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# 1 | 2014 ASCENDING LINE CONTINUES!

2014 was a good year for Harambee Foundation Holland. We were able to continue the ascending line from late 2013. New partners, the good cooperation with the Kenyan team, the presentation of the Impact study in the Netherlands and Kenya, a plenary board, the acknowledgement of the Breda Peace Award, finishing ongoing projects, starting up new projects, and a clear vision for the future all contributed to that. Fundraising, however, did not meet the expectations.

## Cooperation in Kenya

The cooperation with our partners in Kenya, John Were, Fr. Peter Makokha, Albert Webale, and our coordinator Tryphosa Nandasaba has been unabatedly good. Because of ICSEM's withdrawal, a close team has come into being, which has a great influence on the work for the foundation. As suggested by John Were, a new partner, Jacob Omondi, has joined. With



his huge network and knowledge, Jacob has turned out to be a valuable asset, who mostly gives advice and support when it comes to general business regarding the foundation. The Kenyan team's qualities are very supplementary. The cooperation with 36 schools remains unabatedly good thanks to Tryphosa's hard work. She is our foundation's main contact, gives advice whenever necessary, and organizes trainings and courses.

During Roel and Marianne's visits, we regularly meet with our partners to discuss the ongoing projects, to support and advice each other, and to discuss policies. The partners also meet outside of these conferences. They work hard.

The new county government in Kenya is slowly starting to come together. For Harambee Foundation Holland it is important that the national government remains responsible for primary and secondary education, while the county government has responsibility for ECDE and technical education. The foundation is mainly active in the counties Bungoma and Kakamega, and operates less often in the counties Trans-Nzoia, Busia, and Siaya. There were frequent meetings with both governments in 2014. Representatives from the national government were regularly present during trainings and courses for school principals and teachers. This also maintains positive involvement.

## Impact study of Dr. Auma Okwany

Early 2014, Dr. Auma Okwany's Impact study was finished. It was published in a handy book:



"Planting seeds for Quality Education: the impact of Harambee Foundation Holland Partnerships in Western Kenya". The report shows a very positive effect of our work in Kenya in often unexpected levels and gives recommendations for the future. An important part of that is the necessity to better take stock of and register data about the effect of our work. In April, Dr. Okwany presented the report in the Netherlands; over 100 people were present for that. In November, she also presented the report in Kenya to about 200 people: our partners, representatives of the national and county government,

representatives of the schools that are being supported by our foundation, and other interested parties. The report was very well-received, especially because it is very unusual for a small-scale NGO as ours to have such a study conducted. The magazine Vice-Versa also paid attention to the report. Practically, it turned out to be of great help raising funds. Moreover, our foundation was really put on the map with this study. A summary of this report is available in Dutch, English, and Kiswahili. Dr. Auma Okwany has indicated she would like to keep working with our foundation and give us advice whenever necessary.

### The future of Harambee Foundation Holland

In May 2014, the board came together for a day to discuss the foundation's future. Not only strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats were discussed, but also Marianne and Roel's succession. It was decided that succession should be in Kenya. Conversations about this with our Kenyan partners and Tryphosa were very positive and everybody shares our point of view. Our range of ideas, the know-how, and all experiences must be preserved.

*"After all, the foundation is no longer a family business, but a well-known institution."*

Our Kenyan partners offered to write a strategic plan for this transition, which should eventually consist of a visible organization in Kenya. One of the recommendations in the Impact study underlined this issue as well. It will take a number of years for this transition to be completed.



### Breda Peace Award

On 24 September 2014, Marianne and Roel Meijers received the Breda Peace Award 2014. They were awarded this prize thanks to the supporting work of all the volunteers who work with them, in both the Netherlands and Kenya. The mayor of Breda, Mr. Peter van der Velden, gave the award to the chairman, Ad van Ardenne, and Luuk Meijers, since Marianne and Roel were in Kenya at the time.

### Board business

The board came together five times in 2014. Because of Marjolein Rojo dropping out, a new chairman was appointed in 2014, Ad van Ardenne, who has been a board member since 2008. As new board member, we appointed Maddy van de Corput. Because of that, we have created a personal link between Harambee Foundation Holland and Sukaisa Foundation, which raises funds for our foundation's projects. Also, Johan van Uffelen was reappointed for a period of five years.

### Financing our projects

In 2014, it again turned out to be difficult to find new funds for our projects. The expired funding by Impulsis/Edukans to our projects will give extra pressure on our fundraising for the next few years. Because of the expiring of government funding for several fields, foundations explicitly need to find money from third parties. This means that more organizations will start 'fishing in the same pond' (which, by the way, remains the same or is even shrinking) of third party money. Nevertheless, a number of new equity funds have financed a number of our projects. Our own revenue has slightly increased to € 54.794 (€ 48.133 in 2013). Besides that, the revenue of fundraising third parties (Impulsis/Edukans, Wilde Ganzen, Sukaisa Foundation, etc.) has increased to € 69.482.

## Projects

### The following projects were successfully finished:

*Kamusinde Secondary School:* the construction of offices, the renovation of four classrooms, the installation of toilets and a water tank. The project went very well, and it was the first project according to the new working method, which appears to be working very well practically.

