

### Festive Closure of Chepkorio Vocational Training Centre project, Kenya

In the Chepkorio Vocational Training Centre, underprivileged young people from the rural community in the region are trained to become mason, carpenter, electrician, welder, metal worker, car mechanic, tailor and / or hairdresser.

Thanks to financial support from [AFAS Foundation](#), tools and materials could be purchased in January '18 to improve the quality and capacity of education. The pupils themselves made the school benches under supervision / instructions (training) of the teachers to be ready before the start of the new school year.



In the first week of July the vocational training centre was visited by Paul Suttmüller, our treasurer, and the official delivery of the project took place.

The project was evaluated in the presence of the head of the Education Department and head of the Public Works Department of the municipality of Elgeyo-Marakwet, as well as the entire school board. The representatives of the municipality, school board, teachers and all pupils were visibly very happy, not only with the assignment (making school furniture themselves) but also with the result!

The official closure of the project took place in a school board meeting, after which the transfer of the school furniture took place with the cutting of a ribbon and .... the planting of an AFAS Foundation - Van Doorn Foundation tree on the school grounds!

The day was festively concluded with music, dance and multiple speeches.

Read more >> [Chepkorio](#)



Read more about achieved project results?  
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### Hope for girls and young women fleeing for FGM in Tanzania

The circumcision of Maasai and Abakuria girls takes traditionally place in December each year. The Safe Houses in the Serengeti region in Tanzania then have their hands full with the care of over 300 young girls who flee FGM. Half of them can eventually return home soon after mediation with their parents; for others it sometimes takes months. Over the past four years, the Van Doorn Foundation supported two Safe Houses in this region, which was possible thanks to financial support from the [Addo Kranendonk Fund](#) and the [Soroptimist Club – West Betuwe](#).

Both safe houses have now a recreation hall where the young women and girls receive much needed distraction (play, dance and singing) and learn skills (handicraft and tailoring), so that they are able to generate their own income in the future. In 2018 we received a second donation from the Soroptimist Club with which additional training resources could be purchased.



With this much needed and effective support, there is again hope for the girls in the Serengeti region!

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

### Paul's visit to projects in East Africa in the summer of 2018

From June 26 to July 16, 2018, Paul Suttmüller, our treasurer, paid a visit to ongoing and potential projects in Uganda and Kenya. It was a real tour through East Africa, because he visited 3 locations in Western Uganda (near the border with Congo), 3 locations in Northern Uganda (at the border with South Sudan) and 4 locations in Western Kenya (near the Victoria Lake).

The visit concluded that a financial and institutional analysis of organisations that will be supported is essential to assure that the right support is provided. Personal contacts with the organisations are important to get the right / good feeling, not only to provide funds, but to contribute to a successful execution.



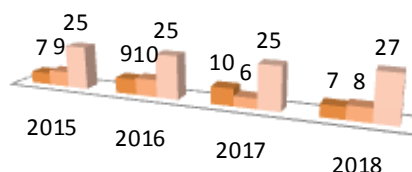
# Scholarships

In the second half of 2018, the Van Doorn Foundation received remarkably many initial applications for scholarships, especially from Uganda. Many applications, however, could not be processed because they did not meet the criteria (e.g. training too expensive, applications made too early or too late, etc.).

Ultimately 26 final applications were received of which 10 have been selected. They will receive a scholarship for their studies / training programmes starting in early 2019.

## Awarded Scholarships

- secondary education
- vocational and secondary professional



## Graduated or still busy with their education!



In 2015 we received an application for a scholarship from the then 25-year-old **Juma Kisbao Kanunda** from Tanzania. He has followed a 2-year nursing course at the Sumve School of Nursing and Midwifery in Mwanza Tanzania. He started the training in July 2016 and completed it in September 2018! He wrote to us:

I would like to thank you for big support that you helped me to pay for school fees. During my study thank you, God be with you always, you have done wonderful changes to my life. I was not expected to reach in this stage but through the power of God and your great effort you enabled me to complete my study. Through this I agree the statement that says: one who can change your life is unknown respect each other. I pray to you every day, God bless your hard works and I beg you to continue helping disabled and orphans, also receive thanks from my mother, she thanks you a lot. I was on final examination from 27th august to 31st august 2018.

Also I would like to invite you on my graduation that will be on 7th September 2018 at Sumve school of nursing and midwifery Mwanza Tanzania from morning to evening you are welcome.

Thank you, regards, Juma Kanundo

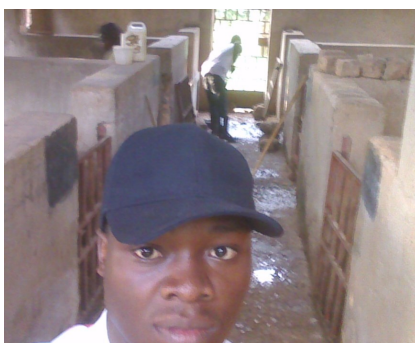
After high school, **Abdulbasit Wembi** wanted to follow a study to become an agricultural teacher at a secondary school. An agricultural teacher teaches different subjects, such as horticulture, animal and plant sciences, agricultural chemicals and agricultural technology. Abdulbasit received a scholarship from us so that he could start in 2017 with his 3-year higher professional education at the Kyambogo University in Kampala Uganda.

On December 11, 2018 he wrote to us:

Dear sir, I am happy to inform you that the second semester of year two has ended and the university closed officially yesterday.

The course of the semester has been good from the beginning to the end and am happy to inform you that we did all exams without any failure or obstacles. We experienced some violence at school when students did strike in the middle of the semester due to the increase in university fees but the situation was sorted out and everything came back to normal. Next semester which is the first in the third year will begin on 21/Jan/2019.

I once again thank you for your continued support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!



