

FOREVER KIDS KENYA



Annual Report 2020



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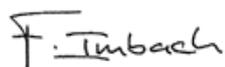
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Fabian Imbach

Baden, January 2021

Word of the President



It is fair to say that 2020 has been an extraordinary year for all of us. We have been prepared for uncountable problems and challenges that were to face with our Slumschool in Kenya, but a worldwide pandemic, who could have been prepared for that? This new reality meant for Kenya that starting from mid-March, all schools in Kenya were closed, children and students had to stay at home. The lack of means made "Online schooling" impossible. Many parents were faced with a significantly reduced or completely removed income and were facing the additional challenge to feed their children throughout the day, as breakfast and lunch, which was provided by the school, was also removed.

We have launched a Covid-19-fundraising in Switzerland and we were amazed by the willingness to provide emergency-aid: by the end of 2020 the sum amounted to over 10'000CHF! Monthly Corona contributions were sent from April onwards to our employees as well as the families of our students in form of food parcels. The so called "graduating classes" were allowed to return to school in October 2020, all other students were only allowed to return in January 2021. The new Covid-19 school rules are a challenge, as even for state-owned schools, the regulations for minimum distance are very hard to comply with.

School lessons, sport-days, excursions, voluntary programs, graduation parties, Christmas parties... everything was cancelled. Staying at home was the new daily routine as there was a curfew in the evenings. In order to nevertheless stay in touch with our children, our teachers regularly distributed homework, were point of contact for smaller groups of students and even did monthly home-visits at families in order to ensure everyone's well-being. Even though they were not able to pursue their normal job, they all had tasks to do and we were able to pay their salary throughout the whole 2020, which is not standard in Kenya and our employees were extremely grateful.

All events in Switzerland were also cancelled – but we have taken the opportunity to explore new endeavours: our first "Online-Christmas-Tombola" was a great success! Our Covid-19-Fundraising has received a significant booster with the generous donations and the participants were extremely happy with the articles received by the donated products of various companies. A big thank you to everyone who has supported the Online Tombola with prizes.

Thanks to our team spirit we are able to ensure that the support was received by the people who needed it the most. We are looking towards the new year with high hopes and the knowledge, that our team will be able to work through any challenge that might cross our path. Our big goal, to soon have an own land with our own school on it, and with it, secure the future of 300 children, is still with us.

On behalf of all students, parents, employees, our complete school in Mombasa as well as all members of the association: a thank you with all our heart! This would all not have been possible without you all. For the next year, we wish you foremost health and a good system around you to go through these difficult times.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nadja Kaufmann'.

Nadja Kaufmann
President Forever Kids Kenya

Highlights of the year 2020

January 2020

Finally back in Mombasa



After being away for over one year, Nadja and Mark finally returned to our kids and employees in Mombasa. Despite an only short stay of 2 weeks, they fully enjoyed the time at the **Milele Elimu Centre**. Details of the many exciting things that have happened during their stay will follow in the next few lines.

January 2020

Former primary students



Shortly after their arrival, Nadja and Mark were meeting our former students. The timing was lucky, as it was the last week before their school start of their secondary school. Most of them are at a residential school which is far away and they only visit home during longer periods of vacation or once the school year is over. It was a great pleasure to meet with them again. Even though they have left our primary school, they are still, and will always be, part of the Milele-Family. The **Milele Elimu Centre** is keeping in touch with them at least two or three times a year.

