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EDITORIAL

Heartfelt Greetings from Daniel Preuß

... and once again a year is drawing to a close. We can already say that it was a great year. 2024 looks good too - I look forward with hope and confidence to what lies ahead. Even though I often don't know what awaits me or what awaits us in Africa.

I can only speak for myself, but I know that there are people not only in Tanzania, but also here in Germany, who we need to encourage, who may have gone through difficult times and are barely holding on or who may simply just be stuck, unable to progress.

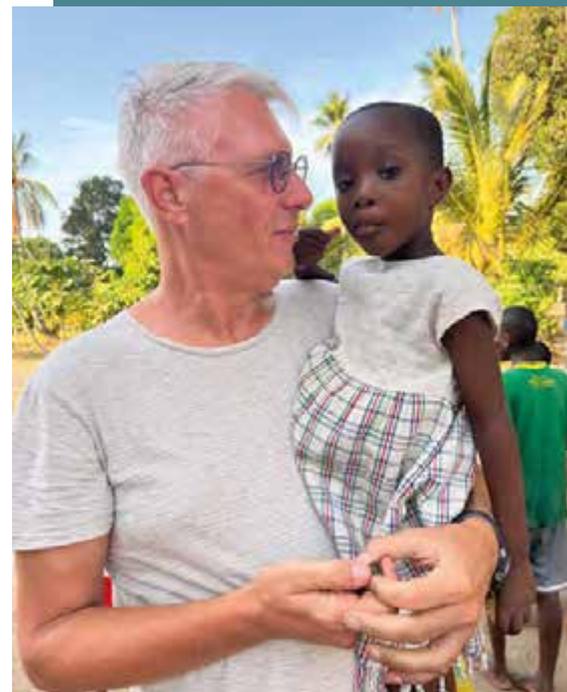
In my opinion, there is no linearity in life, everything comes in phases, often dynamic and unpredictable. There are constants in every life, for example our beliefs

and our motivations that drive us, be they conscious or unconscious. Life is full of surprises. Open up and be receptive to learning new things - this is my life and it makes me happy. I would never have guessed that I would become a director of an orphanage and now even a school. I didn't choose this, it chose me and now it has now become a massive part of my life.

Looking back, it was a logical conclusion out of external circumstances that arose. It was not economically right to pay huge sums of money to private school operators, whose quality and standards were different to ours, so we built our own school. That we could never have foreseen. Now there is no room for complai-

ning, we just have to do our best, for the sake of the children. Our children will thank us for it, of that, I am sure. I have also come to realise that this commitment gives me so much joy and satisfaction - it is truly indescribable.

For over 30 years now I have been moving between Europe and Africa. It's the beginning of October and I'm sitting on a codeshare flight with Oman Air to Doha, where I inevitably will have time before heading home. Time to reflect on life, especially on what happens when I eventually leave this world. Right now my thoughts turn to time related to patience and relationships and not that of clocks, haste, hurry and efficiency.



This time I spent a week traveling by bus on Tanzanian roads with lovely and very interesting people who support us, and then did the whole tour again with our car. From a tropical climate at sea level in Dar es Salaam through the highlands to Kilolo at almost 2,000 metres. It's a two-day journey from location to location. Death meets you on the way - horrible accidents, dangerous trucks and unsafe roads. Fortunately, nothing happened to me or my companions - on the bus or in my own car and I hope that it will stay that way.

Despite the extreme poverty and precarious living conditions, the Tanzanians are friendly, warm-hearted and polite. They have a good sense of humour and are grateful for visitors, small gifts, the rain or even a freshly-laid chicken egg.

Kilolo is home to the Hehe people, who can look back on a rather turbulent past with the Germans (1891-1908). Nevertheless, we feel very much at home there and look forward to the development of our school project.

People come and go - that's life. A friend once told me that it's like being on a

train. People get on and ride with you for a while, some get off, some stay on the train with you. That's true be it in Germany or Tanzania - I like this way of looking at things and am very grateful for all the people I have met on our planet this year.

The big goal of running our orphanages with our own funds remains our focus. Only when this has been achieved will we have fulfilled our „mission“ as doing something without achieving a sustainable impact does not help the local people in Tanzania in the long term.

