



WAJIBU WETU CHILDREN'S TRUST

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INTRODUCTION

This year again I have the honour to share with you the 2018 Annual Report on the activities, on-going projects, ambitions and achievements of Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust. The mission to rescue, rehabilitate in view of outreach /exit programs by networking with the government, NGOs, agencies, foundations and trusts in order to achieve the realisation of Wajibu Wetu's dreams, all for the interest of children excellence in frontier research. Among many other news; both the climatic conditions and the visit of volunteers from France made the end of this year a bit more special and entertaining.

MANAGER'S NOTE

"Dear Stakeholders

Another year has passed at Wajibu Wetu, another year where our kids have had the opportunity to receive the love and attention they need, but also food at the table and a decent education. You, as stakeholders are the main reason for this. Words are not enough to express our gratefulness. Both your contributions and fidelity to Wajibu Wetu have been and are inherent for the well being of the orphanage. Your kindness and care to the needs of children has earned you great respect.

This year again we wish you a continued dynamic evolution and the status that you have already attained will not be lost.

We want to express our gratitude to Imani Foundation, Rob and Friends and Mr. and Mrs. Anampio. We sincerely wish you good health, happiness and success in everything you do! May your kindness and generosity return to you a hundredfold and may your strength and energy only grow, and your hopes become reality.

Two volunteers came from France at the end of this year, and worked together with the kids and on their own to develop new concepts in order to make WW an economically more self sustainable home.

We will continue to strive and seek more partnerships to ensure that all children have access to education, good health and shelter. We look forward to work with you again! We are grateful to you for the care of our children."



VISION

To nurture community needs in view of socio-economic and environmental development through child care.

MISSION

To rescue, rehabilitate in view of outreach / exit programs by networking with the government, NGOs, agencies, foundations and trusts in order to achieve the realisation of Wajibu Wetu's dreams, all for the interest of children.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. To maintain a facility that provides accommodation, care, rehabilitation and holistic treatment to children who have been orphaned and abandoned or whose mothers are incarcerated in the criminal justice system of Kenya.
2. To create a sense of awareness through community mobilisation on environmental issues.
3. To offer training in capacity building in the community, in view of income generating projects.
4. To instill a sense of community participation in diagnosing solution partakers to solving community development problems.
5. To initiate and sustain community projects that enhance community self-reliability within community set-ups.
6. To empower exit program students in training them professional skills to be self-reliant as they integrate back to the community, for example in product designing, knitting, agriculture and ecology.
7. To work together with existing governmental ministries, NGOs and stakeholders who are of the same view and interest as far as environmental and community development issues are concerned.
8. To reintegrate in view of exit, programs and empower outreach children in socio economic programs.
9. To facilitate fostering / adoption in guardianship adoption.
10. To work on modalities on how to aluminise Wajibu Wetu family as an integral process of community acceptance and ownership.



The kids having fun at the Mr & Mrs Anampio Christmas event



ORGANIZATIONAL SET UP

Wajibu Wetu, meaning collective responsibility, is a charity organization located in Kinanie area, Athi River, Kenya.

The organization was founded with the aim of assessing and responding to the support needs of orphaned and vulnerable children within Nairobi and its environs.

In the year 2005, the number of orphans in Kenya was estimated to be 6% of the country's total population. In addition to this, a greater number of children are made vulnerable due to poverty, harmful cultural practices; such as female genital mutilation, family breakdown, abandonment, ethnic and political conflicts, natural disasters and poor care arrangements.

It is due to this fact that Jane and George Kilonzo erected this foundation and called it 'Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust' in Limuru, Kiambu County just 28 kilometers from Kenya's capital Nairobi.

The organisation commenced with only three children and is currently handling more than one hundred (100) children in its residential, outreach and exit programs.

Over a period of ten (10) years, several efforts have been made to have the organisation's services more professional, focused and comprehensive. This has been done with the sole purpose of giving children gracious existence while growing up with a well and fair perspective to life. However, the organization is currently facing challenges as it also goes through convenient changes.

The pervasive lack of appropriate sustainable response to the challenges is disturbing and debilitating. This has held so many children with no source of livelihood captive.

This is why we are passionate and determined creative problem solvers on a mission to have all less fortunate children that we have admitted get the necessary skills sustainable business solutions to form a source of livelihood.

