

## Hooray!! Another three projects successfully completed

At the [PACER Community Polytechnic](#) in Pakwach (Uganda), young people can learn a trade, such as carpenter, mason, plumber, electrician. In 2017, the Van Doorn Foundation, in collaboration with the [Tools to Work Foundation](#), supported the school with tools for the various courses. In 2019, the Addo Kranendonk Fund made a grant available for additional teaching equipment. At the end of 2019, this equipment was procured and in early 2020 the teachers were trained by [ELECTU](#) in using the teaching equipment. The project has thereby successfully been completed.



At the [Skills 4 All Vocational Training Institute](#) in Oyam (also in Uganda) vulnerable young people can follow both formal and informal vocational training. The [Gered Gereed-schap Foundation](#) made the tools for the different training courses available in mid-2019. The Van Doorn Foundation provided funds for the salaries of instructors and to purchase school furniture and teaching materials for the first year. Every beginning is difficult and the school did not succeed in becoming financially independent after the first year. The school needs therefore to be sponsored also the second school year.

The [Aminkeng Training Centre](#) has been established in Menji (Cameroon), where young women are learning tailoring skills. In August 2019, the [Gered Gereedschap Foundation](#) supplied them the sewing machines and the Van Doorn Foundation made funds available for the purchase of training materials and the salaries of two teachers. Now, a year later, the training centre is able to continue without external funding. By selling clothes made by the students, the training centre can pay for the running costs itself and, moreover, provide trainees with micro-credits after the

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## Arrival of sewing machines from Tools To Work in Homa Bay



After a few months delay, the container from the [Tools to Work Foundation](#) with the sewing machines, knitting machines and overlock machines arrived in Mombasa and was transported from Mombasa to Kisumu,

where the [Ayaga Dani Widows Group](#) received the machines.

Now, finally the training for the teenage mothers can be started. About 100 teenage mothers will follow the training in order to become economically autonomous. Many of these teenage mothers are girls who moved from their villages to Lake Victoria to look for work with the fishermen, where they eventually were exploited and sexually and economically abused. This project gives them an opportunity to learn professional skills with which they can work, earn money and take care of themselves. The [Van Hofstee Foundation](#) has made the funds available with which the necessary machines and tools have been purchased and with which the training can be started.

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## Travel report of East Africa safari in spring 2020



From February 2 to 20 2020, Paul Suttmüller, our treasurer, has visited projects in Tanzania and Kenya. One last opportunity before international flights are cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

He visited a craft school for the physically handicapped in Bukoba-Tanzania, a safe house for girls fleeing from genital mutilation and other gender-related violence in Butima-Tanzania, two projects for street children in the slums of Nairobi (Kenya), two vocational training projects for young people in Lodwar (Kenya) and two projects for teenage mothers and young widow women in Lambwe (Kenya).

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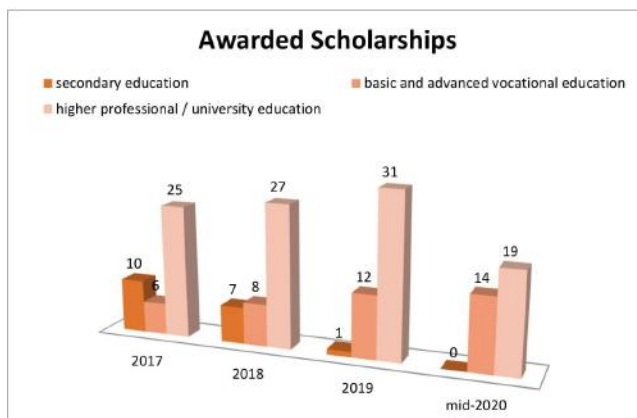
# Scholarships

As of the end of June 2020, thirty-three students (12 boys and 21 girls) are recipients of scholarships from the Van Doorn Foundation. Of these, four are new students received their scholarship for the first time in January 2020.

The majority of the scholarships awarded were for higher professional education, but there is also a growing number that follows basic and advanced vocational training.

In May 2020, the Foundation received 51 initial applications. All applications came from Kenya or Uganda, with the exception of one that came from Indonesia.

35 initial applications had to be rejected because they did not meet scholarships' criteria. 16 were invited to submit a final application. In July, the Foundation will award scholarships to 10 of them.



## Graduated or still busy with their education!



### Erick Omondi Ouma graduated!

On May 7, 2019, Erick wrote:

*It's with great pleasure to inform you that I've finished my undergraduate degree coursework and will be graduating before end of this year.*

*I take this opportunity to thank you very much for your financial support, without you, life could have been very difficult for me. Through you've got powers to read and write. As Nelson Mandela said 'Education is the most powerful weapon*

*which you can use to change the world' I believe I've the weapon to make world a better place to live in.*

*I always pray for God to bless the work of the entire foundation but more so Mr. Paul Sutmuller the founder of the organization.*

December 23 was the day; Erick graduated and completed a 4-year physiotherapy study at MOI University. Congrats !!

