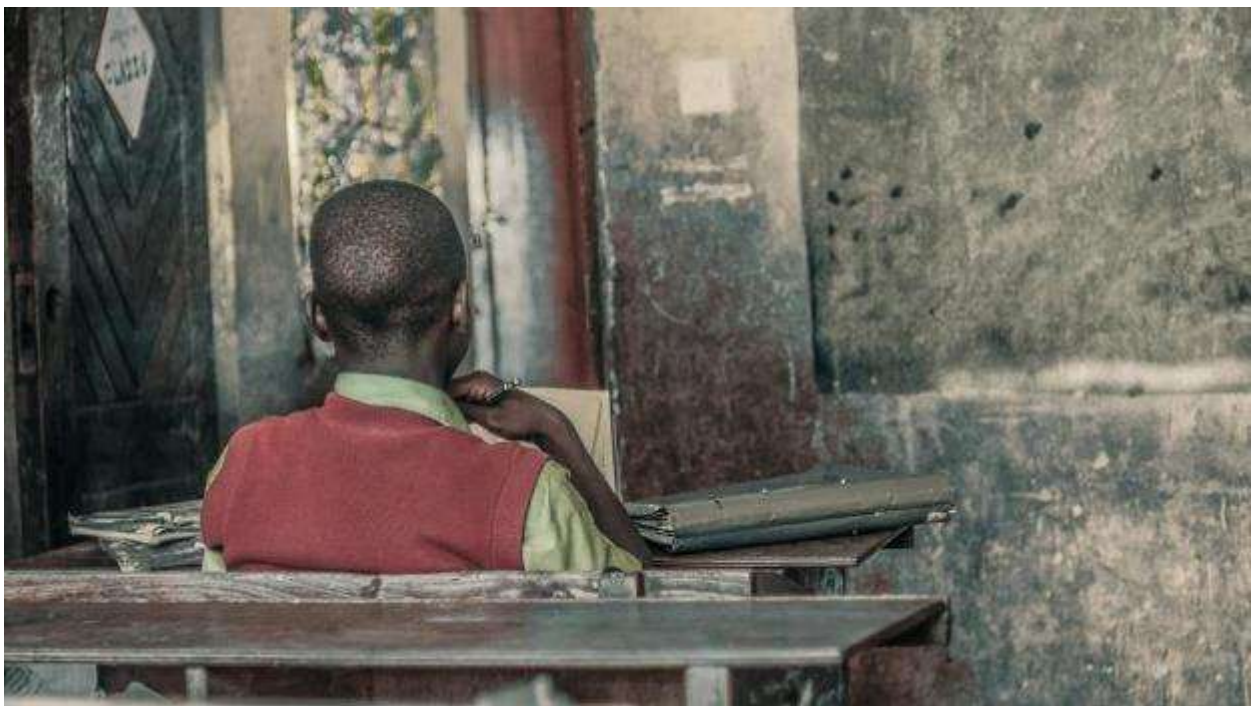


# FOREVER KIDS KENYA



## Annual Report 2016



*Picture: Share a Dream*

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## Words from the president



Another unforgettable year for Forever Kids Kenya and our partner school Milele Education Centre has come to an end. It was a year full of activities, excitement, joy and success. And I consider myself very lucky to have experienced all this and to have shared it with the children, because I still live permanently in Mombasa. There is one thing that I can assure you: the Milele Education Centre is a happy place for our 300 children, their parents and our employees. We are one big family!

Let me tell you something about 2016. A highlight of the year was a national talent competition, where our children took part for the very first time. Surprisingly, they already convinced the jury with their dance and singing talent at their first participation, when they competed until the county level, only two steps away from the national final. They succeeded without previous experience and with only a short practice time. It was priceless to see the happy faces of the children as they rejoiced at this success. The pupils also learned an important lesson: No matter who you are, where you come from or what you own, just dare to reach for the stars!

2016 was also the year, in which all primary school classes were finally able to travel on their annual school excursions. Divided into three groups (lower primary, middle primary and upper primary), they visited different places in Mombasa such as Mamba Lunar Park, the Haller Zoo and the UNESCO World Heritage Fort Jesus, which played an important role in Mombasa's history. It was exciting and fun for the children. Also, it was a welcoming change from school life and an instructive lesson about Kenya's wildlife and history.

