

## Newsletter

100%

*til Børnene*

**April 2009.**

It has been a busy period of time, and there are so many things I would like to share with you, so I hope you will find the time to read this letter. 100% to the Children is looking forward to an exciting year, thanks to you!

100% to the Children is now approved by SKAT as a NGO (Non Governmental Organization). That also means that you can use your credit card for online donations. Please check out [www.100percent2thechildren.dk](http://www.100percent2thechildren.dk) for further information.

### **The projects**

#### **Kibarani**

In Kibarani Community we are now ready to start working on organizing the project. In order to apply for financial support from the Danish government, we have to find a “local partner in the south,” and so far the (Kibarani) project does not qualify. To do so, they have to establish a CBO (Community Based Organization) with a board, plus they have to create a more specific goal for the project.

In other words, they are going to be more up front about what kind of help they want from 100%.

Behind the school we have built a shelter which in time will take form as a “kitchen”. This project was raised by the Community’s own initiative, and everybody involved was asked to bring materials for the new building. We are impressed and grateful with the ability and willingness shown by the Community, to give something back as well.

In addition, the owner of the Truck Central, placed right next to the school, has repaired the latrines as there were cracks in the walls and the holes to the toilets were too big. He was the one who donated the latrines to start with.



Our kitchen behind the school.



Every month we spent about 37 Dkk celebrating birthdays.



Parent meeting in Kibarani



A hearing between the District officer and the chief of Kibarani.

Besides from the fact that we almost always run out of medicine before the day is through, the Free Clinic Day now runs smoothly. But we need some monthly donations to put aside and spend on these very important days every other month.



Free Clinic Day. Lunch for everybody.

The Free Clinic Day is also a good way for us to get to know more children from the community. Besides from treating infections and malaria, the day is useful for sharing information about vaccines and first aid. Every so often, we see examples of parents ending up hurting their kids after an unsuccessful attempt to help them. For instance, a burn was recently treated with toothpaste and flour!



A burned foot.



Living on a dumpsite, even small wounds can become big issues.

Hopefully we will be able to start up a First Aid course in May. Nevertheless, we don't have the means to buy the equipment which is required for the lessons. Furthermore, we need some First Aid Kits to give them when finishing the Course.

**Prices:**

**Free Clinic Day: Dkk 2.500,-/ every 2 month**

**First Aid Course: Dkk 1162,-/ every 4 month**



An example of a Hernia



A little girl from the dumpsite is dehydrated

Hernia is still a prevalent condition, often caused by non-sterilized tools used to cut the umbilical cord. Most of the women give birth at home with help from other women in the Community. They are completely unaware of the extreme importance of good hygiene, and the consequences are that all sorts of complications break out. We would like to offer these women a midwife-course to prevent children from getting sick or even dying shortly after being born.

**Prices for midwife training: Dkk 2000,-/ twice a year**

The school team has retired the teacher Irene Waiter, and welcomed social worker Paul Mwasyer, a new teacher Irene Chaka and 2 nurse assistants Catherine Mugo and Jennifer Ali.

All together, we are now lucky to have 9 permanently employees on the team around the kids and the community, and 128 kids in the school!

**The monthly expenses of food, school, wages and healthcare in Kibarani is about Dkk 16.000,-** if you want to support this project, pick Kibarani on our web-site.



Irene, Cathrine and Paul from the new team

## New Hope Children Center

The New Hope Children Center takes care of 278 children and is housing 43 at their children's home. Until recently, a cow was supplying the children's home with milk, but it died accidentally by eating some barbed wire. That story touched us so deeply that we immediately raised a subscription in Denmark.

Thanks to 7 sponsors we very quickly raised 5000 Dkk, and that was enough to go with Japheth to Kilifi to buy a new cow only a few days later. The sponsors turned out to be the staff members at the publishing firm Vistoft, who decided to donate their Christmas present at 700 Dkk each from the firm. Thank you so much!



I'm trying to figure out which one of the cows is the one producing most milk.....

But there are still important things to take care of in New Hope. Japheth needs money to finish the school building, so they can move out of the unpleasant, temporarily rented rooms in the middle of Mshmoroni. If you are interested in supporting this project, pick **New Hope** on our website.



Even at the new toilet the children can receive education. Japheth is talking about his hopes and expectations for the children when the new school is finished.

## Jambo Jipya

At the moment the Jambo Jipya School has 360 students, from nursery school up till the 8th grade. The school is packed to the limit, so it is impossible for them to accept any new students. As 42 of the students are either orphans or come from far away, they are offered to live at the school.

Christine recently took the initiative to establish special education for children with learning disabilities. The class has 5 students and 1 teacher, but no classroom, so the lessons take place in front of the school with a small blackboard. Besides from a classroom, Christine hopes that one day we will be able to afford one more teacher for the class.



At the Jambo Jipya, the children love getting their picture taken.

The food prices are going up every week, and that makes it very hard to maintain the budgets. Christine told us that the price for regular cooking oil went up by 100% in one day. Jambo Jipya prepares 50 kilos of rice and 20 kilos of beans each day to feed the students and the teachers.



There are many things to manage for Christine Mwende from Jambo Jipya. Here she is with Keela Dates from Reason 2 Smile [www.reason2smile.org](http://www.reason2smile.org)

Give your support to **Jambo Jipya**. For further information please check out our website.