I am delighted that we came closer to this goal last year. The harvests we reaped in 2023 were finally on a scale that can be called significant – with hundreds of litres of sunflower oil, a ton of sweet potatoes as well as daily supplies of rice and vegetables from our very own farm. The budget for our farm in Tanzania has remained the same for years despite the rise in prices and with this self-sufficiency it means we can afford to pay our local employees higher wages.

I am so glad that I can work with you to create a sustainable and social contribution internationally. Thank you for that.



In the protected area in front of the gate the external kindergarten children wait to be picked up.

We will be organising another trip for those interested in getting to know us and our work on the ground. Come and see what we do, where and how we use your money, also who we work with and what is possible.

Happy New Year to you all, have a great 2024 and maybe see you soon in Tanzania.

Sincerely, Daniel Preuß
Board of Directors
Streetkids International e. V



20 YEARS

MAMA SUZI

Mama Suzi has now been working for 20 years as the house-mother at our orphanages in Tanzania. Her dedication and love for the children is really admirable. She works tirelessly at creating a family environment in which our children feel safe and secure, each and every day. Her experience and commitment have helped many children and provided them with positive prospects for the future. In addition to her role as house-mother, Mama Suzi also holds the position of Country Manager of Streetkids in Tanzania. In this role she coordinates administrative and organizational tasks, which she does with the same dedication and efficiency that she shows in her role her role as matron. Her tireless commitment has contributed to the success of our projects in Tanzania and sustainably improve the lives of many children. We are incredibly grateful for Mama Suzi's commitment and her outstanding work.



WHAT WE DO

ABOUT THE WORK DONE BY STREETKIDS INTERNATIONAL



MORE THAN JUST A BIG FAMILY

Orphans from the age of three find a home in the orphanages of Streetkids International e. V., where they receive fresh, hot meals and benefit from regular daily routines as well as professional care from trained educators. They desperately need this as the little ones have often already experienced a great deal of suffering in their young lives. In most cases, both parents are deceased. Common causes are: AIDS, tuberculosis or yellow fever. Relatives, such as grandparents, are often too poor to care for the children. Streetkids have created a place of refuge for these children.

Streetkids runs its own schools for the orphans, which are also open to the public and attended by children from the surrounding area. Streetkids attaches great importance to education, as this demonstrably reduces the risk of poverty, helps generate jobs and secures the chance of a self-determined life outside poverty.



NEW KIDS

OUR KIDS

Shortly before I left at the beginning of October, we decided we had room for eight more children. This was made possible due to the new extension and the departure of the now adult children.

At the beginning of the year, **DAUDI** and **NELSON** started on their adult lives. **DAUDI** graduated from secondary school.

NELSON had to change schools and will finish secondary school next year.

ERICY is of legal age and has helped us to advance the farm activities after finishing school. We will try to find him a position in our organisation.



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



in Germany. Examples include the right to equal treatment, free access to information, privacy, freedom of religion, health, education and a safe upbringing, as well as protection against discrimination and the well-being of every child.

In this project, we have made every effort to improve children's rights whilst taking into account the cultural particularities of Tanzania.

On World Children's Day – 20th September – we implemented children's rights in our Tanzanian facilities. All persons who are employed by Streetkids in Tanzania and will be employed in the future must recognise these rules and follow them when dealing with our children.

There were of course already guidelines in place for dealing with the children, however this set of rules goes considerably further. The content of the rules is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and defines numerous fundamental freedoms and rights of children which are considered self-evident



MWANDEGE LOCATION



At the beginning of 2023, we moved the orphanage for boys so that now all the children and young people are together. It may mean a little less space but based on the suggestion from our local employees we decided to bring all the orphans together rather than have them spread over two properties.

