

"All hands on deck" - the tools from Tools To Work ready for shipment to the Abexinah and ADWG projects

The container with machines and tools for the Abexinah project and the ADWG project can be lifted on deck for shipment to Kenya and Uganda and is expected at its destination early in the new year.



The ABEXINAH Orphans and Vulnerable Community Centre was founded in 2009 by five young men from Kasese who themselves had external support for their education.

The centre is going to teach underprivileged youngsters carpentry skills, so that they can earn a living after the training with the production and sale of furniture.

Furthermore, the trained young people will be provided the opportunity to continue working in the centre's workshop and to do paid work until they are able to set up their own workshop.

The [Aelbrechtsfonds](#) has made € 4,800 available so that the Tools To Work Foundation can make available the necessary machines and tools.

Read more >> [ABEXINAH](#)

The Ayaga Dani Widows Group wants more teenage mothers to be able to work as tailors or hairdressers.

Around 100 teenage mothers will learn these skills to become autonomous in economic terms. Many of these teenage mothers are girls who have travelled from their villages to Lake Victoria to look for work with fishermen, where they were eventually exploited and sexually and economically abused. With this project they get a second chance to learn skills that allow them to work, to earn money and to take care of themselves.

The [Van Hofstee Stichting](#) has made € 4,000 available so that the Tools To Work Foundation can make the necessary machines and tools available.

Read more >> [ADWG](#)

A new training centre for teenage mothers has been launched in Cameroon

In August, CODEC received the sewing machines from the Gered Gereedschap Foundation. With the support of the Van Doorn Foundation, a new training centre could thereafter be set up and started in September this year.

CODEC was founded in 2012 by benevolent community volunteers who themselves have been victims of discrimination, illiteracy, and poverty.

They want to stand up for women's rights and increase their participation in decision-making processes and community developments. CODEC had set up the Aminkeng Centre in Limbe in 2015 and want to establish a second training centre in Menji in 2019 to teach young women in that region skills that will enable them to support themselves.



The centre will train every year 50 single teenage mothers and provide them with technical support and micro-credits with which they can start small tailor workshops and create a marketing chain for their products.

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Ongoing Support to Safehouses in Serengeti—Tanzania

The circumcision of Maasai and Abakuria girls traditionally takes every year place in December. The Safe Houses in the Serengeti region in Tanzania then have their hands full with the reception and care of around 300 young girls who flee FGM. Half of them can eventually return home after negotiations with their parents, for others it sometimes takes months.

Over the past five years, the Van Doorn Foundation has supported two Safe Houses in this region and helped to set up recreational and vocational training facilities where these young women and girls find distraction (play, dance and singing) and learn skills (handicraft and tailoring) so that they will



be able to generate their own income in the future. This year the [S&C vd Lee Foundation](#) has made funds available with which additional training material have been purchased. With this much needed and effective help, there is again hope for the girls in the Serengeti region!

Read more >> [Safe House & VTC in Serengeti](#)

Read more about what has been achieved already?
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Applications for scholarships

In October 2019, the Van Doorn Foundation received 118 applications for scholarships for the 2020 academic year. The majority of applications came from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Half of the initial applications had to be rejected because they did not meet the criteria. The other half were invited to submit a final application and to some of them a scholarship will be awarded before

the end of the year.

In 2019, a total of 44 young people (23 boys and 21 girls) have received a scholarship, the majority for higher, but also a growing number for lower and secondary vocational education.

21 students who previously received a scholarship completed their studies in 2019. Congratulations !!



Graduated or still busy with their education!



Godfrey Kutosi

In April 2018, Godfrey from Uganda applied for a scholarship to study business administration at Livingstone International University. He was awarded the scholarship. Godfrey started a small business for daily living expenses. On Saturday and Sunday he sells his wares at the market. The other days he studies. In his study progress report he wrote:

I was nearly denied exams because I had a balance that was carried forward. Thank God that one of my lecturers stood in for me and I was given exams.

Generally we had busy schedule coupled with many lectures (three per day). I had struggled a little because the little money I would get from the market on Saturday and Sunday wasn't enough to cater for the whole week. I won't get tired of extending my sincere appreciation to the Foundation for making my study possible which I never dreamed of based on my home background. I am delighted that I completed my first year second semester successfully. I am now fully back in the market waiting for the second year.

Thanks once again for your continued support.

Sylvester Ekai Chomba,

In 2015 Sylvester started a training for mathematics and physics teacher at Masinde Muliro University. Due to circumstances he could no longer pay the tuition fees. In 2017 he applied for a scholarship and with it he finished his study and graduated. Congrats!

On December 9, 2019 he wrote:

[.....] my well-wisher promised to pay for my first year fee and I went on well. In my second year things turned out to be more difficult as there was no one to rely upon. I had to quit my lectures and examinations and returned back home.

I decided to write a deferment letter so that I can give myself time to hustle in order to access my school fees. I met a friend who told me he had seen a scholarship advert in Facebook of the Van Doorn Foundation. With haste I went on searching about the Foundation. At long last I applied for the scholarship, where I was selected.

Up to this moment I am much grateful for your help in my academic life. Today I am a graduate because God used you to help a needy person. I celebrate you today!!! I would like to express my joy for your assistance once more. May you continue to be a blessing in the society.