*Indagalasia Primary School:* the construction of five classrooms, offices, and drainage. Due to great involvement by parents, the government, teachers, and the school board, a wonderful project was completed which has a great effect on the local community's self-awareness and pride.

*Naitiri Youth Polytechnic:* a drilled well with storage tank and four taps. The fastest project ever: in four weeks' time this project was finished. Water supply to the school and the local population, in the form of a tap at the school gate, is now secured.

*Kibunde Primary School:* the construction of four classrooms, water tanks, and school desks. It turned into a wonderful project with a great impact on the school and the local community, despite the difficult accessibility during rainy season.



*The parents of Indagalasia help with the project.*

### New projects were started and/or prepared:

*Ugolwe Primary School:* the construction of a library.

*EARC Mumias:* the construction and furnishing of a workshop.

*St. Theresa's Girls Secondary School:* the construction of an auditorium and kitchen facilities.

*Kaptola Primary School:* the purchase of school desks.

Besides these projects, there has been a lot of attention for management and teachers' qualities. Several trainings and courses were organized for secondary, primary, and technical education and ECDE. The effects are very positive, such as understanding of a strategic plan, the mutual cooperation, more students and better results, the feeling of self-worth, etc. There is more and more demand for trainings to improve knowledge.

## Financial position

The total sum of expenses (to the foundation's objective) in a percentage of the total profits amounts to 139% (2013: 69%).

## Future

Extra effort will remain necessary to bring profits from fundraising to a higher level, preferably € 130.000 to € 150.000 as it was before 2013. With new funds such as equity funds, this is possible. Our collaboration with Sukaisa Foundation is warranted. Whenever possible we will appeal to Wilde Ganzen for co-financing. The transition will be prepared and achieved step by step, supported by the knowledge, know-how, experience, and advice of our board and the Kenyan team and advisors. The recommendations of Dr. Auma Okwany's Impact study will be used and elaborated. During Roel and Marianne's visits to Kenya (twice a year, for about two months), we will pay special attention to not only the transition, but also the experiences with the new working method and the possible improvement thereof, as well as further consolidation of the cooperation with our partners and our coordinator. The focus will remain geared towards our pillars: the improvement of facilities at primary, secondary, and technical schools, facilitating courses and trainings for teachers and parent committees, the promotion of community development, and a good relationship with the authorities. We hope to be able to keep contributing to the improvement of education in Western Kenya.

## Finally

In 2014, we again received a lot of help and support from the many people that sympathize with our foundation. Without this help, it would be impossible to continue our work to improve education in Western Kenya. We would very much like to thank everyone who helped us during the past year. It is a privilege to be supported by so many people who contribute in whatever way possible to our work.



On behalf of the students and parents in Kimilili and surroundings and Mumias:

*thank you very much, asante sana, ero kamano, orio mno!*

## 2 | FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

Below you will find the facts and figures of 2014 as determined by the Executive Committee. Van Oers Accountancy did the audit free of charge and approved the financial report of 2014. At request a full report may be had from the secretariat.

	31 <sup>st</sup> december 2014		31 <sup>st</sup> december 2013	
<b>ASSETS</b>	€		€	
<i>Receivables</i>	7,923		4,180	
<i>Liquid means</i>	120.680		177.430	
	<b>128.783</b>		<b>181.610</b>	
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	€		€	
<i>Equity</i>				
Free-purpose provision	50.375		28.699	
Other reserves	10,000		10,000	
Projects in progress	67.829		142.240	
	<b>128.204</b>		<b>180.939</b>	
<i>Purpose provision</i>				
Costs to be paid	579		671	
Project expenses to be paid	-		-	
	<b>579</b>		<b>671</b>	
	<b>128.783</b>		<b>181.610</b>	
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>REALISATION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>REALISATION</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Received from donors	60.000	54.794	120.000	48.143
Co-financing Impulsis/Wilde Ganzen	70.000	69.482	30.000	24.000
Revenues from interest	1.500	1.839	3.000	2.842
<b>Result of revenues</b>	<b>131.500</b>	<b>126.115</b>	<b>153.000</b>	<b>74.985</b>
<i>Minus</i>				
Spent on projects	-120.000	-175.446	-137.500	-51.507
<i>Office and general expenses</i>				
Spent on office and general expenses	-4.000	-3.404	-4.000	-3.113
<b>Result of expenses</b>	<b>-124.500</b>	<b>-178.850</b>	<b>-141.500</b>	<b>-54.620</b>
<b>Result of present financial year</b>	<b>7.500</b>	<b>-52.735</b>	<b>11.500</b>	<b>20.365</b>
Contribution for projects in progress	7.500	74.411	11.500	-9.050
Contribution for purpose provision	0	21.676	0	11.315

Bavel, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### The Executive Committee of Harambee Foundation Holland

A. van Ardenne | chairman

J. van Uffelen | member

H. van Zutem | secretary

M. v.d. Corput | member

I.M. ten Hove | treasurer

### Founders and board

R.J.M. Meijers and M.J.H. Meijers-van Eijndhoven