

# STREETKIDS POST



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# EDITORIAL



## DEAR FRIENDS, SPONSORS AND INVESTORS,

First Corona, now a war, the energy crisis, inflation and the looming revolution in Iran. Our planet has become more vulnerable and, for many people, more dangerous. So, who is now in charge? Politicians, climate activists? Researchers, foundations, charities or even individuals? Above all, is what is being done sustainable? Does it work? Does it help, and if so, what is actually being done?



*Daniel Preuß with the Massai and a baby*

The huge number of initiatives and projects across the globe, are they really enough? Also, now the war on our freedom and our values. Are they really being protected or has the arms industry long since taken the reins? Everyone has their own thoughts on this.

I know that too little is being done. We all know it. The will is there and the time for change is greater than ever- the „momentous change“ as I call it, has begun. Everything is gaining momentum –

the global markets, civil engagement, local economies, everything is moving towards more sustainable solutions. At the same time the global balance of power is changing and ecologically many things are collapsing. The climate change forecasts are becoming more and more negative, and fear is the new companion of the media.

But nevertheless I remain positive. I am an optimist. I am grateful for that. I hope, and also since there is only real hope with action, I act. We act! Here in Frankfurt and Dar es Salaam and now also in central Tanzania, in Kilolo.

Together with you, for our planet, for our offspring, for a peaceful existence. Is that utopia? No! I am confident that we will over-

come this! Maybe everything has to seem really hopeless at first, so that changes can be established on a broader level. Africa, and Tanzania in particular, seems to be a little further ahead than we currently are here in Europe.

In Tanzania we are planting trees, we are reactivating our farm in the bushland and we have bought more land so that we can run our own schools. We are moving towards self-sufficiency, towards independence and self-responsibility through education.

We are educating our children and setting them on the right path to in turn manage their own futures and find employment. **JOSHUA** and **FURHA**, two of our orphans



who are now young adults have become board members this year. Joshua also now has his own garage for cars in Sadaani National Park and business is going well.

**ONESMO** has married, **YOHANNA** has become a father and **EZEKIA** will graduate in early 2023. Yohanna works in a radio station, he studied PR and Mass Communication, and his brother Ezekia has just finished his Bachelor's degree in HR Management. All THANKS to your support and the help of companies and foundations.

**DIANA** is our social worker and knows what is important for us in the institutions and families as she was once a child of ours. She and Mama Suzi take a lot of work off my hands. Otherwise, my voluntary commitment as a board member would not be possible. I feel so excited and proud that our hard work is finally bearing fruit.

**GIDEON** will soon be a „ranger“ and we are planning to offer a very special programme to our visitors. We want to introduce them to the life of people in Tanzania - this is planned for 2023/2024. We are very much looking forward to it.

We have been caring for children in Tanzania for over 20 years now. They grow up to be teenagers and enter young adult life, educated, self-confident, independent and with prospects.

In Tanzania, it has taken us over 20 years to live sustainably in the sense of striving for self-sufficiency, but it is now working. Yes, we still need to spend money on buildings, maintenance, and staff, especially teachers, but the schools will also be self-supporting in the future, not long to go now. We haven't increased the food budget in our orphanages for years.

Instead, we have bought land, grown our own fruit and vegetables and everyone on site drinks fresh water from solar-powered deep wells. During my last visit, I saw how we were able to harvest bags of sweet potatoes and how important land, agriculture and self-sufficiency are.

**NATASCHA OCHSENKNECHT**, our ambassador, was on site with a film crew and did the official opening for our second kindergarten. After 14 years, the **WATER-TOWER** had finally rusted away at our first orphanage site. We have now put the ten-thousand-litre water on a more sustainable footing. We built a tower construction reinforced with steel.

Again, a lot of money had to be spent on this new infrastructure. In Africa however, many things break down quite quickly due to the climate, the inferior quality of materials and the lack of maintenance available but we are working on this.





**EVA**, our „Mama Suzi“ and local business leader has finally managed to get the **TITLE REGISTER**. It took more than seven years of continuous work in the bureaucratic jungle of Tanzania.

**IN FRANKFURT** things are also moving forward. A new volunteer has joined our team - Marco is responsible for the finances of a Japanese pharmaceutical company and helps me with the planning in Tanzania. Management spread sheets are his speciality for our small charity.

