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1 Projects in Endallah

After the construction of a secondary school, a kindergarten, a maternity ward and the construction of a water network, we leave the 'big' construction projects behind us. Instead, we want to maintain the collaborations with our local project partners. We want to strengthen the 'foundations' ('misingi' in Kiswahili) over the past twenty years together with the villagers of Endallah by structurally supporting them. Our project partners are: Endallah Secondary School, the primary schools of Endallah (subvillage) and Manusay, the dispensary and the maternity ward and Endawasu (the water company). Nothing will change in terms of [our vision and mission](#). We continue to work on the basis of local questions and needs that are tested against criteria such as feasibility, necessity and participation ... Our goal remains to give as many villagers of Endallah as possible a foundation on which they can build a good life.

Specifically, we proceed as follows:

- ✓ At the end of January, the Belgian Misingi members will determine the amount that can be paid out to our partners in Endallah based on the donations over the past year.
- ✓ A local committee - composed of representatives of the project partners and of the districts of Endallah, Manusay and Shangit - decides after consultation with the villagers what they want to use the money for.
- ✓ These project proposals are tested in Belgium by the Misingi members against the conditions contained in our mission.
- ✓ After the 'approval' of the proposals, the money is disbursed and the local committee supervises the implementation of the projects.
- ✓ Every year, during a village meeting, feedback is given to the people of Endallah about how the money is spent.

The committee in Endallah is composed of Joshua (Principal of Endallah Secondary School), Marcel (Principal of Endallah Primary School), Martin (Principal of Manusay Primary School), Erick (Doctor of the dispensary), Elibariki (Delegate for the Water Project and for the Shangit District), Imani (Delegate for Manusay District), Rhoda (Delegate for Endallah District) and Kesia (Bookkeeper).

In 2024, 20,000 euros will be distributed to the project partners through this new way of working. Through our newsletters and website we will report annually on the completed projects.

[Pillar Education](#)

[Pillar Water](#)

[Pillar Health](#)



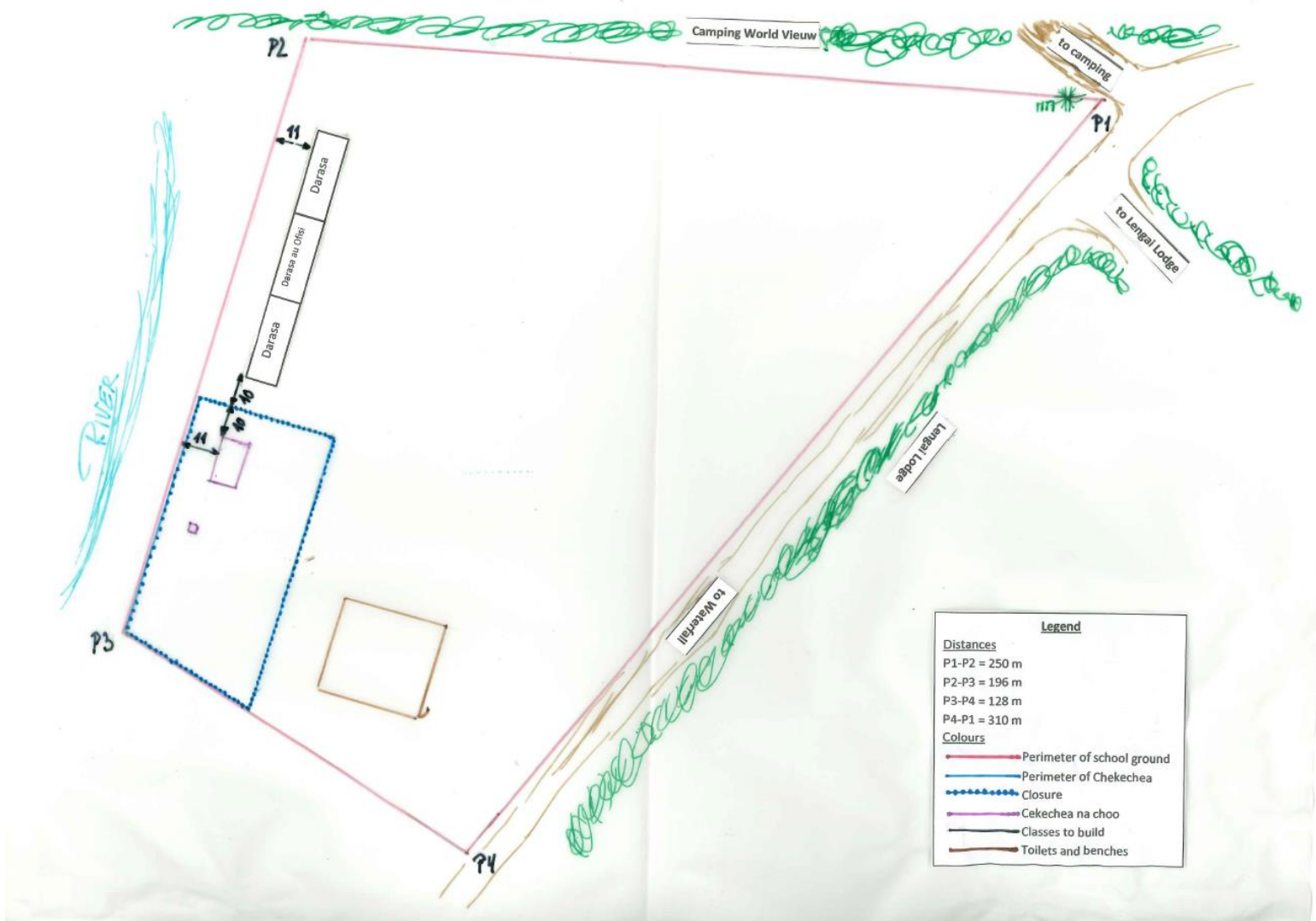
*From left to right: Erick, Imani, Marcel, Rhoda, Martin & Joshua
Not pictured: Elibariki & Kesia*

