



ANNUAL REPORT 2008



1 | REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2008 started with lots of worries on account of the unrest after the presidential elections in December 2007. Even so it has been a good year for Harambee Foundation Holland. Many projects could begin; others were completed and officially handed over to the school. The ownership of the projects lay with the local population.

Situation in Kenya

In spite of the unrest in Kenya Kimilili and the surrounding area fortunately remained quiet; work on the projects could go on. In 2 extra newsletters our donors and all those interested were put in the picture about the situation. Because Kimilili area remained quiet many refugees, who had undergone traumatic experiences, found shelter there. Together with the authorities our partner IcFEM set up a successful programme to help the students get over their traumas. This programme was carried out by dedicated Kenyan volunteers. Harambee Foundation Holland collected the funds for it. The authorities were so impressed that they took the organisers into their service so that they could use their experience and its set up also elsewhere.

Visit to Kenya

The Executive Committee paid 2 visits to Kenya; in summer together with our treasurer Sjaak ten Hove. The visits were successful; so far all project schools (now 21!) were visited. A special meeting took place in Kimilili in October of all those involved in education in the region: the MP, district authorities, IcFEM and Harambee Foundation Holland. The central theme was the future of education and the goals for the coming 4 years. Our foundation is looked upon as an important "stakeholder". 8 New projects could be started at Mukuyuni Sec. School, Luuya PS, Makunga PS, Lunyu PS, Mukuyuni PS, St. Theresa's Sec. School and for the improvement of the education quality and the coping with traumas.

8 Projects were successfully completed and handed over to the school at Kimingichi PS (phase 2), Beulah Sec. School, Lutonyi PS, EARC Mumias (phase 1), St. Theresa's Sec. School, Kimilili Girls PS and Kimabole Sec. School.

3 Schools for vocational education were visited, where a lot must still be done: not only about the quality of the infrastructure and teaching equipment, but also about the management, teachers (volunteers) and the imaging. Fortunately the authorities are getting more interested; the new MP is willing to invest there too.

Impact of our work

At the end of 2007 a discussion took place about quality and impact of small-scale aid organisations. Sara Filius of Nijmegen's Radboud University then held an investigation in February 2008 about the impact of our work at Ebubole PS in Mumias. She interviewed parents, teachers and pupils. In a period of 5 years the number of pupils has grown with 43% and school results have improved. Pupils and parents are very proud of their school; they are more involved with their school. Teachers are more motivated and organise extra activities in addition to the official programme. The Ebubole PS community has been given a positive "boost". The problems are lack of teachers, the jealousy at other schools and the lack of follow up-education in the neighbourhood.

IMPULSIS

For co-financing Harambee Foundation Holland's request in 2008 included 8 projects for a sum total of € 120,640. The request has been met favourably so that the doubling by Impulsis actually amounts to € 60,320.

There is regular good consultation with Impulsis' relation-manager. We participated in a number of meetings for small-scale aid-organisations.

Partners in Kenya

During our visits we had extensive discussions with our partners about current projects, quality of education, vocational education, commitment of parents, the authorities, school results etc. However, the developments in Kimilili and Mumias are different. In Kimilili the projects are part of the "village-transformation" in co-operation with ICFEM and there is an increasing number of schools. In Mumias improvement of the quality of education is emphasised by extensive guidance of the headmasters by John Were. In Kimilili we found another partner in the person of Father Peter for the benefit of the R.C. schools.

In October Solomon Nabie and his wife paid us a visit in Holland. In addition to visiting IMPULSIS, the Third World Workshop in Teteringen, the Stedelijk Gymnasium (Grammar School) in Breda and the Haagse Hogeschool (The Hague High School), they attended a meeting of the Executive Committee.

During our November visit the co-operation between Harambee Foundation Holland and ICFEM was evaluated. Considering the good effects and the results of the co-operation for both parties it was decided to prolong the co-operation agreement with three years. We did however observe that at times there is room for improvement regarding mutual communication.

