

Policy plan

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Our motivation

Visits to lower and middle economy countries, and living in some of them made us realize how fortunate we are to be born in lucky circumstances in the Netherlands. A country where education is accessible to everyone, but this is not the case everywhere.

As we believe that education should be a fundamental right for everyone and it is the best way to combat poverty, we want to enable children and youth in lower and lower-middle economies via paying their college fees as well as offering local mentorship.

Our goal

The main goal of Lakisama Foundation is to contribute to poverty reduction by offering structural education(support) to children in lower and middle economy countries. We want to do this with as little overhead as possible and therefore solely work with volunteers. Currently, we focus on children in Kenya.

Our activities

In the Netherlands: We collect funds from structural donors as well as with fundraising activities (running events, fundraising auctions, pub quizzes etc).

The collected funds are used to pay school fees and other materials needed in order to support education (uniforms, study materials, laptops, housing etc). Payments are always made directly to the source (school or selling party).

In Kenya: We offer mentorship to the children that finish secondary school in order to guide them towards a professional career and mentor them on their challenges during their post-secondary studies.

Our finances

The collected funds are used to pay school fees and other materials needed in order to support education. Part of the funds collected will be reserved for future expenses as we want to enable the children enrolled in the education support programme to be able to finish the education they started. Our income and expenses are detailed in our annual reports.

Our board and team

The Lakisama board consists of Myrthe van der Plas (chairman), Annemieke van Beek (treasurer) and Simon Lok (secretary).

We are supported by volunteers in the Netherlands as well as in Kenya.

Our remuneration

We want to ensure that all donations are converted into education related expenses, so neither our board members nor our volunteers receive any remuneration.

Our operational costs consist only of local costs made in the Netherlands for collecting funds, like the cost of hosting our website or having a bank account.

Capacity to act

The capacity to act follows the Dutch legislation and has been documented in our registration with the notary. Decisions will only be taken when supported by a majority of the board.

We do not have a supervisory board, but we consider this as an option in case we need structural advise on i.e. how to grow, expand to other countries, or change the way of collecting funds.