



# EWIAKA ENDASI NEWSLETTER

# Board Update



## **Dear friends and supporters, we hope you are all well!**

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We, the board of Ewaka Deutschland e.V., are very happy to announce the new newsletter. Mathis Gross, one of the ASC weltwärts volunteers from last year, will oversee the public relations of the association from now on. This newsletter and many other changes with us, Mathis has initiated, for which we want to thank him very much!

In the last few months, the German association has changed a lot and accomplished a lot. We were able to realize relatively spontaneously a five-week school program in July and June, from Osnabrück to Freiburg. We were able to grow further and have positioned ourselves more professionally. In addition, Lucas and Frederic visited Eva in Uganda from the end of September to the beginning of October, where they were able to see the new house for the first time and visit all the residents. During a short but exciting time in Uganda, the new weltwärts volunteers could also be trained. In addition, in cooperation with the Ugandan management of the children's home, we reduced the budget for

expenses in Uganda, due to the current weak exchange rate and high inflation in Uganda. We have already sent an email to all (sponsoring) members. If you are interested in this topic, please contact our treasurer Frederic at [Claassen@ewaka.org](mailto:Claassen@ewaka.org).

Currently we are working on the annual financial statement for the year 2021 and the preparation of the general meeting at the end of December, to which we will invite you. On top of that, we want to facilitate more personal meetings of our members over the winter and organize afternoons or evenings to which we invite all interested parties. Also, Lucas is currently planning a new school program for March, we will let you know about the planning in the next newsletter.

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Have a great winter and a great holiday season, take care and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,  
Eva, Lucas and Freddy







# Uganda Update



## **The past few months have been an exciting time for all ENDASI members in Uganda**

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After the relocation to the other side of the Nile, the new house already is a home to the kids and staff. In comparison to the old house, there is now more space in the rooms, a playground, an outside kitchen, as well as two newly decorated classrooms. This all ensures a very comforting atmosphere and makes it a place to love. A massive thank you goes to Eva, Becky and Morgan, who put much time and effort in this project to arrange this nice home.

There are also many new staff members such as Amina (Cook), Irene and Damali (Caretaker), Amisi (Support Staff/Security) and Sarah and Simon (Teachers), which all have a massive part impact on the daily life at ENDASI.

In September the two EWAKA Germany e.V. board members Lucas and Freddy came for a visit. They were warmly welcomed and spent a couple of weeks with ENDASI to check the new home out.

Another addition to the ENDASI family is the dog Lucky. She brings great joy to the kids and everybody loves going on walks or washing her together.

On October 5th Uganda celebrated the International Teachers Day. Many schools closed and teachers had a day off. At ENDASI Sarah and Simon were celebrated with Sodas, Sweets and dancing from the whole ENDASI family.

Just shortly after there was the next reason to celebrate. On October 10th Uganda celebrated 60 years of independence and self-governance.

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There also arrived six new volunteers. They partly support the teachers in the morning, but mostly arrange a fun and varied afternoon program for all ENDASI children as well as community and external kids. In the first weeks together with all ENDASI kids they visited the swimming pool, went on walks and spent much time together.

# Storytime



## **The Swing and us**

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If you drive from Endasi with the boda across the Nile and then to Bujagali, very close to the former location of the children's home, you will reach the Nile River Camp after about 30 minutes. The camp is somewhat hidden on the Nile. If you walk towards it, you soon hear a rustling in the trees. If you look up, you see monkeys frolicking above your head. In the camp itself you can stay overnight and dine in the bar overlooking the Nile. But the best thing about the camp is a very secret spot: through the bushes, through the mud, past an earth bee's nest, always downhill, it goes directly to the Nile. There, in a small clearing between the otherwise dense undergrowth, a long rope dangles from a branch above the Nile. This rope is the famous swing.

We got acquainted with the Swing only a few days after our arrival here in Uganda. Our former volunteers introduced us to the Swing as one of their favorite spots. The first time it took some effort to climb up the slope on the muddy

ground with the rope in the hand, then hold on as well as possible and then have the courage to jump off. Jump off, fly through the air, let go at the highest point and then splash into the water. Once we had overcome the first shyness, it was a lot of fun. On weekends we couldn't go to the swing often enough and of course show it to all our friends who came to Jinja.

