



*Jackline, Alice (a former student), and Adrian*

## Annual Report 2025

This year, I would like to begin my report on our association with mixed feelings: On a positive note, our long-standing sponsor **Adrian Buchschacher** has decided to join the Board of CHaCHaCHi. In January, he accompanied our Kenyan colleague Jackline and me for a week in the Kibra slum and got an insight into other projects outside the slum. He was very taken with the enthusiastic children and the open-hearted, dedicated teachers.

We elected him to our Board at the General Meeting in March. He will be changing careers next year and will then be able to commit more of his time and energy to our work. Christoph Künzli and I are looking forward to our new colleague on the board and the collaboration with him.

It was with some sadness that we said goodbye to the two long-standing Board Members Fabienne Tschabold (Dumoulin) and Carole Malik (Maertens):



Fabienne



Carole

Fabienne has served on the Board for 16 years, mostly as our accountant and treasurer, while Carole has been active for 12 years, including 5 years as our President. Both have very busy lives, caring for small children, houses and gardens, while shouldering professional responsibilities. They will remain connected with our association as honorary members. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for their many years of fruitful cooperation and wish them both all the best.

### Primary schools in the Kibra slum

This year, we again provided urgently needed meals to the children and teachers of eight primary schools. In the morning before school, they are offered a popular porridge, and at lunchtime they eagerly eat either githeri (corn kernels and beans with onions and tomatoes) or rice with green gram (a very healthy legume). We were also able to pay for books, teaching materials, missing desks and benches for all schools, and we repaired broken furniture.

There are just over **1,600 children** in the **eight primary schools** we support, similar to 2024. They are taught by **58 teachers** and fed by **10 cooks**.

**We supplement the teachers' and cooks' insufficient wages** to a minimum subsistence level and also pay them during their holidays.

Everyone was shocked when Jared Omusula, the young headmaster of the largest primary school, St. Juliet (390 children), suddenly died in June. Fortunately, his successor runs the school professionally and cooperates very helpfully with Jackline and us.



*Adrian and myself, on our way to a primary school*



*Christoph has a lot to do: 10 new laptops for students must be provided.*



### **Emergency aid**

Unfortunately, the economic situation for the poorest is still very precarious. Far too many people must look for occasional jobs every day to put food on the table. Scraping together the rent for their shacks is an additional burden for them. Jackline regularly distributes emergency aid money after listening to the mothers, most of whom are single parents, and encourages them not to give up.

### **Loans to students at vocational colleges or universities**

University students receive loans from the government. These loans are usually almost enough to cover tuition fees, but they are not sufficient to cover accommodation, food and other needs. We help them with monthly 'upkeep' money. We also pay the tuition fees for students at vocational schools. All amounts are considered to be loans, parts of which must be repaid later.

### **TANIA, a home for the disabled**

This year, we are again supporting the managers, Jennifer and Joseph, with monthly contributions towards their running costs. In January, we also helped them replace the old water pump. Unfortunately, they still receive no government support for their well over 100 children, some of whom are severely disabled.

More information to be found on our website [www.chachachi.org](http://www.chachachi.org)

Thank you for your support!

As always, 100% of your donations go to the children and young people in Kenya.

In November 2025

Heidi Brenner, President