Now the orphanage for boys will hopefully soon become a boarding school. Boarding

school children generate a much higher income for our business compared to regular school fees. Until then, we are using the house as an IT and study room as well as a guest house. The Wilson family is no longer with us, but we have been able to recruit **ROBERT WITH HIS FAMILY** as a very well-qualified farmer. He, his wife and two children live with us and look after the big boys. Everything else is the same. Only better. Also our



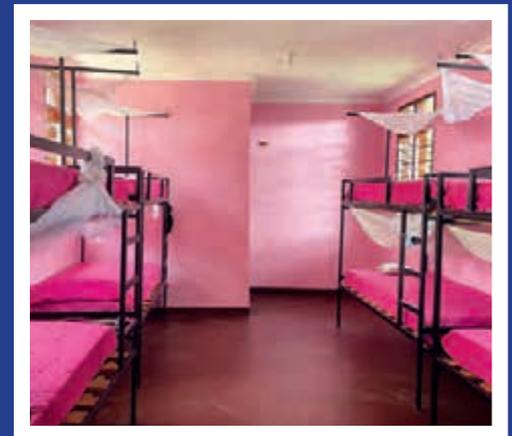
years of efforts to sort waste are slowly bearing fruit.

The school grounds now have two **MORE CLASSROOMS – THANKS** to Triton Beratungsgesellschaft GmbH, and a small emergency toilet. The original toilet block was so far away that the younger children often couldn't make it. This has also made life easier for our employees! We have extended the **GIRLS HOUSE** and created space for eight more beds and a small bathroom for girls. Thank you to Germany!



When I am on site, I conduct regular inspections of the school during its opening hours. I really like the pre-school. It's wonderful to see education reaching the youngest children through the Montessori method, our teaching staff, our learning guides and in our beautiful surroundings. I am always overcome with a feeling of gratitude that I am allowed to do this work.

The primary school urgently needs a good bus. Jeweler Münzer from Darmstadt has launched a campaign to raise the money for this. **THANK YOU!** Without a bus we





would not be able to maintain our excellent school service. In Mwandege at our TFPPS - Tumaini Friends Pre Primary School we have a total of eleven teachers and as of November 2023, 120 pupils. Of these, 43 pupils are our orphans.

The aim is for the school to support our orphans on a cost-neutral basis. This is only possible if two thirds of the pupils are external children, paying for their education. If everything goes according to plan, we will achieve this in 2024. The bus is immensely important for this.

ROSEMARY has undergone several operations in Arusha thanks to a consolidated campaign and the help of the German community. She is now walking much

better and is pain-free. The operation was quite complex and had to be carried out in three stages.

MALIKIA had to interrupt her training as a nurse as she gave birth in January 2023 and took a break until October 2023. She will finish her training in 2024. We visited her in her tribe (Maasai). Life there is very basic, but not difficult for a Maasai. The family cohesion works. However, her tribe would not be able to finance her education. There is great poverty among the Maasai. She now lives there because our regulations do not allow her to continue living in the children's village. From October 2023, her sister will look after the child. We are confident that she will complete her education.



MWANDEGE

FARMING AND LIVESTOCK

Robert is not only responsible for our older boys, but also runs our farm and the chicken coop. He has successfully been managing the farm this year and we started with breeding chickens in March this year which might be something Ericy can help with.

To increase economic yield, we decided in October to quadruple our chicken capacity from November. The additional income will help us with personnel costs as well as mean we can increase the wages of our employees in the lower income bracket. The chicken (kuku) business is typically African. Our land is secure and large enough. The sale and management of the farm does not interfere with school activities, as sales only take place between 4 and 6 pm.



KILOLO LOCATION

As of October 2023, almost 30 children attend our kindergarten. Since the summer, we have employed **EMMANUEL** as set-up manager and headmaster. He takes care of our school registration and the entry in the land register. In January 2024, Emmanuel will take over the 1st and 2nd grade of our elementary school in Kilolo.

Our cooperation agreement with the Ellinova Company ended in fall 2023. **THANK YOU** to **ELLINOR** and **NOVA** for their valuable work. They will continue to be there for us when we need them.

Ellinor continues to help us as our „trusted finance person“. **AISHA**, one of our first children and the „best kindergarten teacher ever“, will be authorised to sign on site along with the headmaster. There are plans to put her in charge of the kindergarten and she has also diligently learnt to manage the costs and has gained an overview of all financial matters.

Since this year, we have been working with **JOACHIM**, who originally comes from Germany. He is a construction engineer and has been based in Iringa for over 30 years.