January 2020

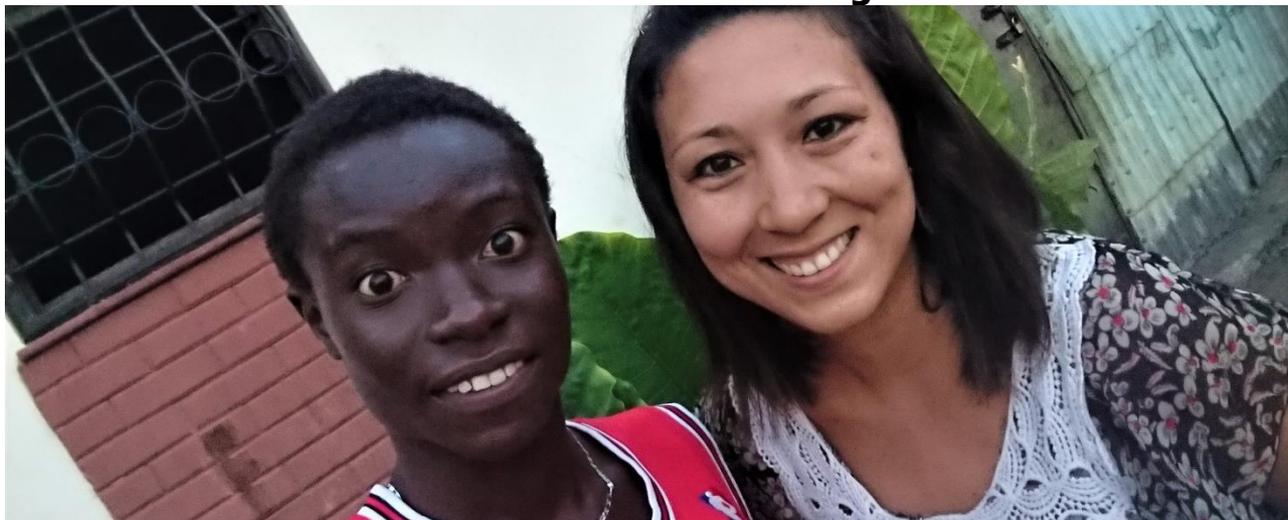
New trainees



Iptisam and Joel have received the opportunity to study at a University! As their University only starts in a few months, they will be trainees at our partnerschool **Milele Elimu Centre** in the meantime. Through this opportunity, they gain their first experience as employees and they earn their first salary. After only two weeks they already mastered the teaching of their younger students! We are very proud of the two of them!

January 2020

Interview with former student Kelvin Ochieng



After the opening of our partner school **Milele Elimu Centre** in the year 2013, Kelvin was part of the first class, which graduated from basic education (8th class) in 2015. He continued with his secondary education and four years later, he was among our first students who have graduated their secondary level in November 2019! During his secondary level training, he was a regular visitor at the **Milele Elimu centre** at the end of his school year or during school vacation. He was also present at the Christmas parties. As stated by himself in an interview, the Milele school is a family and he really feels connected with the school. Once Milele, always Milele, which is very much our vision, as Milele means "forever".

We are proud of all the students who have graduated from secondary school and we will keep on supporting them in whatever way is possible for us, in the hope of a great future for all of them!

February 2020

Beachday



Our 8th grade are our so called "candidates" who will have their final exams end of October. They will hence graduate from their 8-year long basic education and will then hopefully continue with their secondary level. It is commonly known that the 8th graders are working even harder in their final year and that they spend most of their spare-time with their heads in the books. Because of this they have fully enjoyed the spontaneous beachday on a Saturday afternoon. It is such moments that will become memories for a lifetime.

February 2020

Two wonderful weeks in Mombasa



«Those two weeks that I have spent at the school, with my family, my friends, my kids, my loved-ones, were wonderful and precious. I am beyond happy to see them grow-up, and to notice that even though their life moves on, they keep me in their memories. My heart belongs to them. I can hardly find the words, but a picture says more than 1000 words. I do hope we will see each other soon again. I have once again left Mombasa with a heart full of new memories – and I can't wait to be back to add more memories» - Nadja Kaufmann

March 2020

Article in the «Aargauer Zeitung»



A full page portrait of the life of our president, Nadja Kaufmann, was published on 2nd March 2020 in the "Aargauer Zeitung". The portrait included details on how the association was founded as well as the story of our partner school and her relationship to Kenya. It is well worth reading. You can read the full article by scanning the QR-Code above.

March 2020

Taekwondo lessons



A picture of the days before the outbreak of Covid-19: the school started to offer Taekwondo lessons! Local Taekwondo teachers want to make the sport more well-known and popular and thus offered to give our students an insight into this sport. The kids were extremely excited and signed-up for the lessons which took place during the weekends. Unfortunately, the excitement came to an abrupt stop, as soon after the announcement, the Kenyan president has directed a national closing of all schools. We do hope to be able to go back to normal school routine as soon as possible, and with it, to continue the Taekwondo lessons.

