



**WATOTO
FOUNDATION CH**



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FOREWARD

For 30 years I have had a special connection to Africa and the people there - especially to Kenya. In February 2019, I led a mission trip with youth and young adults in Kenya, which had far-reaching, positive effects.

In two weeks 13 young people experienced a completely different world. They were confronted with need and poverty, lived in community with young people from a completely different background, and experienced how they themselves could change situations in a targeted and sustainable way through active help.

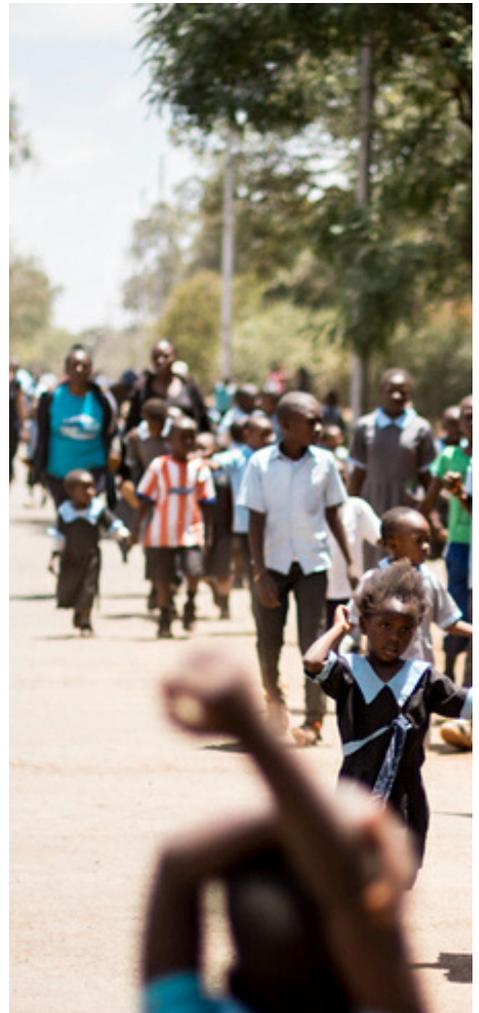
Last but not least, friendships were formed during these two weeks, which changed us all, made us think and spurred us on to action. In my circle of friends and acquaintances a great solidarity, curiosity and willingness to donate was noticeable for the people in Kenya. This needed to be managed in a proper way and so in the first half of 2019 a project near to our hearts started.

Who's with me?

With Peter Baldini and Margitta Lehmann, I had two people at my side who have been involved in the Pamoja Unplugged 2019 youth outreach from the very beginning. The desire grew in us to continue to work for disadvantaged people in Kenya.

Here in Switzerland we enjoy a functioning, high-quality education system. During my visits in Tanzania and Kenya I often saw the need for education. As a teacher, the conditions there left me feeling powerless and desolate.

There are countless projects and organisations in Africa. We would like to start by supporting and partnering with existing local organisations, projects and initiatives that we consider worthy of support.



In August 2019 the big moment had arrived. Our foundation was established on August 1st, 2019 in Stäfa. A summer evening that will remain in our memories: Motivation, zeal and the feeling of taking an essential step of solidarity has accompanied us ever since.

It is very important to us that we do not act too hastily. Time has a different value in Africa! We have learned this and are learning it again and again. We have a great thirst for action and therefore it is important to weigh up carefully whether, how and in what form we invest in projects.

I have been overjoyed and grateful for the last months and the starting phase of our foundation. My wish is for us to grow beyond ourselves in 2020 and for Watoto Foundation CH to grow in size and scope.

Sabine Godinez, Co-Presidency



BOARD

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One man alone cannot support a roof.

AFRICAN PROVERB

The Board currently consists of four committed individuals who come from different professional backgrounds. We are all united by a great love for the continent of Africa and the desire to act and to dare to take steps instead of just talking about it.

Our motivation is accompanied by a high level of professionalism and commitment. This is also expressed in the fact that we work on a voluntary basis.

We pay all flights, expenses for stays and project visits out of our own pocket. We also try to pay for the association's expenses (website, ads, postage, business cards) through membership fees and special donations. Donations should be used entirely for the selected projects.

The executive committee currently consists of the following persons:

Peter Baldini

Sabine Godinez

André Ress

Jörg Frey

A further person is to be elected to the board in spring 2020. We meet once a month for a board meeting. This serves the exchange, planning and concretization of work steps. Furthermore we are supported by our members.

FACTS ON NAIROBI

With a population of just over 4.4 million people, Nairobi is the capital of the East African country. Kenya gained independence from Great Britain in 1963. Nairobi is located in southern Kenya, on the Nairobi River, a tributary of the Athi River.