Once the initial inhibitions had been discarded, tricks were also tried, such as the backflip. The brave among us who tried it usually failed to overcome the fear to fall backwards at the right moment. What none of us knew yet, mastering the backflip of the swing gives you a very special qualification: because, as we learned a few days later, who manages a backflip from the swing, becomes a "local" here in Jinja. If that's not motivation enough to keep trying!

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We remain persistent to this day and go to the Nile every weekend. We haven't given up hope to manage the backflip one day.





# That's not true

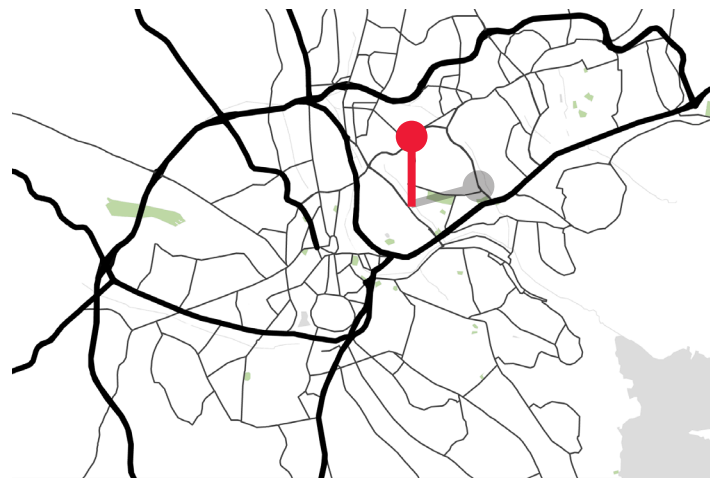


Many Europeans have prejudiced and stereotyped ideas, when they think of countries in Africa, for example, how roads or buildings look like on the African continent. This is very difficult to judge, because infrastructure varies from country to country in Africa as well as in Europe and other continents. Often there is the prejudice that there are hardly any shopping facilities, such as supermarkets or shopping malls. In the following we will show you that this is not true with an example from Uganda:

## The Acacia Mall

is a shopping mall in the northern center of Kampala, the capital of Uganda. It was first opened by President Yoweri Museveni on June 20, 2014 and has since been considered the most versatile and expensive shopping mall in the country. Covering five floors with a total of 35,000 square meters, Acacia Mall offers 66 stores, 14 restaurants, 18 offices and 413 parking spaces. Among the most popular places to visit are the Adidas store, Carrefour supermarket, Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC), Le Patisserie, Caramel Café, the Puma store, Caffeserie and the Century Cinemax. Overall, the mall attracts thousands of people every day. This is not only due to its varied offer for visitors, but also due to its extravagant appearance, which is worth seeing.

Besides Acacia Mall, there are many other shopping malls in Uganda, such as Oasis Mall, Lugogo Forest Mall, The Cube, Freedom City Mall and Victoria Mall Entebbe. Of all these, however, the Acacia Mall impressed us the most and we hope we could also give you a little insight into the most beautiful shopping center in Uganda.