**Trazzy Achieng Millanya** filed a scholarship application in 2016 for the last 2 years of her 4-year higher professional education in physiotherapy at MOI University, College of Health Science in Eldoret, Kenya. Due to family circumstances she did not have and could no longer expect the family to pay the tuition fees for the 3rd and 4th academic year. Her application was approved. Trazzy is now busy with her last academic year. In June of this year, Trazzy wrote:

Hi, am one of your beneficiaries from Kenya, Moi University, college of health sciences. Currently in third year, this is because of the lecturers strike that ran from March to late May.

I want to thank you so much for your support, because you've helped me through my education a great deal.

I lost my Dad recently and my family did not go through a hard time because you handled my fees. Thanks!



## Work in progress... projects in 2018

### Tools for street children in Nairobi – Kenya

The Levozy Self Help Group provides since 2010 training to street children in the Dagoretti district of Nairobi, so that they can become car mechanic, carpenter or tailor. They are also assisted in finding a job or work and reintegrate into the community.

In 2016, the Van Doorn Foundation supported the organisation to renovate their training centre. The Dutch foundation **Tools to Work** provided them with the necessary training kits. In 2017, the Van Doorn Foundation assisted the organisation to develop a business plan so it can become a sustainable training centre. This year (2018) together with Tool To Work, additional machines and tools for the training centre have been made available, so that a larger number of young people can follow a craft training.

Read more >>

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



### Expansion of school in Noukoula – Mali

The Van Doorn Foundation has been working together with GAAS-Mali since 2014 to improve access to education for girls from the Segou region in Mali. The project focuses on poverty reduction by increasing self-sufficiency and on creating 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 the Foundation supported the construction of extra classrooms: the population provides for the construction labour, the foundation pays for the building materials. The classrooms are now for 50% completed and must be finished by the end of 2019. The funds for this have been committed by **ASN Foundation** and **Aalbers-Kersten Holding**.

Read more >>

[GAAS-Mali](#)



### Training for mentally disabled young people in Sri Lanka

Daya Mina has committed itself already for 25 years to young people with intellectual disabilities. Since 2012, the Van Doorn Foundation has made several financial contributions to Daya Mina, with which a number of young people could be given a training in life skills. Some of them are now sufficiently skilled to be able to move on to learning concrete professional skills.

In 2018 it was decided to support Daya Mina with setting-up of 3 training courses (painting fabrics, making clothes and baking bread) for 26 young people. Over a period of four years, the Foundation will make for this € 1600 per year available. The training has started in 2018 and will last until 2022. For the next three years, the Foundation is looking for sponsors.

Read more >>

[Daya Mina-centrum, Sri Lanka](#)



To know more about Daya Mina click

<https://dayaminascjmservices.org/>

### Van Merode College for vocational training in Bwera, Uganda

The Van Doorn Foundation has entered this year into a partnership with the Van Merode College, which since 2015 has provided vocational training courses for car mechanic, carpenter, hairdresser and tailor. However, the currently available training tools are too limited to provide qualitatively adequate vocational education. The Foundation has made funds available for the purchase of most-needed training materials and tools. This will enable more than 150 unemployed and poor rural youth to receive training in the next 2 years.

The Foundation is now assisting Van Merode College with the development of a school business plan. At the start of 2019 the project will be completed with the development of the training modules and the training of trainers.

Read more >>

[Van Merode College, Uganda](#)





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## Fundraising in 2018

*In addition to the available own resources, the Van Doorn Foundation has set itself as target to raise € 20,000 per year in the period 2017-2021.*

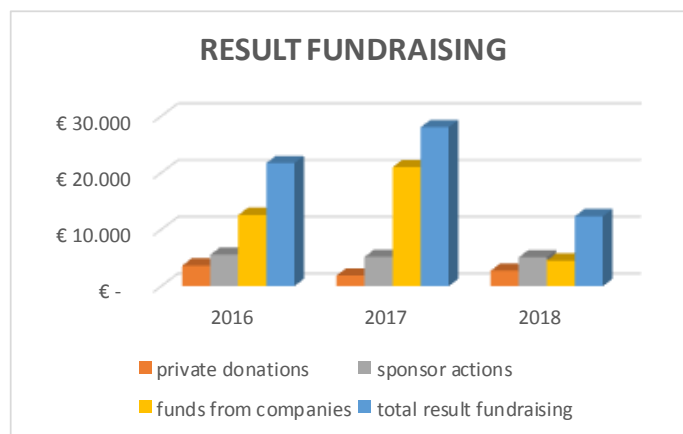
*In 2016 we raised € 22,000 in additional funds, in 2017 € 28,000 and in 2018 € 12,000 (i.e. € 60,000 in 3 years).*

Private donations and sponsor campaigns yielded almost the same amounts every year over the past three years; € 3,000 and € 5,000 respectively. The sponsor action that was held in July 2018 on the occasion of the 70th birthday of Paul Suttmüller, the founder of our Foundation, yielded a wonderful result. And we are grateful for the donations from the Kringloopwinkel Woudenberg, from the Diaconie De Voorhof

in Woudenberg and from Aalbers Kersten Holding BV in Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

The acquisition of funds from companies lagged behind in 2018 compared to previous years, partly because some companies with which the Foundation cooperated until now (e.g. Share4More / Rabobank) no longer make funds available for activities such as the Foundation supports. The Foundation is therefore looking for new (permanent) sponsors for its activities.

In the spring of 2019, the Foundation organizes a meeting with its board members to determine its fundraising strategy for the coming period.



### Change in Board

In the autumn of 2018, Inge Willems became our new board member, filling the post left vacant by Lex Kranendonk. We thank Lex for his contribution to the Foundation and wish Inge a lot of success!

## 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.