## MOYO

Thanks to all of you who bought a Christmas gift from 100% to the Children! Since January 2009, we have been able to sponsor football Fridays in Moyo for 12 consecutive weeks. About 40 street urchins show up in the morning, play a match and have lunch with Bokey afterwards. Bokey is the founder of this project and he has a good way with the boys. It has taken a while for him to get to know them, but little by little they are opening up. He is now doing his best in convincing them to get an education and get off the streets.



A street urchin with his bottle of glue in the streets of Mombasa



The football matches in MOYO is a way to get rid of frustrations.

Bokey's boxing team in Magongo is doing great! So great in fact, that they recently won the National championship for amateurs in Nairobi.

MOYO and our organization are more than grateful for all the support given to the boys. There are still many children waiting for the opportunity to practice sports (volleyball, taekwondo, rugby, etc), but MOYO still needs sports equipment and money to pay the trainers and teachers.

Sports activities have turned out to be a very effective way to develop, teach and reach the young people. This also means that the sport activities have the long-term side effect of giving the children better opportunities in their future lives - That is why 100% finds it so important to support this project.

If you want to support the sport projects in MOYO, please pick **Mombasa Olympic Youth Organization** on our web site.



The boys in February.(left) Bokey and Liz with their son Arnold Grol Achola, born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of dec.08.

## **A visit to the Danish embassy in Nairobi**

We had a meeting with the NGO Programmes officer at the Danish embassy, Chihenyó Mvóyi Kang'ara. The purpose of the meeting was to promote our work in Mombasa, to share information, and to get some feedback from the embassy. We also wanted the opportunity to network and share knowledge with other Danish/Kenya related NGOs. We are looking forward to this co-operation, and in the future we will apply for funds through the embassy.

## **Visit at Green Dreams Ltd. & Youth Reform Group Kibera, Nairobi**

Kibera is the world's largest slum area. The population is estimated to be 2 million people. We visited the Youth Reform Group in Kibera where Sande, Victor and Juma showed us their garden project, which started in a place that used to be filled with garbage.

The initiative to launch the garden was made by Garden Dreams Ltd., who try to start up ecological farming projects around Kenya.

The most important factor in the project is sunflowers, which can take up toxic waste (including zinc) when growing, and therefore clean the soil enough to plant edible crops.

The project in Kibera started in February 2008 and they have harvested several times already. They grow spinach, eggplant, carrots, pumpkin, sugarcane, tomatoes, onion and several traditional Kenyan vegetables with great success.

Both the directly involved partners and their families can live off the vegetables, but they also harvest enough to sell crops and make an income for the project. For the money they have earned, they have started another income generating activity, having built a toilet and shower building which people in the area can use for a small fee.

The garbage that used to be dumped in the plot is now being collected and sorted by the Youth Reform Group on a daily basis, while reusing all possible materials.

We have contacted Green Dreams to see if it's possible to start up a similar project in Kibarani.



The garden project in Kibera.

## 100% offices

We now have offices in both Mombasa and in Copenhagen. In Mombasa, we have a rented office in Magongo, at MOYO. Our team will be able to work there, have meetings and have access to the internet.

In our Copenhagen-office in Vesterbro, it is also possible to work, have meetings, to keep our things, etc.

It is a great relief to everybody that we now have this office. This way we are able work and have sponsor meetings in a quiet environment, and not in noisy cafés like we used to. If you wish to support our office expenses, please pick **administration** on our website.



Our office in Mombasa is being restored by former street boys. They are now educated carpenters.

**The office in Copenhagen (per 2 persons all included) is Dkk 1200,-/ monthly**  
**The office for the team in Mombasa (3-5 people) : Dkk 250,-/ monthly**

## Boxes with closes to our projects

We have managed to send about 40 boxes stuffed with clothes, toys, diapers, towels and sports equipment to all four of our projects in Mombassa. A warm thank you to all our ambassadors and donors who did a great job, and made it very easy for us to handle the stuff.

Unfortunately, we realized that the whole process was too expensive and too much of a hassle to be worth it. We now know that the big organizations in DK sell the closes in their shops instead, and then spend the money wisely in Africa and other countries.

So until the day that we get our own recycling shop, we recommend you use the shops of other organizations to hand in clothes and toys. But once again thank you so much! All the boxes were received with warmth and gratefulness.

We are still trying to get the expenses from transport covered by sponsors. If you wish to sponsor the transport expenses, pick **administration** on our website.



January 09: Signe with some of the boxes.

Dear everybody,

Even though this newsletter is a lot about the funds we still need, we have also had many successful experiences. In Kibarani, 2 children went through surgery; Miriam with a bad case of Hernia, and Baby Amina with a tumor in her forehead. Mama Sakina had an eye removed as a result of a very large malignant tumor. All of the surgeries went well.

We have received international acclaim as we were nominated by the FAWCO Foundation ([www.fawcofoundation.org](http://www.fawcofoundation.org)) in the "Development Grants" category. March the 20<sup>th</sup> at their conference in Vilnius, we won USD 4500,-. The money is going to be spent on a health clinic in Kibarani.

Our sponsors from England and Ireland, Michael Mazliah and Jenny O'Halloran, gave the kids in Kibarani some fine school uniforms, and some furniture for the classrooms.

But as the projects develop the challenges grow. There are still many children we haven't been able to help yet, and the ones we are helping need a lot more.

Without our monthly donations we wouldn't be able to exist. A warm thank you to all our contributors, the volunteers and the board. Let the great back up we feel from you all, produce some action on our website and we will take care of rest!

Best regards,  
Signe Møller,  
the founder of 100% to the Children



Baby Amina



Two children at the dumpsite