



YEAR REPORT 2018



The ambassador of the Netherlands on work visit at Watoto Foundation

INTRODUCTION

The Watoto Foundation centres "Child in the Stars" and "Child in the Sky" are community based boarding schools whereas Kiboko Lodge is a training centre for former disadvantaged hard-core street children. The main Watoto Foundation centre, Child in the Sky, started in 2003.

The age of the students ranges from 13 to 18 years. Before coming to the Makumira Child in the Sky centre, the students stay at the Arusha drop-in centre for at least 3 months. When they have passed the entrance examination, they start the 3-4 year education at the Makumira Child in the Sky centre. WF will make sure that either the students have a paid job before leaving the centre or go to private secondary boarding school. Watoto Foundation has three projects which are registered under charitable organisations under Cap 212 no 48500. The centre is under the Ministry of Social Welfare, licence number 5218. About 100 students are permanently supported by WF. The centres have already served nearly 950 street children from all over the country. We believe in the fundamental right to education for all children. Children's rights should always be respected. The students who come to our centres belong to one of the most vulnerable groups in society.

DROP IN CENTRE 'CHILD IN THE STARS' ARUSHA

Watoto Foundation Tanzania has laid down clear written regulations to determine which hard-core street children (13-15 years of age) can be accepted to join the drop-in centre. The social worker is operating with the help of local authorities in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Karatu, Moshi, Babati, Mwanza and Arusha. He also goes into the streets to find boys and attract them to leave the streets. The main reasons to run away from home are poverty (90%), death of parent(s) and broken families.

All the children we take have to promise to respect the rules of the centre in order to change their behavior. The centre's program is designed to keep the children busy through several activities such as studying, reading and writing, gardening, cooking, general cleaning, playing football, basketball, acrobatics, dance, yoga, making toys and also Landrover cars from recycled tins, and watching TV and movies. By working in our vegetable garden, taking care of rabbits and chickens our students learn about livestock and gardening. Apart from these activities the students are being counseled by the social worker/manager, care taker and teacher of the centre. Through counseling we help them to leave their traumatic past behind and to focus on the future with hope, confidence and love.



In 2018 a total of 42 boys students came to the drop-in centre, 15 of them successfully joined the centre in Makumira and 12 remained in the centre, 2 were reunified and 13 went back to the streets. Also in 2018 we did not reach our target of 25% to reduce the number of children running back to the streets: the outcome was 31%

Events	Enrolled to drop in	Joined Makumira	Remained in the centre	Re unified with family	Run away from centre
Jan - Dec 2018	42	15	12	2	13
Percentage	100%	36%	28%	5%	31%

Our drop-in centre is run by 3 staff members: the manager/social worker, the care taker and teacher (former street boy) who finished the University of Dodoma and teaches the children mathematics, Swahili, English and basic life sciences. Once per week one of the teachers of the centre in Makumira goes to teach carpentry. Several part-time volunteers support the centre.

Also in 2018 our donor "United Children" from the Netherlands financed the main part of all the costs incurred in the Child in the Stars centre. 'Asante sana' for their help all these years! The contract has come to an end as per end 2018 and we are looking for a new partner to help us run this very important centre.

WATOTO FOUNDATION 'CHILD IN THE SKY' MAKUMIRA

2018 was the third complete year for the manager Aminiel Teete to act as overall manager of Watoto Foundation and the second year for our volunteer supervisor/advisor, Ilse de Jong. Overall supervision was done by the founder. In total there were 15 teachers working at the centre in Makumira.

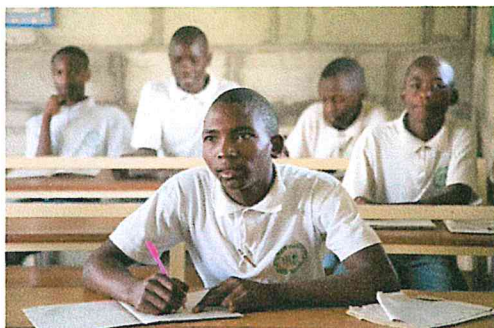


The centre operates as a residential primary school and vocational training centre. The following subjects are being taught:

Primary school (Memkwa)	Vocational training
English, Mathematics, Kiswahili, Science, Social Science, Geography, History, Civics, Computer Skills, Wildlife	Carpentry, metal work and welding, electrical installation, car and bicycle repair, masonry, plumbing, tailoring, agriculture, cooking and housekeeping, livestock and horticulture

On a daily basis our students can practise their skills in several sports activities and games such as football, volleyball, badminton, rugby, table tennis, running, acrobatics, singing, pool table, table football, guitar, traditional dance, modern dance, drama and boxing.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 2018 (MEMKWA)



Our 10 students all passed the national examination in 2018. 5 Of them were even in the top ten out of 87 children who did the national examination at Uraki Primary School. Our study results are good because of the small classes, discipline and education based on the Montessori system (teaching by playing).

