



## MLANGO FARM FOUNDATION

### ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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 2018.

#### School visits

In 2018 the Foundation has organized an educational visit to the farm for 56 school- (or youth- ) groups, with a total of 2,228 children and 455 adults. This is more than double the number of visitors of last year: an increase of 142 % compared to the previous year 2017.

SCHOOL	DATE	Nr of Children	Nr of Adults
German school Kindergarten	19-Jan-2018	37	6
oshwal academy nursery	24-Jan-2018	46	6
Oshwal Academy nursery	25-Jan-2018	44	4
German school Kindergarten	2-Feb-2018	35	7
Rosslyn Academy	6-Feb-2018	42	10
St Christopher's prep school	7-Feb-2018	48	5
Oshwal Academy nursery	13-Feb-2018	52	5
Oshwal Academy nursery	14-Feb-2018	52	4
Lasona kindergarten	16-Feb-2018	49	4
Oshwal Academy nursery	20-Feb-2018	54	4
Waldorf school	23-Feb-2018	27	24
Premier academy	26-Feb-2018	40	8
Hillcrest school	28-Feb-2018	22	5
German school kindergarten	2-Mar-2018	17	6
Johari school	13-Mar-2018	19	4
St Bakhita kindergarten	14-Mar-2018	108	8
St Bakhita kindergarten	21-Mar-2018	107	15

St Bakhita kindergarten	22-Mar-2018	123	15
St Bakhita kindergarten	23-Mar-2018	96	15
Cavina school	7-Apr-2018	14	2
Kids Fun Factory Kenya	11-Apr-2018	29	6
Rosslyn Academy	12-Apr-2018	16	2
German school	18-Apr-2018	30	6
Carlin School	25-May-2018	26	4
Hillcrest school	29-May-2018	16	5
Kenton school	5-Jun-2018	57	6
babies & beyond sch kindergarten	4-Jul-2018	19	4
Carlin School	5-Jul-2018	29	4
Saint Patricia school	6-Jul-2018	17	4
Cathsam School	6-Jul-2018	33	5
ACK St Andrews school - Zimmerman Parish	6-Jul-2018	138	20
Vineyard Academy	10-Jul-2018	27	5
Garden Brook School	12-Jul-2018	8	7
NJ's Kahawa West school	13-Jul-2018	62	10
Makena school juja	6-Aug-2018	45	5
Kinyago ladies Pumwani	15-Aug-2018	46	5
Young Engineers	24-Aug-2018	6	2
Kinyago ladies Pumwani	27-Aug-2018	38	4
Streeniketan ladies group	30-Aug-2018	0	60
Kinyago ladies Pumwani	31-Aug-2018	0	11
Cathsam School	21-Sep-2018	54	3
ISK Group	23-Sep-2018	16	20
St Mary's	24-Sep-2018	145	
Woodcreek school	12-Oct-2018	19	7
Braeburn Garden Estate School	23-Oct-2018	36	
St Emmanuel Junior School, Ngecha	24-Oct-2018	20	
Toddler Group	27-Oct-2018	12	18
Nairobi international school	1-Nov-2018	23	6
Private toddler play group	3-Nov-2018	13	16
Private toddler play group	10-Nov-2018	6	7
Playstreet Kindergarten	13-Nov-2018	41	5
ARK Junior School	14-Nov-2018	51	10
Playstreet Kindergarten	15-Nov-2018	38	5
Itreb, Aga Khan religious teaching	17-Nov-2018	30	18
Mother Mercy Children's Home	21-Nov-2018	35	4
Swedish School	28-Nov-2018	15	4
		2,228	455

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 to experience farm life and get an understanding of where our food comes from.

In May and June of this year we had to cancel a few schoolvisits due to prolonged rains and impassable roads to the farm. Later on in 2018 the roads have been improved, so in future even during rainy season we will hopefully still be reachable for the heavy school busses.

### **Training Materials**

In 2018 the Foundation has again further developed educational materials to be used for the school visits;

- More signs with different vegetable names, for visitors to learn about the different crops on the farm
- A wormary with information board about vermicomposting
- A (fake) milking cow for children to learn about where milk comes from
- Questionnaires to the fact sheets about vegetables and animals



### **Interns and volunteers**

Mlango Farm Foundation is registered as a host on '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 2018 we welcomed Frida and Helen to the farm. They have worked on a wormary for education on vermi-composting, they fixed some of our beehives, they made a milking cow (see picture above) and made some more educational boards for the Foundation.



## Marketing

In 2018 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.

## Visitors centre

In 2018 we have built a covered area where we can welcome schools and shelter from the rain if needed. This was a very big improvement as there was no shelter at all before.



## Meetings

In 2018 the Mlango Farm Foundation held 4 board meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Minutes are available upon request.

## Grants, Fundraising and finance

In 2018 the MFF started with a financial balance of Ksh 29,472.30. In 2018 the donations increased again, although still most of the income came from visiting schoolgroups. Below an overview of income and expenditures in 2018, all in Kenyan Shillings (Ksh). Most of the expenses this year are for the upkeep of the animal area at the farm. While in previous years those costs were paid for by the Mlango Farm, it has now been agreed that the Mlango Farm Foundation takes care of these expenses. The areas for the animals have had an upgrade (some floors of the stables were rotten and needed to be replaced) and we have increased the number and varieties of animals, to give all children a good idea of the different domestic animals living on a farm. Another big part of expenditures is for travel compensations for the volunteers who help us with hosting the school groups. Office costs are low this year as got a refund for disputed banking costs paid in the previous year. After expenditures a balance of Ksh 40.472,30 remained in the bank account, and Ksh 14,286 in cash, which makes at the end of the year the total positive balance Ksh 54,758.30.

Balance as at 1 Jan 2018	29,472.30
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	33,460.00
Visitors	773,046.00
Total Income	806,506.00
<b>expenses</b>	
Animals	452,070.00
Consumables / Supermarket	64,411.00
Educational materials	9,970.00
Office costs	4,260.00
PR + Marketing	16,830.00
Transport	6,050.00
Hardware / building materials	105,329.00
Volunteer compensations	122,300.00
Total expenses	781,220.00
Balance as at 31 Dec 2018	54,758.30

## Planned activities for the upcoming year and the future

To continue with the building of a visitor's center for schools and other groups. In 2019 we will start on getting a architectural design and financial budget, so we will be able to fundraise and realize the visitors centre.

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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