

December 2020

Dear friends and supporters of AllKidsShouldPlay,

With pleasure we inform you on our whereabouts and the activities AllKidsShouldPlay have been supporting in 2020. It has been a special year in several respects, a year of reflection and growth. Partly planned, and partly unplanned. Of course Tanzania also had to face Covid-19. Fortunately the number of illnesses is low. No statistics are available, but few people in Mambo are ill. Let's hope it stays that way.





At the end of 2019 the government closed down Makini 's activities in Mambo. NGOs have to face up to more and more administrative requirements. The distance to Dar Es Salaam in regard to all daily administrative and organisational hassle was no longer workable. That's why we decided to say goodbye to Makini. We thank Nyakwesi Mujaya for all support during the first years. Without her we would not have succeeded setting up the local organisation.

We are very proud the youth has come to a point in their development that they were able to take over. After long preparation and lots of consultation, nine people officially started a sports association mid-2020. They named it Upendo na Amani which means Love and Peace. The chairperson is a highly respected adult man in Mambo. He helps the youth. He went to Dar es Salaam midst December together with the district sport officer in order to receive the last stamps concerning the establishment of the sport centre.

Gijs took a sabbatical during most part of 2020. From the Netherlands he continued coaching and advising the local organisation in Mambo and surroundings. The speed of developments reduced al little, and at the same time independence and self-confidence had the chance to grow. In November Gijs returned to Tanzania.

The Dutch board had some changes. Chairman Walter van de Vorst and treasurer Bouwe Hofstee put down their duties. They took up their office with the intension to help start up AllKidsShouldPlay in its first year. Luckily they decided to continue a second year. We thank them both very much. At the end of 2020 three new administrators entered the board: Ingrid Veltkamp as the secretary, Paul Zwetsloot as the treasurer and Stijn Gies as a general member. Maud Verheij switched from secretary to chairperson. We also thank Kim Nieuwland and Hendrien van de Vorst for their contributions to AllKidsShouldPlay during the past two years! The newly formed board will continue your work.







After our Summer/ Mambo's Winter the activities with the young children, the Bababarani have been restarted in several neighbourhoods in the village. Also the circus trainings have fully been taken up every weekend. Apart from acrobatics and gymnastics exercises, kind of korfball has been added to the repertoire. Over 90 children attend the trainings each time. That is almost twice as much as last year. This also means more meals have to be prepared. And more plates and cutlery are needed.



Barabarani



food during circus training





The Masange Juu students from form 4 (ordinary level secondary school) have finished and have to wait until February 2021 to get their results. For two students it will be exciting to find out if their results are sufficient enough to continue form 5 and form 6 (advanced level secondary school). Form 5 is mostly financed by the government. In the meanwhile they will attend computer classes in Mambo until the start of next school year. And they will help Upendo Na Amani with all kinds of assistance. We hope a third student will qualify for college. Due to corona measurements the schools have been closed during three months. Unfortunately this caused learning delays. We hope the lock down did not affect the school results too much in a bad way.

A forth pupil will remain at the same school and will go for the form 4 exams next year. With her father we agreed that he will provide for extra teaching. His daughter will brush up on her school work coming weeks.

We thank the sponsors of these four students wholeheartedly! We expect to have enough money to continue supporting several pupils and students by paying their school fees and costs in 2021.

In 2020 we supported primary schools with extra teachers during two temporary periods: one to brush up student's school work during the three months the schools were closed during the lockdown beginning of this year. And now again in order to support the children who finished primary education and are about to start secondary school by offering them English lessons during the Summer holidays. The ward education officer invited Gijs to a meeting with teachers of the ward. They will lay out their plans for 2021. AllKidsShouldPlay is open to special requests from the schools, but we will not support mainstream education, since that is the government's responsibility.



In Dar es Salaam contact has been made with @Bijoux_Trendy. The owner wants to cooperate with girls in Mambo who are starting a sewing atelier. She provides them with advise and helps them with a first assignment. In that way she will be able to find out the level of skills the girls already have and can estimate further need of training and cooperation. Two girls from the sewing workshop will go to Dar es Salaam soon to make further arrangements. So far their first assignment has been given to sew 50 shopping bags. The girls receive a (yet to set) fee for every bag they produce. Upendo Na Amani receives a percentage of each bag after it has been sold in Dar. The two girls are shopping for some last acquirements to get them started. Bijoux will assist them. Special about Bijoux is that she uses exclusively Tanzanian products, from cotton until final product, all Tanzanian.

In Moshi, some 150 km North West of Mambo, in the direction of Arusha, there is a good bicycle store, that also trains youth in bicycle maintenance. One boy from Mambo has finished his education. We want to explore in what way we can work together with the director of the store and training centre and this young man. The idea is to develop good bicycle tours together through a mutual trip in the mountains surrounding Mambo.



Finally

For more background information you can visit our website http://www.allkidsshouldplay.nl. Or follow us at Instagram: @allkidsshouldplayupendonaamani.

We hope many people support our thoughts and deeds with small contributions, preferably on a monthly regular basis. The foundation has an ANBI status (concerning Dutch taxes).

For those who have already sent a contribution: thank you so much! You can be sure all money is spent on the activities in Mambo and surroundings. We keep overhead costs to a minimum.

With a fixed amount a month we can assure young people of a good future. Will you support us? You can transfer your contribution to our bank account:

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Greetings and best wishes for you in 2021, Gijs de Wit, and all people of AllKidsShouldPlay