The board has decided to discontinue with the German Donation Council certification process, it was simply too time-consuming and too expensive for an institution of our size. If necessary, we will request a quality certificate for an additional audit and continue to be audited by the Frankfurt tax office. We will also continue to strive for our creed of “openness and transparency” which we’ve had in place since our very beginning 22 years ago.

Our boarding school project is also running. We are striving to start with 1st and 2nd class including the boarding house in January 2024. We still need funding for it and the canteen but I am confident about that. Good projects are sustainable. An example of this is being built in Kilolo, thanks to your help.

I would like to thank all our supporters! Anyone who has time and would like to visit us is very welcome. Contact us and we will make it happen.

**WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL 2023 AND MANY THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Daniel J. W. Preuß, founder and honorary chairman of Streetkids International e.V.



Eva – Mama Suzi

# WHAT WE DO

## ABOUT THE WORK FROM STREETKIDS



### **MORE THAN JUST A BIG FAMILY**

Orphans from the age of three have a home at the orphanages of Streetkids International e. V. where they receive fresh, hot meals and benefit from regular daily routines as well as professional care by trained educators. They are in dire need of care because the little ones have often already experienced a lot of suffering. For most of them, both parents are no longer alive due to mostly AIDS, tuberculosis or yellow fever. The relatives who remain - such as the grandparents - are often too poor to care for the children. Streetkids International creates a place of refuge for these children.

Streetkids International runs its own schools for the orphans, which are also open to the public and attended by children from the surrounding area. Streetkids International attaches great importance to education, as this has been proven to reduce poverty, generate jobs and ensure the chance of a self-determined life outside poverty.





**HAILATH**, 5 years old and **KEYRENE**, 3 years old are sisters whose mother died in hospital in 2019. They then went to live with their grandmother who tried everything but could no longer care for them.

The pictures were taken on the day they were taken in - 21 October 2022. We are sure that laughter will soon be lighting up their faces. It usually doesn't last long.

They have had a hard time behind them with very little food. Their stories will be updated via our website.



# NEW CHILDREN

## MWANDEGE LOCATION

**JUMANNE** has been with us since March 2022. I was already able to hold him, laughing in my arms. He is bubbling with energy and loves to frolic around. He also likes to help (for example with the laundry) and learns quickly and enthusiastically. Jumanne's mother, who was deaf from birth, died when Jumanne was only 2 years old.

His aunt and grandfather took on the responsibility for him together with his two older siblings. Shortly after however, the grandfather died and the aunt could no longer take care of her own children and her sister's children as she is a farmer and in an ever-increasing difficult situation. Therefore, she asked the local social worker for help and since the beginning of March Jumanne has been a member of our Streetkids family.



# NEW CAR FOR STREETKIDS



We finally have a **NEW CAR**, since August 2022 that meets the conditions. With automatic transmission and air conditioning. A blessing! The old **LANDCRUISER, FROM 1986** is still being used as a working vehicle and **TRANSPORTER**.

Furthermore, we plan to use it to show our visitors around the country, thus creating two new jobs. **ELLINOR AND NOVA** are doing a really great job in Kilolo. I am really happy and grateful for their support.

# KILOLO LOCATION





# KILOLO ACADEMY

## FOR PRE AND PRIMARY



### MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN IN OPERATION

On 1 September 2022, we opened Phase 1 of the project, the kindergarten, as planned. **FRIDA, AISHA** and **ELLINOR** form the educational team for an excellent start in academia.

**NATASCHA OCHSENKNECHT**, our ambassador was with us in Kilo and we were able to celebrate together with the authorities (district administrator, city council, tax office! and water authority) as well as locals. Soft drinks were served, and we were assured of support from all sides.

We have all worked hard to build the entire **FOUNDATION** for the primary school, with the support of the local forces. They keep

presenting us with new challenges, some of which are culturally conditioned. The existing water supply is far from sufficient, so we decided to build our own **SOLAR-POWERED DEEP WELL** with a capacity of **20,000 LITRES**. zu bauen, um unabhängig zu sein. For this we had to drill about 150 metres deep. Due to the climate, we only had a construction window of six months (May - November). We are looking forward to continuing our project in 2023. The site development plan has been adjusted and the plan is to complete the 1st and 2nd classes and the boarding school building by January 2024.

