

Help a Vulnerable and Exposed Child in Africa

Children trying to grow up and be active human beings in a world full of challenges



In our part of the world today, the story is often about global risks, inequality, widespread social unrest, food insecurity and climate change.

For the 400 children at the Mbagathi School in Nairobi, the story is sad and more real. There is a constant fight for everyday life; to get the basic needs covered which include food, water, clothes as well as love and care. Additionally, there is always hope for the most unattainable need - schooling. These are small and young human beings continually struggling for a good life every moment they are awake in their challenging life circumstances.

They mainly come from the huge slum areas of Nairobi. It is not difficult to imagine that their destiny in extreme poverty seems to be inevitable. Some are orphans, many missing a father or a mother due to death or just disappearance as a result of being overwhelmed by life and the huge responsibility of taking care of a family in such a desperate situation. Many parents lost their jobs which was their basis for living during the pandemic period. They have no

professional skills and all are continually trying to get food by selling on the side of the streets whatever they can find. The current long-lasting drought has overwhelmed most Kenyans and Africa's Horn. It has had huge consequences such as the extreme rise in prices and food shortages. This in combined with sky-high inflation and the financial emergency situation in Kenya caused by the Ukraine war. Hunger is a constant problem; malnutrition is widespread.

However, the good story is that this life has been radically changed for all of the 400 children at the Rudolf Steiner School, the so called Mbagathi School in Nairobi. They have been taken into the large Kindergarten of the school and into primary classes from class 1-9. About 120 children out of the total number of the current 400 students are living on the school compound in the big school boarding facilities. It is an exceptional school built on the worldwide and renowned Waldorf Education, where the focus is on developing each child's full potential in a social environment - developing human individual energy and power for the future society.





The school is carried by a strong community totally committed to the common aim to work for the neediest and most underprivileged children. Teachers, both primary and kindergarten, boarding parents, the important kitchen staff, the office staff, the popular school bus drivers, the careful cleaners, the ground person, hardworking farmers and the alert watchmen. The children get a quality education for their lives through this crucial schooling.

The biodynamic farm at the school covers a major part of the healthy school meals provided by the school kitchen. Meals are essential for learning – and for growing. Emergency breakfast is currently offered to those day pupils who come to school daily without having had a meal either in the evening or in the morning.

The school is situated on a huge nature compound, which gives the children a safe and beautiful environment; they can learn, play, and enjoy the social warmth of caring adults.

Slowly day by day a miracle takes place:

The children find trust in life, confidence and hope in themselves; they grow stronger as human beings, open and skilled ready for the next step in society, when they have passed their class 9 exams.



Another miracle takes place in another area in the financial running of this huge school community. There is no funding from the Kenyan government for a private school like the Mbagathi School. A high percentage of parents are too poor to be able to pay any school fees for their children. So how can the school run? How is this possible?

Become a sponsor: The whole running of the school is based on sponsorships and donations. Amazing and difficult to understand, that a big school with the current number of 400 children and the whole school community of 56 staff members has managed to be run by 'gift money' since its start in 1989.

YOU CAN BECOME A SPONSOR TO A CHILD by paying **Euro 33 per month** or **Euro 396 per year**. The sponsorship covers schooling and daily healthy school meals. An additionally amount of **Euro 66 per month** also covers boarding for the children. You can choose to have a named child, whom you can have contact with, or a more general sponsorship, which covers the same as for a child.

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