Many visitors from near and far, another volunteer and new partnerships with third organisations have also crowned the year with success. All these visitors spent unforgettable days at the school and at the same time, they made ambitious plans for the future of the school. Find out more shortly, let us surprise you!

Towards the end of the year it was getting serious for the second graduation class since the foundation of the Milele Education Centre. The pupils wrote their final exams and finished primary school to hopefully continue with secondary education – an important step in the children's lives to prepare for the future and escape from a life in the slums. The financial support for our children during secondary education is something we would like to attach more importance to in the future and the ongoing support of our donors helps us to achieve this goal. And not only should our children benefit but also our employees. We encourage and support them during their further education. This improves their future and work prospects and above all, the quality of their teaching. At the end of the day it is said that education is the key to a better life. Not only for the learners but for the whole family and even for the community!

At the beginning of this year a new school motto was chosen, which in my opinion goes well with our philosophy: "Open hearts, open doors, open minds". This applies to the Milele Education Centre as well as to Forever Kids Kenya and our donors. Without them and their generous donations, we wouldn't have come so far. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many people! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hope on continuing our successful relationship in the new year.

Happy new year to you and your families. May it bring good health, success, joy and much love.

With warm regards from Mombasa

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

Nadja Kaufmann  
President Forever Kids Kenya

## Highlights of 2016

**12th February 2016**

### Start of school and new offspring



The new school year has begun in February and the children returned from their holidays. Among these are also the very small ones, who will have their first appearance at the school. The Milele Education Centre is pleased to present this year's offspring: the baby class! They now start their education at the age of 2 1/2 to 4 years. We warmly welcome them and we hope that they will spend an instructive and fulfilling time with us until they graduate from primary school.

**17th February 2016**

### Finally swimming lessons again



The swimming lessons in the Milele Education Centre were reintroduced in February after a break of more than 2 years! Although Mombasa is located on the coast, most children can't swim properly. This is about to change! Also, for most of the pupils it was the first time to enter a public swimming pool. So it was high time for the introduction of swimming lessons! The 7th and 8th grade made the start. We thank the Telli swimming pool in Aarau for the sponsored articles. It's more fun with these aids and learning to swim is made easy.

**3th March 2016**

### Next step: Secondary school



History was written in March at the Milele Education Centre and another milestone was reached! The very first 8th grade of the last school year is ready for the next important step: Secondary school. The registration process already starts at the end of February. We supported our former students during this process. We also decided to give motivated students from poor backgrounds financial support. If they perform well, we will award them with scholarships for the entire four-year secondary cycle. This financing was made possible by a generous donation from the organisation "Hope for Samburu". These were happy moments, when the students posed for our camera with their parents in new uniforms. They were proud that they can take this next important step! We wish the students a lot of success and a prosperous future.

**30th April & 28th May & 23th July & 29th October & 7th December 2016**

## **Effort at the flea and Christmas market in Baden**



Just like in previous years, the team of Forever Kids Kenya also participated in this year's flea market sales with their own stand at the Theaterplatz in Baden. Around 900 Swiss francs (800 Euros) were raised during a total of five participations from April to October. We would like to thank our friends who helped out with staff shortages and supported us with donations for sale. For the first time we dared to attempt a Christmas market, where we offered colourful aprons, hand carved wooden cutlery, accessories, coat hangers and bags made from recycled kites. Despite frosty temperatures, we were able to bring products worth over 600 francs (500 Euros) to the people. The sales of the flea and Christmas market are the third main source of income for our organisation, besides donations and charity parties.