Emmanuel Mogaka Mong'are

Emmanuel from Kenya started in 2016 with a teacher-training at Pwani University in Kenya. He had managed to raise the tuition fees for the first year through fundraising. Then he applied and received a scholarship for the remaining academic years. He is now in his final year. He wrote us:

I am really happy to say that I am satisfied with my study despite minor challenges. My expectations have been met, since I get financial support from your Foundation enabling my studies, I am grateful that I am pursuing my career under minimum destruction.

Progress in my study: I know to introduce and end a lesson; where to put emphasis whenever I teach; how to engage students during teaching and learning process; how to reinforce learners in class.

My personal life has been transformed. My self-efficacy and empathy has really increased especially when handling cases thus enabling me to make right decisions. I can interact with people /students from different diversity. My courtesy and etiquette has really improved when conversing with my fellow students.

We wish Emmanuel succes with his last year

Work in progress...!

Rise-up with carpenter skills for youth in Githurai slums - Nairobi

The Fountain Youth Initiative wants to offer the vulnerable youth of the Githurai slums, affordable vocational training so they may learn a trade, find work and generate an income so that their living conditions and that of the community will improve. In 2018, a furniture maker's training was set up with the support of the Vliegende Meubelmakers. In a small carpenter's workshop, 8 young people can follow a wood-working course.

To expand the workshop and offering training to more young people, woodworking machines and tools are needed.

The Tools To Work Foundation can make those tools available. Revision and shipment cost € 4,500. For this, the Van Doorn Foundation is looking for donors and sponsors!

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Daya Mina - training for mentally disabled young people in Sri Lanka

For over 25 years, Daya Mina has been committed to young people with intellectual disabilities. The Van Doorn Foundation made since 2012 several financial contributions, with which a number of pupils could be given a training in life skills. Some of them are now sufficiently advanced that they may move on learning specific professional skills.

Since 2018, the Foundation assists Daya Mina in setting up 3 training courses:

painting fabrics, tailoring and baking bread. Over a period of four years, the Foundation subsidises the training with € 1,600 per year. Funds have been made available for the first two years (2018 and 2019). For 2020 and 2021, the Foundation is looking for donors and sponsors.

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[Daya Mina center](#)



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Capacity Building at Pacer Community Polytechnic in Uganda

The "Pacer Community Polytechnic" in Pakwach (Uganda) is a craft school where young people can learn a trade such as carpenter, bricklayer, plumber, electrician, concrete worker, car mechanic and tailor. The school offers room for around 180 pupils and young people are eager for a place at this technical school, because an education at the Pacer Community Polytechnic gives them the chance to find work.

In 2017, the Van Doorn Foundation, with financial support from SME Woudenberg and the Addo Kranendonk Fund, assisted the "Pacer Community Polytechnic" with the purchase of tools for the various courses, and in addition school management training and an in-service training for the teachers. During the evaluation of this project, it was decided to make an additional contribution available for the purchase of additional teaching equipment (computer, LCD projector and screen) for which an amount of € 3,800 is required.

The Van Doorn Foundation is consequently looking for sponsors to support this project!

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[Pacer](#)



Computer skills for young people from Turkana - Kenya

The Turkana Community Foundation in Kenya wants to set up a computer training course in its existing training centre to increase the competitive position of rural youth on the labour market. One in three lives in extreme poverty and cannot pay the fees for vocational training in cities. Many of the rural youth is semi-illiterate and does not have skills. These young people therefore cannot find work and the vicious circle of poverty is maintained.

The planned computer courses must change that and are intended to give young people knowledge of contemporary technologies that are increasingly in demand. Local businesses are involved in determining demand and setting up the training program.

An amount of € 4,400 is required to purchase the necessary equipment.

The Van Doorn Foundation is therefore looking for sponsors to support this project!



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Our new approach is bearing fruit

In the spring of 2019, the Foundation organised a workshop at the Afrika Museum in Berg en Dal to evaluate the Foundation's policy in general and fund-raising in particular. It was decided to lower the targets and adjust the approach. With narrower and more targeted fundraising it must be possible to have annually a budget, 50% from our own resources and 50% from donors and sponsors, to award approximately 40 scholarships and to provide about 6 project subsidies.

In 2019 the Foundation achieved 120% of this new target, for which we are our donors and sponsors very grateful !!



The website gets a facelift

In the fall of 2013 the Foundation got a new website with a new logo. Although still very satisfied with the website, a few adjustments had to be made. We took this opportunity to give the website a facelift. The renewed website also includes a new e-mail address for the Foundation: info@vandoornstichting.nl

CHANGE IN BOARD

After more than seven years we had to say goodbye to two board members, Marjan Schaapman and Kitty Van Woezik. We are both very grateful for all the work that both have done for the Foundation.

Learning Opportunity for Everybody

The mission of the Van Doorn Foundation is to contribute to the fight against poverty by funding education for vulnerable and financially less fortunate youths in third-world countries, in order to increase their chances to find jobs, to provide for themselves and to support their families in the future.

Our target group are young people between the ages of twelve to twenty-five years, whose parents cannot or with great difficulty pay the school fees, and institutions (such as formal and informal vocational training centres, technical schools and special training centres for youth with disabilities) who need financial support to make education accessible and affordable for disadvantaged young people.

