



KUNE ZUVA NEWSLETTER

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The Foundation

Kune Zuva means 'the sun shines'. This is directly the goal of this foundation: to let the sun shine by giving people in Africa opportunities in life. Kune Zuva has been doing this for over 20 years by setting up, supervising and financing small-scale projects. We also support people on an individual basis.

We currently have projects in Tanzania, South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

The resources

The result of the Christmas newsletter 2021 amounted to almost € 8,800. In addition to private individuals, there are schools, other foundations and organisations that support us. As a result, in 2022, we could spend almost €50,000 on meaningful projects. This was a great result, so thank you very much.

Looking back

Thanks to our help, a primary school in a deprived area in Kenya now has new sanitation facilities.

In Ethiopia, we support a project in which people learn to plant and maintain a vegetable garden in order to grow their own fruit and vegetables. Providing tools, seeds, seedlings and a solar water pump is part of the project.

In Tanzania, we invest a lot in training sessions at primary and secondary schools to inform girls about the illegality of genital mutilation and being married off before the age of 18. We managed to visit 12 schools this year. In every school there are girls who urgently need help to prevent being circumcised and forced into marriage. To achieve this, we provide extra care and also a place at a boarding school is arranged if required.

Extensive background information about our projects can be found at our website www.kunezuva.nl and with recent updates on Facebook and LinkedIn (Dutch).

Introducing...

Jeniffer, Kasikeu/Nairobi, Southern Kenya

Jeniffer, the 12th and youngest from a rural family, stood out at school by doing really well in her studies. However, no one in her family had gone to secondary school, let alone a girl. There was no money for it anyway. The head of the primary school intervened and she was allowed to go to secondary school. Because her family failed to pay the school fees, she was sent home time and again. Since 2010, Kune Zuva started paying her school fees and stabilized her in school. After high school, she trained as a medical laboratory scientist. After working as a volunteer at AMREF Flying Doctors for a number of months, she then joined the national hospital.

She now works there in the transplant department. She recently attended a conference on women and transplantation in Hanover for work and took the opportunity to visit Kune Zuva's board members at home. In addition to her work, she is currently self-funding and studying for her master's degree. When possible, she follows schools and students who are supported by Kune Zuva.

(Former) Students in Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia

Since 2001, we have been supporting various students in vocational studies and higher education. Nearly a hundred students have been helped through the former and just as many through the latter. For all these young people, our support was necessary to complete their studies. Many in higher education have continued on their own with a master's degree. There are currently 27 students in our higher education programme and 16 students are following vocational training.

Some examples: The Ethiopian Jiloo taught herself to read and write by joining in when the children who actually could go to school did their homework. Now she works as a teacher and is committed to increasing opportunities for girls.

Or there's Fasika, who completed her studies with our help, found a job and started a family. But then northern Ethiopia got caught up in the civil war. Fasika fled with her 5-year-old daughter, leaving everything behind except the clothes they were wearing. After a year at a refugee camp, she has returned to her birthplace and lives with her mother. She has not heard from her husband at the frontline for a whole year. Thanks to her training, she can get back to work.

The Kenyan Jedidah felt like the dunce in high school because her sister was so much better at learning. But Jedidah had a dream: to help children with disabilities in education. She made that dream come true. She is a top performer in, among other things, sign language.

Then there's Elizabeth who taught herself to sew, but then went on a course to increase her knowledge and skills and to learn machine maintenance herself. This will come in handy because we will soon receive a hundred sewing machines for Tanzania from the Gered Gereedschap Foundation. In the near future, Elizabeth will be able to teach other girls how to sew, especially those who can no longer stay at home, in order to take care of themselves.

More children to kindergarten due to cow milk, Dimeka, Ethiopia

Since 2004, Kune Zuva has been encouraging participation in pre-primary education. Kindergarten is a good way to introduce children to the official language, to get to know the world around them in a playful way and to prepare well for primary education. However, in the south of Ethiopia, education is still not a matter of course for some disadvantaged population groups. Providing a meal is a common and effective way to get parents excited about sending their pre-schooler to school.

Previously, meals have been provided, but it is desirable to phase out outside help. Having the Kindergarten's own food supply makes this possible. The decision was made to purchase dairy cows with the necessary shed. Milk contains good proteins, vitamins and minerals, important building blocks for pre-schoolers in areas where everything is lacking.

This project was designed by Mammo, one of our former students. At the time, he studied water management and obtained his master's degree.

He initiated our 'University Student Fund' in 2007. Now he works as a manager for a development organisation, a 'cows for school milk' project which we support.

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Christmas wish from Kune Zuva

As you can see, Kune Zuva keeps supporting marginalized people in Africa. Kune Zuva works hard to continue the support of the various projects. The focus is on all phases of education, from kindergarten to university, for the less fortunate people in society. Most of these projects will extend into future years. In this respect, your financial support is essential to us and will be gratefully received.

Also this year we are sending our newsletter with our Merry Christmas greetings. We sincerely hope you are willing to support our Foundation with a donation via IBAN NL89 INGB 000 5837915 – Swift/ BIC Code INGBNL2A of Foundation Kune Zuva, Tolsedijk 10, 4681 SV Nieuw Vossemeer, The Netherlands. By supporting our Foundation, you are not just wishing us a happy 2023, but you will let the sun shine for people in Africa, and provide them with the key to a successful future. Thank you in advance, and thank you also from our friends in Africa!

Loving Christmas and a Sunny and Healthy 2023!