**14th March & 15th April & 29th August 2016**

## **Field days**



All three school trimesters end with field days before the children are released into the well-deserved holidays. They usually can't wait for this day to arrive! The first field day took place in an almost unbearable heat. The first half was therefore held on a field close to the school, where there was at least a little bit of shadow. After the lunch break we went for beach volleyball and beach soccer at the beautiful white beach of Mombasa. The second sports event in April took place under the motto "Fun & Games". This event was not about team sports but all about skills. Some of you might still remember games from their own childhood such as egg balancing or trip to Jerusalem. The children enjoyed it very much, as you can see in the video on our YouTube channel. The third field day offered the children again something new: A tournament was held against the partner school "Paintrose". The students were very motivated to represent their school and gave their very best. Thanks to a generous donation of equipment from FC Zurich, the children and employees of our school also had uniform tenues and looked super cool in blue. Many thanks to Leandra Sherilyn and her friends for the generous donation!

**11th May 2016**

## **Teambuilding over the weekend**



While the Milele Education Centre is closed due to the school holidays, the teachers remain in contact with the school management and prepare the subject material for the next trimester. In addition, a teambuilding workshop for our school staff took place during the holidays for the second time. The workshop started with a large breakfast including biscuits and chai tea that waked us up. After that, team exercises were tackled with a lot of fun and laughter. Our staff also received a new polo shirt with the new school motto on it: "OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS". In the evening, the entertaining

part of the program followed: Bowling was up next! When this game was played last year for the first time, they started out as beginners. Now they already developed into masters of "balls" and "pins".

**19th May 2016**

### **National Immunization Campaign**



In May, the Kenyan state launched a national vaccination campaign against measles and rubella in cooperation with the UN. The campaign targeted 19 million children aged between 9 months and **15 years** during nine days in the whole country. The children of the Milele Education Centre were among the first ones to be vaccinated. Although most of the children were not happy about the vaccination, they will one day understand why they received it and be grateful for it. Some children were brave and didn't make a sound when the vaccine approached them. Measles is one of the most infectious diseases in the world. Vaccination is an important factor in preventing death or disability in young children. If the children are not vaccinated against measles and rubella, they are exposed to a high health risk, which can cause pneumonia, diarrhea, deafness, blindness, brain damage and heart problems.

**24th June 2016**

### **Success at the music and dance festival**



In June, the pupils took part in the annual music and dance competition at the regional level for the first time. After an intense preparation phase under the direction of Madame Grace, three performances were rehearsed and the appropriate clothing was selected. The students competed in three different categories. They showed the dance "Sebule Sebule", which is performed at traditional weddings, as well as two folk songs of the Luhya tribe, "Shinanyenzo" and "Hamba Ku Yesu". To everyone's surprise, the pupils triumphed in two categories and won the second place in the third category. They were very happy to be representing the school on a regional level in the second round of the competition. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to get further. Nevertheless, teachers, parents as well as the pupils themselves were very proud. They also learned an important lesson: Even with few resources you can achieve great things if only you approach a task with passion, commitment and joy! We strongly recommend that you watch the video of the shows on YouTube ([www.foreverkidskenya.com](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com) > News > Social Media).

**14th July 2016**

### **Volunteer service of "Madam Alex"**



The Milele Education Centre was happy to welcome another motivated and competent volunteer. Alexandra Zabarska, a professional teacher from Germany, met Vice President Pia on a trip and was immediately thrilled about our engagement in Mombasa. Without further ado, she decided to spend four weeks at our school. Mark and Nadja helped her organise her stay and put together a program with her. "Madam Alex", as she was affectionately called by the children, did a great job at our school and was highly appreciated and respected by the pupils and the staff. In her report on the volunteer work, she writes: "The weeks flew by. I enjoyed being with the children and teachers every day. I taught several lessons a day

and learned a lot about Kenya, its people and their mentality. I was overwhelmed with positive energy and everyone, without exception, tried to make me feel good at the school. The time in Milele has enriched me and my life immensely. The school is a greatly run institution and you can't express it better than with the very appropriate school motto: "open hearts, minds & doors!". You can read the whole personal story of "Madam Alex" on [www.foreverkidskenya.com](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com) under the volunteering section, where you can also find more about the options on your own volunteer service.

