (The Netherlands) and from the Addo Kranendonk Fund and in collaboration with the ToolsToWork Foundation (The Netherlands), the [Pacer Community Polytechnic school in Pakwach](#) (Uganda) could be provided with learning materials (machines and tools). The school was also supported with a school management training for the management and refreshment courses for the teachers.

Finally, the [Reality Tested Youth Program](#) in Kenya has, with the financial support of the Addo Kranendonk Fund, been able to purchase the learning tools (machines and tools) needed for vocational training for young people from the Mathare slum in Nairobi.

Read more about achieved project results?

[Look at our website!](#)

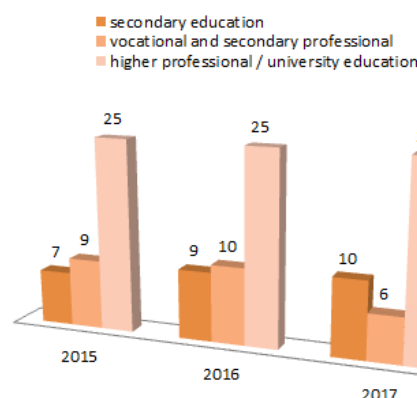
# Scholarships

The Van Doorn Foundation received, in the second half of 2017 twenty initial applications for scholarships that met our criteria.

Subsequently only 11 students submitted a final application. All applications concerned studies starting in January / February 2018.

The board ultimately approved 6 final applications. Five applications from students in Kenya and one from Tanzania. Two boys will follow a teacher training and one a public health study. Two girls and a boy whose parents can no longer afford the school fees, are going to finish their high school.

## awarded scholarships



## Busy studying!

*We received once again many nice messages and expressions of thanks from students who obtained a scholarship from the Van Doorn Foundation. We are happy to share them with you !*



In **Tanzania**, Juma Kisabo Kanundo started in 2016 a 2-year assistant nurse training at the Sumve School of Nursing in Mwanza. He successfully completed his first year.

Juma: "Very greetings to all member of the Van Doorn Foundation, how are you all, are you all fine? I am fine and continuing with my study at Sumve School of Nursing. I wish you good days and God bless you."

Equilar: "I got involved in community work while at college, through membership to Transformers Organisation. This is a college club that does a number of volunteerism works. For instance visiting primary schools and taking the pupils through life skills training. We had an opportunity to visit orphanages within the neighborhood and kept them company with cleaning their environment, washing their clothes, and even cooked their local favourite African cuisine."

In **Uganda** four students attend vocational training at the Pacer Community Polytechnic school:

"The needy students who were sponsored by Van Doorn Foundation are still continuing with study up to date. Academically their performance is average in class, in practical work and their discipline is okay."

Harriet Ovrurutho wants to become a bricklayer, Osborn Rowothomio and Apoirworth Mugisha are trained to become car / motorcycle mechanics and Tinitri Ajarova is trained in tailoring.



Apoirworth: "After I had been sponsored by you I have humble time to study that improved on my performance, with the help of the tools and equipment brought it has improved on my skills in practical."



Leah Nancy Odongo from **Kenya**:

"You have really helped me so much and I still require your continuous support through the end. I participated in various activities for example music club, football and TICAH club. I joined football club. We had a great journey. We participated in various schools and outside too. We were able to compete with other schools and managed to win in our zones Copa Coca Cola tournament. Doing football too I also joined TICAH club where we were able to do guidance and counseling which helped me to guide and counsel other students."

I cannot thank you enough for making this change in my life to pursue my dreams."

and that's what we do it for....! 😊



Equilar Agutu from **Kenya** started in 2017 with a 4-year higher professional education for teachers. Her goal is to teach girls in her environment to be mature and self-conscious. During school holidays she works as a volunteer on various projects.



Harriet: "When I joined this school I was struggling with my studies because of school fees problems which made me some times leave school and go home to search for school fees because I was paying my self and nobody could help me as I am an orphan."



