



Annual Report 2024

When Christoph and I were in Kenya in March, there were no signs of the extreme weather conditions that were to come. At the end of April and in May, heavy rainfalls flooded large parts of Kenya. Nairobi was also hit by **floodings**. Two of our primary schools were severely damaged. Numerous huts in the slums were destroyed and many of the poor lost what little possessions they had. The government bitterly disappointed the suffering people as it didn't provide any emergency aid, and many people were starving. To add to the suffering of the destitute communities, President William Ruto introduced new taxes and planned a financial reform that would allow the government to tax basic foodstuffs even more heavily. The government also planned to cancel state loans for students. This was the last straw for many **young people. They protested** against corruption in the country, the huge tax burden and the generally poor economic conditions. The police brutally defeated the demonstrations and even killed several people. The tax bill was withdrawn, but new tax increases are now on the government's agenda in November.

Primary schools in the Kibra slum

This year, we again actively supported the eight Kenyan primary schools with targeted measures. The two schools that were destroyed by the floods had to find new premises. We provided uncomplicated help, the ruined school supplies were replaced, and normal school life quickly resumed at the new locations.

Our **8 primary schools** care for approximately **1,600 children**, slightly fewer than in 2023. They are taught by **55 teachers** and catered for by **10 cooks**.

The new CBC (Competency Based Curriculum), which was introduced for all primary schools in Kenya in 2023, led to some organizational changes. Students now remain in primary school up to and including grade 6. As of grade 7, they move up to junior secondary school. Two of our schools met all the requirements to run these higher classes, while others had to let go their older students for the time being.

During our visit, Christoph and I noticed that many children come to school on an empty stomach in the morning. We decided that porridge should be offered to **all the children before school starts**, which is greatly appreciated. The teachers told us that this breakfast noticeably improves the children's ability to concentrate. The **nutritious and healthy lunches** are, of course, still an important part of our programme. Thanks to Jackline's organizational skills, everything runs smoothly.

We furthermore **top up the insufficient salaries of the teachers and cooks** to a minimum subsistence level and pay them their salaries during the holidays.



Playing games during break



Christoph in action

Letter of a teacher:

DEAR HEIDI

Receive my greetings. am teacher rose from koplwa. We as teachers, appreciate you from the bottom of our hearts for the feeding we have been receiving. That is from porridge to lunch and also appreciates you for the teacher's top-up that we get every month. may your paths be blessed and your future deeds as well.

Emergency aid

Unfortunately, the need for **emergency aid** in the slum is **still very urgent**. Occasional jobs are rare, food is expensive and the rents for the huts must also be paid.

Our trusted employee Jackline also acts as a social worker: she listens to the mothers, advises them, and may distribute emergency aid money to them.



A cook preparing Githeri (maize and beans)

Name: Blessing Mutuku Grade: 3
My school is called Little Stommers School.
My School has six teachers
In my school we eat Rice, green grams and githeri.
In my school we also drink porridge. the porridge is also sweet
My school is the best and in my school we have the best teachers our teachers are kind. And we come to school by 7:00 a.m

Note of a 3rd grade student

Students at vocational colleges and universities

This year, we once again tried to make life easier for many students and apprentices by providing monthly contributions to them. We also pay the school fees for apprentices at vocational colleges. All contributions are loans of which a part must be repaid later.

TANIA, a home for the disabled

Jennifer and Joseph, the two managers of the home, are very grateful for our reliable monthly **contributions to their running costs**. Unfortunately, they still do not receive any support for their more than 100 children, some of whom are severely disabled.

Check out our website for more information: www.chachachi.org

Thank you for your support!

We are still passing on 100% of your donations to the children and young people in Kenya.

In November 2024

Heidi Brenner, President