### ***3th August & 10th & 20th October & 9th November 2016*** **Welcoming visitors from Switzerland**



This year, we had the great pleasure of welcoming more visitors from Switzerland to our school than ever before. In August, Andrea Kueng and Marina Moeckel helped out for two days and brought fresh fruits for the children. The children couldn't get enough of the sweet refreshments but also of the two nice Swiss girls. Towards the end of the school year, the number of visitors increased again, as the Blaser and Kaufmann families as well as Raphaël & Nico from the NGO Share a Dream ([www.share-a-dream.org](http://www.share-a-dream.org)) honored us with their presence. With Share a Dream promising plans for a future collaboration were made. We are looking forward to telling you more about it soon. We thank all visitors for the gifts and especially the time and interest in our school. Many photos were taken, questions asked and stories told.

### ***13th August & 20th September 2016*** **School trips for all classes**



For the first time we could organise this year's school trips for all pupils in primary school, but we had to stagger it. The classes 4 to 6 were first. They visited the Hallerpark, an impressive nature and animal park, which was founded by the Swiss Dr. René Haller. On their school trip, the pupils learned a lot about the local flora and fauna. For many of the city boys and girls this was the first encounter with animals like giraffes, giant tortoises, crocodiles, and many more. The second school trip was organised for the classes 7 and 8. They visited the butterfly house and the Fort Jesus, which belongs to the UNESCO world heritage. During the guided tour they learned a lot about the history of their city. In September, the primary school classes 1-3 were last in turn. For them, the main focus of the school trip was to have fun. With their teachers, they set off to visit the long-awaited Mamba Lunar Park. They had fun on the fairground tracks, merry-go-arounds and bumper cars. The children experienced a day they will never forget! These school trips were made possible by a fundraising campaign of the secondary school Niederweningen at the end of 2015 under the direction of teacher Peter Derks. We would like to thank once again everyone who was involved!

**24th September 2016**

## Party Safari 4 at the Werkk in Baden



Fourth time is the charm. The legendary Party Safari series started its next round in September, at the same time as the big animal migration in East Africa! For the fourth time already we organised a charity event under the label "Party Safari". This year's DJ-Lineup paid special attention to the diversity of species, as the BIG of the party scene in Baden could be observed! The spectacle started with Erzwo, who heated up the thick skin of the partying pack with his music. The show went on with DJane Mary Jane, the most graceful on the floor and the fastest on the controls. Her territory ranged from Hip Hop to Funk, Breakbeats, Electro, Reggae to Party Tunes. After that, the King of the Savannah himself asked to dance. DJ Splitty let Hip Hop, Party Tunes and Breakbeats roar through the loudspeakers. The Jom and Terry Show was the ivory finale. The DJ duo made the walls shake at electro swing. Three Safari guests were rewarded with trophies (vouchers) from the Globetrotter travel agency. The entire profit of the party will be donated to our slum school.

**15th November 2016**

## Last day of school



The 4th year at the Milele Education Centre has come to an end and as usual, all parents were invited to an information day where the children entertained them with singing, poetry, dancing and acrobatics. A ceremony was held for the kindergarten class 3, as they are reaching the official school age now and they are moving to primary school. Prizes were awarded to the best three pupils of each class. A local sponsor provided good school leather shoes, while the Milele Education Centre provided new school uniforms. A "showroom" was also set up, where parents could admire the children's homemade Christmas cards and follow the school's development from its foundation through a photo slideshow on a TV.

**November 2016**

## New internet presence of Forever Kids Kenya



Forever Kids Kenya is constantly trying to keep up with the technological development and decided, inspired by a comment about the "outdated homepage", to further professionalise their website. We found a competent and motivated inventor in Sim Pol, who dared to tackle the time-consuming task with great enthusiasm. Thanks to his tireless and honorary commitment, we can proudly present our new website to you at the end of the year. We are happy about your visit on [www.foreverkidskenya.com](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com) and try to give you further news of our work in Kenya and Switzerland. In this context, we would also like to draw your attention to our appearances on Facebook and YouTube, which are now linked to our homepage. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sim for his commitment. We would also like to thank our graphic artist and expert Marcel "M" Renggli, who contributed a new logo, a seal of quality and professional flyers and posters for the Party Safari series. Thank you for your valued commitment.

