



CHaCHaCHi celebrates its 10-year anniversary

Anniversary Report 2017

I am delighted to inform you that our relief work in favour of the most destitute children and adolescents in the Kibera slum of Nairobi has proven successful over the past ten years. We enabled several hundreds of children to receive a sound school education. This is a great opportunity for them to earn their livelihood in their own country. We would like to sincerely thank all our members and donors for their most valued support!

In the year when I started to support the Makina Primary School in the Nairobi Kibera slum 10 years ago, elections were held. This was again the case last year. Unfortunately, the already difficult situation of the poorest always aggravates before and after the elections. People greatly fear that riots and violence might break out. And still no easing of this situation is in sight!

Review and figures 2007 until 2017 **Primary school children**

Over the past 10 years, we paid for school fees, lunch and medical emergency aid for several hundreds of primary school children. During the first years, we mainly supported the children of the Makina Primary School and its teachers.

Since 2013, we have been supporting the poorest school children in various slum schools instead of just one.

We always covered the costs for the meals of the children during school holidays. Furthermore, one of our priorities is the medical support of the children. Sick or injured children can contact our employee Jackline, who will accompany them to a medical station or to hospital.

High school students

It was always very important to us to enable children to continue their school education after primary school.

Soon we learnt that it is almost impossible for adolescents to enrol for a vocational apprenticeship if they don't provide a high school degree.

Over the course of the years, we made it possible for approximately 200 high school students to complete the four-year high school education at boarding schools. About 40 of them did not receive the entire costs from us, mainly because their performance did not meet our requirements. About 100 of these students successfully completed the Kenyan high school certificate, more than 60 of them are currently still at high school, and more students were accepted in the programme at the beginning of 2018.

Vocational apprenticeship and university students

From the very beginning, we have been committed to vocational apprenticeships because we are convinced that young people with practical skills are very much needed especially in African countries. Unfortunately, it is not easy to find good vocational schools or – based on the model of Switzerland – apprenticeship workshops. The approach in many schools is far too theoretical. So far, about 30 adolescents have completed a vocational school as dressmakers, cooks, hairdressers, hotel employees, carpenters, joiners, electricians, drivers, etc.

Almost all of them have found a job, albeit at very low initial salaries.

We supported the best high school students by paying for their university studies. Out of about 40 university students, some have already graduated from university or will do so in the coming year. Their fields of study include nurse, scientist, IT expert, high school teacher, etc.

For 10 years, we have been supporting the **Tania Integrated Rehabilitation Center**, a home for the disabled, with monthly contributions to cover their running costs. Jennifer und Joseph are deeply grateful for our support because they would not know how to pay for the most essential items for the children and for the teachers' and carers' salaries.

The Challenges

- The major challenges of our work include understanding the Kenyan mentality, dealing with surprises regarding the country's school education policy as well as actively and precisely monitoring the costs. Thanks to the help of our excellent Kenyan employee Jackline we have so far mastered all these challenges very well.

- A major nuisance are the regular strikes: Teachers of the state high schools and university professors were repeatedly on strike, then medical doctors and nurses followed, etc. This always entailed negative consequences for the school education or medical traineeships.

- It will most probably prove to be difficult to get our loans back as initial salaries are often extremely low and hardly suffice to guarantee a livelihood.

The Joys

It is time and again very touching for us to see how enthusiastic and committed the primary school children and the adolescents are when it comes to studying! They greatly appreciate the opportunity to receive a school education thanks to CHaCHaCHi.

In many cases, the children are taken care of by single mothers, single fathers, grandmothers, elder siblings or other relatives. The children's school education is a heavy burden on their carers who would never be able to pay for the costs on their own. They are very grateful that we take off this burden and pay for the costs, and they sincerely display their gratitude!

It fills us with great satisfaction to be able to help at least some of the poorest people and to give them a chance for a better life. This motivates us to continue to do our utmost for them, together with your help!



Last August: Our Chairwoman and our employee Jackline discuss with Ferdinand his grades and his personal report. In November of last year, he took his final exam at high school.

Photo 1st page: Primary school children in a slum school that we support.

Please get more information on our website www.chachachi.org

We would like to underline that 100% of your donations are directly committed to the Kenyan children and adolescents.

In November 2017

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