

## LET US CREATE A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

### Help **UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN** in Kenya

#### Be a sponsor for an **African Waldorf/Steiner School**

With a yearly amount of Euro 500, Euro 1,000 or Euro 2,000 you can, as a school, a kindergarten, an institution or a company, help a whole needy school in Kenya. By sharing your resources, you can be part of a more sustainable economic world and make a huge difference for a school and its children.

#### WHO YOUR PARTNER IS:



**The Mbagathi School –  
The Rudolf Steiner School  
- in Nairobi, Kenya.**



Supporting The Mbagathi School, The Rudolf Steiner School, enables it to continue securing education and hence the future of vulnerable children, whose lives are threatened by poverty, malnutrition, hunger and traumatizing life circumstances.

#### THE CURRENT BACKGROUND in KENYA

#### **AN OVERWHELMING HUNGER**

A huge drought in Kenya leaves dramatic traces of poverty for plants, animals and human beings.

There is very little hope all over, like the red dust cloud penetrating everything. What to do! Kenya has already been declared a state of national emergency in October 2022. See the following details behind the dark background:

- The overwhelming and widespread drought in Kenya – over the whole Horn of Africa is putting millions of Kenyans under a huge threat of lack of food.



- The impact of covid-19 financial consequences in Kenya during lockdowns and loss of jobs for so many underprivileged people was not solved.
- Then came the Ukraine war and among other consequences there was a stoppage of imports of important wheat products.
- All prices of food, oil, fuel – went rocketing up, with an extreme rise in inflation.
- This meant a lot of suffering. It is clear that it is the poorest in the Kenyan Society who suffer most - especially the children.
- A reversal of years of progress in eradicating poverty and hunger is a reality.
- The latest Report from UN called UNEP – ‘Open window’ concerning climate changes describes the dramatic need for delivering urgent help.



## THE MBAGATHI SCHOOL

The Mbagathi School was founded in 1989 out on the plains of Africa, the ancient Masai land near Nairobi in Kenya. Since it started the Mbagathi School has grown year by year into a strong foundation for a whole new and forward-looking pedagogical development, radiating out to the 3 countries of East Africa – Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, even spreading to Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Zanzibar and Madagascar. The educational basis of the school is the Waldorf pedagogy, in Europe often called the Rudolf Steiner pedagogy. A world - wide educational method that is radically growing all over the world based on the human vision of developing each individual child to his/her strongest potential, being able to act in a rapidly changing world of today.



The Mbagathi School accommodates 400 children mainly coming from extremely disadvantaged and underprivileged families, from the poor under-developed areas of Nairobi. These children are often from broken, traumatized family circumstances. Fear is a part of the children’s lives: fear of sickness, food shortage, rough life situations as well as abuse and crime in their environment. Their life situations are now caused by the current lack of food in Kenya. Many of the children at the Mbagathi School come to school hungry every morning. After holidays, when they are away from school, their skin become dry, their hair turns more grey/reddish and they become thinner. All this is a result of

malnutrition, poverty and drought. Just now the school is providing the most neediest children with an emergency meal every morning: A big banana and warm milk brings happiness.

Since its inception, it has been the aim of the school to support the very vulnerable children in the society to get an education. The school has a large boarding facility, full to capacity accommodating 120 children from ages 3 up to 15 years. Many of the boarders are without father or mother, or even homeless. On the large school compound, the school has developed its own farm, spearheading biodynamic farming in the region. The bio-dynamic farm is an example of successful 'Going Green' development in East Africa. It provides the school kitchen with vegetables for healthy school meals for the children, and the cows provide milk. The fresh farm products help the children to overcome suffering from hunger and malnutrition.



Another very crucial activity on the school is the 'Waldorf/Steiner Teacher Training' for the whole of East Africa. The teacher training modules have been very successful in producing qualified, gifted and enthusiastic local young teachers who teach in the Waldorf/Steiner Schools in East Africa including the Mbagathi School, where a strong, teaching team is needed to carry the huge task of educating the poorest of Africa's children with much love and energy.



The Mbagathi School is a whole School Community with fully operational departments with the following staff: the office, cooks, school bus drivers and escorts, cleaners, boarding parents, farmers, maintenance and compound workers and the last but not the least the watchmen. This whole community passionately supports through their life and engagement the task of enabling education for poor children. All this is only possible with the help of faithful supporters and donors from many parts of the world.

The Mbagathi School - spear heading Waldorf education - is a Kenyan private school, with a curriculum fully acknowledged and approved by the Kenyan Ministry of Education. Private schools in Kenya are not state supported financially. Only a very low percentage of the parents at the Mbagathi School can manage to pay some school fees, so the whole school operation is based on fundraising and sponsorship. A constant struggle year after year to keep the school running and developing needs courage and determination year after year.

## **DO YOU WANT TO BE A PARTNER?**

**Do you want to be a partner to an African sustainable social project with a huge social and environmental impact?**

**Your school, kindergarten, company or institution can be a part of this by sponsoring the Mbagathi School with the yearly amount of:**

**A. Euro 500   B. Euro 1,000   C. Euro 2,000**

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