



## Annual Report Upendo Daima Nederland 2009

### Introduction

The city of Mwanza in Tanzania is a fast growing city with many street children. A team of 24 enthusiastic Tanzanian staff, under the leadership of the Dutch coordinator Marga van Barschot is committed to help these children. Upendo Daima retrieves the boys from the street, takes care of them and helps them to return to their parents or family if possible.



Upendo Daima provides reintegration, shelter, medical care, guidance, training, and as soon as the boys are old enough, helps them to find work. The activities are carried out in two subprojects:

1. Back Home House; the street children remain here for an average period of 3 months with the objective to reunite with their families.
2. Malimbe Family; here the street boys are housed, who can (for the time being) not go back to their families.

To support Marga van Barschot and her team with their work for the street children in Mwanza, the Foundation Upendo Daima Nederland was founded on 13 October 2004. The objective of this foundation is to provide substantive and financial support to the project. This Annual Report 2009

starts with the developments in Mwanza over the past year. Thereafter the activities in the Netherlands are covered. The finances are presented in attachment 1 as a shortened financial annual report.

### Developments in Tanzania

#### Street work

In 2009 we went three times per week to the streets to make contacts with the many children who roam and live in the streets of Mwanza. A total of 192 children have been accommodated in the Back Home House, of which 55 have been re-integrated.

#### Back Home House

The Back Home House (BHH) is in use since March 2008. The children are looked after during day and night.



During the second year good results have been achieved. It is incredible that it is possible to offer the children new perspectives in such a short time. They have been assisted to come to terms with their trauma's and their health has improved by feeding them well and because they stopped using drugs. They are used again to a regular life and

have a reasonable physical condition. As a result of the education they have received and structure which they now have, they can resume their life as a child and their self esteem has increased. In addition to this, their outlook for the future has improved which is very important.

Upendo Daima cooperates with her sister organization Adilisha, who particularly counsels the parents of the children. They ensure that the parents are able to handle the children again and support them for a certain length of time. In 2009, 55 children went back home with new insights and abilities and a backpack filled with a school uniform, shoes and workbooks.

The construction of the new dormitory steadily continued. It is anticipated that the building will be completed in May 2010.

### **Malimbe Family**

The Malimbe Family (MF) also runs well. 49 boys are living here. During day time they go to school. As soon as they come home, they make their homework and there is time for activities and relaxation.



The children look after the chickens and work in the vegetable garden. Furthermore they carry out all kinds of domestic jobs and by doing so they learn to look after themselves. The football training, the lessons in culture, the traditional dances and the stories of the storyteller Babu keeps them off the street once the homework is finished.

After the primary school, the boys attend a secondary school (in 2009 there were 9 boys) or a vocational training. They are very motivated and

often belong to the best of the class. They learn a lot during their years at Malimbe.

The building activities have largely been completed. The Home Care House is already being used. Dr. Mnema can now do his work thanks to a donation from the Albert Schweitzer Fund.

In 2009, 15 boys went from the BHH to MF. The home situation of these boys was so bad that it was not advisable to let them go home. They adapted very quickly since they were already used to a regular lifestyle. The boys go home twice a year during the holidays. By doing so the relationship with their family is maintained.

### **Network**

In 2009 UDO has set up a network with organizations which work with vulnerable children in Mwanza. The staff of these organizations meet on a monthly basis. At the moment there are 15 organizations in Mwanza participating in this network. The objective is to create a good cooperation with the relevant parties like the local community, other aid organizations, the government, Police and companies. The creation of this network should result in a situation where more parties feel a sense of responsibility for the problems of the street children, and that jointly solutions are being sought to provide help for the street children.

Hoja Tarsisius, center manager of MF, has visited a sister organisation in Kenya. Isabella Lukuba, member of the management team, has e.g. attended a meeting from the Tanzanian National Network of Organizations working with Children (NNOC) in Dar es Salaam.

### **Various**

There were many visitors in 2009; coming from the Netherlands, Italy and Germany. Joep van Zijl and Godefroid Nimbona from Cordaid paid a visit. Josta ten Broeke from Cordaid, closely involved with Upendo Daima has inspired and assisted many people of Upendo Daima during her sabbatical in Mwanza. Representatives of the local church community in Mwanza and students of the Small Christian University, as well as the local companies Vodacom and Coca Cola also knew where to find us.

## Developments in the Netherlands

The management team and a number of volunteers have been busy again in 2009 to support the project in Mwanza with the following activities:

- This year two newsletters were issued for the benefactors and other interested parties. The website provided actual news. We started the renewal of the website to inform our donors even better and provide more actual information about the project. The new website has been launched in February 2010
- We organized a number of information gatherings for schools, churches and other interested parties.
- The management team hired a stand at the Africa Festival in Hertme. Our stand was well visited and we hope that we have been able to provide good publicity for Upendo Daima.
- The donors' day was held in Utrecht on 5 September. On this day we have been able to thank our benefactors for their contribution for the project in Mwanza. Marga and Hoja gave a presentation about the project. There was ample opportunity to speak with the many guests.