### Pius Kiprop, Congratulations!

Pius Kiprop graduated from MOI University School of Medicine. On December 19, 2019, he completed his studies and wrote:

*Hello, I would like to appreciate you for your academic support through the scholarship granted to me.*

*I had lost hope to academic progressing but you brought lights to me in dark times. Without you, I'm not sure whether I could have earned and enjoy the fruits of education, I'm enjoying today.*

*Thank you so much Van Doorn and may God open more doors, reaching out to many more globally.*

*Personally, I will dedicate my future success and achievements to supporting the needy in the society.*

*Much blessings!! to your foundation.*

*Regards; Kiprop K Pius.  
BSc. Medical Psychology.*



### Alum Doreen, keep it up!

In February 2019, Alum Doreen from Uganda started at the Jolanda School of Catering Soroti with a 2-year course in 'Catering and Hotel Management'. She is an enthusiastic student and achieves good results. In September 2019, she wrote:

*With great pleasure, I would like to send you my Academic report for Term 1 and 2 for your consideration.*

*[.....] I am very happy for your support towards my academic; I am doing well and I believe God has heard my prayers.*

*Thank you once again for your support. God bless VDS Foundation for supporting vulnerable people like me.*

*Yours sincerely  
Alum Doreen*





## Work in progress...!

### Bethléem centre d'artisanat et d'apprentissage in Cameroon

The Bethleem Foundation in Cameroon set up a craft school in 1997 to give underprivileged young people a better chance on the labour market, thereby protecting them from the criminal circuit or joining terrorist organizations such as Boko Haram. Because of the good results and great interest they want to expand the capacity of the school from 50 to 150 students per year.

An amount of € 4,600 is required to purchase the necessary additional tools and training material. KWA Business Consultants have made € 4,000 available. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors for the remaining € 600.

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[Bethléem Foundation](#)



### Daya Mina - training mentally disabled youth in Sri Lanka

For over 25 years, Daya Mina has been committed to young people with intellectual disabilities. The Van Doorn Foundation made since 2012 several financial contributions, with which a number of pupils could be given a training in life skills. Some of them are now sufficiently advanced that they may move on learning specific professional skills. Since 2018, the Foundation assists Daya Mina in setting up 3 training courses: painting fabrics, tailoring and baking bread.



Over a period of four years, the Foundation subsidises the training with € 1,600 per year. Funds are now available for the first three years. For 2021 the Foundation still looks for donors and sponsors.

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[Daya Mina centre](#)

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### Chipole vocational training centre in Tanzania

The Chipole vocational training centre offers affordable or free vocational education to underprivileged young people, including orphans, children with disabilities, young people with HIV / AIDS and young people who have finished primary school but have no chance of further education. The school is located in the rural district of Songea in the southern highlands of Tanzania.

The Chipole vocational training centre once started as an informal craft school and has gradually become a more formal government-recognized technical school. A condition for this recognition is that lessons in computer skills are added to the curriculum of the various vocational courses.

An amount of € 4,400 is required to purchase the necessary equipment, such as computers, printers and modems. KWA Business Consultants have made € 4,000 available.

The Van Doorn Foundation looks for sponsors for the remaining € 400.

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[Chipole](#)



### Computer skills for young people from Turkana in Kenya

The Turkana Community Foundation in Kenya wants to set up a computer training course in its existing training centre to increase the competitive position of rural youth on the labour market.

One in three lives in extreme poverty and cannot pay the fees for vocational training in cities. Many of the rural youth is semi-illiterate and does not have skills. These young people therefore cannot find work and the vicious circle of poverty is maintained.

The planned computer courses must change that and are intended to give young people knowledge of contemporary technologies that are increasingly in demand. Local businesses are involved in determining demand and setting up the training program. An amount of € 4,400 is required to purchase the necessary equipment.



The Van Doorn Foundation looks for sponsors to support this project!

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[Turkana](#)



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## Consequences of Covid-19

Over the past 20 years, the Van Doorn Foundation has supported many under-privileged young people and training centres so that young people could learn a trade. Education is and remains an important means to combat poverty. When young people have learned a trade, the chance of getting a job and an income increases.

The world is currently in the grip of the Covid-19. Students and teachers must stay at home, training centres, schools and universities must temporarily close their doors. The parents of the students are put to the test because their daily income is threatened by this pandemic. Two projects of the Van Doorn Foundation ([Fountain Youth Initiative](#) in Kenya and [Abexinah Orphans Support Centre](#) in Uganda) are delayed because the containers with tools cannot be transported.

The board of the Van Doorn Foundation is concerned about the fate of the students and their parents as well as of the teachers. We wish them a lot of strength, patience and courage to get through this challenging period. We hope for all that this period will not last too long and that education can be resumed soon.

## Results fundraising

The Foundation has since a year been following a new fundraising strategy. The approach is more targeted and should lead to an annual external financing of 50% of the Foundation's expenditure. We did that in 2019 and we started 2020 well. We are happy with a donation of € 10,000 from [KWA Business Consultants](#) in Amersfoort for three different projects and a donation of € 3,000 from the [Trans-fair Foundation](#) in Leerdam for one project in Kenya. In addition, € 2,000 in private donations were received. A fantastic start of the year 2020 for which we are our donors and sponsors very grateful !!

## New Board Advisors

As of May 1, 2020, the Foundation has two country advisers, Rhobi Samwelly as advisor for Tanzania and Gideon Omondi Onyango as advisor for Kenya.

[Rhobi Samwelly](#) is an FGM activist and founder of Hope for Girls and Women in Tanzania, an organization dedicated to the rights of girls and women.

[Gideon Omondi Onyango](#) is a community development expert and co-founder of Lambwe Orphans Support supporting education for orphans and co-founder of the Agaya Dani Widows Group supporting widows and single mothers to be financially independent

In addition to their specific country knowledge, both advisors bring with them a wealth of experience, with which they can advise the Foundation on the type of activities that the Foundation should or should not support in their countries.

## 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, in order 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 formal and informal vocational training centres, technical schools and special training centres for youth with disabilities) who need financial support to make education accessible and affordable for disadvantaged young people.



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