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

During 2018 the following academic initiatives were undertaken:

- 10 students of Watoto Foundation participated in the standard 7 primary school national examinations.
- The outreach coordinator visited several times the secondary school students to see how they proceed.
- In order to teach the students more about agriculture, horticulture and livestock they visited the yearly Farmers Day (NaneNane) and several outside companies and farms, together with staff.
- Wild life education has been conducted by our head teacher for the students through bird watching, trees planting and gardening.

VOCATIONAL SKILLS ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2018, the graduates were 13: 2 of them went to private secondary school, for the other 11 we found a paid job in different companies. Unfortunately some students dropped out for different reasons such as low salary or unacceptable behaviour. In order to make them experience the consequence of having dropped out, our policy is to help them again but only after a few months and on request.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018 we received orders for carpentry, welding, livestock and horticulture from Kiboko Lodge, neighbour schools, companies and also private people.

1. **Carpentry:** The students and teachers make many orders for our own use but also some orders from outside clients. Because of TRA issues, many NGO's didn't order more furniture.
2. **Metal works and welding:** We received metal binding from Holland; we also made a big order of double beds from the Usambara sisters and painted the roofs of their buildings.
3. **Livestock:** A number of 13 cows are providing milk for our own needs; we sell the surplus to the local village, the lodge and other schools. The pig project which was started in 2009 provided us in 2018 with around 11 pigs and 40 piglets for our own needs and business.
4. **Poultry, rabbits and guinea pigs:** We had over 550 Dutch chickens (Barnevelders). We sold 3300 eggs per month and also some chickens to the local community, commercial businesses and Kiboko lodge. We sold 4 rabbits.
5. **Horticulture:** Our drip pipe irrigated, "slow food" gardens provide vegetables for staff and students; some are sold to our drop-in centre, Kiboko Lodge and the local community.
6. **Car repair:** We do many repairs of cars included the ones of our centre and Kiboko lodge, theory and practical are ongoing. We started to teach our boys how to repair bicycles.
7. **We received tools and the following machines from Holland:** A new bend machine donated by Mortice Machine, drill machine grinders and a chain saw after the government confiscated our chainsaw in 2017.
8. The manager has got his own office near the vocational training centre (the former cheese department which was closed in 2017)

The income generated by our carpentry, welding and car repair departments is essential. These departments realise orders from outside customers. Under supervision of the teachers the students produce the orders thus learning how to use tools and machines. In this way they obtain a lot of practical experience. Several experienced volunteers came to support our carpentry department and taught many new items to the students and teachers.

Also the sale of livestock and vegetables is a major contribution to the financial means of the foundation.

ACHIEVEMENTS SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

The main task of the social worker in Makumira is to be involved in the personal issues of the students and to try to solve any problem they face. Individual and group counseling form a considerable part of his tasks, making the boys to open up and talk about all feelings.

The social work department welcomed 15 boys who came from the drop-in centre, aged 13-15.

After the yearly holiday all boys who were in the centre before the holiday returned to the centre, except for those who started a job or secondary school. The total number of boys who started in 2018 was 40.

Unfortunately a total number of 2 boys (which is very unusual) decided to go or run away for reasons such as theft of Watoto Foundation properties and fear of the consequences, promises of their family during the holiday such as money, and lack of motivation.

After having given several warnings and warning letters we decided to send away 2 boys because of: unacceptable behaviour towards the other, mainly younger, boys, theft and smoking marijuana.

In 2018 we started a system that makes every boy to choose a teacher to be his big father/mother and fellow student to be his big brother. These are persons they trust and can confide in when facing challenges. They involve the social worker in order to counsel the boys.

Special program 18 month boys

The boys who are in the last phase (last 18 months) of their stay at Watoto Foundation are being prepared by the social worker and the assistant social workers for life after Watoto Foundation. They counsel the boys on several subjects such as discipline, behaviour, money management, job interviews etc. They meet once per week.