Built at an altitude of 1624m, it is one of the highest capital cities in Africa. Nairobi is a diverse and vibrant city. There is the prosperous Nairobi, with green belts, skyscrapers, shopping malls for the rich and tourists and right next door the more than 200 poor districts of the city.

Thus 60% of the inhabitants live in slums, but this on only 5% of the city area. In addition, 60,000 people in Nairobi live on the streets without sufficient food or support from family members. Many can only dream of attending school or training.



FACTS ON MUKURU SLUM

The 21st century is characterised by massive migration movements and rapid urbanisation of the population. Urbanization is considered a phenomenon of industrialization, which has now spread to the southern hemisphere. Whereas some 309 million people lived in cities here in the middle of the last century, the urban population in the south will have increased tenfold by 2030. Over the next 30 years, the countries of the South will catch up with the urbanization rates of Europe and North America.

A large proportion of the people who move from the countryside to the city are almost destitute and are then confronted with the high costs of city life. Many settle in areas that have been neglected by the city administration and are unattractive for the real estate market. Informal settlements are therefore usually located on the edge of industrial zones, riverbeds or rubbish dumps.

Slums are not static settlements, but dynamic social systems linked by strong networks that ensure the survival of their inhabitants. Through networks, newcomers from impoverished rural regions find support opportunities and enable them to participate in the urban value chain.



Vibrant street life between toxic waste water

In Nairobi's Mukuru slum there is also a dense network of social relationships. Anyone who visits Mukuru experiences a pulsating street life and lively neighbourhoods. But always accompanied by the biting stench of toxic sewage, which runs unprotected through the narrow streets next to playing children.

In Mukuru, 120,000 people crowd onto one square kilometre. That corresponds to twelve times the residential density of Geneva. 250 families have to share a single water connection and around 550 households one toilet. There is hardly any access to affordable educational facilities and health care. A few makeshift schools stand between the tin huts.



Those who live here have to pay comparatively more per litre of water and per square metre of living space than someone from the middle class and also live in extremely precarious conditions, surrounded by violence and illness.

The question of who actually owns the land remains unresolved and contributes to the deplorable state of affairs.



Mafia-like structures are replacing the vacuum left by the city administration in the slums. Gang leaders get payed enormous amounts for rent and water.

Whoever wants to change things here needs a broad coalition and a lot of patience.



Since the foundation was established in August, some members of the board were twice (in August and also in October) on site to maintain contacts and to analyse and review projects. The acquisition of local, trustworthy and reliable project partners is an essential goal for us, in which we have invested a lot of time and energy during the last months.

It is clear to us as a board of directors that we cannot act alone from far away here in Switzerland. We need the know-how, the language and cultural skills of local people in order to be able to provide support. The strength and knowledge lies in Kenya. The experts are on site. We can and want to "only" provide support from here. In order for this to succeed, discussions and transparent communication are very important. This works best with a few cups of "chai"!

We are currently involved in two projects in Nairobi. One is supporting the school "Rekebisho" in Mukuru slum and the other is our work with the "Initiative Center", a children's home for orphaned and poverty-stricken children from the Kawangware slum.

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Ever since I completed a 5-month field internship in South Africa in 2013 as part of my studies at the Social University, I have been drawn to Africa, especially Cape Town. Through my work in Cape Town's second largest children's home I have learned a lot, made friends and felt a great zest for life. I am infected by African fever and look forward to my first experience of Kenya in summer of 2020. My commitment is to benefit children and young people.

SANDHYA
WATOTO MEMBER

REUNION WITH REKEBISHO SCHOOL WITH LUNCH OCTOBER 9TH 2019 [REPORT]

We left South C, the district we were staying at, early accompanied by the usual traffic jams on our way to the city. But this doesn't seem to bother anyone since traffic is here.

For Margitta and me (Sabine) it is a reunion, a feeling like coming home after our outreach in February and my short visit in August. The smells and emotions are immediately present again. Our excitement increases just before we make a turn to the slum.



What will it look like on the playground? Will any children recognize us?

We quickly buy some coal at the roadside for the "jikos". Teacher Charlotte is waiting for us at the entrance to the slum. The five-minute walk to Rekebisho school is still so familiar. Singing and beaming the first classes await us ... everyone is in a happy mood!

After a first welcome we immediately split up and go shopping for lunch. Together with members of the committee we cook afterwards and inspect the construction above the kitchen: the new teachers' room.

A progress for the school.



Our meeting with the teachers and committee members over a cup of "Chai" is promising. We hear about further plans for the school and the expansion of the classes for the coming year.

The staff has drafted educational objectives and guidelines which makes us happy! We decide to discuss further with the french board and to lay the foundations for a cooperation.

We are emotionally touched by the attention and closeness of the children to us. Some still know us by our names and conversations take place.



