



MLANGO FARM FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Mlango Farm Foundation is a non-governmental organization based in Ngecha, Kenya. The main objective of this organization is to give city children the opportunity to visit a farm, have a practical experience of what they learn in school and to generally appreciate nature.

Below are a number of activities carried out during the year 2017.

School visits

In 2017 the Foundation has organized an educational visit to the farm for 28 schoolgroups, with a total of 895 children and 213 adults. This is an increase of 20 % compared to the number of visitors in the previous year 2016.

School	Date
Nairobi International School	31-Jan-2017
Hillcrest School	2-Feb-2017
Cathsam School	3-Feb-2017
All Saints Cathedral Primary School	8-Feb-2017
Starlite School Utawala	22-Feb-2017
Swedish School	8-Mar-2017
Kinderville Junior School	11-Mar-2017
Braeburn Junior School	28-Mar-2017
Rosslyn Academy	5-Apr-2017
Hillcrest School	22-May-2017
Strathmore College	24-May-2017
Jaffery School	26-May-2017
Carlin School	2-Jun-2017
Mikisa Group of Schools	8-Jun-2017
Nairobi Academy Kindergarten	8-Jun-2017
Kidos Preparatory Kitengela	23-Jun-2017
Fahari House School	27-Jun-2017
Woodland Star Academy	29-Jun-2017
Kabete Junior Academy	4-Jul-2017
Inquisitive Minds Kindergarten	5-Jul-2017
Oaks Academy	17-Jul-2017
Brookhaven Academy	21-Jul-2017

The Nest Childrenshome	25-Aug-2017
Nairobi International School	11-Oct-2017
Jawabu School	13-Oct-2017
Barefoot Soulutions Permaculture Course	27-Nov-2017
Waldorf School	29-Nov-2017
Swedish Preschool	5-Dec-2017

The schools mostly asked for a morning programme with general information about farming, vegetable identification and animal. On average 30 – 50% of the visiting children have never been to a farm before. Usually the main purpose of the visit is just to experience farm life and get an understanding of where our food comes from.

Training Materials

In 2017 the Foundation has further developed educational materials to be used for the school visits;

- Signs on the farm with different vegetable names, for visitors to get to know the different kinds of vegetables growing
- Games on vegetables, fruits and animals to help the children internalize what they learn on the farm
- Fact sheets about vegetables and animals
- Educational materials about waste and recycling (with help from materials of the ‘happy green world foundation’).



Interns and volunteers

Two students from the International School of Kenya have come to do some work for the Mlango Farm Foundation in March 2017, as part of the 'school to work programme' at their education. In 2017 the Mlango Farm Foundation also registered as a host on a network called 'Workaway', an international organization that links hosts with travelers who are keen to share their skills and experience different cultures in exchange for meals and accommodation. In 2017 we welcomed Dean, Saskia, Emily, Andrea, Alessandra, David and Helen to the farm. All 'workawayers' helped with some amazing work for the Mlango Farm Foundation.



Marketing

In 2017 we had the following marketing activities:

- The Mlango Farm Foundation was featured in the newsletter of the European Federation of Cityfarms (edition July 2017).
- We printed and shared many flyers with potential visiting schools
- All school children who visited the farm received a small present with our website and logo.

Meetings

In 2017 the Mlango Farm Foundation held four board meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Minutes are available upon request.

Grants, Fundraising and finance

In 2017 the MFF started with a financial balance of Ksh 30,226.60. In 2017 only a few funds were raised, most of the income came from visiting schools. Below an overview of income and expenditures in 2017, all in Kenyan Shillings (Ksh). Most of the expenses are made for travel compensations for the volunteers who help us with hosting the school groups. This year we were also able to make an investment on materials to build a visitors centre. After expenditures a positive balance of Ksh 29.472,30 remained in the bank account.

Balance as at 1 Jan 2017	30.226,60
Income	
Donations	2.300,00
Visitors	282.245,00
Total Income	284.545,00
Expenses	
Animals	54.850,00
Consumables / Supermarket	30.972,30
Educational materials	16.594,00
Office costs	21.883,00
PR + Marketing	2.000,00
Transport	900,00
Visitors Centre	84.000,00
Volunteer compensations	74.100,00
Total expenses	285.299,30
Balance as at 31 Dec 2017	29.472,30

Planned activities for the upcoming year and the future

To continue with the building of a visitor's center for schools and other groups.

Increase the number of schools visiting the farm

Partner with corporate organizations, schools and other donors for funding and to be able to give an equal opportunity for as many kids as possible to visit the farm.

Encourage schools with a school bus to invite children from a school without a school bus available, to partner together in organizing farm visits.

Acknowledgment and thanks

We wish to thank the visiting schools for their support; visiting the farm, spreading information about the Mlango Farm Foundation and giving their very useful feedback and ideas. Following the ideas of visitors we constantly work on improving our services.

We thank the volunteers for choosing to work with the Mlango Farm Foundation, and to make the school farm visits a great success. The training materials they developed are being used during every school visit.



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