*The mall is located right in the center of Kampala*





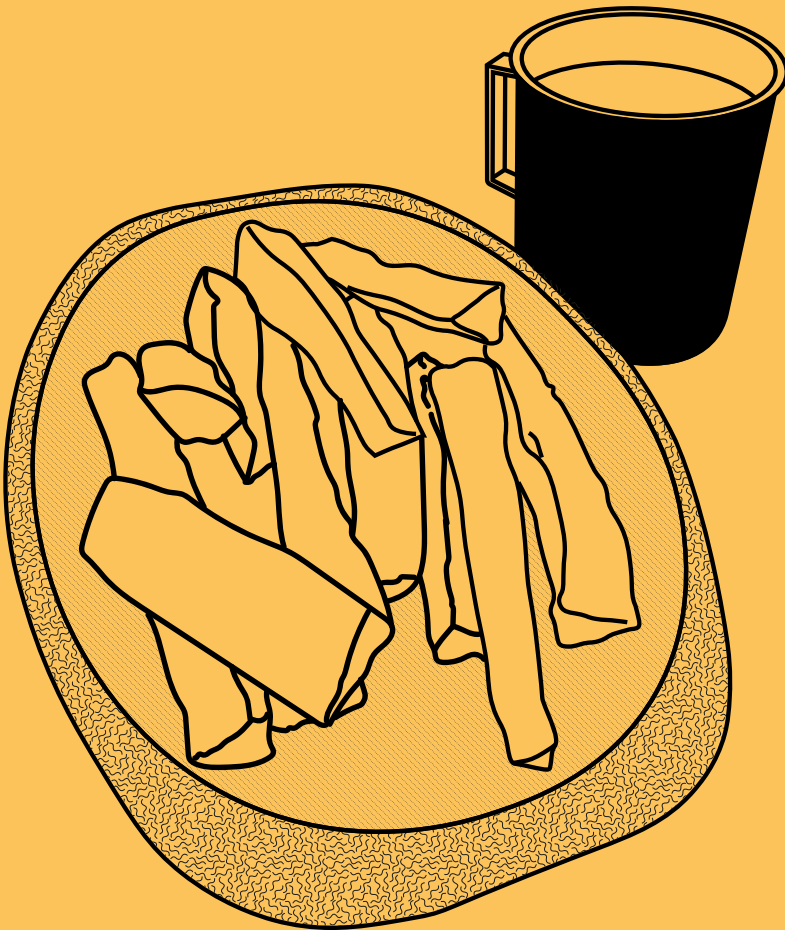
*The main entrance lobby*



*south-western view*



# Yummy, yummy



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Cassava (in Germany mostly known as Manioc) is a plant, of which the root is commonly eaten. The plant originates in South America and was most likely brought to East-Africa by the French or Portuguese colonialists.

Here at ENDASI we love to eat fried Cassava for breakfast. To give you an insight in our daily life at ENDASI we would like to share this uncomplicated recipe with you.:

Here in Uganda, you can find Cassava not only at ENDASI, but you can also buy it for the equivalent of a few cents on the street. So, it is part of Ugandan food culture. A notice: Manioc is poisonous in its raw form Therefore, you should be careful, that it's really cooked through. This is the case when the strips are completely soft and no longer hard at any point.

Enjoy your meal!

## **Fried Maniok**

- 1. Clean and peel the Manioc*
- 2. Cut it in about 2cm wide stripes*
- 3. Fry it in oil and salt until its golden-brown at the edges and soft in the middle*



# Have you met?



*Name*

**Amurwon Sarah**

*Age*

25 years (January 4th 1997)

*Hobbies*

singing, watching movies, dancing,  
reading story books

*Education*

Bachelor's degree at the Destiny River Primary  
Teachers College in Iganga (2017)



*Today we want to introduce you to one part of our teacher duo here at ENDASI:*

Since April 2022 Sarah is supporting our incredible team with her sunny and bubbly character. As a full-time teacher, she lives and works on the ENDASI property and is therefore, apart from her role as a teacher, also available for the children outside of the classroom and takes on a role model and mentor position.

Sarah is originally from the Pallisa district in eastern Uganda and grew up in a lively family environment as the sixth child of eleven. With her almost two-year-old son Einstein, she has founded her own little family happiness and loves him more than anything.

As a qualified teacher, Sarah teaches our 12 primary children math, social studies and literature from Monday to Friday. She shows her

creativity and initiative weekly in her introduced sports rounds with coordination and agility games, which are always a lot of fun for everyone.

Compared to her previous work at a public school, Sarah describes ENDASI as a motivating and interesting job with a great team. Due to the small class size, it is particularly fun for her to promote the children individually.

Her wish is that ENDASI develops and grows so that in the future the educational program will go beyond school education and apprenticeships for manual trades will also be offered.

Thank you for your commitment and your great work Sarah! ♡





## Final Words

We really hope you enjoyed the Update. Feel free to comment, suggest, ask and give feedback. For doing so, please contact us via mail, Instagram or Facebook.

A big thanks to all our hard-working and engaged supporters in Uganda and Germany. Thanks, you are incredibly supportive!

We are excited for the year 2023 and wish a good start to all of you and your families!

Kindest regards,  
your ENDASI-Newsletter-group  
and the ENDASI Board