During our lunch break the kids are playing and rope skipping . So many happy faces. We are also moved by the fact that so few conflicts are fought out in the confined space or that little tears are shed by the small children. The willingness of the older students to help the younger ones is amazing and the independence during the meals is great. We are really impressed!

Saying goodbye is not easy for us - but the prospect of a reunion in February helps.



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I am cosmopolitan and fond of travelling, empathic and fearless, patient and helpful and always interested in new things. As a carer for all generations I feel in my element. What impressed me most about Africa and Kenya was the peoples' zest for life. The work in the slums has changed my perspective in many ways and has had a lasting effect on me. Giving joy with small gestures is more important to me for the future and for all areas of life than ever. Sustainable commitment brings us forward - even small steps are steps.

MARGITTA
WATOTO-MEMBER

MEETING WITH FRENCH BOARD OF «LES AMIS DE REKEBISHO» IN GENEVA DECEMBER 16TH 2019 [REPORT]



Our contact with the board of directors of "Les Amis de Rekebisho" by mail and telephone has intensified since October. It is essential for us to know the basics of this NGO and the aims of the board and to clarify exact arrangements of support and contribution to this project.

This is how the idea of a meeting with the chairman Monique Hamel and other French board members with us came about. We decided to meet half way and Margitta and I were surprised to meet three very young and motivated board members who impressed us from the first moment.

They took us with them into their founding history. Founded in 1999 as a place to support talents in many ways it grew to become a place where children got food and education starting 2003. Since 2011 the French "Friends of Rekebisho" took over the sceptre and expanded the idea of a school. At the moment the association is investing in four teachers and a cook. It has space and means for about 100 children aged 3-12 years old. A simple, daily meal is offered to the children. No school fees are expected from the parents. The target group of the school are families who otherwise cannot afford the school fees.

The women on the board impressed us with their clarity of purpose and zeal. However, they also clearly notice that financial means are scarce and that therefore goals can only be realized to a limited extent. So they are grateful for an expansion of the circle of donors, co-thinkers and friends who support and carry the idea forward. During the discussion, clear goals were defined by both sides and as well as the importance of high transparency.

We appreciated the openness regarding the obvious wishes and long-term ideas for the school. Furthermore we were able to clarify the possibilities of a support over the period of two days in February 2020. Priority will be given to the furnishing of the teachers' room, the purchase of educational materials and kitchen utensils.

For three years now, the school has not been able to afford a day trip, which is another goal we have set ourselves. We are looking for ways to make this dream of a day trip come true. We would have plenty of helping hands, thanks to the 17 young people from Switzerland and local youth.

The project is to be realized within the framework of the youth outreach "Pamoja Unplugged 2020", a new youth trip with a social commitment character.



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Africa has fascinated me since my first visits, especially in South Africa and Ethiopia. It is not only the landscape, the fascinating light, the enchanting animal world - it is above all the people with their culture, which is often foreign to us, their ability to survive, their hospitality, their unvarnished cheerfulness. In meetings at universities, in celebration festivals, in invitations to very simple people, I have learned and taken with me more for myself and my own view of life than I could ever give.

JÖRG
WATOTO-MEMBER

FACTS ON KAWANGWARE

Kawangware is one of the largest slum areas in Africa, about 15 km west of Nairobi City and has over 65'000 inhabitants. Most of them live on less than 1 USD per day.

Many families can hardly afford to eat one meal a day. Generally, this meal consists of ugali (corn flour and water) or chapati (a kind of flat bread).

Many children suffer from malnutrition and protein deficiency. The HIV rate is currently around 45% of the population.



FIRST CONTACT WITH DANIEL WANJALA - KAWANGWARE, NAIROBI

In February 2019 we met Daniel Wanjala. He is a very gifted photographer, a cheerful soul and a great lover of people. It is through him that we became aware of the project: "Kawangware Initiative Centre". At the moment 36 children between the ages of 3-17 years live in this children's home. Jane Khadi is the warm and energetic soul of the house, who comes from the same slum and founded the centre.

Daniel Wanjala supports this project in three major areas:

1. Improvement of the infrastructure
2. Acquisition of the school fees
3. food and rent

We are in close contact with him and can imagine investing in this project. Daniel would act as project manager and take over the organisation and technical and personnel coordination on site. We are planing to visit the project in February where we would like to invest in school benches and equipment as a first step.



SPONSORSHIPS

Another goal of Watoto Foundation CH will be to invest in sponsorships. We have contact to children and young people, where we know about their needs.

Above all we will try to help those who have no family and are lacking support completely. With the sponsorships we want to empower people and invest in their independence. The aim should be to break away from dependencies.



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Networker - communicative - cordial - open -
curious - cheerful - powerful!