We have completed the construction of the first classroom block. Two of the four classrooms will be completed in early 2024 and we hope to be able to start operating the school as planned. Joachim has experience with over 300 projects in Tanzania so we are delighted to have him on board.





YOHANA IN GERMANY

This summer we invited Yohana to Germany. He lived with us in Frankfurt and was able to gain valuable experience in film production. He was very impressed by the professionalism of companies in the media environment and he was able to get to know Germany a little.

We provided him with everything he needed to set up in Dar es Salaam as an entrepreneur in the field of photography and film production. One of his first productions was the documentation of our tour group's visit to our locations in Mwandege.

If his business takes off, we will also benefit from it. The biggest challenge in Tanzania is young people finding their way, whether they have a university degree or not.

Yohana asked me if we could help him set up a small media production company. He has a wife and a child, is 26 years old

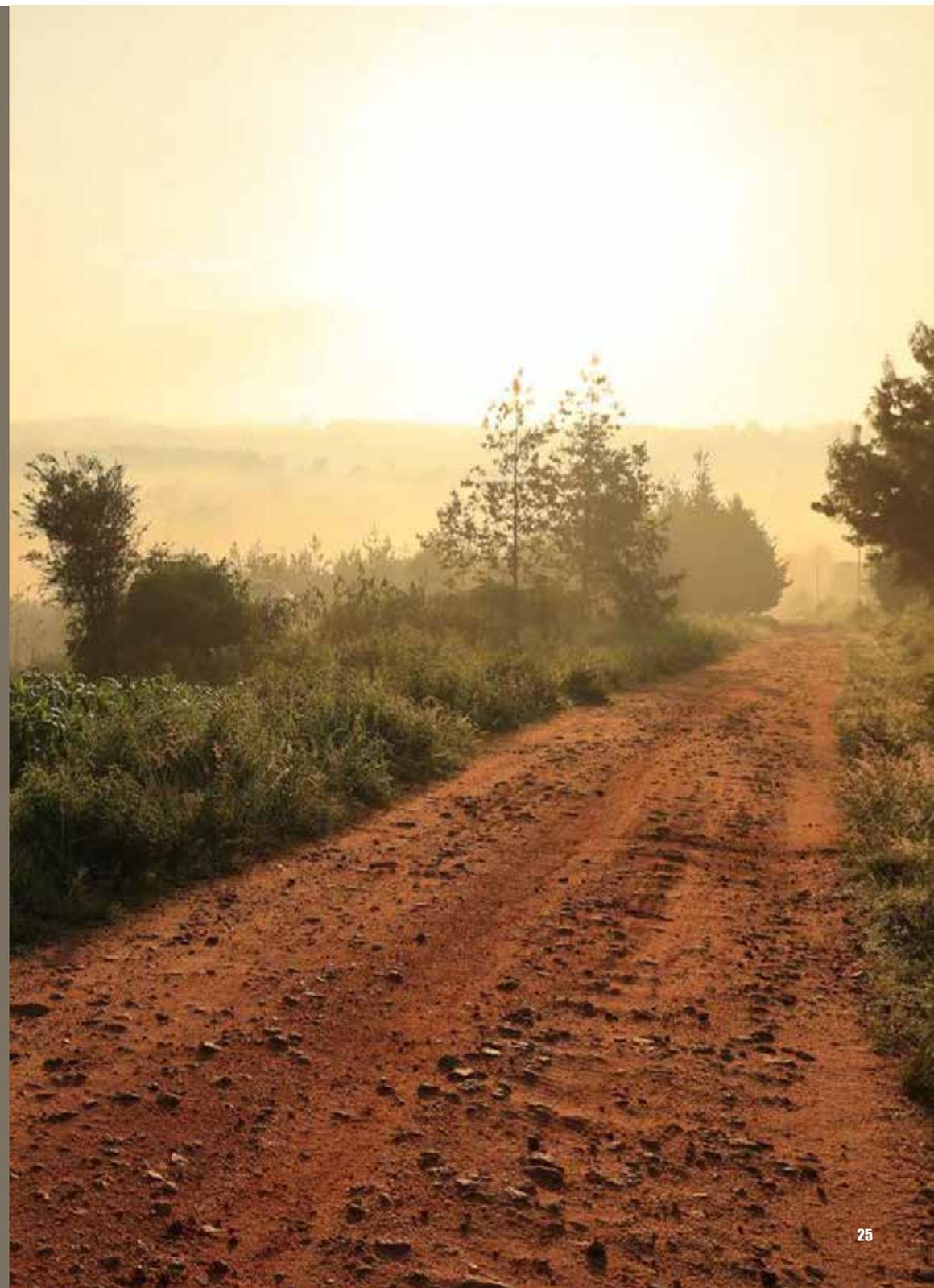


and just couldn't get on his feet despite his bachelor's degree. We simply couldn't refuse him that. He will be an example for our children - a big brother who has managed to find his place in life through hard work and ambition.

BUS TRIP THROUGH TANZANIA

From the 9th to the 18th of September 2023, we travelled through Tanzania with 15 people introducing them to our projects on site. All participants enjoyed it very much, for many it was their first time in Africa. We spent the last day together at the beach. We were particularly impressed by the consistently positive feedback and have therefore decided to offer a similar trip in 2024.

We are planning this trip for the period from the 28th September to the 6th October 2024. The number of participants is limited to 10 people. If you are interested, please contact us by e-mail at info@helfensie.de. We are already looking forward to personally showing you our projects, as well as introducing you to the children, the people and the country itself.





VISITORS IN TANZANIA

PETRA, our social worker from Germany visited us for the second time and from 2024 she will regularly take care of the professional development of our children on site.

CHARLOTTE, our employee from Frankfurt visited Tanzania with her husband **ALEXANDER** in in March and September. Together we set up an intranet with learning materials.