**December 2016**

## **Generous monetary and in-kind donations**



Despite the revenue generating activities of our association, the donations of our donors remain the most important source of income for our school in Mombasa! We would like to thank all regular and single donors, who have supported us on our way and will continue to do so! Also, a special thanks to Aircraft Technician FTS, which was founded in 1963 by Swissair in order to provide shift workers with a higher level of technical training. At the end of 2016, the FTS closed its school operations and the association decided to use its surplus society assets for social projects. Our organisation was lucky enough to be selected and received an extremely generous donation from the FTS. This money will be used to improve the school building situation. We are currently discussing whether to invest in order to purchase the rented school building or another property close by. This would reduce the fixed monthly costs of our school and protect us from arbitrary rent increases. Furthermore, a property of one's own would justify further investments in the school infrastructure and thus improve the teaching situation. We would like to thank the FTS board for their trust and generous support!

**25th December 2016**

## **Christmas feast at school**

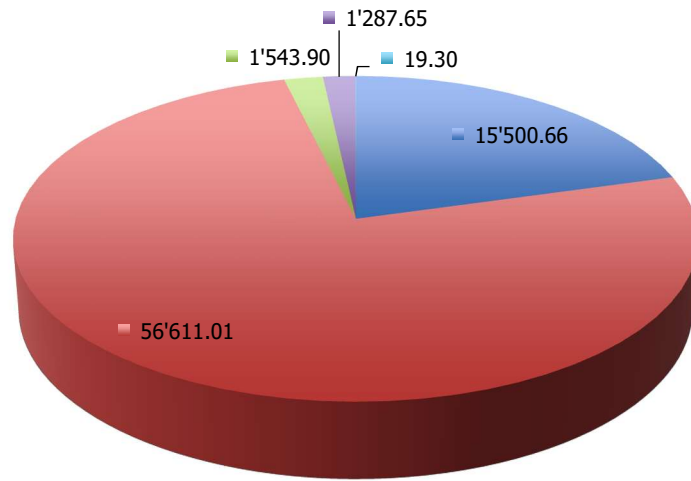


A very successful school year has come to an end and the children, their parents and all employees of the Milele Education Centre are especially looking forward to the deserved Christmas party at the end of the school year. Once again, the children and parents regarded themselves as very happy, because there were people who showed a big heart this year: a big THANK YOU goes to Sandro Steimer, Gerardo Palmisano & Nicolas Kleiner for sponsoring the Christmas party for the second year in a row! Over 450 children and parents took and enjoyed the fine Biryani, chicken, Ugali and fruit salad. A highlight of this year's feast was the delicious ice cream on a stick, which was distributed to everyone. The children also performed dances and quoted verses. It was a cheerful and unforgettable day for all participants and the children thanked the three generous sponsors with homemade posters.