**WE STILL LACK THE FUNDS FOR THE BOARDING SCHOOL BUILDING AND THE CANTEEN.**

# KILOLO ACADEMY

FOR PRE AND PRIMARY

After completion, we want to outsource the operation and focus on self-supply with basic foodstuffs for the entire school (approx. 300 pupils). The price increases have also caused a deficit in our planned donations in Tanzania. We still need to purchase the school equipment such as desks, benches and blackboards. Please help! Every Euro counts. But we are confident. People are already talking about the „German School“ and we want to set an example with academic excellence, international teacher exchange and superior school management.



## HERE IS ROSEMARY'S STORY TOLD IN HER OWN WORDS

„My name is Rosemary and I'll be 16 this year. When I was 9 years old, I went with my mother and my three younger siblings to fetch water and firewood. My little sister, who was still a baby, I had on my back. Suddenly we heard a growl and a pack of hyenas came charging at us. We ran away quickly in fright but there were many holes and stones in the field and I fell. To protect my little sister.

I fell on my side, but there was a big stone and a loud crack. My leg suddenly swelled up and quickly turned black and blue. The hyenas left and I was crying in pain. We had to walk home and my mother said that it would be better the next day.

However, I couldn't stop crying all night because of the excruciating pain. My aunt came the next evening and said we'd better go to hospital because the leg was so crooked and blue and hot. But we couldn't pay for an X-ray or medicine and were sent away. The doctor said that hot water and stretching would make everything better so every evening my mother and a neighbour pulled on my leg - it hurt terribly. They told me not to cry. I carved myself a stick with which I could at least walk a little (I had to still fetch water and look after the little ones).

However, I couldn't walk properly because of the pain so I couldn't fetch water or help with the housework and therefore didn't get anything to eat. When my mother became ill, a relative sent me and my siblings to Streetkids and we found a new home there. I am happy to be here, everyone is friendly, I am allowed to go to school and there is good food on a regular basis. I would love to wake up one day without pain and be able to walk without strain and pain...“

*Daniel Preuß: I was really affected by Rosemary's case. At first we wanted to bring Rosemary to Germany but friends made us aware of a hospital in Arusha that might be able to help. After much back and forth, we managed to get her an appointment at the hospital before I went home. Her leg was lengthened - she received a bone graft and is still in rehab. We hope it was successful, things are looking very good at least. Many thanks to all who helped!*

# ROSEMARY





# MWANDEGE LOCATION



Our main site on the southern border of the megacity Dar es Salam continues to develop. We were put under pressure by the authorities to give up the after-school tutoring business that was organised especially for our children and as an alternative to schooling. Instead, we now have a **PRE-AND PRIMARY SCHOOL**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank **TRITON BERATUNGSGESELLSCHAFT GMBH**.

By purchasing the new plot of land we have fulfilled the prerequisites and obtained permission to operate a school. In May we

received the registration and official recognition. We still had to build a sports field, which was difficult, but we managed to do that thanks to our local people.

In order to be able to serve food in the school, we needed a canteen. Through an unexpected grant, we were able to build four open dining rooms in **UMBRELLA STYLE**.

Even at full capacity (200 students), the children can eat under the umbrellas at different meal-times. This is not possible in Kililo, which is over 1,900 metres high.

# LAND-PURCHASE

## LOCATION MWANDEGE



This year there was a census and the holiday months were postponed. At the beginning of September, I was present at the school start of our Kindergarten and Primary School in Mwandege. It is wonderful to see how our children from pre-school to primary school are now receiving

their education with us. We have enough teachers to be able to deal intensively with the often disadvantaged children. The „trial phase“, in which we have been able to provide supplementary.

The „trial phase“, in which we have been

able to give supplementary lessons for the last three years, has shown that all children have been able to secure access to higher education. Thus, the large compound in Mwandege, we call it Tumaini 2, continues to develop into an educational institution that guarantees top education not only

for our children but also for children from the community. but also children from the community. And our first compound in Mwandege, Tumaini 1 continues to run the orphanages. We still have space for another house, but at the moment I cannot open a new site due to time constraints.

