

A fantastic result for street children in Dagoretti - Nairobi



The corona pandemic has a huge impact on education and therefore also on vocational training for street children. Many schools and training centers had to close for six months or more. The [Levozy Self Help Group](#) has not been idle and has seized the opportunity to expand the capacity of their training center and give also school-dropouts, due to the corona pandemic, the chance to vocational training, employment and an income. The [Transpetrol Foundation](#) financed the construction of additional classrooms and [EU-can-aid](#) financed the refurbishment of the store and workshop. The [Van Doorn Foundation](#) made funds available for the improvement of sanitary facilities and to purchase computer equipment for computer courses.



Management of Levozy's training centre reported that the new developments have significantly improved the image and reputation of the training center. Instructor Samuel Ogoro added that he was grateful that the expansion of the training center is now giving more young people access to vocational training. Sterline (student left) and Benson (student right) are enthusiastic and stated that the center now has adequate teaching and learning space and good toilet facilities, segregated by gender, significantly improving hygiene in this center.

Starting vocational training for young people with disabilities in Migara – Tanzania

Twenty years ago, a craft school for disabled young people was set up in Migara with financial support from a Swedish organisation for the disabled. Unfortunately, the school had to close its doors at the end of 2008 when the Swedish organisation stopped funding. [TEKLA-Kagera](#), a Tanzanian organisation for the disabled, has taken over all the assets of the school at the end of 2018 and wants to make a new start and make the Migara vocational school an inclusive training center in which young people with disabilities (2/3) together with non-disabled young people (1/3) learn a craft. In the meantime, TEKLA-Kagera has succeeded in starting two training courses, a tailoring course, and a welding / metalwork course. Two more courses will be added next year, a carpentry and joinery course and a motor and the car mechanic course.



Shipping tools a big challenge

The container with equipment and tools for four projects in Kenya is ready for shipment. Previously there were delays due to the refurbishment workshops and packaging departments being in lockdown and delays in pre-clearance (all due to the corona pandemic). Now container shipping is a new challenge. There are major problems in the shipping industry, resulting in shortages everywhere. Fountain Youth Initiative in Nairobi, Lambwe Vocational Training Centre in Homa Bay, Homa Hills Vocational Training Centre also in Homa Bay and OLV Girls School in Meru therefore must be patient. We keep our fingers crossed that the shipment will eventually take place soon.

Read more about what has already been achieved?
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Scholarships

In October 2021, the Van Doorn Foundation received 144 initial applications. Most applications came from Kenya (75) and Uganda (65) and in addition there were 4 from Tanzania.

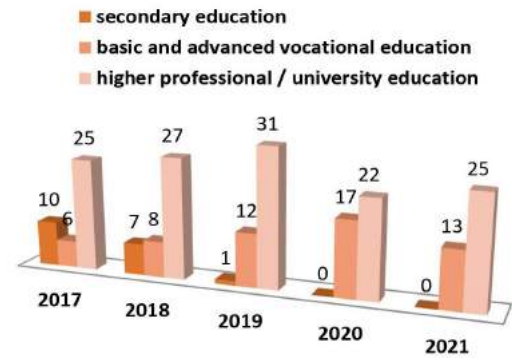
Many initial applications had to be rejected because they did not meet the criteria. We invited 35 applicants to submit a final application and 22 complete final applications were received.

Of these final applications, 12 were from girls and 10 from boys for craft training, vocational training and higher professional education.

In December, 9 students were awarded a scholarship.

In 2021, a total of 38 students obtained a scholarship, 14 boys and 24 girls, 10 for craft and vocational training and 28 for higher professional and university studies. .

Awarded Scholarships



Graduated or still busy with their education!



Emmanuel Mogaka Monga're

Emmanuel from Kenya applied for a scholarship in the spring of 2017 for his teacher training at Pwani University in Kilifi - Kenya. The study was delayed by a teachers' strike and the Covid pandemic, but in July 2021 it was reported that he had passed. **Congratulations!!**

I would like to use this opportunity to thank Van Doorn Foundation for supporting my studies. It has not been easy but with God and your financial support I made it.

Thank you, you're amazing! As Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world..."

The power of education extends beyond the development of skills we need for economic success", now I stand a chance of transforming the world to a better place because I am well equipped in terms of knowledge and skills. My prayer is the Van Doorn Foundation to grow each day to benefit less fortunate people. Much obliged, I wouldn't have made it without your support.

Gabriel Osege

Gabriel from Uganda, applied for a scholarship in 2019. He wanted to obtain a certificate in general agriculture. It was a 2-year course at Kumi University in Katakwi, Uganda. He had started his study in 2018 and paid for the study with the proceeds from cultivating a small plot of land in his spare time. However, he could not continue with this because cultivating took a lot of time. The Foundation agreed to pay for his second year. In June 2021, the news came that he has completed his studies.