April 2020

wow tapes Video / Who is Forever Kids Kenya?



Some time ago, our friends from wow tapes (www.wowtapes.com) visited our partner school **Milele Elimu Centre** in Mombasa and put together those very inspiring videos! Scan the QR-Code and dive into our world!

April 2020

Corona emergency relief



Even though Covid-19 is very present in our lives in Switzerland, we are extremely more fortunate than many countries in the world. We have insurances and our government supports us in various areas, especially financially. Since one month, Kenya is in Lockdown, all schools all over the country are closed. Which consequently means that all students are at home with their parents, which again means that the parents have more mouths to feed which was otherwise covered by the schools. Many of the parents are already in a difficult situation, as due to the lockdown, they were not able to perform their work, which resulted in an extremely reduced or complete lack of income.

The **Milele Elimu Centre** educates 300 children in primary school. In times of a global crisis, in which the poor countries are affected the most, we have enhanced our support of basic needs and are now providing food and hygiene articles. The first batch of the very urgently needed basic nutrition and hygiene needs were recently distributed to the families of our kids most in need, more will follow.

August 2020

Drawings of life during Covid-19



Covid-19 is omnipresent in the daily routine in Kenya. Schools were closed since mid-march and the government has announced that students can only expect to return to school by January 2021. Kids faced the everyday life in the slum and we have tried to regularly stay in touch with them: weekly homework was distributed among small groups, so they could continue learning and had something to do. In order to offer them a small change in the routine, we asked some of our children, to express their emotions and thoughts during these challenging times through a painting. All drawings can be found on our facebook page.

September 2020

UNFPA Kenya «From girl to a woman»



The organisation UNFPA Kenya (United Nations Fund for Population Activities Kenya) has organized an event with the topic **“from a girl to a women”** in Mombasa. Apart from other girls from other schools in Mombasa, the girl-students of our partner school **Milele Elimu Centre** of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade were invited and also participated in this interesting event.

"UNFPA Kenya has the goal to create a world, in which every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is save and all young people can fully unfold their full potential".

September 2020

Safe and Sound OpenAir – Charity Concert



On 4th of September we have spent a beautiful evening at the OpenAir-Charity Concert in Menziken. Before the musicians of the evening, **Black Cat's Smoking**, **Paolafuerte** & **SilverBlue** entered the stage, we received the opportunity to introduce our association. The donations of this year's event were given to us! We would like to heart-warmingly thank all the involved people for the appreciation we have received! A special thanks goes to **SilverBlue** and **Huus 74**, who have made sure such a great event can take place.

September 2020

GoFundMe Crowdfunding Project



With the increase of the Covid-19 cases and the scarce governmental support, poverty and violence are on the rising edge on Kenya's streets. Most people have already lived from hand to mouth, which means they have absolutely no safety buffer. This great insecurity was dominating daily life.

On the Crowdfunding-Platform «GoFundMe» we have created a extraordinary call for donations for the Corona-Pandemic in Kenya. Idea was to first of all provide regular food packages to all our children and their families. Additionally our employees were also financially supported: we were able to pay their salaries during the Covid-19 crisis, a fact that received a lot of gratitude.

October 2020

New team pictures and new allocation of tasks



October was driven by creativity and new-orientation. Which skills of each team member can be most used in which area. A **Forever Kids Kenya** workshop was held in order to define the strategy for the upcoming months/years and to newly allocate the main tasks. We are very pleased to inform you about our new team member **Wanatcha Andres**, who has started with great enthusiasm and a backpack full of skills. At the same time, we have taken the opportunity to get new pictures for our homepage done. A big thank you to our Photographer Marcel, who has taken the pictures pro-bono! You can find out more about Marcel under <https://www.marcelrenggli.com>. Thanks a lot for the brilliant pictures!

October 2020

Moja – Stich for education



The **Milele Elimu Centre** welcomed the visit of **Moja – Stich for education**, an organisation which is based around the topic of female empowerment. They have held a workshop with our girls and our female teachers. They also generously distributed reusable menstrual pads to our students. You can find more information about this wonderful organisation under <http://moja.dk>.

