

Annual Report Upendo Daima Nederland 2008

Introduction.

Mwanza is a fast developing city with many street children. A team of 22 enthusiastic Tanzanian staff, led by Marga van Barschot, are fully dedicated to help these children. Upendo Daima collects the children from the street, and takes care of them, and where possible help them to return to their parents or families.

Upendo Daima offers re-integration, shelter, support, schooling and employment. The activities are carried out through two sub projects:

1. "Back Home House"; the street children remain here for a period of maximum three months, with the intention to re-unite them with their families.
2. "Malimbe Family"; the children who cannot yet return to their family are being looked after in this facility.

In order to assist and support Marga van Barschot and her team with their activities for the street children in Mwanza, the foundation "Upendo Daima Nederland" has been founded on 13 October 2004. The purpose of this foundation is to provide actual as well as financial support to the project for the street children in Tanzania.

This Annual Report starts with the developments in Mwanza during 2008. Subsequently the activities in the Netherlands are addressed. A financial overview is presented in Attachment 1, as a summary financial annual report.

Developments in Tanzania

The most important development in 2008 was the conversion of the "Day Care Centre" into the "Back Home House". In the Day Care Centre the children were looked after during the day, but there was no accommodation to stay overnight. It was clear that there was a need for a facility where the children could stay and would be taken care of during the day and night, until re-unification with their family is possible. After a trial period of several months, the Back Home House was officially opened on 1 March 2008. This house is able to provide care for 120 children per year, who stay for an average period of some three months. The first year has shown good results already. It is quite unbelievable that it is possible to offer the children new perspectives in such a short period of time. They have been helped to come to terms with their traumas, their health has improved because they are properly fed and no longer use drugs. They are getting used to a regular life pattern again, and are able to resume their schooling because they have received help with their education. The children are happy to go back home, with a better understanding and abilities, and a backpack with a school uniform, shoes and school books.

The Malimbe Family is also doing well. The building activities have largely been completed. After the primary school the boys attend a secondary school of a professional education. They are highly motivated and often belong to the top scorers of their class. They learn a lot during their years with Malimbe. They look after the chickens and cows, and work in the vegetable garden. They also carry out all kinds of domestic jobs and by doing so they learn to look after themselves.

In 2008 a number of boys went from the Back Home House to Malimbe. For these boys the domestic situation was so bad that it was not advisable to return home. They adapted very easily in Malimbe since they were already used to a regular and healthy lifestyle. Each summer the boys of Malimbe go home for a few weeks during a holiday period, and they therefore maintain a bond with their families.

Till end 2008, Upendo Daima also exploited a Training Centre, providing courses and computer training for the staff, the children and other interested parties. This initiative only generated little income but required a lot of attention from the staff. In the meantime it has been decided to close the centre. Upendo Daima will focus all attention on the care for the street children.

Upendo Daima Activities in the Netherlands

In 2008 the management team and a number of volunteers have been supporting the project in Mwanza, with the following activities:

- . In 2008 we arranged a number of briefings for schools, churches and other interested parties, about the life of street children and the projects in Mwanza. For instance we visited the Klimop School in Haaren during the fasting period, and participated in the Milleniumtarget Award from the COS in Utrecht.

- . This year we issued two newsletters for benefactors and other interested parties. The website presented the up to date news. Regular news updates and reactions from website visitors were are presented on this site.

- . In 2008 a lot of attention was given to the participation in networking activities, where organizations with similar objectives get together. As such we regularly visited Cordaid and in January we contacted "Hoedje van Papier", an organization which cooperates with Pasa la Voz in Cusco Peru and is helping the less privileged children in Rotterdam.

- . We also became a member of the "Better Care Network Nederland", a network of organizations who, like ourselves, assist children without adequate parental care. We attended the regular topical meetings.

- . Informing and motivating individuals and companies to financially support the Upendo Daima street children project. Our income comes for a part from our regular benefactors and supporters. This group also initiates or supports certain activities. They provide an enormous support for the project. It should

be stressed that Marga van Barschot would not be able to carry out her work without this important group of people.

. We maintained contacts with donor and development organizations in the Netherlands, with the aim of obtaining financial support and input and feedback. This year we also successfully generated the required funding.

