



ANNUAL REPORT 2009



it starts at school

1 | REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009

At the presentation of the Breda Peace Prize 2009 on 24th September an Honourable Mention was awarded to Harambee Foundation Holland. That was a memorable event. Yet 2009 was no easy year because of the financial situation of our partner IcFEM. As a consequence of these problems few projects could be rounded off or started.

Situation in Kenya

After the many disturbances in the turbulent year 2008 it can be said that 2009 was a quiet year. On the political level many discussions took place about bringing to justice of those who caused the unrest. A Kenyan solution in this respect appeared politically impossible. And now they will have to answer to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

The administrative divisions in Kenya were changed in 2009. Kimilili has become a district in itself. The majority of our projects are now situated in 3 districts: Bungoma North, Bungoma Kimilili and Mumias. This change implies personnel changes in the civil servants and so we meet many new faces.

Partners in Kenya

For the first time we have had to deal with financial problems of our partner IcFEM. Communication problems between IcFEM in Kimilili and IcFEM UK delayed the usual transfer of funds from England to Kenya. The financial problems in Kimilili rose to such an extent that IcFEM was unable to continue our projects. This meant that the ongoing projects for our foundation came to a standstill for some months.

This was the situation we were confronted with at our visit in autumn 2009. IcFEM was open and acknowledged its responsibility for the situation that had arisen and promised to see to a speedy solution. The numerous deliberations we had, also with the schools concerned, brought about that there remained a workable situation. We agreed then that by our next visit in spring 2010 all projects would be ready for handing over to the parents and the school. To the great relief of all concerned this has indeed been done. We all learned from the situation. It was agreed that in future project funds will be deposited in a separate bank account, thus making a clear distinction between funds for construction projects and funds for current organisation costs of IcFEM. Thanks to the open and respectful discussions we had and the will to solve the matter, we may say that in the end the relationship between IcFEM and Harambee Foundation Holland has strengthened furthermore.

In addition we discussed at length with our partners IcFEM, John Were and Father Peter about quality of education, vocational education, commitment of the parents, school results and such like.

Visit to Kenya

The Executive Committee visited Kenya twice to see the projects. The visits were quite intensive and demanded much improvising. All project schools (now 26 !) have been visited to round off projects, prepare new projects or maintain contacts. In preparation of projects in 2 vocational schools much discussion has taken place.

Much attention has been given to the quality of education. Several meetings were held, in which our foundation was considered, also by the authorities, to be an important stakeholder. Important conclusions were the definition of what quality education really is, demands to be made on model schools, the understanding that commitment of parents is vital in order to realise better education quality, and that a reevaluation of education is necessary to prepare children better for a place in society.

2 Projects were successfully rounded off and handed over to the school at Mukuyuni Secondary School and Bukolwe Secondary School.

On account of the problems of our partner IcFEM in Kimilili it was not possible to start new projects. First the problems needed to be solved and the projects in progress had to be completed before new projects could be started. A special occasion was the meeting with parents in Naitiri

where our foundation will co-operate for the first time to build a complete new primary school. This is undertaken because the other 3 neighbouring schools are overpopulated. Here the parents clearly showed that they took the initiative and made preparations for the construction of this new school. Authorities, ICFEM and Harambee Foundation Holland advise and assist this initiative wholeheartedly. The Executive Committee paid a visit to the Dutch Embassy in Nairobi in Kenya, to make their acquaintance with Mrs. L. van de Assum, the Dutch Ambassador to Kenya.

IMPULSIS

In order to obtain co-financing Harambee Foundation Holland submitted 7 projects in 8 schools for a total amount of € 142,400. The request was favourably met with in December 2009; the doubling amounts to € 71,200. It is the last year that IMPULSIS finances the project costs for 50%. As from 2010 co-financing will reach a maximum of 33% for construction costs and 50% for projects that are about quality of education. There has been regular and good consultation with the relation manager of Impulsis; we took part in a number of meetings for small-scale aid organisations.

Committee Affairs

In 2009 the Executive Committee met 5 times. Now that Johan van Uffelen has joined, the committee numbers 5 persons. Accountants Van Oers have audited our annual account for 2009 and approved it. Attention must be paid to the form of financial reporting, which needs to be made according to new legislation.

A new member for our Committee of Recommendation is Mr. Koert Lindijer, an Africa- specialist and a journalist; it now consists of 3 persons; the Executive Committee attempts further extension.

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

Supporting Partners

Much work has been done by our supporting partners COS Brabant in the field of advice, Lex van der Vliet made improvements in our website, René van Eindhoven translated newsletters, website and the annual report of the Executive Committee 2009, Ron Schouwenaar of Smidswater Designers saw to the lay-out of all our printed matter and Salsedo Printers made a fine job of the printing.

In 2009 we looked for a minutes secretary for the meetings of the Executive Committee. Early in 2010 we succeeded in this by welcoming Carla Sturm for this job.

The future

Contributions by IMPULSIS will decrease and so more emphasis will be laid on our own efforts for fundraising for the projects of the foundation. Special attention must be given to the quality of the partners in Kenya and the further rationalisation of the construction activities. Our focal point will remain primary and secondary education with express extension towards vocational education and early childhood development (ECD). Improvement of quality is the important element. With even more emphasis we will try to find the link with *community development* and so improve the basis of education.

In conclusion

The Executive Committee wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to each and everyone for their contributions in the past year, both with regard to finances and to activities and support. Without the help of so many donors and the co-operation of many, Harambee Foundation Holland would not have been able to keep realising the large number of projects.

Also on behalf of the students in the Kimilili and Mumias area:

Thank you very much, asante sana, orio mno!

2 | FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009

Below please find the financial results for 2009 as determined by the Executive Committee. Van Oers are the accountants of the foundation and will do the auditing in the month of June free of charge.

In order to accentuate the importance of our partnership with IMPULSIS the doubling has been made visible in the Profits and Loss account. The expenses of the foundation were limited to 6.1 % of the revenues in 2009 (4.9 % in 2008).

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

	31st December 2009	31st December 2008
ASSETS	€	€
Current assets		
Receivables	46,047	3,926
Liquid means	51,224	71,421
	97,308	75,347
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	€	€
Equity		
Free-purpose provision	3,439	2,218
Other reserves	10,000	10,000
	13,439	12,218
Purpose provision		
Projects in progress	83,869	63,129
	97,308	75,347
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	2009	2008
Revenues		
Received from donors	66,224	84,121
Doubling IMPULSIS	71,200	60,320
	137,424	144,441
Minus: cost of projects	-108,543	-123,150
Net result	28,881	21,291
Minus: Cost		
Travelling and promotional expenses	-7,181	-5,250
Office and general expenses	-1,172	-1,811
Add: revenues from interest	1,433	926
Result of present financial year	21,961	15,156
Minus: earmarked for projects in progress	-20,739	-13,674
Contribution to free purpose provision	1,222	1,482

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The Executive Committee of Harambee Foundation Holland

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