- In the same period Marga and Hoja also visited the Boekenlegger in Tiel, the Paulus Parish in Loosdrecht and Würzburg, the sister city of Mwanza.
- Our management team members Mieneke, Hetty and Monique were present at the SINTAN day (Foundation Support and Information Network Tanzania Netherlands).

- Regular contact was maintained with our donor organizations like Cordaid. During the two yearly visits of Marga and Hoja in September, they went jointly with the management team to the office in The Hague to discuss the ins and outs of the project.

### Results of all activities

Each month we receive on average an amount of € 800 from regular donations. Many of the regular donators pay € 30 to 40 per month, which we can provide a child, living in Malimbe Family, with food and clothing and go to school. Because several boys are completing the primary education every year, we are already actively pursuing specific funding for their secondary education. There are already several benefactors in the Netherlands, Germany and Ireland who have financially adopted a secondary school student.

Furthermore the following donations have been received:

- The Foundation “De Boekenlegger” in Tiel generated a record amount of € 22.000. (see [www.boekenlegger.nl](http://www.boekenlegger.nl)).
- The children from the Stanislas College in Delft have collected € 5.405 by fasting for 24 hours and donated the amount to Upendo Daima.
- This year we could count again on the children in Berkel en Rodenrijs celebrating their First Communion; the result was € 625,95.
- Foundation “Spelenderwijs” collected this year again money through their concerts; € 2.500. There were also individuals who asked a contribution for Upendo Daima during their birthday celebration rather than a present; in total this resulted in € 1.950.
- A water research institute STOWA did not send season's greetings cards and donated instead the money to Upendo Daima; € 500
- The Foundation van de Heer Hoogendijk van Domselaar surprised us with € 7.000.

- Last but not least the donor organizations Cordaid and the Eureka Achmea Foundation contributed € 20.000 for the re-integration of the children of the Back Home House and € 15.000 for the construction of the dormitory of the BHH respectively.



The contribution of all donors and sponsor organizations, 112.708 Euro, was substantially larger than originally budgeted, and we are very happy and proud with this result. This gives confidence for the future despite the economic crisis.

### The management

In January 2009 Wilma van Hienen stepped down as chairman and Maria van Strijp took over.

The management team looks as follows:

- Maria van Strijp, chairman
- Monique Pietermaat, secretary
- Jan van Bergen, treasurer
- Hetty Bloemen, PR and communications
- Mienke Elkhuisen, member (farewell in September 2009)

The management team met six times in 2009 to discuss all matters and to make the necessary preparations. Maria van Strijp visited Mwanza in December to support Marga and her team and to progress the creation of a network in Mwanza. Through the cooperation with organizations like the Police, schools, and Social Services, we hope to achieve a larger local support basis and by doing so improve the sustainability of the project.

The management team paid all travel and additional costs out of their own means, including the costs in the Netherlands, so that all contributions of all sponsors and donors can be fully dedicated to the work in Tanzania.



## Attachment 1

### Summary Financial Annual Report 2009

BALANCE SHEET as per 31 DECEMBER 2009				
<b>Activa</b>	2009		2008	Difference
Current- and Savings Account	€ 22.055		€ 9.325	
To be received from St Spelenderwijs	€2.500			
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 24.555</b>		<b>€ 9.325</b>	<b>€ 15.230</b>
<b>Passiva</b>				
Reserved for Dormitory	€ 7.500		€ 8.412	
General Reserve	€ 17.055		€ 913	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 24.555</b>		<b>€ 9.325</b>	<b>€ 15.230</b>
PROFIT AND LOSS OVERVIEW 2009				
INCOME	Realized		Budgeted	Realized
	2009		2009	2008
Regular donators	€ 9.065		€ 10.000	€ 9.505
Various gifts/actions	€ 26.592		€ 12.000	€ 13.037
Gifts for education of children	€ 1.050		€ 1.000	€800
Gifts and actions parishes/schools	€ 7.890		€ 2.000	€ 2.670
Incidental income UDN	€ 805			
Interest	€ 306			€ 306
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>€ 45.708</b>		<b>€ 25.000</b>	<b>€ 26.318</b>
Cordaid	€ 20.000		€ 20.000	€ 20.000
Eureko Achmea Foundation	€ 15.000			
Hoogendijk van Domselaar	€ 7.000			
Boekenlegger	€ 22.000			
St Spelenderwijs	€2.500			
Stichting STOWA	€ 500			
Various			€ 25.000	€ 25.162
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>€ 67.000</b>		<b>€ 45.000</b>	<b>€ 45.162</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 112.708</b>		<b>€ 70.000</b>	<b>€ 71.480</b>
<b>COSTS</b>				
Used for following purposes:				
Regular costs BHH, MF	€ 53.800		€ 27.100	€ 27.550
UD Nederland	€ 767		€ 400	€ 392
Contributions for Dormitory	€ 22.912		€ 22.500	€ 8412
Various				€ 12.088
Cordaid BHH	€ 20.000		€ 20.000	€ 20.000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 97.479</b>		<b>€70.000</b>	<b>€ 68.442</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>€ 15.230</b>		<b>€ 0</b>	<b>€ 3.038</b>