TABEA from Linsengericht was there for just under two months, as was **MARSHA**. Both had just completed their A-levels. Marsha has been sponsoring our older Said for over 15 years. She has been collecting donations for us since she was a child. One day before my departure in October her parents and sister came to visit us.

ANNA and her husband stayed with us during their honeymoon in February and visited their sponsor-child.

GABI und **FRANK** visited us to get to know our projects and the country.

WENDY from our Frankfurt office visited us with her husband **GILLES**. They sponsored a trip to the fun park for everyone. A great idea. They also gave a geography lesson and told us a lot about their home countries of Australia and Holland.

And **HADIJA**, who was at the house in Mbuharati when we started, came to visit

me just before her wedding. **SADDA** and **NUHU** also visited us, both of whom are now living their own lives.

FAMILY LAMPEL, development workers and friends of mine, came to visit. We gave them two puppies for their new start in Tanzania.



SSR-SAFARI COMPANY

SLOW FOOD-SAFE DRIVE-REAL LIFE

Our tried and tested and reliable Jeep „Kifaru“ (Rhino), a 1988 Toyota which I drove from Germany to Tanzania in 2007, is now being used as a guest vehicle. Tanzania enthusiasts who want to travel the country for more than 10 days can experience this with Joshua and Gideon. Both grew up with Streetkids and now work as guides and drivers.

The maiden voyage with Frank and Gabi took place in October 2023. They spent 21 days travelling across Tanzania: Morogoro, Mikumi National Park, Njombe, Songea, Mbamba Bay (Lake Malawi), Ndanda, Mtwara, Kilwa and back to us in Mwanagdege. They were able to get to know the country and its people in a very authentic way with Joshua and Gideon accompanying them. They all had a great time!

By founding the SSR - Safari Company in Tanzania, we want to actively promote sustainable tourism, create another source of income locally to cover maintenance and spare parts costs for the vehicle and create jobs and opportunities for the future.

In addition to the opportunity to experience the breathtaking beauty of the Tanzanian national parks, we would also like to provide insights into the fascinating culture and way of life of the local population and of course (if desired) into our own projects. Safety is paramount for an unforgettable and authentic adventure in Tanzania.

If you are interested, please contact us directly at info@helfensie.de. Our volunteer Bianca is the contact person for us in Germany. She is helping Joshua and Gideon to set up SSR. Until further notice the SSR service is only available to our supporters and sponsors.



