

# Newsletter

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**Dear friends, supporters, and sponsors of Hand in Hand for Kenya,**

In this newsletter, we would like to celebrate academic achievements, introduce different subject areas of the Senior Secondary School, and take a more detailed look at the financial needs of the children and young people in our facilities. We will continue our section "Let us introduce" in the next newsletter with the matron and patron. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

## **Outstanding achievements of our students**

At the end of the year, the Senior Secondary School is proud to report that five graduates will be able to attend university, thanks to their excellent grades. Overall, the graduating class of 2025 was very successful, as only a few students were not able to pass their exams on the first attempt. From our perspective, key factors for this success are the practice exams that were introduced for the first time and the strong commitment of the teachers on site. After our visit in October 2025, we can say with certainty that there is an exceptionally warm atmosphere on campus. There was a positive spirit everywhere, and teachers and students seemed like a well-coordinated team..

At the Junior Secondary School, four children from the MCC were accepted into renowned National Schools. Mercy and Jimmy are extremely proud of the children's results and achievements. At the MCC, we believe that the work of our tutor Beatrice, who has been supporting the children with studying since early 2024, is increasingly paying off. Thanks to her, the library has once again become a central place for everyone, where the children enjoy spending time.

Finally, we are proud to share that four young adults have successfully completed the Youth Support Kenya project and are now able to build their own independent lives. They continue to receive support within our alumni group through Viktoria, who remains available as the coordinator for internship and alumni programs. A WhatsApp group and regular alumni meetings provide ongoing support and a sense of connection.

## **Diversity of subject areas and fruitful investments**

The academic successes, as well as the different subject areas at the Senior Secondary School, are gradually building a strong reputation. This is essential in order to



fill school and boarding places externally and to generate additional income through school fees. Our subject areas include, for example, IT skills taught in computer classes, sports, art and theatre workshops, as well as practical and vocational skills such as baking and sales in the bakery, planting and harvesting vegetables and fruit in the school garden and on the shamba, ...

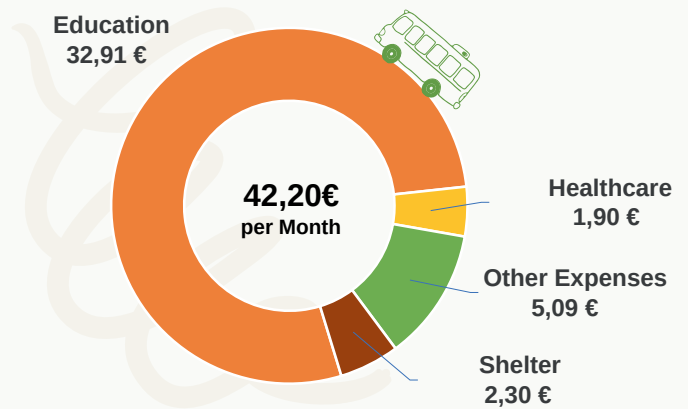


... or working with textiles in the tailoring workshop, guided by our long-standing home economics teacher Anita, who will visit us in Germany in summer 2026.

The bakery's revenue, together with our dedicated baker Philipp, continues to grow. Buns and mandasis (Kenyan bread rolls and pastries) are increasingly being sold on campus. The idea of offering bakery products in the village and surrounding areas, and of using darker and more nutritious flour in the future, is gaining more and more acceptance among those responsible on site. Our shamba not only reduces the monthly costs for the children in the MCC through regular harvests of vegetables and fruit, but also offers students the opportunity to learn techniques of ecological farming. Current challenges in agriculture, caused by climate change, which in Kenya is leading to more frequent periods of drought as well as severe flooding, are being addressed together. With the support of local agricultural associations and organizations, our farmer Boniface promotes high biodiversity on our land and works in a way similar to permaculture. Feel free to visit us on Instagram or our website to learn more and see pictures and further details.



## Investing in education - important & sustainable



We would like to use this edition of the newsletter to give you a clearer understanding of the monthly financial needs for education, accommodation, and healthcare of the children and young people, using the example of the MMP (partner program). Our staff member Joseph Njenga, who is responsible for accounting on site, has compiled all expenses for 2025, categorized them, and calculated the cost per person per month. Expenses for education, meaning teaching staff, school buildings, and learning materials, make up the largest share at almost €33 per month. Costs for accommodation and healthcare are also important components. The category “other expenses” includes, for example, expenses for food, transport, and administration. In total, we are talking about an amount of just under 42 € per child per month in the partner program. Financing this is a challenge that our organization faces every year, as additional income is required. Your continuous monthly support is the cornerstone of our funding. However, smaller and larger events such as parties, presentations, and Christmas markets, as well as school charity runs and corporate donations, are also necessary to cover the overall costs in the end. You make it possible to support all children and young people, as well as the employed staff. We are excited to see what this year will bring and would greatly appreciate any ideas or new active members.

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