



We recently founded *Child Development Fund (CDF)* under the umbrella of *ChildFund Stiftung* in Germany and want to start now with the work. The attached flyer reports about the aims of our fund, where you also can find further information on ChildFund Germany, the specific objectives of our foundation and the bank connection for donations.

With this, our first, Newsletter we would like to present some concrete examples on how you could support our foundation. Each, even the smallest, contribution is welcome. We start with projects we are currently supporting with the first modest returns of our foundation in Kenya. Further contributions would help getting these projects really going. In June we will visit the region *Ishiara* in the south of Mount Kenya for the second time in order to discuss details of these projects and further project ideas with representatives of ChildFund Foundation in Kenya on the spot.

1. Twenty children (orphans or children from severely disadvantaged family background) are dependent on others taking over the fees for secondary schools. The fees per child and year amount to 25,000 Kenyan Shilling (Ksh), about 250 Euro.
2. 40 very poor families need milk goats for better nutrition and health stabilisation of children. The costs per goat range from 1,500 for a goat kid to 15,000 Ksh (about 15 to 150 Euro) for a high-quality milk or breeding goat. First of all, each family would get one goat.
3. For the establishment of a nursery school, furniture – especially stools – are needed. The organizers ask for 780 stools (30 stools for 26 classes), and the estimated costs per stool are 500 Ksh (about 5 Euro).

We can think of many other projects. On our next visits to Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda we intend to explore for instance the necessity and possibilities of improving existing primary schools, especially through the equipment with sanitary facilities, libraries and computer. Vocational or occupational training means also a lot for child development. Eventually, we think of micro-credits for business start-ups of young adults and micro-insurance as a first step towards systems of solidarity outside the often narrow family links tied up by traditional clan structures.

Your donations flow immediately into current projects mentioned above. They have to be spend – according the German charitable law – within 12 or, at most, 24 months for the aims of the foundation. Furthermore, we draw your attention to the possibility of contributing to the increase of our (still very small) Child Development Fund's capital stock. The returns of these additional means will again be used for projects whose aims you then can co-determine.

You see: We are right at the beginning of this enterprise and want only to grow after the first experiences. Every suggestion and idea from your side is welcome. We will regularly inform you about the proceeding and progress of the projects and of our foundation.

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P.S. We kindly ask you to provide your full address on your payment order for sending you the certificate of the donation.

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