Congratulations!!

Personally, I have gained exposure to practical agriculture. There has been growth in knowledge and skills in terms of animal and crop production. I have also got much experience of field activities through interactions with different friends in the field. Personally, I have got leadership skills and knowledge through my engagement in many associations. Having learnt all the above, I have confirmed that, life without education is practically difficult.



Joseph Ouma Mugah

Joseph has been studying at MOI University in Eldoret, Kenya since 2019.

He wants to become a medical laboratory technician. It is a 4-year study. This year he completed the third year of his study. In his progress report he wrote, among other things:

The study was a great success. After two years of mostly theory classes, we were finally introduced to clinical rotations in the hospital laboratories. This has been most relevant to my study.

We got to experience what we expected to do in practice when we are graduated.

The greatest motivation factor is the fact that soon I will be getting to final year and hopefully after that I will be able to bring a great change. I am always grateful to the financial help you offered me.

We wish Joseph every success with his final year of study.



Work in progress...!

Tools for home science training at OLV Girls School in Meru – Kenya

The OLV Girls School in Meru – Kenya gives the most underprivileged girls in the region access to secondary education. Theoretically, these girls have an opportunity to continue their education, but the costs for higher education are too high and scholarships are limited. Most of the girls drop out after high school, have nothing to do and are disappointed. The school has therefore decided to provide additional classes in home economics so that those who do not pursue higher education can acquire skills and thus generate an income.

For this, the school must purchase the training equipment (such as sewing machines) for which an amount of € 3,200 is required. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors to support this project!

Read more >> [OLV Girls School](#)



HUVUCSO vocational training for young people in Fort Portal – Uganda

The Humura Vulnerable Children / Youth Support Organisation in Fort Portal - Uganda wants to increase the capacity of their vocational training centre by purchasing additional teaching material for the practical classes. In particular, the project wants to ensure that boys and girls have the opportunity to learn what they want to learn. Girls should be able to aspire to become carpenter, car mechanic or welder, while boys should be able to become tailor or hairdresser. The training is also made accessible to people with disabilities.

An amount of € 4,400 is required for the purchase of the most necessary machines and tools. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors to support this project!

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Prison Fellowship vocational training in Ndola – Zambia

Prison Fellowship Zambia advocates for a fair and effective criminal justice system in Zambia and improving the well-being of inmates, ex-inmates, and their families. Prison Fellowship organises vocational training in Ndola prison to prepare inmates for their reintegration into society.

Prison Fellowship now also wants to provide vocational training in two townships of Ndola (Mushili and Kawama) with the aim of empowering vulnerable unemployed young people and reducing the risk of them becoming involved in criminal activities. An amount € 4,500 is required to purchase the training equipment and tools. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors to support this project.

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Policy Plan 2022-2026

The Van Doorn Foundation has prepared and endorsed its policy plan for the next five years!

Over the past six months, the Board, together with the Foundation's advisors, has evaluated the results of the past five years and looked at what the Foundation wants to set as ambitions for the future, taking into account its capacity. The board has chosen to continue to focus on supporting the self-reliance of young people from slums, street children, children with a physical or mental disability, and underprivileged rural youth.

The goal remains to break the vicious circle of poverty because these vulnerable and underprivileged young people are not able to get an education, learn a trade, find work, and are forced to continue to live in this vicious circle of poverty. The Foundation wants to continue to work for vocational education and self-reliance of the target group. The aim of vocational education is to acquire market-required, immediately deployable skills, with which the vulnerable and underprivileged young people can easily find work or practice a profession.

To this end, the Foundation makes individual scholarships available and subsidies for educational institutions to make vocational training more accessible to vulnerable and underprivileged young people.

The Foundation pays special attention to increasing the chances of employment, for example by subsidizing internship programs (learning-on-the-job), which facilitate entry into the labour market or by providing tools so that starting your own business is possible.

Visit our website and read about what we, with the help of our donors and sponsors, want to achieve in the next five years (2022-2026)!

<https://vandoornfoundation.com/policy/>

Results fundraising

The Foundation strived the past five year for 50% of the Foundation's budget being externally financed. We succeeded in doing so again in 2021. We consider ourselves lucky once again with a donation of € 5,000 from [KWA bedrijfsadviseurs](#) in Amersfoort for two projects (Homa Hills training centre in Kenya and CFAAM training centre in Cameroon), € 2,000 from the [S&C v.d. Lee Stichting](#) in Zwaag for the Hope for Girls safehouses in Tanzania and a donation of € 3,300 from the [Transfair Stichting](#) in Leerdam for Lambwe training centre in Kenya. In addition, € 2,400 in individual private donations were received. We are again very grateful to our donors and sponsors!!

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.



We thank our sponsors and donors for their contributions to a "learning opportunity for everybody" in 2021.

We wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2022