## Projects in 2018

### Students make their own school furniture for Chepkorio Vocational Training Centre – Kenya

Elgeyo-Marakwet County is one of the poorest places in Kenya. For rural youth there is little opportunity for education and work. A number of dedicated members of this rural community set up a craft school in 1979 to give these young people the opportunity to learn a trade. Because of very limited financial means, it took many years to build a few classrooms, dormitories for students and accommodation for teachers. Only in 2015 had sufficient facilities been realised for the school to be recognised by the government. And one continues steadily! Every time the school succeeds in raising funds, the basic facilities (such as classrooms, dormitories, sanitary facilities) are improved and / or better teaching materials (textbooks, school furniture, machines and tools) are purchased.

The school has asked the Van Doorn Foundation for financial support for the purchase of tools and materials with

which the students of the school can make their own school furniture.

While publishing this newsletter we received the fantastic news from [AFAS Foundation](#) that they made the necessary € 3,500 available!

Read more >> [Chepkorio Kenya](#)



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**You can also support the Van Doorn Foundation by buying one or more sets of postcards with water color paintings of Nancy Suttmuller. [Check our website!](#)**

### More tools for street children in Nairobi – Kenya

The Van Doorn Foundation supported the Levozy Self Help Group in Nairobi in 2016 with the construction of a small training centre for street children. The Dutch foundation [Tools to Work](#) provided them the learning tools (machines and tools).

Life in the streets of Dagoretti is mainly a matter of survival for these street children, without any ambition in life. The Levozy Self Help Group has helped them since 2010 to learn a trade (such as car mechanic, electrician, tailor, knitting and embroidery), to find work and to reintegrate into the community. The results are very promising and it is time to expand the capacity of this small vocational training centre.

In collaboration with the Foundation Tools to Work, the Van Doorn Foundation wants to make extra machines and tools available to allow a larger group of street children to learn a trade. Of the € 9,000 required for this, [KWA Bedrijfsadviseurs](#) in Amersfoort, The Netherlands, has already made € 3,500 available! We are still looking for the remaining € 5.500, - !



Read more >>

[Vocational training for street children, Kenya](#)

### Vocational training for disabled youth in Homa Bay – Kenya

One of the challenges (young) people with disabilities are facing is the limited possibility of using their potential through vocational training. A group of disabled young people from Homa Bay (at Lake Victoria in Kenya) has therefore set up an organisation (HBDSSG) with the aim to teach its members a trade and increase their self-reliance. Together with ABILIS, a Finnish organization that supports projects for people with disabilities in developing countries, an inventory has been made of crafts that can relatively easily be learnt by people with a disability and for which work can be found in Homa Bay. HBDSSG will together with the handicapped student assess which skills are most suitable for him or her to learn.

By training these young people skills such as making clothes and shoes, knitting, and handicraft, skills they can learn despite their disability, they will have the opportunity to generate income for themselves. HBSSG needs € 4,150 for the purchase of training tools and equipment and to give a start-up capital (microcredit) to those who want to set up their own business. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors for the required € 4.150, -.

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## Successful competition for RTYP in Kenya

This summer the Van Doorn Foundation had launched a competition. The assignment was to design a T-shirt that expresses our slogan: Learning opportunity for everybody! We received 4 submissions. The jury (the board members of the Foundation) designated the beautiful submission of [Leonie Haas illustration & design](#) as the winning design. Subsequently, T-shirts were printed and sold, which resulted in the nice amount of € 442,- for the [Reality Tested Youth Program](#) in Kenya!



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## Kitty and Kaat run a sponsor walk for Tabora !

We, Kaat and Kitty, participated in the 7-Hills Night Walk in Nijmegen on November 18th. And it was anything but a walk ... we ran the 7-Hills Night Walk ..... which means 7 km running through dark, rain and cold!!

Those 7 km were not for the excitement and fun; we wanted to raise funds for the expansion of [a sewing workshop in Tabora](#), Tanzania. As most young girls in Tabora have no access to education or an opportunity for development, they remain dependent on others for life. Thanks to NDD's sewing workshop project, groups of girls can now learn the skills of tailoring and earn money for themselves. In addition, the project helps them to start their own business. A great initiative that we wanted to support by our sponsor walk!



Thanks to all dear family, friends and colleagues we were able to raise € 461! Thank you very much for this!

## 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.