The contacts with the authorities in Kimilili and Mumias were well maintained. In general the authorities are now quite active and make extra funds from the CDF (Constituency Development Fund) available for education.

Committee Affairs

In 2008 the Executive Committee met 6 times. In the beginning of 2009 Johan van Uffelen joined the Committee as its 5th member.

For the first time Van Oers Accountants audited our annual account: they approved our annual account of 2007. Attention was drawn to the fact that in the minutes decisions about the spending of funds for projects should be well recorded.

Much work has been done in the field of fundraising, project applications, maintaining contacts and providing information. As far as the widening of our basis is concerned: several presentations were held, guest lectures were given in schools and we took part in the school competition of COS Brabant.

Supporting Partners

Our minutes secretary, Wim Hillenaar, has unfortunately had to decide to withdraw for reasons of health. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to him for his excellent reports. So far we have not been able to fill this 'vacancy'. Early in 2008 Harambee Foundation Holland was able to present a beautiful total make-over thanks to the creative contribution of Ron Schouwenaar of Smidswater, designers in Breda.

Much work has also been done by Lex van de Vliet to improve our website, which now has both a Dutch and an English version. René van Eijndhoven saw to the translations of the website as well as the newsletters and annual report of the Executive Committee 2007.

And every time again we are very proud of Salsedo Printers for their fine work!

The future

The activities remain unabatedly extensive. After much consultation and investigation the first steps will be taken in 2009 to improve vocational training in co-operation with the authorities and ICFEM. The communities themselves must point out their needs in that field; the "community development" approach by ICFEM is a great help for this. Improvement of quality of education with regard to its content appears to be a difficult subject which requires more discussion. In 2009 the Executive Committee is aiming at an application to IMPULSIS of 10 projects for 2 years; this in connection with the changes within the doubling policy of IMPULSIS and the extent and speed of realisation in Kenya.

In conclusion

The Committee wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone who has contributed in 2008 in the field of finance as well as activities and support. Without the support of the many donors and the co-operation of so many, Harambee Foundation Holland would not have been able to make such a big step forward. Also on behalf of the students in Kimilili and Mumias:

Thank you very much, asante sana, orio mno!

2 | FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Below please find the financial results of the year 2008 as determined by the Executive Committee. Accountants Van Oers have been appointed as auditors of the foundation and is prepared to do the auditing in the month of June free of charge.

In order to accentuate the partnership with IMPULSIS the doubling has been made visible in the Profits and Loss account. The expenses of the foundation were limited to 4.9 % of the donations in 2008 (2.5 % in 2007). The increase of the travel costs is mainly caused by a decision of the Executive Committee to pay for two journeys to Kenya every year in stead of one, starting in 2008.

On request a complete financial statement may be obtained from the secretariat.

	31st december 2008	31st december 2007
ASSETS	€	€
Current assets		
Receivables	3,926	1,387
Liquid means	71,421	58,804
	75,347	60,191
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	€	€
Equity		
Free-purpose provision	2,218	3,540
Other reserves	10,000	7,195
	12,218	10,735
Purpose provision		
Projects in progress	63,129	49,456
Short term liabilities	0	0
	75,347	60,191
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	2008	2007
Revenues		
Received from donors	84,121	71,151
Doubling IMPULSIS	60,320	82,690
Other revenues	926	4,978
	145,367	158,819
Cost of projects	-136,824	-154,180
	8,543	4,639
Expenses		
Travelling and promotional expenses	-5,250	-2,958
Office and general expenses	-1,811	-1,454
Contribution for expenses	0	510
	-7,061	-3,902
Result current year	1,482	737

Bavel, 4 june 2009

The Executive Committee,

R.J.M. Meijers | *chairman*

M.J.H. Meijers-van Eijndhoven | *secretary*

I.M. ten Hove | *treasurer*

A. van Ardenne | *member*

J. van Uffelen | *member*