



## MLANGO FARM FOUNDATION

### ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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 2021.

#### School visits

In 2021 schools were closed again from March to May due to the Covid 19 virus. Schools started operating again later in the year. We received again a higher number of students compared to 2020 with a total of 805 children 151 adults in 2021. This is an increase of 64% compared to the previous year 2020.

School	Date	Nr of students	Nr of adults
Cottage school	21-Jan-2021	9	5
International School of Kenya	1-Mar-2021	16	5
International School of Kenya	15-Mar-2021	16	5
Hillcrest	07-sept-2021	23	7
ORBIT village project	09-sept-2021	25	10
Swedish School	14-sept-2021	35	7
Crawford international school	15-sept-2021	34	5
Braeburn	24-sept-2021	26	5
Cavina School	29-sept-2021	24	3
Cavina School	7-Oct-2021	26	3
Braeside School	7-Oct-2021	72	6
Darul Arram International school	14-Oct-2021	37	17
Grace Brook Academy	1-Nov-2021	48	5
Grace Brook Academy	5-Nov-2021	40	4
Taalim Ul Islaam	09-Nov-2021	22	4
Oshwal Academy	10-Nov-2021	33	7
Jawabu School	11-Nov-2021	35	4
Hillcrest Academy	15-Nov-2021	23	2
Steadfast Academy	19-Nov-2021	63	15
West wood school	26-Nov-2021	28	6

Homeschooling group	30-Nov-2021	7	4
Teacher Moni	16-Dec-2021	15	1
Blessed Christian School	17-Dec-2021	80	6
Milimani kitengela junior academy	21-Dec-2021	68	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>805</b>	<b>151</b>



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 farmproduce. 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 2021 the Foundation has further developed educational materials to be used for the school visits. One of the additions to our program this year is weaving with mama Wanjiru. She teaches children all about traditional weaving with natural material.

- We also have a lively tortoise garden with seven adopted tortoises.
- We now offer cooking programs for children
- We built more toilets blocks on the compound and they are now in use.



### **Marketing**

In 2021 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.

### **Meetings**

In 2021 the Mlango Farm Foundation held three board meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Minutes are available upon request.

### **Grants, Fundraising and finance**

In 2021 Mlango Farm received funding by the Hans Blankert Foundation in the Netherlands, these funds were earmarked to build a toiletblock on the farm. The Mlango Farm Foundation now happily makes use of these facilities.

Last year we increased the animal houses, so this year the costs for animals are much higher. We hope these investments for the future will be worth our while when school visits will grow again.

Balance as at 1 Jan 2021	150,512.30
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**Income**

Donations	4,040.00
Mlango Farm contributions to expenses	250,000.00
Visitors	<u>429,400.00</u>
Total Income	683,440.00

**expenses**

Animals	609,311.00
Consumables / Supermarket	2,650.00
Educational materials	4,910.00
Education staff	21,450.00
Hardware, construction	24,010.00
Office costs	1,920.00
PR + Marketing	800.00
Volunteer compensations	<u>65,600.00</u>
Total expenses	730,651.00

Balance as at 31 Dec 2021	103,301.30
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**Planned activities for the upcoming year and the future**

For the year 2022 we plan to replace the educational area, currently with a leaking roof. We will need to raise funds to be able to build a more permanent structure, hopefully with some additions such as a kitchen and office space. Too much work is still done from the private home of our host, the manager of Mlango Farm. This is not an ideal situation, so we wish to expand.

**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.

We thank the management of Mlango Farm for their continuous support, both financially and in-kind by offering all their facilities to us.

**Contact information**

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