2 Projects in Engare Sero

A few years ago, the government decided to demarcate a project plot for a primary school in the hamlet of Naiborgoso. This land is located right on the access road to the falls, and therefore also close to the Lengai Safari Lodge. It is no coincidence that the [kindergarten classroom](#) that we built in 2011 in collaboration with former scouts De Kruin from Leopoldsburg is also located on the allocated land.

The answer to the request by the local community to build 2 classrooms for students of the first and second year of primary school was studied. Because in addition to 2 classes, a teacher's room was also needed, it is decided that 3 classrooms will be built so that the teacher's room can be used as a classroom later.

In March of this year, Roger measured and sketched the site, resulting in the plan below.



The following agreements have been made with the villagers:

- The local community collects rocks and sand in the area for the construction of the foundation.
- The people who still live on the project land will be allocated a new piece of land by the government. They have to be responsible for the construction of the new huts themselves.
- The fence of the unused vegetable garden at the kindergarten will be recovered to fence off the kindergarten and the playground.



3 How can you support us?

Donation with tax certificate

<https://donation.lzg.be/> (Choose 'a specific project': Misingi)

Direct bank transfer to BE48 5230 8027 2427

Account owner: 'Leraars zonder Grenzen'

Please mention "Donation to LzG for Misingi"

"Without this communication, your donation will not reach Misingi"

A donation results in a tax benefit of 45% from € 40. The tax certificates are always drawn up in the month of February (in the year following your donation). You can receive the certificate for your tax return in your mailbox by the end of March at the latest. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact us.

Donation without tax certificate

Direct bank transfer to BE90 9731 2362 6332

Account owner: Misingi ngo

Tailor-made sponsorship?

Over the past decades, we have built up a lot of experience in giving workshops or presentations in primary schools, secondary schools, service clubs and companies. Although we are not that numerous, we would like to support you as much as possible if necessary. This can be done, among other things, on the basis of:

- ✓ A presentation about the project;
- ✓ Support with actions or events;
- ✓ Providing substantive input or photos for publications;
- ✓ Mentioning your support in our Newsletter or mentioning your company/school or organization on a picture next to the project component you funded.

4 Sponsorship campaigns

Sponsorship walk primary school Sint-Lambertus Muizen

For more than 15 years, part of the incomes of the annual sponsorship walk from [the Sint-Lambertus primary school](#) in Muizen have been going to Misingi, for which we are very grateful.



Sponsorship walk De Horizon Baarle-Hertog

The incomes of the sponsorship walk of [the primary school De Horizon](#) in Baarle-Hertog went to Misingi this year, for which many thanks! On March 18, Mieke gave workshops to the students about the projects.





Benefit in Holsbeek: walk and party



To make our adventure to Tanzania and Endallah even more valuable, we organized a benefit for Misingi ngo. Driven by friendship and solidarity and inspired by the projects of Misingi ngo, we mapped out a walk with a snack and drink in the beautiful nature of Holsbeek.

After a walk of 5 or 10 km, everyone could warm up with delicious homemade soup or eat a hot dog. Thanks to our supporters for helping us here...

Because there are a lot of partygoers among our friends and we also like to dance, we transformed a local barn into a real party room... This brought a lot of

dance friends together and they enjoyed good music and a lot of drinks.