As a family man a culture of welcoming is very important to me - I have learned a lot from the hospitality in Kenya. For more than 30 years I have been united by a passion for Africa and the people on this beautiful continent: The colours, the impressive nature, the energy of the people to make a lot out of nothing, as well as their zest for life moves me again and again. I am a learner & richly endowed on every journey anew. Watoto is all about sharing - I am committed to improving the livelihood, education and dignity of children.

SABINE
WATOTO-MEMBER

PREVIEW 2020

- **February**

08.02.2020-23.02.2020

With great anticipation we are looking forward to February 2020. 17 young people and one main team will again be on the road in Kenya for 14 days with the youth trip "Pamoja Unplugged 2020". Sabine Godinez, Peter Badini and Margitta Lehmann from the foundation will be there.

We will be actively supporting all projects. That spurs us on and motivates us. An essential goal is to connect with network partners, expand our network and invest in and develop (new) friendships.

- **March**

19.03.2020

General meeting Watoto Foundation CH

- **June**

14.06.2020

BBQ for members and interested parties



As board of directors we would like to thank all donators and interested people who were enthusiastic about supporting Watoto Foundation CH.

Without you our work would not be possible!

Your board of directors

AUDIT REPORT

Revisionsbericht
an die Mitgliederversammlung des Vereins
Watoto Foundation CH, Uerikon

Als Revisor habe ich die Buchführung und die Jahresrechnung (bestehend aus Bilanz und Erfolgsrechnung) des Vereins Watoto Foundation CH mit Sitz in Uerikon für das am 31. Dezember 2019 abgeschlossene Geschäftsjahr geprüft.

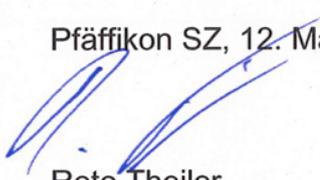
Für die Jahresrechnung ist der Vorstand verantwortlich, während meine Aufgabe darin besteht, diese zu prüfen und zu beurteilen. Ich bestätige, dass ich die gesetzlichen Anforderungen hinsichtlich Befähigung erfülle und nicht dem Vorstand des Vereins angehöre.

Meine Prüfung erfolgte nach dem Grundsatz, wonach eine Prüfung so zu planen und durchzuführen ist, dass wesentliche Fehlaussagen in der Jahresrechnung mit angemessener Sicherheit erkannt werden. Der Revisor prüft die Posten und Angaben der Jahresrechnung mittels Analysen und Erhebungen auf der Basis von Stichproben. Ferner beurteilt der Revisor die Anwendung der massgebenden Rechnungslegungsgrundsätze, die wesentlichen Bewertungsentscheide sowie die Darstellung der Jahresrechnung als Ganzes. Ich bin der Auffassung, dass meine Prüfung eine ausreichende Grundlage für mein Urteil bildet.

Gemäss meiner Beurteilung entsprechen die Buchführung und die Jahresrechnung sowie der Antrag über die Verwendung des Bilanzgewinnes dem schweizerischen Gesetz und den Statuten des Vereins.

Ich empfehle, die vorliegende Jahresrechnung mit einem Gewinn von CHF 4'913 und einem Eigenkapital von CHF 4'913 zu genehmigen.

Pfäffikon SZ, 12. März 2020



Reto Theiler
eidg. dipl. Steuerexperte
Treuhandler mit eidg. FA

BALANCE SHEET

per 31.12.19

Aktiv

Passiv

Prozent

AKTIVEN

Umlaufvermögen

1020	UBS - Operativ	1'645.11		33.5
1021	UBS - Spenden	2'400.00		48.9
1030	Paypal	867.67		17.7
	Umlaufvermögen	4'912.78		100.0
	AKTIVEN	4'912.78		100.0

PASSIVEN

Eigenkapital

	Gewinn		4'912.78	100.0
	Eigenkapital		4'912.78	100.0
	PASSIVEN		4'912.78	100.0

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

vom 01.08.19 bis 31.12.19

		Aufwand	Ertrag	Prozent
<u>ERTRAG</u>				
3000	Mitgliederbeiträge		640.00	8.1
3100	Spenden		7'301.00	91.9
	ERTRAG		7'941.00	100.0
<u>AUFWAND</u>				
6220	Kleinprojekte	2'451.14		30.9
6600	Werbung & Inserate	517.75		6.5
6800	Bank- & Postspesen	59.33		0.7
	AUFWAND	3'028.22		38.1
	Gewinn	3'028.22 4'912.78	7'941.00	61.9
		7'941.00	7'941.00	

Der Vorstand beantragt den zur Verfügung stehenden Bilanzgewinn von CHF 4'912.78 auf neue Rechnung vorzutragen.



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