



# Annual report 2015



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## Introduction

Here you are! We are pleased to present to you the second annual report of the Tan-kids Foundation in Doetinchem, the Netherlands. 2015 is the year we have developed our slogan:

### **‘The Tan-Kids foundation helps children in Tanzania to grow up healthy and happy!’**

Because this is exactly what we are all about! In our second year as a foundation, we were, once again, able to help children in Tanzania. And we did it with much energy and enthusiasm.

Our work is done in close cooperation with a few local Tanzanian partners. First of all, they are the ones that are confronted with the children in need. They are the ones that want to give the children a better future. We are allowed to think and work along with the requests and initiatives of our local partners. You can just imagine the huge amount of emails, Skype conversations and chats going through the air. These have proved to be wonderful ways to cross the distance and shape our cooperation.

In this report we will sum up, and give financial insight in our activities. We can look back on a successful year, where we have reached some wonderful goals. There have also been many meaningful experiences that cannot be translated into facts and figures. These are the moments when we touched the hearts of the children and of our colleagues in Tanzania. And also the moments when we ourselves, here in the Netherlands, were touched in our hearts. These have been the moments when we felt we were making a meaningful difference, and where received the trust to do our job.

We thank our loyal sponsors, our friends, and family for all the support we have received, and the interest they have shown in 2015. We are also very thankful about the positive cooperation with our Tanzanian partners.

Board and volunteers of the Tan-Kids Foundation:

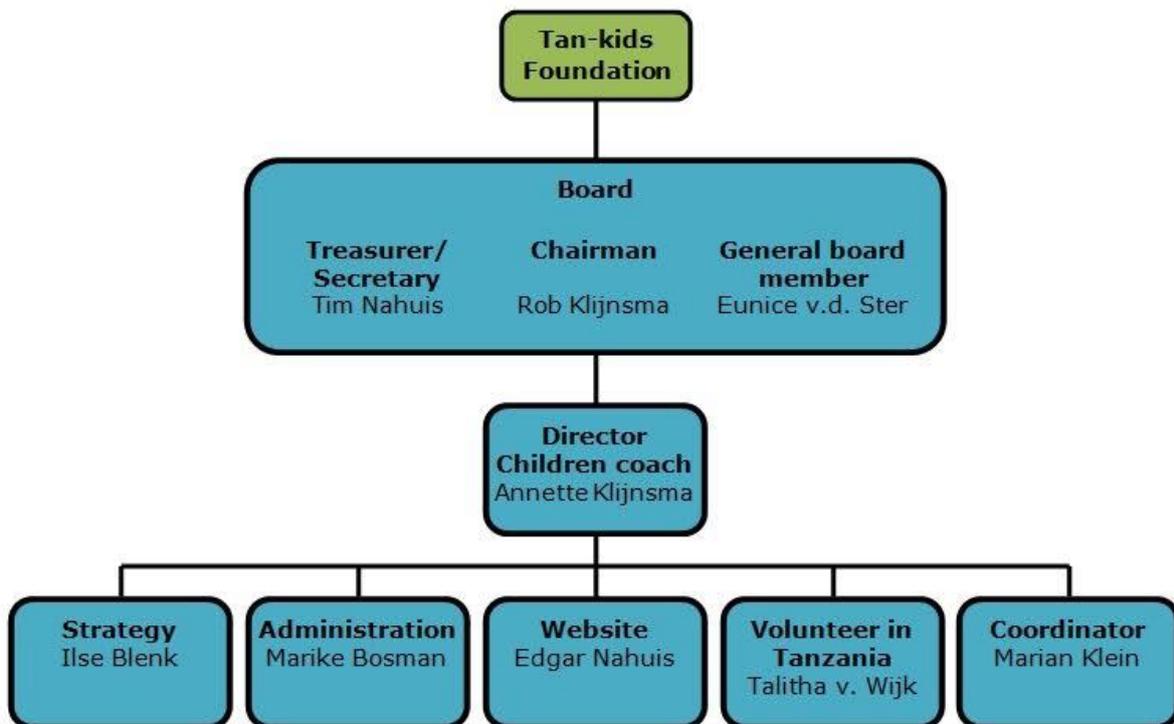
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Eunice van der Ster  
Tim Nahuis  
Edgar Nahuis  
MARIKE BOSMAN

## Organisation

The mission of our organisation in 2015 is once again very clear: To support the local organisation in Tanzania in supporting and caring for the children. We help children who have lost one or both parents and who are stuck living in poverty or neglect. We partake in aiding these children to grow up healthy and happy!

