



MLANGO FARM FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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 2019.

School visits

In 2019 the Foundation has organized an educational visit to the farm for 84 schoolgroups, with a total of 3,469 children and 539 adults. We see a growing need of educational visits to the farm for Nairobi schools. The visits in 2019 show an increase of 48 % compared to the number of visitors in the previous year 2018.

School	Date
Braeburn Imani Thika	23-Jan-2019
German School Kindergarten	25-Jan-2019
Premier Academy Kindergarten	31-Jan-2019
Nj's	8-Feb-2019
Arcadia Kindergarten	14-Feb-2019
Arcadia Kindergarten	15-Feb-2019
Mumwe Oak school	15-Feb-2019
Braeburn Imani	6-Mar-2019
Hillcrest School	7-Mar-2019
Little harvard School	8-Mar-2019
ISK Group	12-Mar-2019
Brookhouse School Runda Campus	12-Mar-2019
ISK Group	13-Mar-2019
Kinderworld	15-Mar-2019
ISK Group	27-Mar-2019
ISK Group	28-Mar-2019
Sunset School	29-Mar-2019
Rosslyn Academy	3-Apr-2019
German School	3-Apr-2019
Homeschoolers Group	4-Apr-2019

German School	5-Apr-2019
ISK Scouts	6-Apr-2019
German School	9-Apr-2019
Netherlands School	11-Apr-2019
Family Network	12-Apr-2019
French School	15-Apr-2019
Mothers Mercy Children's Home	16-Apr-2019
Brookhouse School Runda Campus	10-May-2019
Kenton College	22-May-2019
Providence Academy	24-May-2019
SHOFCO	25-May-2019
Consolata Kindergarten School	28 May 2019
Hillcrest Academy	29-May-2019
Happy Life Juja Home	30 May 2019
Happy Life Juja Home	31 May 2019
Netherlands School	4-Jun-2019
Wisdom Towers Junior School	6 June 2019
SHOFCO	9-Jun-2019
Creche International	12-Jun-2019
Riara School	13-Jun-2019
Riara School	14-Jun-2019
Oaktree School	18 June 2019
Laiserhill School	19 June 2019
Wonderland School	20 June 2019
Homeschoolers Nairobi	21 June 2019
French School	25-Jun-2019
Laiserhill School	26 June 2019
Oshwal Academy Special needs	28 June 2019
Blossom Haven Kindergarten	2-Jul-2019
Shepherd Junior School	5-Jul-2019
Kids Fun Factory	8-Jul-2019
Consolata School	9-Jul-2019
Summer Rock	12-Jul-2019
Cute Kids Kindergarten	17-Jul-2019
Kinderworld	17-Jul-2019
St Joseph Sch Jericho	18-Jul-2019
Kids Wonderland school	25 July 2019
Kids Wonderland school	26-Jul-2019
St Joseph Sch Jericho	30-Jul-2019
Aquifer Homeschoolers	1-Aug-2019
Kids Fun Factory	5-Aug-2019

Pumwani Slum	26-Aug-2019
Riara Springs Academy	5-Sep-2019
Riara Springs Academy	6 Sep 2019
School Of Nations	25-Sep-2019
Compuera Academy Westlands	2-Oct-2019
Ebanrock Kindergarten	2-Oct-2019
Little Stars	4-Oct-2019
ITREB religious institution	5-Oct-2019
Braeside School	8-Oct-2019
ABC House Academy	9-Oct-2019
Kings International Academy	11-Oct-2019
Rusinga School	15-Oct-2019
Regis School	18-Oct-2019
Thing'ati school*	24-Oct-2019
Kiddiesteps Montessori	1-Nov-2019
Ark Junior School	11-Nov-2019
Terra Moyo	12-Nov-2019
Kigwa Ridge School	12-Nov-2019
Playstreet Kindergarten	14-Nov-2019
Shofco	23-Nov-2019
Nairobi International school	29-Nov-2019
Happy Life Juja Home	16-Dec-2019
Happy Life Juja Home	17-Dec-2019

The schools mostly asked for a morning programme with general information about farming, environmental care, appreciation of nature, knowledge of different vegetables and animal care. With school groups who stayed for a whole day programme we often carried out the 'farm to fork' programme. With this programme the students prepare their own lunch with fresh farm produce.

About 40 – 50% of the students visiting Mlango Farm have never been to a farm before. Usually the main purpose of the visit is to experience farm life, get an understanding of healthy food and where our food comes from and the importance of caring for the environment.



Training Materials

In 2019 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
- New houses for chickens, rabbits and goats were some of the improvements of 2019
- In 2019 the Mlango Farm Foundation started "[Ecobricks Kenya](#) as part of a [worldwide movement Ecobricks](#). Ecobricks are plastic bottles filled with plastic waste, to be used as building bricks. The story of ecobricks has a great educational value . In 2019 we hosted quite a few workshops on Ecobricks; educational , creative and good for the environment! Many of our visitors now donate their ecobricks for our visitors center.

We make and collect ECOBRICKS

- Ecobricks Kenya: a plastic pollution solution
- Workshops for schools and youth groups
- We collect ecobricks to build a visitors centre

ECO BRICK
stick plastic bottle
unrecyclable plastic films, polystyrene, etc.

More about ecobricks:
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Interns and volunteers

A student from the German School in Nairobi came to do some work for the Mlango Farm Foundation in March 2019. We also hosted another volunteer from '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. We created a 'black soldier fly' composting bin and more educational signs on the farm.



Marketing

In 2019 we had the following marketing activities:

- We shared flyers with potential visiting schools;
- We shared information on the Facebook page of Mlango Farm;
- We shared posts on Facebook of schools who posted about their educational visit;
- All school children who visited the farm received a small present with our website and logo.

Most of the marketing though is done through word of mouth, many schools book a visit after they heard about our programs from other schools.

Meetings

In 2019 the Mlango Farm Foundation held three board meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Minutes are available upon request.

Grants, Fundraising and finance

In 2019 the MFF started with a financial balance of Ksh 54,758.30. In 2019 only a few funds were raised, most of the income came from visiting schools. Below an overview of income and expenditures in 2019, all in Kenyan Shillings (Ksh). Most of the expenses are made to take care of the farm animals, and for 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 126.662.30 remained.

Balance as at 1 Jan 2019	54,758.30
Income	
Donations	25,000.00
Visitors	1,537,432.00
Total Income	1,562,432.00
expenses	
Animals	693,830.00
Consumables / Supermarket	161,459.50
Educational materials/hardware	235,447.00
Office costs	10,333.00
PR + Marketing	35,439.00
Transport	4,610.50
Volunteer compensations	349,409.00
Total expenses	1,490,528.00
Balance as at 31 Dec 2019	126,662.30

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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