

# ANUAL REPORT 2020

### A better future through education



# **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

### Mambo!

2020, what a year! A year in which we continued our mission to reduce poverty and our first full year as a foundation. We are so proud of all that we have achieved!

Just like last year, we managed to provide all the children connected with, or staying at Tree House Children's Family Home in Lucky Summer (Nairobi, Kenya) with access to education.

Due to COVID-19, schools unfortunately were closed for the largest part of the year. We paid school fees for the moments the children were able to go to school, and for the moments schools were closed we came up with alternative ways to provide the children with access to education: we donated books and paid their internet subscription.

For the same reason we were unable to visit Kenya in 2020, but luckily our local volunteers managed to stay in touch with the children and keep track of them. As for the payment of the school fees, we set up a structure to pay these online instead of in person to the local banks.

I am very happy to announce that in 2020 eight volunteers joined our foundation! We are so grateful that Dennis, Esmee, Gilbert, Jotham, Kunal, Marvin, Mylène and Noor are now part of our team. With this expanded team we were able to increase our efforts: we mentor more children, built our own website from scratch, are more active on social media and started our first online fundraising event. This enabled us to introduce more people to Lakisama and find new donors. At the same time our existing donors (amongst which KYOS Energy Consulting and PwC's WM2U Foundation) kept supporting us.

In this report we share our financial statement, a description of our mission, a timeline of our (fundraising) activities, some facts and figures and we introduce some of the children we support and the local heroes we work with.

We want to thank all of you for your continued support to our mission. Together we provide children with a better future through education!

Let's proceed with this beautiful journey and further advance in 2021.

Asante sana!

On behalf of team Lakisama and the board,

Warm regards,

#### Myrthe van der Plas

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#### Meet the children

#### Sam, 22 years, studies Tourism

"I never thought that I would be able to go to college but as I am writing this, I am waiting for the results of my KNEC exams (state exams). I am very grateful to be in this position but my hope is to proceed beyond this level. My dream for the future is, simply, to have a stable life and a good job. My aspiration is to hold someone's hand and help them reach their full potential, just as is done for me."



# EVENTS TIMELINE

### March 2019

Start of Lakisama Foundation

### August 2019

Kyos Energy Consulting joins as our sponsor

### September 2019

DA team of PwC Consulting runs Veluweloop

# October 2019

Mario Possen from Obscure. designed our logo free of charge

### June 2020

Launch of our new website

### December 2020

Virtual fundraising pub quiz

### July 2019

Jacques cycles the entire Tour de France `un jour d'avant' to raise money for Lakisama

### August, September 2019

`Running Holland' fundraising events

### December 2019

Benefit concert Parkstad Limburg Theater by Paul van Loo en Clement Cabaret

### October 2020

Start of making internet payments and book donations to TreeHouse children



# OUR MISSION

#### A better future through education

Our aim is to change the world. We want a future on a healthy planet, where people have equal opportunities and can live a happy, healthy life without having to worry about poverty.

We believe education is the best way to achieve this! That's why we support children by giving them access to education and mentorship.

#### School fees

Even though access to education is one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's), in some places getting education is far from self evident. Therefore we decided to pay school fees for children who do not have the opportunity to go to school otherwise.

Currently we make sure all the children of Tree House Children's Family Home in Lucky Summer (Nairobi, Kenya) have access to education. These children either lost their parents or their parents do not have the funds to care for them.

We support the children in primary, secondary and higher education. We pay the school fees directly to the schools.

#### Home schooling

Due to COVID-19 schools were closed for part of 2020. Since we want to make sure they have the opportunity to continue learning we provided books and an internet connection.

#### Mentorship program

The children that go to college are part of our mentorship programme Piga Jeki ("we boost"). We work with seven local volunteers who share their experience and knowledge. They mentor the children by giving them advice for the future and sharing their life experiences. When the children graduate and find a job we hope that, in return, they can mentor the younger kids. This way we are creating a self sustaining mentorship programme.

#### lakizama and the SDGz

Our mission is to offer children and youth in lower income economies access to education to enable a better future. Our efforts are in the spirit of the following SDGs:



# SPOTUGHT

Local volunteers are crucial to Lakisama. They understand the culture and values within the Kenyan society much better than we ever could. We value their efforts and the love they put in their work. Without them Lakisama couldn't have the impact it has.

