

Two projects in collaboration with the Wilde Ganzen Foundation



Life skills and vocational training for mentally challenged young people in Colombo (Sri Lanka)

The Daya Mina centre teaches mentally disabled young people life skills. The Van Doorn Foundation has been working with the Daya Mina Centre for some time now, and will continue to support them over the next four years to purchase additional training equipment and materials for the existing and new vocational training courses. The covid-19 pandemic and the political-economic crisis were major challenges for the centre. But like Sr. Anastasia, director of the centre said: "We don't know what the future will bring, and no matter how challenging and difficult it will be, we will all continue to do our best for the development of the differently abled youth". Glad that we can help Daya Mina in collaboration with the Wilde Ganzen Foundation.



Vocational training for young people with disabilities Pakwach - Uganda

The Pajobi primary school in Pakwach is the only primary school that caters for children with disabilities, but vocational training after primary school is not yet available for them. The Pacer Community Polytechnic wants to provide these special needs vocational courses. In order to provide vocational training for hearing impaired and physical disabled young people, further training of instructors and adapted training material is required. The Van Doorn Foundation, the Wilde Ganzen Foundation and Education Local Expertise Centre Uganda are going to join forces to make this possible.

Vocational education for young people in war-torn Northern Mali

In conflict-affected areas, schools have been closed and more and more children are turning to informal gold mining in areas controlled by armed groups. They are exposed to the worst forms of child labour, exploitation, and abuse.

GAAS-Mali, together with the Wassa Intitute, will train 20 young people to become craftsmen, who in turn will receive three trainees each, who will learn the trade in practice. The craftsmen receive starter toolkits for this. Ultimately, 80 young people learn a trade and can start their own business. The Van Doorn Foundation, together with the Overal Foundation, will make the realization of this project possible.



Apprenticeships for unemployed youth in Ghana

Jasikan district is located 200 kilometres from the capital where many young people migrate to for work, but are at risk of becoming victims of child labour and sexual exploitation.

Rural Initiative Network identifies mentors and internships for these young people and gives them the tools they need to participate in an internship program.

Twenty-one underprivileged young people have been able to follow vocational training and an internship in small companies in Jasikan in the past year. The project made tools available so that they can start their own business and show other young people that there are also local opportunities to work and generate an income. The project has been successfully completed.



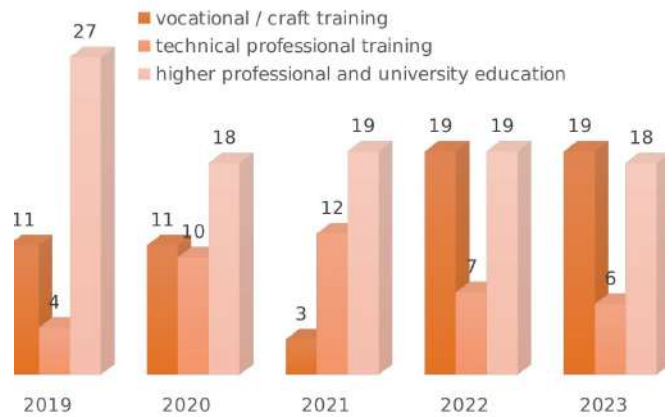
Scholarships

In May 2023, the Foundation received 141 initial applications for a scholarship. Most applications came from Kenya (98) and Uganda (38) and 4 from Tanzania and 1 from Zambia. Sixty percent had to be rejected because they did not meet the criteria. 65 applicants were invited to submit a final application and in June we received 50 complete final applications., 22 from girls and 28 from boys.

From those 50 final applications we awarded scholarships to 22, 15 for studies starting in August and 7 for studies starting in January 2024.

This brings the total number of scholarships in 2023 to 43, of which 19 for craft training, 6 for advanced vocational or technical training and 18 for higher professional education.

Awarded Scholarships



Graduated or still busy with their education!



Anne Mumba Munee

Anne from Kenya completed her 4-year Bachelor of Business Administration study at MOI University in Eldoret Kenya. *“After my fourth year of study, I managed to qualify for graduation which was held on 22nd of December 2022. I am proud to say that I did not disappoint my sponsors as I managed to graduate with a Second class honors (upper division) which is equivalent to a 3.9 GPA.*

Thank you so much VAN DOORN FOUNDATION for the kindness and generosity of helping me realize and achieve my dreams and voicing my future. I am grateful and I promise not to let you down in enlightening my community.”

Congratulations, Anne

Joy Zawadi Otieno

Joy from Homa Bay (Kenya) studies at the University of Kabianga in Kenya. She follows a 4-year study for Bachelor of Nursing. She has completed the first two years and is now busy with her third year.

“During the semester I have been able to learn a number of things that will help me in my line of practice.

My progress in school is great, we were able to do quite a number of random assessments and had a good results in all the listed subjects. I was able to sit for my end of semester 1 year 3 in December 2022.

I am so satisfied with my studies. My studies are picking in so well. I am so grateful to Van Doorn Foundation.”

Joy, good luck with the continuation of your studies.



Vincent Joseph Omondi Otieno

Vincent is a third-year Bachelor's student in electrical and electronics engineering at Machakos University in Kenya.