Proceeds of all Activities.

On average we receive monthly some 800 euro from regular donations. Many of the regular benefactors pay approx. 30 euro per month, which is enough to feed and buy clothing for a boy that lives in the Malimbe Family, and send the child to school. Because several boys complete the primary schooling, we are, already for a few years, actively arranging specific funding to pay for their continued education. Various schools and churches are involved in our work. Through the efforts of active benefactors in Apeldoorn we received 130 euro from the parish of the Lieve Vrouwe Geboortekerk. Children in Berkel en Rodenrijs donated 350 euro from their first communion money. The fasting collection of the Paulus parish in Loosdrecht produced 1328 euro. The school children of Biest-Houtakker were able to generate almost 800 euro by singing their songs during the Driekoningen celebration on 6 January. From the Klimop School in Haaren we received a share of their fasting collection, 700 euro. The ROC in Goes collected 235 euro for us.

But not only schools and churches paid attention to our project. Mrs. Kessel from Zoetermeer sold articles on the flea market and generated 400 euro. During the so called "Open Garden" day in Delft, plants were sold and the revenue was 245 euro for the vegetable garden of Malimbe. The sponsoring of a football match generated 600 euro. The pastry sale during the performance of the Rhine Singers in Wijk bij Duurstede resulted in 252 euro. The soroptimist organization pays for the education of a girl whose mother is seriously ill and an amount of 800 euro was transferred to us.

The last month of the year normally brings in additional income, mostly from devoted benefactors. This year we received more than 900 euro as extra donations. Besides this we received an amount of 1000 euro from the automation company Progmatic.

The city of Würzburg in Germany has a community relationship with Mwanza. In 2007 Marga, Hoja and two management members paid a visit to this city. During this visit they gave presentations on a number of schools. This resulted in numerous contacts with interested parties and we now regularly receive financial contributions from them.

Activities of the "Boekenlegger" in Tiel.

Foundation the Boekenlegger, founded in 2004, is a shop selling secondhand books. This shop was set up by a sister of Marga. Some 12 volunteers run the shop, which is open six days a week. They are also actively participating in various activities like book markets, expositions of Tanzanian paintings, organizing lectures, and information sessions at schools en visits of school to the shop.

www.boekenleggertiel.nl

Results of our requests from donor organizations

From the Ziekenfondsboedel, part of Agis Health Insurance we received a contribution of 8412 euro, for the construction of a dormitory for the Back Home House. The Dutch Albert Schweitzer fund donated 7500 euro for medical provisions for Malimbe Family. The money was used for the furnishing of the first support house and the procurement of some medical equipment. Additionally the money was used to pay for the education of nurses and counselors. Our new medical practitioner Dr. Mnema can now have his weekly consulting hours and support the staff.

Foundation Pelgrimshoeve from Zoetermeer supported us with an amount of 1750 euro.

Foundation Spelenderwijs donated an amount of 7500 euro. Bert Steinman from this foundation visited Tanzania during this summer and gave some music lessons to the children of Malimbe. He also left several musical instruments behind for the children, and they are still used for further musical training.

New Folder

In cooperation with the Multi Media Services of the Technical University of Delft we produced a magnificent new folder of Upendo Daima.

The Management Team

The management team of Upendo Daima Nederland consists of:

Wilma van Hienen	Chairman
Monique Pietermaat	Secretary
Jan van Bergen	Treasurer
Mieneke Elkhuisen	Member
Maria van Strijp	Member
Hetty Bloemen	Member

The management team meets every six weeks to discuss all ongoing matters and agree on actions to be taken. The chairman Wilma van Hienen has visited Mwanza in July, to support Marga van Barschot and the local team, and to make a start with the creation of a local network in Mwanza. Through the cooperation with organizations like the police, schools and social workers we hope to establish a stronger footprint in Mwanza and by doing so work on the long-term sustainability of the project.

Maria van Strijp also visited the project in 2008 and focused more on organizational support. She also contributed to the ongoing activities in the new Back Home House. Of course there was also an opportunity to attend several activities of the children.

The management team pays all travel and accommodation expenses themselves as well as all costs in the Netherlands, so that all contributions from the benefactors are fully dedicated for the work in Tanzania.