FRANKFURT OFFICE



CHARLOTTE has been on board since the beginning of 2023. Not only in Frankfurt, but also in Tanzania, she is taking on tasks that previously I was responsible for. I am happy to have found further support. Her husband Alex has also been to Tanzania and is keen to make a lasting difference on the ground. Helping is fun and when you see that your work makes a difference by improving something which is then continued on, what could be better?

We have had a small **SOCIAL-MEDIA-STUDIO** for some time now and would like to use it more extensively: stories about, from and out of Africa. Contributions from us.

We are looking for contributors and guests with whom we can talk about our work, about Tanzania, about orphans, job creation and similar topics. Get in touch!

Thanks to **BIANCA**, who is now a permanent fixture with us, and to **WENDY**, without whom we would not have this post in English. Thanks to **MARCO**, thanks to **JÖRG** and to **JOACHIM**, our experienced mentor.

Thanks also to **MY WIFE KOLLI** who always supports me going to Tanzania and stands by me, even though I am often not at home.



FINANCES

In total, we received donations of € 267,668.46 and school fees of € 4,705.51 (Tanzania) in the 2022 financial year. Thank you very much for this. Our expenditure (liquidity-related, i.e. excluding depreciation, accruals and deferrals and transactions from the sale of fixed assets and loan repayments) amounted to € 212,004.24. This includes € 75,698.79 in investments in fixed assets.

Anyone wishing to delve deeper into the finances of our small aid organisation is very welcome to do so. All documents can be viewed at any time in our office.

NOTE

We have published the current report of the Board of Directors (annual report) and the annual financial statements for the current period at www.helfensie.de.

We have been audited in Tanzania for several years now. Our auditors are certified, government-approved and internationally recognised auditors. From 2023, we will simplify things with the binational tax audit.



OUTLOOK

OR LOOKING FORWARD

Our priorities are our orphans and gaining independence from donations in the medium term. Thanks to the external schoolchildren, we are generating initial income that can partially finance the teaching staff. We are still at the beginning, but we continue to strive to achieve financial independence as well as operational excellence.

HEALTH PROJEKT

Almost two years ago, we identified a very interesting project in the health sector. Malolo, a large village, is located between Morogoro and Iringa.

Malolo has a large catchment area from the surrounding mountains and valleys,

some of which are inhabited by the Barabaig tribe. There is a catastrophic lack of medical care and unfortunately women are still being circumcised. We have made contacts in the community. We want to set up a small health centre with a committed insider. We hope to complete the project development in early 2024 and will report accordingly.

The demand for medical care is high. With a facility that operates with a doctor, a laboratory, and an attached pharmacy, we could start a small business in the health sector. We are excited to see how this develops.

NEWS

TRANSPARENCY

We have joined the Transparent Civil Society Initiative. The Transparent Civil Society Initiative provides non-profit organisations with a framework for basic transparency. We are committed to complying with the-

se transparency requirements and have published the required information on our website (<https://helfensie.de/why-people-choose-us/transparency>).

SOCIALMEDIA

We are pleased to announce our new collaboration with Carl in the area of social media. Carl runs a business in the field of social media and recently visited our projects in Tanzania. We are sure that Carl's expertise and his personal connection to our activities in Tanzania will contribute to effectively promoting our presence via social media.

NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN KILOLO

Emmanuel has been supporting us since the summer of 2023 in Kilolo. He has taken over the position of principal and is helping build up the school. He will drive necessary processes forward, such as registration.

WATER SYSTEMS RENOVATION

To ensure the reliability of our water supply, we had to upgrade our solar system and ensure a „fail-safety“. On our orphanage grounds we can now use g

SPORTS-GROUND

It is at risk of collapse or sliding: We had to renovate our sports ground under considerable time pressure to ensure we got our school licence. In the rush, quality fell by the wayside. On top of that, we had a very small budget. As a result, the sports field could unfortunately not be used for soccer. To build a professional sports pitch extensive groundwork is required

which includes drainage and fencing to be carried out. For this we need approx. € 70,000 – 100,000. We do not have this money (yet) but it is a dream of dream of mine to give the children a fully functional sports field on our on our own grounds, even if the conditions on the site are not easy.

GRADUATES

All our Primary School children successfully passed their exams.