We want to put some of them in the spotlight: Nadia Uwase, who runs TreeHouse Family Children's Home together with her husband Nick, and Yadeta Berhanu and Oliver Mandila who mentor some of the children and regularly visit the children's home to check on them and supply them with educational materials.

#### Asante sana!

"I have been fortunate to have been brought up in a stable family. But not all children have a father to tell "Dad, I feel lost" and there are still children who constantly worry about their basic needs.

Who supports these vulnerable members of our society? Who thinks about them like my parents about me? Do these children have hope in the face of corrupt governments and systems, which only work for the elite? We live in a selfish capitalist economy where folks believe they need to disadvantage others to get themselves ahead. These are pointers that our foundation is flawed. The call is for individual responsibility, perhaps even individual initiative to intervene.

I believe that if I don't take initiative to be the change I want to see, then no one will. I believe if we minded our brothers and sisters, we would use power and privilege for the advancement of the common good (e.g. setting up safety nets and more egalitarian systems to benefit the majority). The journey is never perfect, but we can aspire to have a fair society. Wisdom says that the journey of a thousand miles starts with one small step. This is why I am very proud to share in the mission and vision of Lakisama Foundation."



## **SPOTUGHT**

# Yadeta



"With Lakisama Foundation it was my first time to be in a children's home. I thought those places were for rich people and NGO's to visit and support. I didn't think there was anything I could contribute.

When asked to be a mentor I gladly accepted, because I know how important education is. I'm from a small town in Ethiopia where there was no high school. I had to move out of my parents house to get a better education. Fortunately, I had people who supported me and guided me on the right path. That definitely helped me to be where I am today.

*I want to do that for others and am super excited to be part of this! I sincerely invite you (especially Africans) to go visit Tree House. You can put a smile on at least one person's face and you'll get a joy that I cannot describe!"* 

"My name is Nadia Uwase, I'm a Rwandese orphan who grew up in Kenya. Luckily, I was raised by my uncle and experienced much love from him and the people around me. Not having parents made me realize that this is not always self-evident. It has taught me to always treat less fortunate people with respect and dignity.

I worked for World Vision Rwanda (NGO) for 9 years while I also supported Tree House Children's home alongside my work. In October 2019, I decided to leave my job and join my husband to raise the children at Tree House that he had been raising, mostly by himself, since I was working from a different country.

Because someone helped me get where I am today, in turn, I can now be there for others. I want the children to achieve more than I have achieved in life. It is our goal for them to be better people, live good lives and be self-reliant and dependable in the society!"

# Nadia



# FACTS AND FIGURES

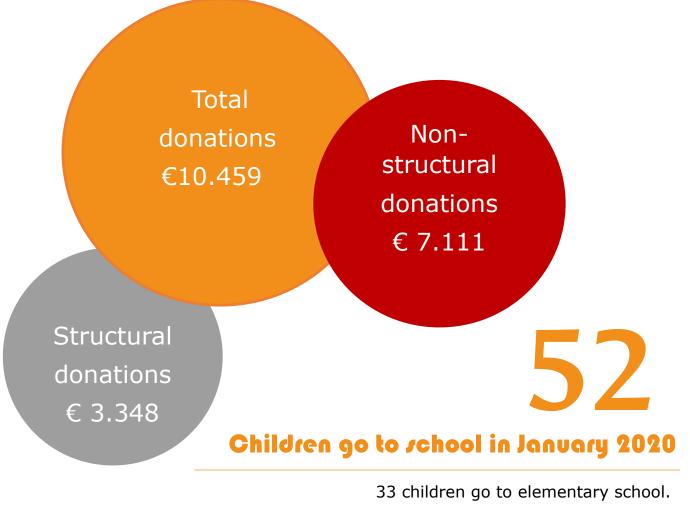
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#### Volunteers

The foundation of our foundation is our group of volunteers that passionately puts energy in running Lakisama.

We have seven mentors in Kenya: Oliver & Miriam Mandila, Yadeta Berhanu, Gilbert Ego, Jotham Wadongo, Dennis Maina, Kunal Shah.

