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The Kenyaproject at SSSL and The Mama Norah Education Centre.

The idea to fund the project came in 2005 to answer the need for IB Cas projects for students at SSSL. The reason we chose Wagve in Kenya as our destination was that former SSSL employe's Alice Odhiambo and Hulda Palm have their origin from this village and could identify the needs of the children as well as support with a secure channel to secure the funds were used in the correct way.

Starting as a scholarship program where the students at Sigtunaskolan worked to raise funds for Kenyan students school fees, we developed into building a primary school.

A crazy idea in such a small organisation but we were bold(or stupid) enough to dare.

We were lucky to have a strong doner in a family connected to SSSL that made it possible to build the initial buildings.

The need for schools and education are endless. The Government provides schools and free education but with hidden costs that excludes the poorest from their initial education.

We started our school in january 2014 with the pre-primary units and 40 children. This has now grown to 6 classes and approx 120 children up to level standard 4, about 10%-15% are paying students, the rest are on scholarships. The school presents excellent results in all exams and are being acknowledged all the way up to Nairobi. The Children gets 2 meals per day and clean water as well as good sanitary and health conditions

We fund this to 75% with monthly donors, the rest by activities hosted by the group of students at SSSL and with contribution from the Lions clubs in Sigtuna and Märsta.

The first 10 years we were just a few adults working together with the students. As the school/organisation has grown we have also formed a larger adult board with good administrative routines, a skilled book-keeper and a professional revision company to make sure we have the books in order. This in the aim of beeing able to aply for funds from international organisations.

We have continued to develop the school with buildings and infrastructure trying to use the money we have raised in a good way.

The challenge now is to find funds to make our big schoolhouse ready, there are one more floor to build and it needs roofing. We need to build more toilets, secure water and electricity.

This year we are opening up a library and in the future plans adult education in tailoring and carpentry is in the wish list.

We have fantastic staff at the school, both teachers and managers, have a solid local support from the village and the administration. So any money being put in to the project really makes sense.

The last year we have focus on building a solid organisation in Sweden to prepare to be able to start working with larger organizations where we can apply for funds and support and do common project with the goal of sustainable education.

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