October/November 2020

Activities during Covid-19 time



Our students have put together letters in which they have written down how they are doing and how they perceive life during COVID-times. They have also put together essays about this topic, which can all be found on our facebook page. Our teachers were also very motivated to support our children: Patrick Kutilo is a teacher at the **Milele Elimu Centre** and passionate artist. He has, with a lot of success, taken on the mission to introduce some of our talented students the art of painting!

December 2020

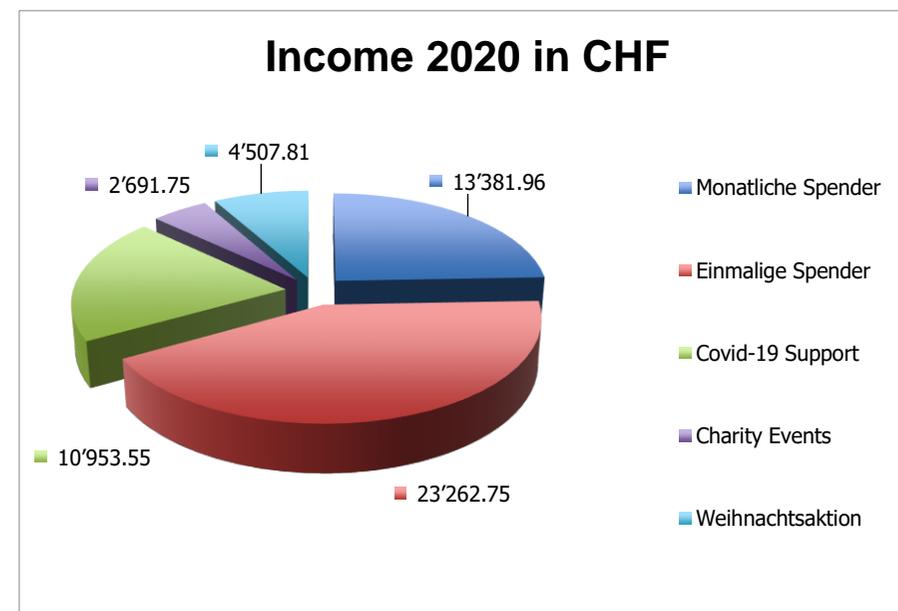
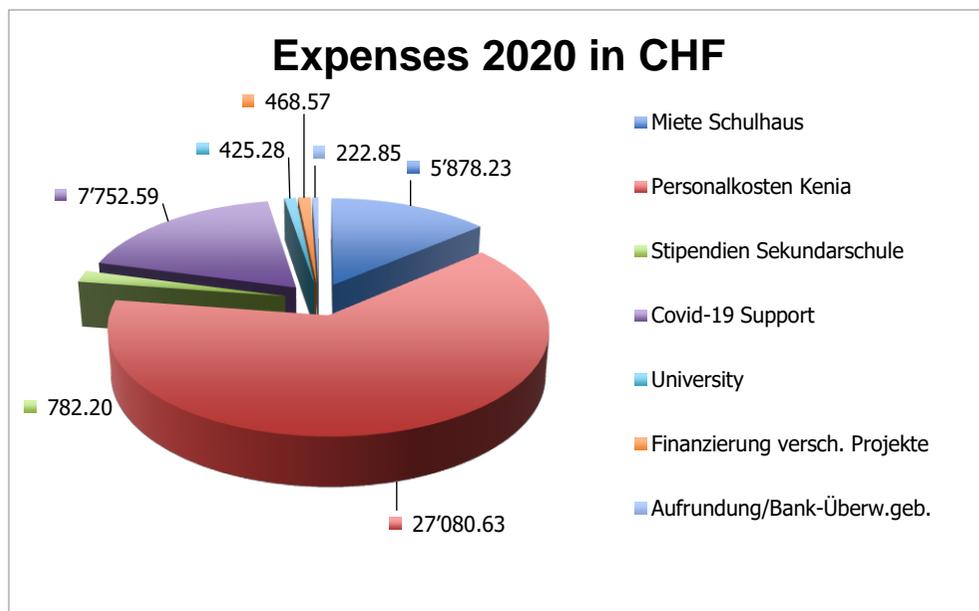
Creative and spontaneous: our Online-Raffle