Outreach program

One of our teachers makes a follow-up on the boys doing field work and boys in secondary school. He visits the work places and schools regularly. He looks, together with other staff members and the founder, for field work places and work places for our (former) students.



The Watoto Foundation family

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Challenge Day "Cross the Line"

In 2018 the Challenge Day was organized in June. Teachers showed their love to all the students, who were encouraged to be very open, to tell their life stories to each other in small groups and to show respect for their background and difficult traumatized past. All students and staff members participated. As guests of honor we had invited the district social welfare officer. We will start in 2019 with a more profound outside program for social and mental help for our students.

Teachers Team building

Like every year we start the new year with a two day staff seminar. This year the main topic was the social responsibility of all teachers.



The 2019 management team, with 2 volunteers sitting in the front.

Teachers training

Our teachers attended two seminars which were performed by Sister Constanca from Upendo Home Maji ya Chai, Arusha. It was a mutually well appreciated opportunity to share experiences on how to help our students in the best way and build up more knowledge and confidence. The main topics discussed were children rights, discrimination and counseling.

Our supervisor attended training at the TCDC centre: Financial management for non-financial staff in NGOs. This training was not aimed to create accountants but for non-financial managers to understand the basics of accounting.



Bird watching

Every month the head teacher of the Makumira centre conducts the bird watching group and wild life program for the students in different sites in our district. Last year 10 students were member of the bird watching club. All of them took part in both field and class bird watching education.

GRADUATION / FOUNDER'S DAY AND 15 YEARS CELEBRATION 2003 - 2018

During this year's graduation/founder's day, 20 October 2018, a total of 13 students graduated and received the certificate of completion of the years spent at Watoto Foundation. They were all awarded their certificate of vocational training and the national standard seven certificates. The 15 years celebration was a fantastic event attended by many visitors, also from Holland. The total number of visitors was 650.



DREAM SCHEME AND STAFF MEETING

In 2018 the set-up of the dream scheme session was like previous years: teacher's award points to the students on a daily basis looking at their behaviour, academic and VTC performance. These points are added up and result in a ranking. The boy with the highest ranking is called on stage first and may choose first from small useful presents such as a football, at-shirt, small torches, calculators, tape measures etc. Even the student who finishes last is rewarded with a pencil and a package of biscuits. The main purpose of this monthly dream scheme session is to stimulate the students in a way of competition to work hard and improve their behaviour. Teachers show their love and appreciation to the students by complimenting and encouraging them through a firm hand shake. Each dream scheme session is followed by a workers' meeting in which teachers can bring forward points to discuss and improve the centres.



HEALTH OF THE WATOTO FOUNDATION STUDENTS

In general the health of the students is fine. We have had some cases of malaria and typhoid. Also small accidents happen during the sports activities. One student in the centre has a serious heart problem. With the help of medicines he is doing well although he cannot participate in all activities and we have to keep a close eye on him. We found a donor who is willing to pay for his medicines for which we are very grateful. We follow the advice for a check-up every 6 months. The good news is that he was selected by the save a child's heart organisation for surgery in Israel in 2019.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

From 9 December 2018 onwards all teachers and management took all students home, the last one leaving on 12 December, for their annual holiday. This year the holiday was 4 weeks, boys returning on 5 January 2018. During these home visits we inform the parents or relatives about the academic and behavioural progress of their boy. Seeing the poor circumstances the families live in and their daily struggle to survive is every year heart-breaking and it makes us understand why students run away from home. 100% can back but one decided not to come back.



WF KIBOKO LODGE TRAINING CENTRE

A world's paradise surrounded by Arusha National Park

Most of the staff, except for the managers, has been trained at child in the sky to work in future time in the tourism industry; they have gained practical experience in other lodges for at least 6 months.

The lodge was built by our students and teachers in an eco-friendly, authentic African style. It has an open camp fire, palm leaf roof and open kitchen where our top cooks provide excellent meals.

Kiboko Lodge is situated at Ngurdoto village built at the slopes of Mt. Meru (4,561 m) and 4 km from the Arusha National Park gate. The lodge has 14 self-contained cottages and 5 family cottages, all with shower, toilet and a fantastic bed; all cottages have comfortable and ambient rooms with verandas and a beautiful view on Mt. Meru. Sustainability is becoming more and more important for tourism in Africa and we are very proud to have built the first stage in Africa made of recycled plastic bottles.



