

A full year has passed since the last Newsletter – high time to show how our foundation is growing and prospering. In the meantime the number of children supported (the majority girls) has risen to 30: 13 in *Mutonga* (Region Mount Kenya), and 17 in *Kendu Bay* (Region Nyanza). As the progress report of ChildFund Kenya¹ documents, two children successfully finished secondary school in *Mutonga*: *Savina Kanuya* gained her own scholarship to study at *Maseno-University* located near Kisumu (Lake Victoria) and ranking third in Kenya; after leaving school, *Fridah Mutethia* visited a computer course intending to become a secretary. Four other children are waiting for the results of their final examinations, and new children will be awarded scholarships to replace them.

The social workers of ChildFund Kenya in *Kendu Bay* organize a quarterly meeting with the scholarship students and their schools to give them an opportunity to report about their experiences, worries and plans. The organization has developed a reporting framework which documents the progress in a clear way: name, age, gender, educational status, performance, interests, future plans, role model², school experiences, challenges³, required additional support, and free comments. Generally, there are complaints about the lack of workbooks to practice the lessons; many girls would like improved hygienic help, for instance sanitary towels, and protected transportation to the school (preferably to attend boarding schools) as a

¹ *Scholarship (Bursary) Support: Bi Annual Progress Report (July 2012-Dec 2012)*: The central administration of *ChildFund Kenya* in Nairobi, which is responsible for the implementation of our scholarship programme, has signed on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which, among others, makes provision for a bi-annual progress report. This report can be read at request.

² For examples, *Lorene Akoth* reports: „I would like to be like Rose Muhando because she has a nice voice and sings so well“; *Omondi Silas Ouma*: “I would like to be Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga because he is trying by all means to save the country from corruption”; *Jackline Achieng*: “I would like to be like Professor Martha Karua because of her deeds. She is a feared woman that when she talks in parliament, all other MPs listen keenly”; *Ogut Seth Ayako*: “I would like to be like Ishmae Opande who comes next to our home. He is an engineer who has employed a lot of people who were jobless; *Ruth Akoth*: “I would like to be a nurse like Eunice Akoth who is wife to my uncle. She has a good life and is helping sick people and she is also intelligent”.

³ Here is a recurrent list by *Lorene Akoth*: “a) She does not have books like dictionary and Kamusi so she borrows; b) caning in school; c) no laboratory in school; d) no water for drinking in the school; e) lunch is served at 2pm and by that time she is very hungry; f) lack of revision books.”

precaution against sexual harassment. The student *Quinter Achieng* wrote a letter expressing her gratitude for our support. She reports having been seriously ill (probably malaria), so that her grandmother had to bring her to the hospital and to ask for a loan in her Savings & Loan-group to pay the costs.

We were able to establish a third scholarship for fulltime vocational training in the village Jambiani on the island Zanzibar. The name of the student is *Busara Haji Mussa*, 19 years of age. With the CDF-support, she is now able to take up a three year study programme leading to a diploma in procurement at the *Institute of Public Administration (IPA)* in Stone Town (the capital of Zanzibar). During our visit last year we got a good impression of this institution which has been designated as a “centre of excellence.” Students’ knowledge of computers and in particular of English is chronically bad after leaving secondary school in Tanzania. That’s why we agreed with our project manager in Jambiani to support *Busara* in computer training and with an additional English language course before starting her studies since most teaching and teaching material is in English. The two other scholarship students (see Newsletter 6) have successfully finished their first examinations. We also receive a bi-annual progress report for this scholarship programme.

Since our last Newsletter we did not travel to Africa, yet we were not idle. We have developed a website for our CDF-foundation in German as well as in English. We cordially invite you to visit this website and to comment on it: www.childdevelopmentfund.com.

We have written a little book on our experiences on the microfinance instrument „*Savings & Loan*“, published in Edition Pamoja: www.editionpamoja.de. The book is complemented by a Video-film [Saving&Loan](#), which can be viewed and downloaded on YouTube⁴; we are also working on an English version of this Video. We would be grateful for any comments and especially for recommending the book to other people, may be even in form of a book review. Furthermore, the book is also available in electronic form (*e-book*); this has the additional advantage that you have direct access to the internet for the books’ many website-addresses. Finally, we can report that we intend visiting East-Africa again in June to keep an eye on things and to possibly find ways of improving our projects.

In the appendix to this Newsletter you find a brief overview about the donations and expenditure in 2012 as well as about the financial commitments for the year 2013. We were

⁴ <http://www.childdevelopmentfund.com/anderemedien.html>

able to build up a small reserve, which however we urgently need due to the uncertainty of the flow of donations on one hand, and our desire to give the children at least a medium-term perspective on other hand. In addition, we are interested in a further expansion of our programme. Now, we look forward to any suggestions in reaction to our report, and we cordially thank you for your past and future support of this project.⁵

Barbara und Günther Schmid⁶

Berlin, April 2013

⁵ Reminder: Contributions should be sent to: Child Development Fund (CDF) (Barbara und Günther Schmid), Bank für Sozialwirtschaft, Stuttgart, BLZ 601 205 00, Account No. 778 1826; Swift Code/BIC: BFSWDE33STG, Account/IBAN: DE9860120500007781826. Important! Please give with the donation your private address and you will get a receipt for contributions to a recognized charity.

⁶ Email-addresses: schmidhdb@aol.com; gues@guenterschmid.de;
Homepages: www.childdevelopmentfund.com; www.guenterschmid.eu; www.editionpamoja.de

CDF-Budget 2012

Income (Euro)

> Donations	5,340.00
> Other *	6,770.00
> Interest **	581.85
> <i>Total</i>	<i>12,781.85</i>

Expenditure

> Scholarships (30x180)***	5,400.00
> Management ****	0.00
> Vocational Scholarships (2x1,000)	2,000.00
> Management	600.00
> Cost contribution (ChildFund Germany, 2011/12)	137.50
> <i>Total</i>	<i>8,137.50</i>

Commitments for 2013

≈ **11,000.00**

- *) Own donations from exhibitions (TingaTinga-paintings) and honoraria for speeches or expert opinions
- **) From foundation capital (2011/12)
- ***) From 2013 onwards, the scholarships have been increase to 200 Euro/year and child
- ****) From 2013 onwards, ChildFund Kenya receives compensation of 10% (600 Euro) for managing the project