This year's Jass-Event was also cancelled due to Covid-19. The Tombola, which took place instead of the Jass-Event was fortunately a great success! We had superb prizes in the offer: E-Scooter by **SoFlow**, **NIKIN**-Tree-Bottles and many more, exciting vouchers. The drawing took place online via Facebook on 4th advent. All donations were fully transferred to our partner school **Milele Elimu Centre** in Mombasa. The current situation has led to the decision, to support our employees and children including their families with yet more food packages. We thank everyone for their participation. More about our main sponsors can be found under: www.nikin.ch and www.soflow.com.

Financial Overview 2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Mai	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Income in CHF													
Monthly donations	1'139.33	1'119.33	1'089.33	1'089.33	1'149.33	1'089.33	1'199.33	1'009.33	1'039.33	1'169.33	1'109.33	1'179.33	13'381.96
One-time donations	3'200.00	1'800.00	2'452.75	2'860.00	1'140.00	500.00	1'445.00	150.00	100.00	525.00	1'030.00	8'060.00	23'262.75
Covid-19 donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'144.32	5'708.84	253.42	552.19	52.93	265.62	1'475.94	1'000.29	500.00	10'953.55
Charity Events	391.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2'300.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	2'691.75
Christmas campaign	212.81	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	460.00	3'295.00	4'507.81
Total	4943.84	2979.33	3602.08	5153.65	8058.17	1902.75	3'256.52	1'272.26	3'765.00	3'230.27	3'599.62	13'034.33	54'797.82
Expenses in CHF													
Rent schoolbuilding	495.05	500.00	523.80	509.25	533.95	509.25	509.25	468.27	463.18	467.02	461.26	437.95	5'878.23
Employee expenses Kenya	2'384.15	2'367.00	2'421.90	2'354.65	2'468.95	2'354.65	2'354.65	2'152.31	2'081.77	2'099.04	2'073.17	1'968.39	27'080.63
Scholarship secondary school	782.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	782.20
Covid-19 Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.95	1'322.60	2'033.60	605.95	614.87	899.91	907.38	536.74	515.59	7'752.59
University	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.28
Financing various Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	468.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	468.57
Transaction fees / exchange rate fluctuations	0.60	0.00	0.30	0.15	-0.50	0.50	0.15	30.06	39.33	32.06	28.68	91.52	222.85
Total	3'662.00	2'867.00	2'946.00	3'180.00	4'325.00	4'898.00	3'470.00	3'265.51	4'378.04	3'505.50	3'099.85	3'013.45	42'610.35
Assets in CHF													
Total	185'955.34	186'067.67	186'723.75	188'697.40	192'430.57	189'435.32	189'221.84	187'228.59	186'615.55	186'340.32	186'840.09	196'860.97	



Charity Events: Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to hold the planned Charity-Events in spring and winter 2020. The revenues of January belong to the Jass-Event of December 2019 as the statement of account as well as the wire transfer by the city of Baden were delayed.

Christmas campaign: This year we have held an online Christmas tombola. The amount of CHF 212.81 in January belongs to the Christmas-campaign 2019, which is why we have not counted this amount for 2020. Two donors have already paid 60CHF throughout the whole year.

Rent: The monthly rent was increased in March by approx. CHF 50.00. The irregularity of the amounts is due to currency fluctuations.

Employee expenses Kenya: The financed staff per end of December 2018 consists of one school director, 2 kindergarten teachers, 11 teachers, 2 chefs and one assisting staff

Scholarships secondary school: Our students were able to attend secondary school for a short time before schools were closed in March due to Covid-19.

Covid-19 Support: Starting from April onwards, support to our children, their families and employees were provided in the form of food parcels and hygienic articles

University: For the first time, we are supporting two of our students for their University education. Our scholarship includes the school fees as well as local accommodation.

Financing various projects: we have financially supported a single mother (her 3 kids are at our school) for her medical treatment.

Transaction fees / exchange rate fluctuations: We have introduced a new method of transferring money to Kenia. Even though the expenses are higher, it still is preferable as the exchange rate is significantly improved. In December, the yearly fees for the transactions as well as the cash payments were charged.