Welcome at Kiboko Lodge

Kiboko Lodge established a remarkable recognition and appraisal of its job done by the students who were once street boys. The following activities were deployed in 2018:

- The lodge offered theory and practical training for the Watoto Foundation students in cooking, housekeeping, waitering and maintenance.
- The lodge supplied 500 trees plus a small present during the yearly neighbor meeting.
- Kiboko Lodge hosted nature conservation meetings.
- Kiboko Lodge was the venue for the training seminar for Watoto Foundation management; also many other organizations booked for seminars.
- Kiboko Lodge invited chef cooks and others for an in-house training

Guest reviews put Kiboko Lodge in the "hall of fame" by tripadvisor 5 years in the top three lodges in the Arusha region out of more than 250([tripadvisor.com/kiboko lodge Arusha](https://www.tripadvisor.com/kiboko_lodge_Arusha)).

We are very proud and happy that Frank (who has been the lodge manager for 7 years and his wife Joyce have taken over the lodge from 1 January 2018. They agreed to keep the concept as it has been from the beginning.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON TANZANIA

Since the current president of Tanzania came into power in 2015 the socio-economic and political situation in Tanzania has changed considerably. Besides eradicating corruption, this government strives to improve public provisions such as infrastructure, education and health care. The laws on taxes are therefore being followed much more strictly than before. All businesses and also charitable organizations are being scrutinized. The exemptions granted in the past to Watoto Foundation are judged as insufficient and for that reason government is of the opinion that Watoto Foundation has not complied with the tax legislation. The tax report for 2018 will be sent to the tax authorities by the end of June.

WATOTO FOUNDATION COOPERATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES

WF continued to be engaged in 38 development projects up to this year 2018 in many primary schools and some secondary and vocational training schools. WF also was engaged in water projects, churches, orphanages, hospitals etc.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

We welcomed also in 2018 many visitors and volunteers who showed great interest in our organisation and our two centres, Child in the Stars, and Child in the Sky. Since we consider our students not to be a tourist attraction we limit the number of visitors and we only allow donors and guests from Kiboko Lodge to visit the centres. Also Kiswahili students from TCDC are allowed to visit: our students help them to improve their knowledge of Kiswahili by talking to them in their mother tongue.

STUDY FUND

We wholeheartedly wish to thank the donors of our study fund. The students who are doing very well at the standard 7 National Examinations and who are very motivated and have very good discipline can go to outside private secondary boarding schools, high school and even university after Watoto Foundation. Due to the TRA (tax paying) issues and drop-out students, we started a program of selecting former students of our center more carefully, we faced the number who can go for further studies will be limited.

SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE CENTRES

To generate income for the centres we produce what the market demands and therefore we also gain valuable training in market orientation. Training becomes sustainable: through the manufacturing and sales of many products made by the carpentry, welding, livestock and horticulture departments. After the problems with the tax authorities, we have had to abandon our dream of being independent from donors. We kindly but urgently request our donors to continue to help us to continue the work we are doing for these former hard-core street children.

SHORT COMINGS:

Our wishes for 2019:

- To run the study fund for students going to secondary school, high school and university (€ 18,000)
- To have some new machine for our Vocational training department.
- To do maintenance at our Drop in centre.
- To maintain our biogas installations.
- To prepare our sport field to play rugby
- To find a new donor for our Drop in centre.

APPRECIATIONS TO MANY FRIENDS AND SUPPORT FROM DONORS

These comprise the main contributors who donated in surplus of euro 1000.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM DONORS

The 2centres wish to express their gratitude for the help and generous support shown by board members, donors and all staff members of Watoto Foundation. We have been able to achieve considerable progress in assisting nearly 950 underprivileged children living on the streets since the beginning.

INDEPENDENCE OF WATOTO FOUNDATION

The wishes of agreement and board of Watoto Foundation is to be independent. The same as we decided in December 2017 for Watoto Foundation Kiboko Lodge it is the aim of the Dutch and Tanzanian Watoto Foundation boards to be independent. Step by step we are working on realising this challenge. Our dream is to have completed this process by the end of next year. Supervision by the founder/director and the boards will always be there, but more and more from a distance. The Dutch board will always have the financial responsibility to provide the necessary budget.

WATOTO FOUNDATION KIBOKO LODGE

The first year of independence of Watoto Foundation Kiboko Lodge has been successful and the payment of the instalments was done as agreed. For next year there is an increase of bookings by new companies and private tourists. Frank and Joyce and the assistant manager are doing a great job to make Kiboko Lodge more attractive.

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