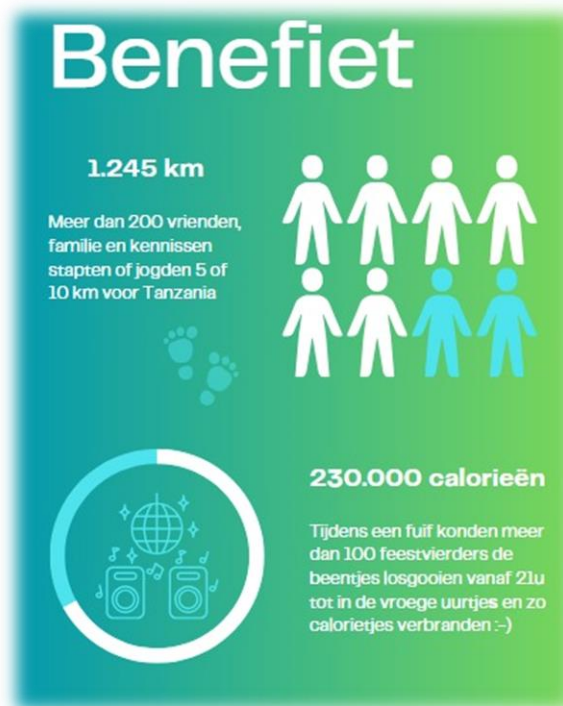
With the nice proceeds we hope to further support the residents of Endallah, through vzw Misingi.

During our trip to Tanzania/Endallah, we saw with our own eyes that 'it was good'. At the request of the local population, we collected extra medicines, sports equipment and baby blankets. On site, we also rolled up our sleeves ourselves and were given the opportunity to help in the new maternity ward and organize sports and games activities in both primary and secondary school. Together with the students, we organized a repair afternoon for the school uniforms and sang English songs. Fantastic experiences that we will cherish for a long time to come.

A successful adventure!

Pisi Kali's,

Leen, Ellen, Griet, Ellen, Barbara & Mieke





Claeys & Engels

Thank you very much to [Claeys and Engels](#) for adapting our statutes pro bono to the new legislation. By making this free of charge, Misingi has been able to guarantee since 2004 that the annual operating budget is less than 1% of the total sponsorship amounts.



5 A travelogue of Sam and Leen



Last Easter holidays, the time had finally come! After a year of planning and dreaming, our trip to the north of Tanzania could finally start. For Leen, it was also a dream she had cherished for some time. After all, in April 2020, her suitcase was already ready to leave on an immersion trip with students and teachers of Ursulines Mechelen, but corona put a stop to it. Postponement, but not cancellation, as it turned out, because now we could make the planned trip after all, this time as a family vacation under the expert guidance of Barbara.

It was therefore a trip in which we alternated visits to national parks and conservation areas with contacts and experiences in Tanzanian city and village life. An extensive stay in Endallah could not be missed in our program. There we visited many of Misingi's projects such as the wells, the secondary school and the dispensary. The indescribable beauty of the animals, the vast infinity of the landscape and the quiet purity of the inviolate nature have made a great and lasting impression on us.

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The beautiful achievements of the projects that we have been able to see also evoke respect and admiration from us. But it is mainly the warm, active people who remain unforgettable for us. They reminded us that people all over the world essentially want the same thing: a successful and happy future for themselves, for their families and for their society. We carry them all gratefully in our hearts.

For example, we think back with fond memories to Gerald, who with a lot of imagination and creativity expanded his homestay in Arusha into a fairytale paradise and at the same time supports charities and looks for the most suitable, challenging education for each of his children, or to Izak, who showed us around his village Shangarai with justifiable pride, could talk passionately about all the applications of his plants and at the same time gladly practiced his French to complete his ambitious training as a guide.

And how could we forget Thomas, who, as an adept driver, could talk enthusiastically about all the birds we encountered, at the same time as mayor wanted the best for the inhabitants of his village Endallah and was very upset when our jeep, unfortunate and through no fault of his own, ended up on its side. What a warm feeling we also have about all the local villagers who took care of us at that time, pushed our jeep right again with united forces and thanked God that we were all unharmed!



Just after this accident, John took us in town: philosophically and with a smile, he guided us through the beautiful hills to Endallah, where he seemed to know just about everyone, and at the same time managed to run both a tailor's shop and a shop with delicacies. In Endallah we met Dorothy in secondary school, who, although very far from her family in the capital, was in boarding school in Endallah, taking every opportunity to

learn and achieve her ambitious goals and perhaps one day will become the next president.

We also got to know several teachers, including the enthusiastic history teacher: in his lesson we – together with his students – got a better insight into the recent developments in Tanzania. It was also nice to see how he relies on and believes in his students to shape future of their country, and not to become job seekers, but job creators.



Of course, our gratitude goes out to all the mothers, including in particular Mama Marietta and Mama Happy, who both received us with all hospitality in their homes, and at the same time committed to the future of their own children and/or that of others in their community.

In Endallah, Tandau took over the role of Thomas as our driver and guide. His hawk eyes spot beautiful animals from a great distance in the nature parks. But we also got to know him as someone who enjoys nature in more peaceful way, proud of his country (and his football team) and at the same time invests in the infrastructure and the future of the village.

With great warmth, we also think back to the sympathetic couple in Karatu, who proudly showed us the entire process from coffee plant to bowl of comfort and at the same time harvested honey and in that way providing work for the entire extended family.

We could go on like this for a while. It is the commitment and cordiality, the entrepreneurial spirit and the ingenuity of the inhabitants that have touched us the most, and have made it even more clear to us that by supporting organizations like Misingi we can contribute a little to giving independent opportunities to, and working with, the South.



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