## Financial statement 2016

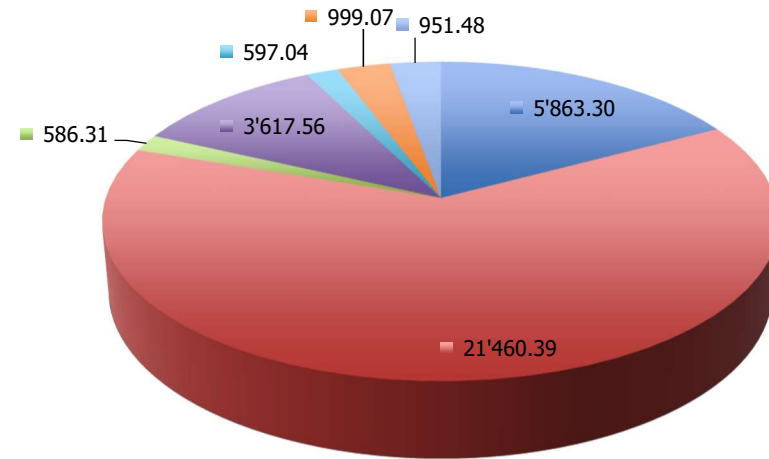
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Income in CHF</b>													
Monthly donations	1'237.05	1'376.33	1'316.33	1'187.05	1'207.23	1'296.33	1'307.02	1'316.00	1'392.66	1'329.33	1'259.33	1'276.00	15'500.66
One time donations	860.00	260.00	795.00	675.00	0.00	200.00	1'730.00	40.00	1'750.00	1'025.00	2'854.45	46'421.56	56'611.01
Flea and Christmas market sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.30	245.40	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	237.60	635.60	1'543.90
Charity-Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'287.65	0.00	0.00	1'287.65
Bank interests	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.30	19.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>2'097.05</b>	<b>1'636.33</b>	<b>2'1211.33</b>	<b>1'862.05</b>	<b>1'432.53</b>	<b>1'741.73</b>	<b>3'037.02</b>	<b>1'556.00</b>	<b>3'142.66</b>	<b>3'641.98</b>	<b>4'351.38</b>	<b>48'352.46</b>	<b>74'962.52</b>
<b>Expenses in CHF</b>													
Rent school building	487.73	490.31	477.61	482.34	491.53	482.32	489.89	485.36	478.79	500.34	497.54	499.54	5'863.30
Staff expenses Kenya	1'775.35	1'784.73	1'738.50	1'755.72	1'848.16	1'813.52	1'773.40	1'757.01	1'733.24	1'811.21	1'751.33	1'918.22	21'460.39
Postage cash school	48.77	49.03	47.76	48.23	49.15	48.23	48.99	48.54	47.88	50.03	49.75	49.95	586.31
Scholarship secondary school	0.00	0.00	0.00	3'617.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3'617.56
Christmas party Kenya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	597.04	0.00	597.04
Registration fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	999.07	999.07
Transaction fees / Price fluctuations	43.15	46.03	46.03	116.15	41.16	45.93	47.72	44.09	45.09	-0.58	59.34	417.37	951.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>2'355.00</b>	<b>2'370.10</b>	<b>2'309.90</b>	<b>6'020.00</b>	<b>2'430.00</b>	<b>2'390.00</b>	<b>2'360.00</b>	<b>2'335.00</b>	<b>2'305.00</b>	<b>2'361.00</b>	<b>2'955.00</b>	<b>3'884.15</b>	<b>34'075.15</b>
<b>Society assets CHF</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>58'192.64</b>	<b>57'458.87</b>	<b>57'260.30</b>	<b>53'102.35</b>	<b>52'104.88</b>	<b>51'456.61</b>	<b>52'133.63</b>	<b>51'354.63</b>	<b>52'192.29</b>	<b>53'473.27</b>	<b>54'869.65</b>	<b>99'337.96</b>	<b>99'337.96</b>

## Income 2016 in CHF



- Monthly donors
- One time donors
- Flea- and Christmas market sales
- Charity Party
- Bank interests

## Expenses 2016 in CHF



- Rent school building
- Postage cash school
- Christmas party Kenya
- Transaction fees / price fluctuations
- Staff expenses Kenya
- Scholarship secondary school
- Registration fees

**Charity-Party:** The income, which are listed in October, contain only the entrance fees, donations and the profit of selling lottery tickets and hot dogs. The transfer of the cash income on the part of Werkk is still due and is expected at the beginning of 2017.

**Sales of the flea and Christmas market:** The flea markets took place in Baden on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> October. The earned cash was partially deposited a few days later, with what the difference of the data can be explained. Also included in this category is the Christmas market from the 7<sup>th</sup> December in Baden.

