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Board Update



Dear members and everyone,

We at Endasi are also proud to present our annual review to you—this year it is at the same time a three-year review, as 2025 marks the end of three years of board service by Lucas, Verena, and Freddy as a team.

This year, we were once again able to improve our work through the six-week school program and an expansion of our projects in Uganda, including:

- 1** *supporting and caring for more children,*
- 2** *establishing a regular community kindergarten,*
- 3** *expanding the sports program, and*
- 4** *launching a tailoring project for women.*

With this, the three years of board work in this constellation have come to a wonderful conclusion. We will be able to introduce the new board for the next three years very soon, but that will follow in the next newsletter in April.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support, your interest, and your loyalty. None of this would be possible without you!

With warm regards,
Lucas, Verena, and Freddy

Text: Freddy

Has anyone seen santa claus?



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A lot has happened again in the past three months

The external children from Kyabirwa, as well as the Endasi and community children, prepared for their final exams with great diligence and motivation. They took their exams in mid-November and achieved very good results across the board. We are very happy that all the children have been promoted to the next grade.

On Graduation Day at the Endasi children's school, Francis also celebrated his successful transition from Top Class to Primary One. The daycare children also took exams in phonics and mathematics, which they mastered very well. Over the past few months, they learned new letters, formed words, and made great progress in arithmetic. Some of our older children were able to reach important academic milestones.

Yassin successfully completed his O-level exams and is now looking forward to starting high school. Swaib, Veronica, and Akello have also taken their Primary Leaving Exams and are eagerly awaiting their start at secondary school next year. Our holiday program has also been running for almost a month and a half. Every day, a door on the Advent calendar was opened, accompanied by a small sweet treat and a group activity such as swimming or ICT (computer lessons).

SUCCESS STORIES



This was speech day at GoodShepherd. Saum Yuyu was receiving a certificate as the best disciplined girl in the school. She is a child sponsored from the community daycare program.



This is Shadia at the salon where she is currently studying hairdressing and cosmetology

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In addition, every morning from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., we take all the children to the pitch, where they can play, train, and let off steam together. On December 13, we also held a joint Christmas party with all the Endasi children. The children from the sports community and external children were also invited. Together, we spent a wonderful day playing games, enjoying each other's company, and celebrating the festive season. During this time, we were also able to celebrate the launch of our tailoring project.

Here's to another successful year for Endai with your support.

Thank you and best regards, your Endasi team from Uganda :)



Proud as punch: Francis is now allowed to attend primary school too.

*In the newly founded taylor school
time for a chat is a must!*



Did you know?



The Gomesi – what exactly is it?

The gomesi is a colourful, floor-length dress for women, with a square neckline, puffed sleeves and a large belt that is tied just below the waist. The dress is an expression of dignity, belonging and respect, and is worn on special occasions in large parts of Uganda.

Although the gomesi is often perceived as 'traditional' today, it is still of great importance in the present day. It originated in the early 20th century when a new garment was created for a school. The tailor Gomes, hence the name Gomesi, designed the dress. What began as a school uniform quickly developed into a garment with a meaning that far exceeded its original purpose: many women today wear the Gomesi on special occasions of all kinds, such as weddings, funerals, family celebrations or other major festivities.

An underskirt or fabric is usually worn under the Gomesi to ensure that the cut falls beautifully and fits comfortably. For festive occasions, some women choose particularly bright and colourful fabrics, elaborate patterns or fine embellishments. Others prefer simpler versions.

Wearing a gomesi often creates a feeling of connection. It accompanies important moments and creates a setting that is both respectful and solemn.

It is a dress that carries history – but does not hold it back. A dress that can carry many meanings at the same time.



Nakhulo Khaimia Natabona. (30. Januar 2014). [Foto eines Gomesi-Outfits]. In Embracing Ugandan Culture – Gomesi Outfit. WordPress. von <https://nakhulokhaimiadotcom.wordpress.com/2014/01/30/embracing-ugandan-culture-gomesi-outfit/>

Text: Anabel

Have you met?



Name

Bacardi

Age

5 years

Job

Security guard

Hobby

being petted

Today, we would like to introduce a very special member of Endasi to you: Bacardi.

Bacardi has been an integral part of everyday life at Endasi for three years now. The five-year-old female dog belongs to the Boer breed and takes her role very seriously—she is our little security guard, always alert and reliably announcing anything unusual with her barking.

Despite her watchful nature, Bacardi is an absolute sweetheart. She gets incredibly excited every time someone comes to Endasi and greets

visitors with great enthusiasm. Her favorite thing is being petted extensively, as Bacardi loves closeness and needs plenty of attention.

She is especially happy when she occasionally gets leftover bones—then her day is perfect.

Bacardi is a wonderful example of how much joy, security, and love our animal companions bring to Endasi.

We're so glad you're with us.

Christmas elves at work.



Uganda Good News



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

Makerere: Top-quality education made in Uganda!

Makerere University has its main campus in the heart of Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Another campus is located in the beautiful city of Jinja, 85 km east of Kampala. A third campus is planned to open in the equally beautiful Fort Portal, near the Ugandan–Congolese border.

Its history goes back 103 years, making it the oldest university in East Africa. Today, it provides around 40,000 people with a place to study and conduct research. It is regularly ranked among the top universities on the African continent, and its alumni include several (former) presidents and politicians from the East African region, as well as well-known artists, journalists, and activists.

The range of study programs is equally impressive: the nine faculties offer a wide variety of disciplines, including medicine, business, social sciences, engineering, and many more fields of study.

University life also differs significantly from what we are used to in Germany. On campus, there are nine hostels for undergraduate students and two for master's students, accommodating more than 10% of the student body. Six of the hostels also include food courts to take care of students' daily needs. In addition, there are more than 30 private hostels in the immediate vicinity that are exclusively available to students.

There is also a wide range of opportunities for athletes, with students able to choose from 15 different sports. This makes it possible for Makerere to be represented in national and international tournaments.

To round off the offerings, the campus also features a Protestant church, a Catholic church, and a mosque, where regular services and prayers are held.

Makerere seems to leave hardly any wish unfulfilled. Whether in the lecture hall, on the sports field, or at cultural events, Makerere University offers countless opportunities for personal development and for realizing one's full potential.



See you next time

Remarks

As always, there is only one thing left to do: say thank you!

Thank you to all donors! Thank you to all employees! Thank you! Without you, stories and news like those in the newsletter would not be possible. With your help, we can offer children a fairer life every day. We always welcome your suggestions and other news. Or perhaps you would like to contribute to the next newsletter? Please feel free to contact us via any channel. All the best, and see you in three months.

Warm regards, Your Endasi team and board

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