



Annual Report 2009

The **Makina Primary School** in the Kibera slum of Nairobi was again one of our two main projects. Again we provided teaching and learning material as well as meals during the school holidays for the children and teachers. For the first time this year, CHaCHaCHi took over a part of the salaries paid out every month to the 13 teachers and 2 cooks because many parents and guardians were able to cover the small school fees only in parts or, in some cases, not at all. Still, the teachers are barely able to pay the rents for their huts and to cover their basic needs.

After the sad and unexpected death of our young school director Leah last March, a team of 4 very committed teachers took over the running of the school. The transition phase was rather difficult for the new team because two of the former „mamas“ and „school owners“ often showed up at the school to collect school fees without issuing any receipts. When I travelled to Nairobi last spring, I had to put some pressure on and temporarily stopped all payments and financial support provided by CHaCHaCHi.

In the fall of 2009, a new School Board was officially elected. Joseph, the director of the TANIA home for disabled children and a very experienced educational expert, supported us very much. He now represents CHaCHaCHi in the new School Board. By the end of 2009, the turbulences had settled down, and everything is now well under way.

Our second main project is the **sponsoring of further education for young people**.

After extensive conversations and many visits to families and schools, we enabled 11 successful school graduates to go to High School; 7 students with less intellectual but rather practical talents were helped to find a professional education. The student Angellah is sponsored an education at College. Out of the 19 students, 17 are enrolled at boarding schools.

Furthermore, we supported the couple Jennifer and Joseph, who run and manage the „**Tania Integrated Rehabilitation Center**“, a home for disabled children, with small yet regular monthly contributions to their running expenses.

In spring, we organised a three-day workshop for the women's group AMANI. The workshop was carried out by an experienced specialist in **microcredits**. He prepared the women for the task of managing small loans. Later that year, the first group of 8 women was granted a microcredit by CHaCHaCHi. The organisation and management of the entire microcredit system was confided to Mr. Michael Nyangi, a young professional whom we know very well. The women were doing business successfully and soon started to pay back their loans and even to save small amounts of money. Overall, we can truly look back on an intensive and successful year. I travelled to Nairobi three times and spent several weeks there. Nicolas Miescher accompanied me on one of my trips. The few people on site whom we know well and trust are closely cooperating with us.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and members very much for their generous support! It is thanks to all of you that we optimistically started into 2010. We shall tackle our tasks with great commitment and a greater knowledge of the local conditions.

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Heidi Brenner, Chairwoman