From left to right: Issa, Rosemary, Warda, Naimi, Zuheila, Sophia, Shakaille, Muddy.
Teachers: Enock, Fatuma, Neno, Geoffrey, Rehema, Saul, Masunga, James, Furaha.

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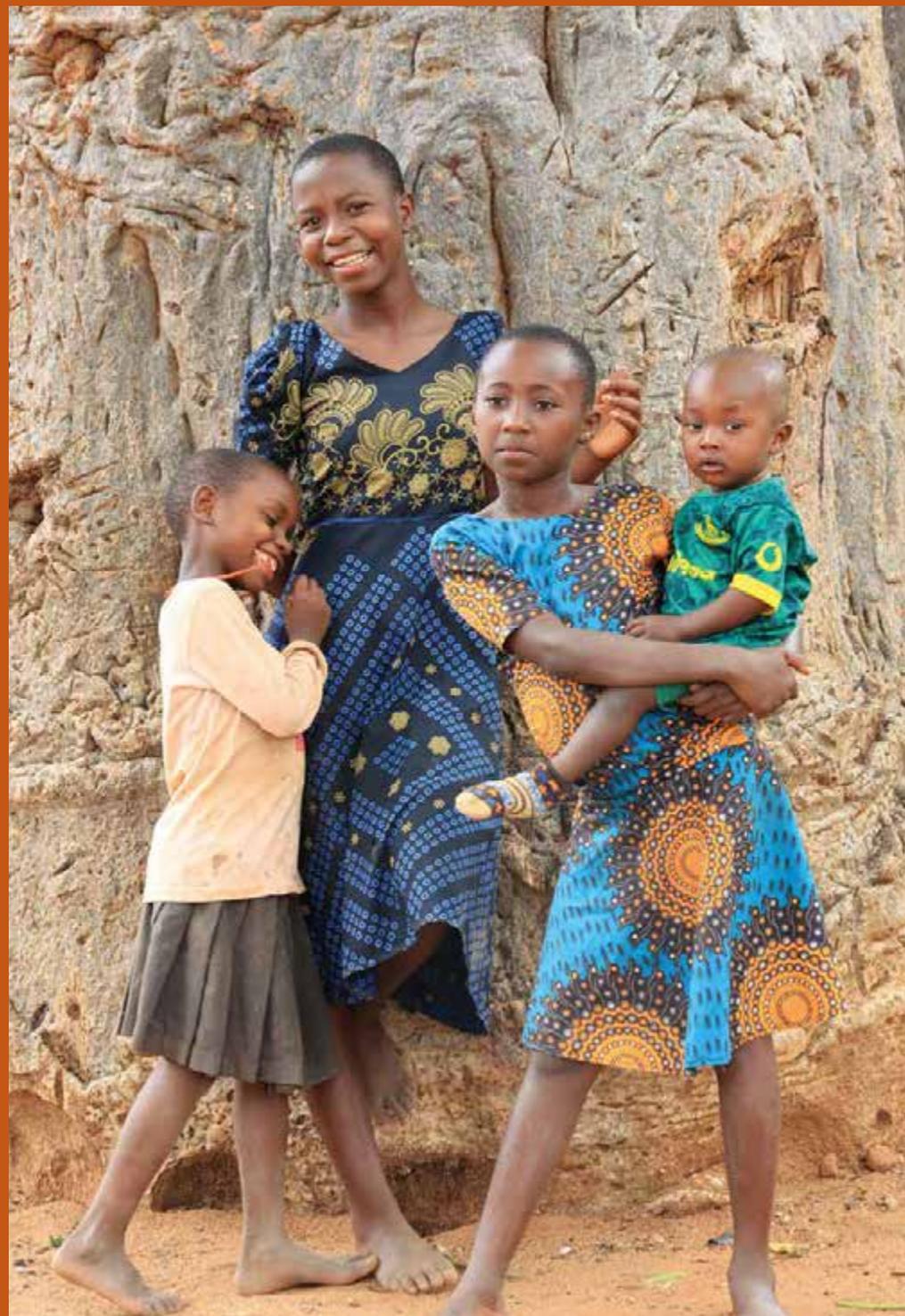
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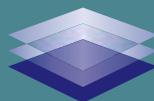
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