“I am a 3rd year student pursuing Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering in Machakos University. I am born in a family of six children and raised by a single parent since the death of my dad in 2012. I had serious financial constraints and was on the verge of dropping. But thanks to God for bringing me the Van Doorn Foundation, my academic life has since changed. I am now able to learn with less worry on tuition fees.

I am quite satisfied with my study for this semester. I learned a lot of new things, such as how to use vector analysis to solve electromagnetic fields.

I learnt how to describe the operating principles, simple applications and testing of three phase transformers as well as three phase and single-phase induction motors. I was able to draw the equivalent circuits of induction machines and transformers and perform calculation on machines.”

Vincent, good luck with the continuation of your studies.



Work in progress...!

A future for young people with disabilities in Ibanda - Uganda

The Wisdom Training Resource Center (WTRC) in Ibanda offers various vocational training courses to young people with disabilities. After training, however, not everyone succeeds in starting their own business, their parents are often too poor to buy tools, a sewing machine or a computer for their child. WTRC was only able to buy machines and tools for some graduates. Many more young people can be given a good start with extra tools and machines. An amount of € 5,600 is required for the delivery of machines and tools by Betuwe Worldwide. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors to support this project!

Read more >> [WTRC Vocational Education Uganda](#)



Vocational training for ex-prisoners in Kabwe - Zambia

It is very difficult to find work for someone who has served a sentence. Most ex-offenders who lack skills are rearrested within 6 months of release. Those who successfully complete vocational training can survive without reoffending. If they start working for themselves, they can support their families and send their children to school.

Prisoners' Future Foundation provides vocational training for ex-prisoners and that requires tools.

An amount of € 9,300 is required for the delivery of machines and tools by Betuwe Worldwide. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors to support this project!

Read more >> [PFF Vocational Training Zambia](#)

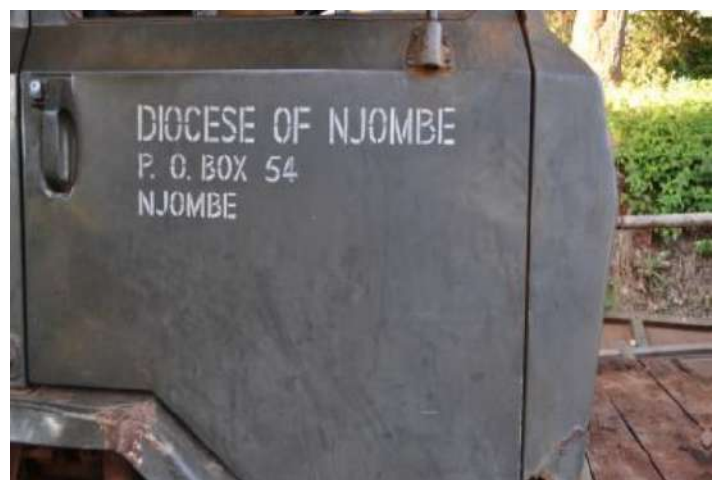


Vocational training for jobless adults in Njombe - Tanzania

The ELKYO Group in Njombe provides vocational training to jobless men and women and teaches them how to set up and run their own businesses. ELKYO has close contacts with local companies where trainees will have an internship, improve their skills and learn how companies are organised. Sewing machines, knitting machines, toolboxes for carpentry and metalworking are required for training, internships and starting up businesses.

€ 1,800 is required for the supply of these machines and tools by Vraag en Aanbod International. The Van Doorn Foundation is looking for sponsors to support this project!

Read more >> [ELKYO vocational training Tanzania](#)



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Welcome to our volunteers

In the previous newsletter we called on volunteers to help the board in carrying out its duties. The Foundation has a small board of four volunteers, they work together in an informal way and divide the work of the Foundation as well as possible. However, that doesn't always work out, and occasionally the help of another volunteer for certain tasks would be greatly appreciated.

We are pleased with the support offered by Samuel Litunya from Turkana Community Foundation in Kenya and Bruno Akeyo from Action for Child Social and Economic Transformation in Uganda. They take over from us the assessment of the initial scholarship applications from their countries. The assessment of the final scholarship applications is done by the country advisors.

We are now looking for a volunteer who can translate project progress reports into messages on social media and in the newsletter.

Two new sponsors

Because of the many interfaces between our Foundation and the Wilde Ganzen Foundation, a collaboration was more than logical. Both foundations want to contribute to poverty reduction and people's self-sufficiency by increasing vocational education and job opportunities. This year we are jointly supporting a project in Sri Lanka and a project in Uganda.



Stichting Overal is a thrift and charity organization that supports people in oppressed and underprivileged positions in developing countries with small-scale projects. In particular, they support emancipation and/or educational projects. This year we are going to support together a project in Mali.



Results fundraising

The Foundation strives for 25% external funding of its annual expenditures. In the first half of 2023 we consider ourselves fortunate with a donation of € 4.970,- from **Wilde Ganzen Stichting** in Amersfoort, € 3.735,- van **Transfair Stichting** in Leerdam and € 2.500,- from **Stichting Overal** in Nijmegen for various projects.

In addition, individual private donations have been received. With this, the Foundation has realized its intended fundraising for 2023. We are 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 developing nations, 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 14 to 28 years of age, 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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