We have five volunteers in The Netherlands: Dejan Davidovikj, Esmee Schieveld, Marvin Hooplot, Noor Aisha Binti Mahafar, Mylène Ingwersen.



- 15 children go to secondary school.
- 4 children follow higher education.

# **DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

#### ... lakisama has almost no overhead

The only overhead of Lakisama is the cost of a bank account and transfer fees of donations by the supporting platforms. We only work with volunteers. Board members and volunteers do not receive any remuneration. This means that every euro is almost fully converted into education support.

#### ... lakizama haz ANBI status

We have ANBI status. This means that in the Netherlands your donation is tax deductible if you sign a donation form or if you donate 1% or more of your income to charitable organisations with ANBI status.

#### ... School feer in Kenya are not fixed

School fees in Kenya are not fixed: they can differ per term and have been raised substantially due to COVID-19.

### **Meet the children**

Millicent, 19 years, studies Airport Operations

"I am glad to be chosen to become a beneficiary of Lakisama foundation. Currently I am at Kenya Institute of Professional Studies (KIPS) college where I am studying to become an airport operator, this deals with any activities that are taking place within the airport premises.



In terms of my exams and school performance I am doing well and am even able to participate in school activities. Being in college means a lot to me, I develop skills and knowledge and also meet friends who inspire me.

I am pushing hard in my education so that when I am done with school, and hopefully have a good job, I can give back to society. I want to be able to buy books and pay school fees and show the younger generation, by example, the importance of education."

# LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN

We only disclose information on children that have reached the age that enables them to consent. Younger children will therefore not be highlighted individually. However, we do like to share some of their beautiful thank you letters that we have received.

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# LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN

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From: Eather Wambui.

First I thank God for substaining you until now and secondly is the reason as to why am writing this letter which is about gratitude. For cuive an very thankful for your support in my education, thank you for paying my school feer for the first semecter, I want to accoure you that am really working hard and smart in school, so far we have done only one cat and 1 got an 88% in hairdressing and 82% in beauty au unity, so I promive to continue working hard as the I wait for the end of semester KNEC Exam.

May God bless you abundantly and also to those who support you in this May God bless them plus the works of their hands.



# **BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31-12-2020

DEDIT		Notes	:	2020	2	2019
DEBIT	Fixed assets					
	Tangible assets	1		-		-
	Stock	2		-		-
	Current assets					
	Receivables	3		-		-
	Cash and cash equivalents	6	15.672		8.917	
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	Total debit side balance she	et		15.672		8.917
CREDIT		_				
	Reserves and funds Other reserves Destination reserve Destination fund	7	120 - -		25 -	
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	Liabilities*	8		15.552		8.892
	Total credit side balance sh	eet		15.672		8.917

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

AS AT	31-	12-2	020
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		Budget		Actuals		Delta
REVENUES	Notes	2020		2020		2020
Total income	11	20.000	100%	10.459	100%	9.541-
Purchase value of income	12	-	0%	-	0%	-
Sum of revenues		20.000		10.459		9.541-
EXPENSES						
Depreciations	13	-	0%	-	0%	-
Personnel costs	14	-	0%	-	0%	-
Expenses for objectives	15	18.600	93%	9.268	89%	9.332-
Housing costs	16	-	0%	-	0%	-
Management and administratio	n <i>17</i>	400	2%	411	4%	11
Recruitment costs	18	300	2%	271	3%	29-
General costs	19	400	2%	414	4%	14
		19.700		10.364		9.336-
Sum of expenses		19.700	-/-	10.364	-/-	
Sum of revenues and expen	ses	300		95		205-
Interest and incidental income	20	-	0%	-	0%	-
Interest and incidental charges	21	-	0%	-	0%	-
Result		300	2%	95	1%	205-
Result destination						

Destination reserve 95

\* The liabilities in the annual report of 2019 were based on our expectation that all children that went to school in 2019 would go to school at least in 2020 and 2021. COVID-19 caused the schools to close and therefore we paid less school fees than expected. A small part of the liabilities was released because some children left Tree House. We added the liabilities based on a growing number of children in Tree House and our expectation that schools would be open from January 2021.