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**Activities Summer and Autumn 2023** (actueel verslag van de uitgeoefende activiteiten)

### **Expanding to vocational education and ... sheep!**

**Thanks to the acquisition of the new plot for the Ufanisi project (end 2022) and the pilot with sheep (mid 2022), we could expand and follow through to the next phase. We would like to present the activities in Summer and Autumn 2023 in this condensed report.**

**At Ufanisi Centre, Korogocho Nairobi**, daily young children and young adults are welcomed to go to school and have a good meal. The young children attend primary school and the young adults attend a series of programs like arts, health and personal empowerment.

Ufanisi and Lila Foundation started working together in 2019 and created on the new location a very nice school building, including a kitchen, a sanitary block and of course fully equipped class rooms. In 2022 Lila Foundation supported the acquisition of a new plot adjacent to the current school. The joined plan aims to create a vocational education center on the new plot.

In 2023, Ufanisi and Lila Foundation agreed on the start of preparing the new plot for the future building. This with some urgency, since plot hijacking is common in Nairobi Korogocho. After Lila Foundation was able to secure the funds the plot could be fenced and a first layer of foundation was created.



Currently, Ufanisi and Lila Foundation are raising funds for the next phase of completing the building and developing the curriculum.

Of course, even during the work on the new plot the school remained open. This year again many children could GRADUATE!

We could maybe say that a new tradition was born: also this year PP2 graduation day was combined with Environmental Day.

The Ufanisi Centre Environmental Day and PP2 graduation ceremony was held on 25th/10/2023. The parents and the community at large attended in large number, including pupils from other schools. The entertainment was top notch with pupils showcasing their talents, and exactly the efforts Ufanisi Centre has put in place in order to embrace the Competency Based Curriculum which is now beginning to take shape across the whole country.

From traditional dances, to modern dances, to poems, to drama, even parents and teachers were not left behind as they had to spice up the event atmosphere which had already been wowed by the wonderful march of the graduands.

The event was entertaining that even the community and guests didn't want it to come to a close. Speeches from the Centre's administration soon took center stage as the community appreciated for being part of Ufanisi center and playing their roles as stakeholders. They were also urged to be good Ufanisi Centre ambassadors out there, and to help the centre by supporting it financially.

The parents were also happy and even awarded several teachers gifts for the good job they have been doing with their children. Some parents also addressed the audience and were really happy with the significant improvements their children have had since they joined Ufanisi Centre.

The guests of honour also talked well about Ufanisi Centre fraternity in general and urged the parents to cooperate more with the school management in order to give their children the best education. Soon after, a pastor took over and encouraged the audience not to lose hope despite the tough economic conditions they face right now. He was also impressed by the number of qualified teachers that Ufanisi has. Everybody congratulated the graduates and wished them well moving forward.

The event ended well and food was ready and well served for each and every person that attended the graduation ceremony, including the residents staying around Ufanisi center premises.

And you know something, we are proud that the children carried the theme of the day:

**BE BOLD, BE COURAGEOUS, BE YOUR BEST**



*Please note that to respect the children only very small and no detailed pictures are included in this report.*

**In Loita, South West Kenya**, local communities and Lila Foundation are supporting entrepreneurship by facilitating families in starting and growing a small farm. In 2023 we expanded, what we now call the SHEEP INITIATIVE!

**The Sheep Initiative**

Early 2022 our local contacts in Loita (South West Kenya) and Lila Foundation identified a new opportunity to facilitate community and entrepreneurial empowerment.

We drafted what would be needed to start with small scale sheep farming and started a pilot. In this pilot we provided a family with 8 pregnant sheep, a sheep barn, approximately 3 months of sheep food, a first vaccination and deworming scheme and the support of an experienced local sheep farmer.

After a certain period the two pilot project had grown to over 22 sheep each, while already delivering milk, meet and wool. Moreover, upon occasions the two project could offer sheep to other farmers. In autumn 2023 Lila Foundation added 8 new projects to what we now call THE SHEEP INITIATIVE. In total 10 families are participating in the SHEEP INITIATIVE, with a flock of sheep that could be as large as over 200 in the next 18 months.

Thanks to new donations, this could be accomplished.

Please contact us if you want to donate for the SHEEP INITIATIVE



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To conclude, it has been a busy period and there is more to come!