In 2015 we have once again noticed the importance of zooming in on the personal situation of each individual child. This helps us discover what kind of help is necessary for this specific child in his or her specific situation. We prefer for the children to grow up in a (foster) home with his or her own family and siblings. Our methods focus on restoration and development of the child and their family. When this restoration cannot be achieved, we help to look for alternative care that suits the child best. For us in the Netherlands, this means we don't just collect some money and send it. It means we are closely involved in the development and the realisation of the projects, through dialogue and consultation.

On April 11th 2015 we had an informal 'meet and greet' for the Dutch Tan-Kids team. All nine volunteers were present, and could get to know each other better. So with a team of nine members we have been busy and were able to work on our mission. There have been four board meetings this year.





BenefieTHÉÉ, may 19th 2015



Christian Primary school 'de Boomgaard' in Dieren

2015 has been a year in which we received support from many people around us. Sometimes we were simply at loss for words. People have saved up and collected and held fundraisers for us. Some have used their talents to give or make things for us. All this was done to give children in Tanzania a better life.

Our special thanks goes to:

- The children of the Christian Primary school 'de Boomgaard' in Dieren.
- Church 'de Ooipoort' in Doesburg.
- Dutch Reformed Church in Nijmegen.
- Pentecostal Church in Doetinchem.
- 'TOV Eten' in Tiel.
- Marieke Pruijm, creative therapist.
- 'Locaal kerstpakket'.
- 'Huurjekraam' in Doetinchem.
- 'Goodbookshop' in Doetinchem.
- 'Hertog shop' in Veenendaal.
- Holiday resort 'de Betteld' in Zelhem.
- 'Doorgeefhuis Maria' Foudation in Aalten.
- 'Syliva Wilhelmina' Foudation in Rotterdam.
- 'Oorsprong, Doel en Zin' Foundation in Huizen.
- 'Paulien' Foundation in Heythuysen.
- Johanna Donk- Grote' Foundation in Baarn.
- 'Haëlla' Foundation in The Hague.
- 'Johanna Bode vzw' in Belgium.

## Projects

### UPENDO GROUP

In 2015 the pilot project 'Upendo Group' has been developed and started up. This project is a initiative of our local partner 'NGO HOPE for the future' in Dar es Salaam. A social and economic aid program is offered to widows and children who have fallen into conditions of extreme poverty. The aid program consists of training, relieve, and a loan for the widow, enabling her to start a small business. The program also offers family support and sponsoring for education and medical care. The project aims to build connections of support within the community.



While we were making the first setup for this project with our partner HOPE, we came across basic needs that needed to be handled first. And so the first months of 2015 were spent giving basic care to a small group of children, such as food, education, and medical care.

We also enabled HOPE to buy a laptop, a printer, and other basic office supplies to furnish an office. They even added a small addition to place a toilet.

In Tanzania an organisation must have an office before it can go into function. Besides, an office is a very convenient way to meet up with the mothers, children, and various official organisations.

During the year the sponsoring of children's education has increased. Half way through the year we could send 18 children to school, and in the second part of the year we were able to send all the children on the waiting list to school, a total of 23 children.

The sponsoring for schooling has come as a big relief for the mothers. It gives them peace to know all costs for school are being taken care of; transportation, meals, uniform, shoes, bag, books, the examination fee, and the school fee. Our local partner carried out the practical part of the school sponsoring very well. We are also pleased with the financial report they gave us.