# CERTIFICATION

## MWANDEGE

When I was on site in early summer, I was able to meet the staff of the authorities with whom we work. We are required to prove that we have enough certified care-takers. The training lasts from 3 months to a year but it is not possible for our staff to be absent that long. We need them on site and cannot do without them. Many live with us and are also cared for by us.

We asked the Social Welfare Office if they could certify or train our staff in our newly built and currently underutilised class-rooms.

It worked out. They put together an agenda for us over several days and we were able to get certified in an uncomplicated and very cooperative way. The department heads of the Social and Youth Welfare Office, the head of the Water Authority and the head of the State Health Office were also present. Six employees were certified, a great result!



# VISITS



Our ambassador **NATASCHA OCHSEN-KNECHT** always donates her winnings from game shows and television appearances to us. This time she came with a camera crew to accompany her on a reality show. There was a lot of action. The children got presents, and we were joined by drones, cameras and strangers. We had a great time together and everyone was happy, especially about the feast to honour the occasion.

**BIANCA HOFFMANN**, our volunteer from Frankfurt, also returned. Besides looking after sponsorships and donations, she is responsible for the project in Kilolo. She controls and reports on the use of funds which is not just mandatory but an extremely important task which needs to be done in a timely manner.

All the people who visit us are deeply touched by the children and the work we do. Our children are very well-behaved and are happy to receive attention and pedagogical care. Perhaps in the future we might be able to recruit someone from Germany for this work on site. Twice a year for a limited period would be ideal to ensure our children are on the right track with their development.



From Linsengericht and Offenbach we had **PETRA AND OLIVIA** visit us. Two **PROFESSIONALS** from the field of child education, who not only left full of emotion, but also with the wish to return. We look forward to seeing them for their next visit.



Two child sponsors – **TINA AND FLO** – also visited us before travelling to Zanzibar. They also hope to return for longer than three days next time. They are very welcome!





# FRANKFURT OFFICE

We are very happy to have the Kölner Straße office. It's really noisy at the moment due to construction going on around us, but we have a new gas boiler and we bought a folding guest bed so that our visitors don't have to spend extra money for overnight accommodation as Frankfurt is expensive.

We organise everything we do for Streetkids in Africa from here. Social media, PR or even an **EXHIBITION**, which was carried out by our ambassador Marcus May in Hamburg.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am always happy to receive invitations to report on Africa, Tanzania and give people the chance to go behind the scenes regarding the work we do at Streetkids. To contact us please email: [info@helfensie.de](mailto:info@helfensie.de)



We also use the office in Frankfurt to meet regularly with our volunteers, without whom we would not be able to get everything done so I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bianca, Marisa, Wendy, Marco, Jörg and Paulina and all those who support us in our work - sponsors, donors, supporters, companies, self-employed and retired people.

**THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE VERY WELCOME** to attend our meetings or to visit us, so that you can see our German office for yourselves.

Please contact us at [info@helfensie.de](mailto:info@helfensie.de) so we can let you know our next dates and give you a warm welcome!



# FINANCES

## INFORMATION

This Streetkids post is part of the current annual report. On our website [www.helfen-Sie.de](http://www.helfen-Sie.de) under About /Annual Reports, you can view or download the current report of the Board of Directors with the annual financial reports for the period 2021/2022.

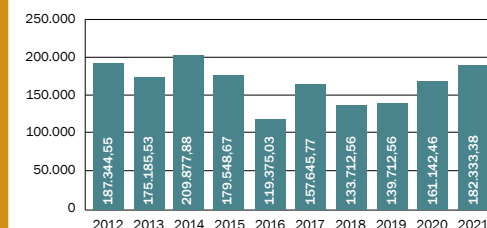
If anyone would like to have the report sent to them or has any questions, please give us a call at the office on +49 69 17 55 490 22.

In total, we received donations of € 182,833.38 in the financial year 2021. Many thanks for this. In the financial reporting year, our expenses amounted to € 179,059.36.

The use of donations is detailed in the annual report 2021/2022. As mentioned above, this can be found on our website.

Anyone who wants to delve deeper into the finances of our small charity organisation is very welcome. All documents can be viewed in our office at any time.

Graph - Financial Donations in EURs



# IMPRINT

Streetkids International e.V.  
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