

Annual Report 2021

Stichting Blessed Sun

Report of the Board

Strategic view and annual goals

We introduce **solar-based solutions** and knowledge to rural Kenya allowing low income families to harness the **sun's energy**, reduce the dependence on fossil fuel and learn and adapt **sustainable lighting alternatives**.

Since Corona had a huge impact on families and the lives of children in Kenya, we added an area of focus, providing for the most basic of needs: food. The headmasters of both Kaluiluni and Masaku addressed the problem of hunger to us. This causes the students to lose attention, and reduces their chances to excel in school.

Today we try improve the live of many Kenyan school children by providing energy efficient cooking stoves and a nutritious meal once a day, for those who would otherwise go hungry. We all know one cannot focus on an empty stomach, thus we are glad to help out in this way. This also saves on the use of firewood, thus sustaining trees in this dry area.

In 2021 we build a kitchen in Kaluluini Primary School, for 2022 we are doing the same for Masaku Primary School.

At both schools the 10 most needy children received a new uniform, kindly donated by the board and some of their relatives.

We will continue to provide and expand solar solutions to all schools.

On May 15th, 2022 we will showcase our foundation at the National Rotary Festival in the Netherlands, hoping to spread awareness, inspire other rotarians, and raise funds by selling bags of dried maize and beans, just like the Githere the children in Kenya eat for lunch.

During Summer we hope to receive donations through the Rotary Summer Nights of the RC Huizen Gooimeer, of which Marjolein is a member.

II. Results and highlights 2021

The year 2021 was a year where, fortunately, schools in Kenya reopened after a long lockdown. We are happy to inform you about the renewed activities we were able to undertake, and the plans we have for 2022.



The head mistress with old solar lamps (Betty's Academy, Mbeere)

Results

- *Betty's Academy, the first school to receive solar lamps, a teaching facility, solar water and solar class room lighting, was revisited in December 2021. The school is doing well, and in the surrounding area most households have been connected to electricity. Together with the head mistress, we decided not to replace the old and broken lamps. Instead we are going to upgrade the teaching lab, repair the hot water system and replace a defect battery used to generate back up light for a classroom.*



John inspecting the hot water system at Betty's Academy

- *Kaluluini Primary School Machakos: 17 lamps for grade 7 and 8 were replaced.*



- *We were finally able to finish the kitchen building, with the help of some parents and our sponsors.*



The kitchen at Kaluluini before (left) and after (right) renovation

John purchased the stove in a part of Nairobi known for its metal workers.



Metal workers producing the stove, Nairobi

Not only is the new stove more energy efficient, thus needing less firewood (brought by the children), it is also much cleaner because of the exhaust pipe. This benefits the environment as well as the health of the cooks. It now provides porridge and lunch for all children at Kaluluini! For 2022 we would like to instal a solar water system on the kitchen roof. By soaking the maize and beans in hot water before boiling, cooking time is further reduced.

- *Masaku Primary School: 18 lamps for children in grade 7 and 8 were replaced. For 2022 we want to build a kitchen and provide lunch for 225 students who now spend the whole day in school without eating. The teachers notice that attention drops around noon...Parents were asked to provide some maize and beans for their child but most could not afford this. Since children are not going to learn much on an empty stomach, building a*

kitchen and providing enough maize and beans has our highest priority in 2022!



Teacher Mutua, John, the headmaster and Marjolein at Masaku Primary School



Children of grade 8 Kaluluini Primary School showing their new lamps

II. FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

BALANCE SHEET

SUMMARY (Euro)		
Balance 01-01-2021	19035,02	
Credit	1689,49	
Debit	214,07	
Balance 31-01-2021	20510,44	

	Liabilities	31 december 2021	1 januari 2021
Assets bank (Euro)	General reserve	20.510,44	19.035,02
	Designated reserves		
	Kitchen Kaluiluni	937,17	
	Lamps Masinga & Kaluiluni (25 new, 10 from stock) Donations received	97,14	
Total		19.476,13	

CREDIT (Euro)		
Private Gifts	1000,00	
Mouth masks	298,11	
Rotary Summer Nights	390,00	
Interest	1,38	
TOTAL	1689,49	

DEBIT (Euro)		
Bank costs		119,39
Website (WNed)		94,68
TOTAL		214,07

III. Legal Status of the Blessed Sun Foundation

Independent foundation under Dutch law

On December 24th 2009 Blessed Sun has been officially registered as a foundation ('Stichting') under Dutch law, named Stichting Blessed Sun, NL Chamber of Commerce: 32164567, established in Huizen. The financial year of Blessed Sun runs from January 1st to December 31st.

The Board consists of four members. The members of the Board are not entitled to any remuneration. They are, however, entitled to ask for reimbursement of reasonable costs (such as travel expenses), but so far they have not done so. In 2022 the Foundation has been registered in the UBO register.

Fiscal status

Stichting Blessed Sun has been awarded the fiscal status of a charity ('Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling') under Dutch law, Tax authorities ANBI RSIN 821727527.

This gives Dutch donors to Blessed Sun fiscal benefits on the one hand; on the other hand Blessed Sun is obliged to publish every year her policy plan, a financial report and report on the activities in the website. The Board of Blessed Sun will act according to these rules.

Board

The bylaws of Blessed Sun state that the Board consists of at least three members. The members of the board will serve for undetermined time. New board members are appointed by the board.