Volunteers and mothers of Upendo Group

Last summer, when Tan-kids was starting up the fundraising, HOPE shared the idea with us to already let the women practise with doing a little business with the help of a 'mini loan.' This idea was backed up by us, giving us a first impression of the approach of the method. For the women this time was very informative, and their self confidence could grow. Every woman was able to pay the 40 euro loan back



In 2015 volunteer Talitha van Wijk (social worker/ pedagogue) was in Tanzania for 6 months to be of support to HOPE. It has been a positive experience, although it was not always easy for Talitha. Tan-kids sees that Talitha has made a valuable contribution to the start of the project.

Firstly Talitha has been a great help in improving the means of information and communication. Secondly Talitha has coached HOPE's counselor in the methods of family support. She taught him how to file information on each family. Ofcourse they have also visited the partaking families. Talitha wrote a wonderful blog

during these 6 months <http://tan-kids.nl/category/talitha/>

In the fall of 2015 Tan-kids received the first donations from various funds. The big moment had arrived that the women received their business training, and with it the certificate 'entrepreneurship'. Director Joshua started participating computer lessons and English lessons. A recording was made for a short promotion film. This film can be used for promotion in Tanzania, as well as in the Netherlands.

By the end of 2015 it turned out that more expertise is needed to develop higher quality business plans. More thought needs to be given to the policy surrounding the loans that are given to the women, before they can start up their small businesses. As can be seen on Tan-kids' financial statement, the money donated by funds, specifically for these loans, still remain in our account. This money has been set apart, and will be put to use in the first half of 2016.

And so we are working towards the moment when the ladies will be able to obtain their own income. The pilot project will be running through the whole of 2016, and will be evaluated afterwards.



Counselor Florence bringing a family visit

HOPE's director Joshua is being confronted with many urgent needs. The local authorities have appointed him as supervisor in charge of the neighbourhood children. For this reason Joshua frequently requests our help.

An example is 6 year old Francis, who needed a wheelchair because his grandfather could no longer carry him. His grandparents are very poor. Tan-kids was able to provide a wheelchair, and school sponsoring for Francis.

Joshua also came across toddler John, who was living in conditions of extreme neglect. Our Tanzanian colleagues paid his family a home visit to learn more about the living conditions of John and his family. It turned out that John needed alternative care. We have been able to manage and finance continuous care and a boarding school for John, in the neighbourhood.

## TRAINING CHILDREN's COACHING AND AN IDEA FOR A NEW PROJECT.

We are not only active in providing material assistance to the children in Tanzania. In June 2015 we have, once again, given training concerning the social and emotional development of children. (see 'project visit').



Tan-kids developed a basic training 'children's coaching', to be used by teachers, and social workers, and anyone else working with children. In 2015 we made our first fund request especially for this goal. We are very pleased that we received a donation, and we feel proud that this part of our program can also carry on.

For this training we use many creative resources such as games, paint, craft material, or puppets. When we go, we bring along a suitcase filled with this material. Some arts and craft material can be bought in Tanzania, but the choice is narrow and the material often expensive. Although we prefer to buy goods in Tanzania, in this case, we took most of it from the Netherlands. An enthusiastic volunteer made some very nice games just for this training.

In the second half of 2015, we met a local trainer who lives in the neighbourhood we are working in. His name is Mr. Wein Peter Nyasi, and he is a certified life-skill trainer, who received his education from Unicef. We have discussed several ideas with him, on how to make progress with our training in Tanzania. From our meetings sprang a plan to start up a new, local non-profit organization. Further training can be realised from this organisation. With this, our goal to put the training in Tanzania in local hands is off to a good start. Mr. Wein Peter Nyasi also wants to open a 'Learning Centre'. This is to be a place with a 2-storey building where children (and adults) can receive all kinds of schooling and training. It will also be a place where children can come for help with their homework, and there will be a library. Tan-kids will be involved in starting up this project in the coming years. It's very special to us that the Learning Centre will be built in the exact neighbourhood that we have been working in from the start. This area has great need for improvements in the community, and Tan-kids can cooperate with the people in many different ways to improve the lives of the children, in the community, and in their families as well.