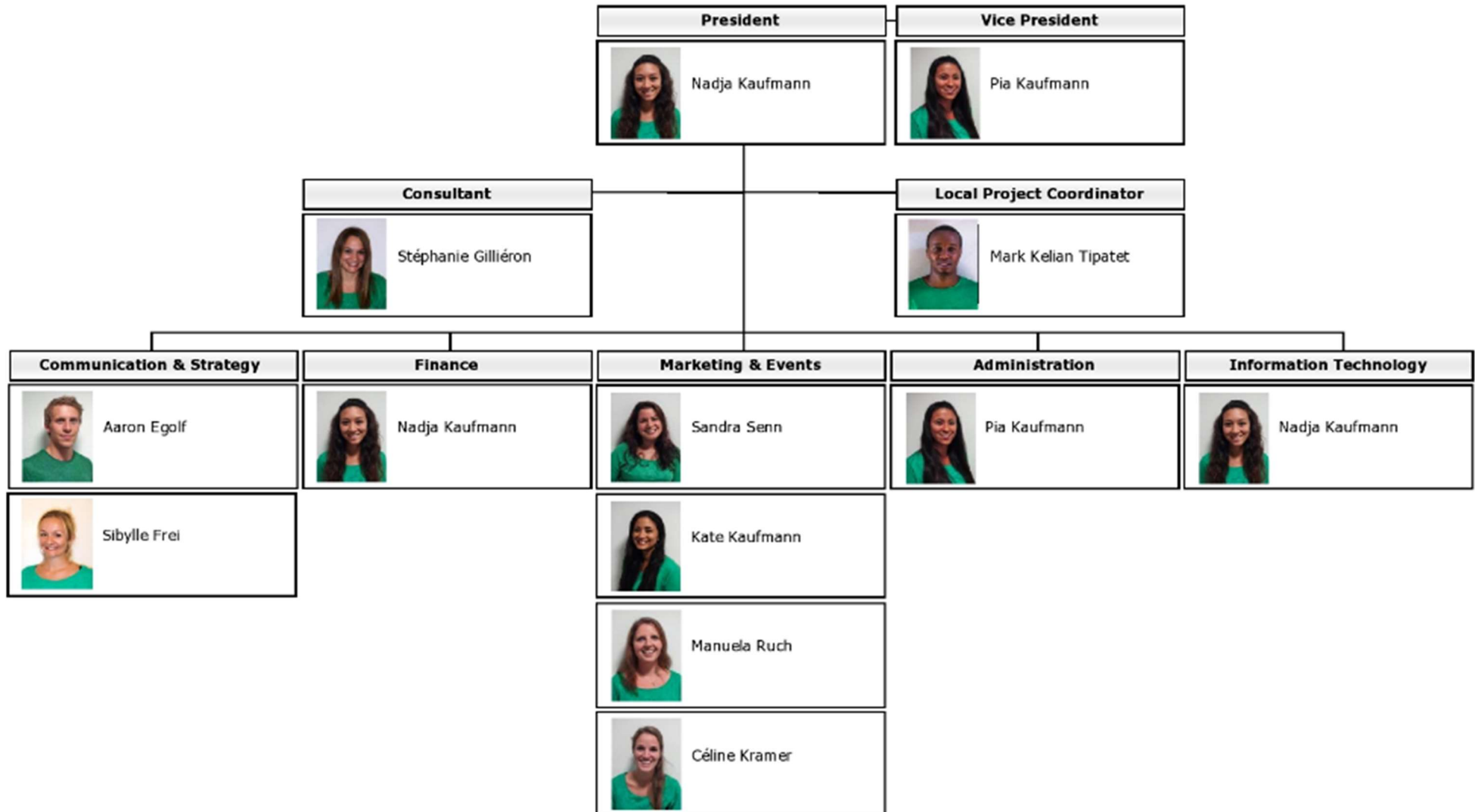
**Personal expenses:** The personal expenses were very constant in 2016. There were some small outliers, such as a substitute for maternity leave for two months in May and June, and a notice of dismissal in November. In December, 16 employees received a bonus of 100 KS (= 10 CHF) each. By the end of December, the staff paid by our organisation consists of the headmaster, 4 kindergarten teachers, 9 teachers, 2 cooks and 1 supervisor/worker.

**Petty cash:** The school's postage account was introduced in April 2014 to cover unforeseen expenses such as visits.

**Registration fees:** As a private institution, the Milele Education Centre had to register with the Kenyan government. The fee is necessary to be recognised as a school and to be able to take final examinations for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Transaction fees/price fluctuations:** These costs consist of transaction fees from national and international money transfers and rounding up of the monthly amounts transferred to Kenya due to different exchange rates. In December, our Swiss bank charged an additional annual fee of CHF 354.15 for payment transactions and postal deposits.

## Organisation chart:



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