## VISITING THE PROJECT



June 2015, Annette did a visit to the project of our local partner 'Hope for the Future' (HOPE). This visit was of great value for strengthening the cooperation and for fine tuning the procedures of the pilot project 'Upendo Group'. We were able to complete the project plan. During this time Talitha came to Dar es Salaam. Naturally this was an excellent moment to get to know the mothers and children. All of them came to HOPE's office. Chairs and sunscreens had been put in place to welcome them. A few board members and volunteers cooked us all a wonderful meal, while we

played games with the children and made paintings with them. Of course there was also an official part. Speeches were made, when local officials joined us politely. After the excellent meal, we gave every family a bag filled with clothing.



Making drawings for Dutch children

For this visit Tan-kids had also organised a meeting for network partners. Before hand we had invited various fellow organisations from Dar es Salaam. Most of them came. Each of us briefly presented our projects, and we took time to discuss a couple of issues we had questions about. We were able to learn quite a bit from each other and we discovered how we could be of support to one another.

A nice example of this, is the offer that HOPE received from some young people working for the 'Give back foundation'. They helped HOPE to raise awareness of AIDS in schools in the neighbourhood. We also discussed different possibilities for local fundraising. That way local organisations won't have to be so dependent on financial support from abroad.

Annette and Talitha went to Morogoro together to give the basic training “children’s coaching” during a 3-day training programm. This training was given to a team of primary school teachers. The people were very pleased with this training, and they asked if Tan-kids could come back for a follow up training.



## Professionalism

In 2015 we were able to invest in enlarging our expertise, and expanding our network. On May 11, and September 28, we visited the network event 'A family for every child', organised by 'Better Care Network'. BCN is a network of organisations in the Netherlands that give aid to children who miss adequate parental care in developing countries. During these days we grow in knowledge, and get a clearer view of our mission. This supports us in making the right choices for the children in Tanzania, in cooperation with our local partners.

March 13, Tan-kids, and a few other organisations were invited to meet Wild Geese, a big organisation who supports missions like ours. Even though our project 'Upendo Group' did not meet with the criteria for cooperation, it was useful to exchange ideas with each other. We know how to reach each other for future projects.

On September 25 we participated a theme day with the title 'Local Enterprise'. Tan-kids attended several workshops. It gave us food for thought, and added to our basic knowledge of the different sides to economic projects.

On September 26 the 'Ifoza Foundation' organised a day especially for organisations that work in Tanzania, to learn from each other's expertise. Knowledge and know-how was exchanged and there was much recognition in each other's experiences!

And so our network is ever expanding. One nice example, is our contact with a Tanzanian man who lives in the Netherlands. During our first meeting he told us he had studied Economy, and was willing to look over the business plans of the Tanzanian ladies. We are now gratefully putting his feedback to good use.

In our own region of the Netherlands new contacts and initiatives arose as well, for example in our city Doetinchem during the 'Meet and Match Market' organised by 'de Doetinchemse Uitdaging'. Prior to this Market we attended one of their workshops on cooperating with companies, where we learned some new things.

## Financial accountability

<b>BALANCE-SHEET Tan-kids</b>			
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>2015</b>		
	31-12-2015	31-12-2014	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	€ 12,588	€ 11,231	
	€ 12,588	€ 11,231	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>€ 12,588</b>	<b>€ 11,231</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Equity:			
Reserves	€ 1,588	€ 1,231	
	€ 1,588	€ 1,231	
Allocated gifts	€ 11,000	€ 10,000	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>€ 12,588</b>	<b>€ 11,231</b>	
<b>INCOME AND EXPENSES Tan-kids</b>			
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>2015</b>		
	2015	2014	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Fundraising	€ 17,164	€ 22,686	
Joint actions	€ 566	€ 542	
Actions of others	€ 850	€ 1,515	
Other income	€ -	€ 3	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>€ 18,580</b>	<b>€ 24,746</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Issued to goal	€ 15,348	€ 12,340	
Costs of promotion	€ 582	€ 92	
Management and administration	€ 1,293	€ 1,083	
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>€ 17,223</b>	<b>€ 13,515</b>	
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>€ 1,357</b>	<b>€ 11,231</b>	
Allocation of the result			
Addition to/withdrawal from:			
Allocated gifts	€ 1,000	€ 10,000	
Reserves	€ 357	€ 1,231	
	<b>€ 1,357</b>	<b>€ 11,231</b>	