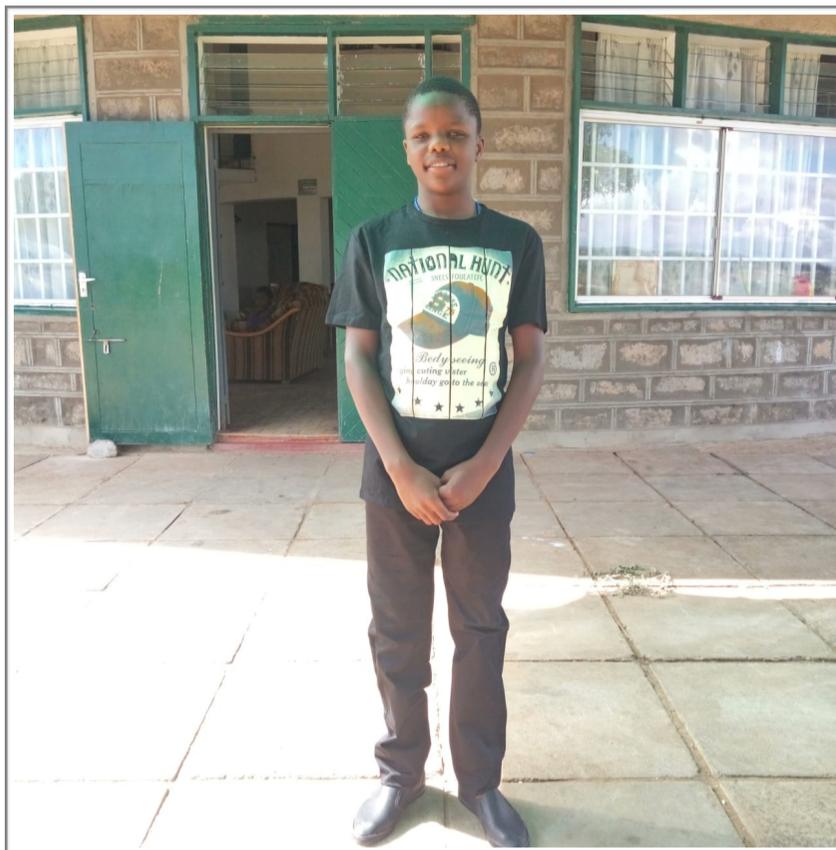
In the year 2017 there were 20 children on residential program in different schools; 10 in primary schools (Blue Bird and Mt. Olive schools), 6 in high school; Kinanie high school, Kinyogori high school, Kabuku high school and Kiatineni high school. 2 at Cooperative University and 1 at Kenyatta University. 1 is in motor vehicle training.

3 children have completed their university education and are on exit program.

Our outreach program involves children under Wajibu Wetu program but live with their guardian within the villages. We have 12 children in primary school and are on the waiting list.



WHAT IS NEW A WAJIBU WETU IN 2018



❖ AMOS obtained "Kenya Certificate of Primary Education" KCPE.

My name is Amos, I'm 15 years old and I live at Wajibu Wetu Children Home. In January I'll enter secondary school.

I passed the KCPE exam held from the 30th of October to the 2nd of November. I got an overall score of 332. The exam was fine but the only challenging paper was Kiswahili. The other papers were easy and did not cause me problem to answer.

At the rite of passage I learned about the responsibilities of being a young man. We learnt about relationships, drugs, substance abuse and important mentorship. They also taught me how to choose very carefully my friends from those who want to do me harm. I found the rite of passage very interesting because this is where I passed from childhood to fully become a young adult in the Kenyan society.

My dream job is to become an airline pilot. It has always be my dream to travel to many countries around the world. To fulfill my dream job, I would consider studying aviation at university

❖ 2 Volunteers traveled from France to visit and help Wajibu Wetu in ongoing projects.

- David-Elias Martel (interview): BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF



My name is David-Elias Martel, I'm 23, I live in Paris. I recently graduated with a bachelor in Business Administration from the ISG Business School of Paris.

WHY ARE YOU HERE AT WAJIBU WETU ?

Since I started university, my first wish before going to the business world was to work as a volunteer. My parents knew people in contact with Wajibu Wetu staff. As the discussions were on going they proposed me to come here in Machakos for 2 months as a volunteer to live, work and teach some French to kids.

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU SAID TO YOURSELF WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT WAJIBU WETU ?

When I arrived on the 30th of October 2018, my first reaction was my surprise regarding the size of Wajibu Wetu property. I understood then the importance of agriculture in WW business plan

WHAT WILL YOU KEEP IN MIND ABOUT THIS EXPERIENCE BACK IN FRANCE ?

After my experience at Wajibu I'll surely see the world and my environment with a different perspective. All the little stuff I found very common for me in Paris, are seen as luxuries here. The best experience I'll had during my time at Wajibu Wetu will be the connection I had with the kids during French classes or other extra-activities.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE KENYAN CULTURE ?

The first thing that comes to my mind is the sympathy and open mindedness of the Kenyan people especially in Wajibu Wetu. On the negative side, I have had some difficulties eating Ugali, but I got used to it with the time.

- Andoni Michon Don (testimony):



"This experience was unforgettable and will stay forever in my mind. I truly felt that I was back to a basic and simple life. Everybody welcomed us very warmly and it was a bit heartbreaking to leave the place.

Through the time I spent with the kids and a couple of conversations with the directors of the place, I've learnt to know more about each child. Even though I don't consider myself a sentimental person, the story of these kids definitely helped me to change my perspective of life. It might sound a bit "cliché" but I definitely got back home a better person.

On a totally different topic, the biggest lesson I learnt at WW was the importance of water. There was neither running nor portable water. I consider myself very fortunate of living such an experience since it obliged me (and my friend) to deal with a limited resource. Now I think twice before opening the tap.

Finally during my time here I also had the opportunity to apply the knowledge I acquired in college toward the development of a sustainable business plan for the orphanage. It probably doesn't compare to the business plan of an experienced business person, but I'm sure that the few ideas I put in are valuable to both George and Wajibu Wetu.

I sincerely feel now part of the Wajibu Wetu family and will hopefully come back in the coming years.

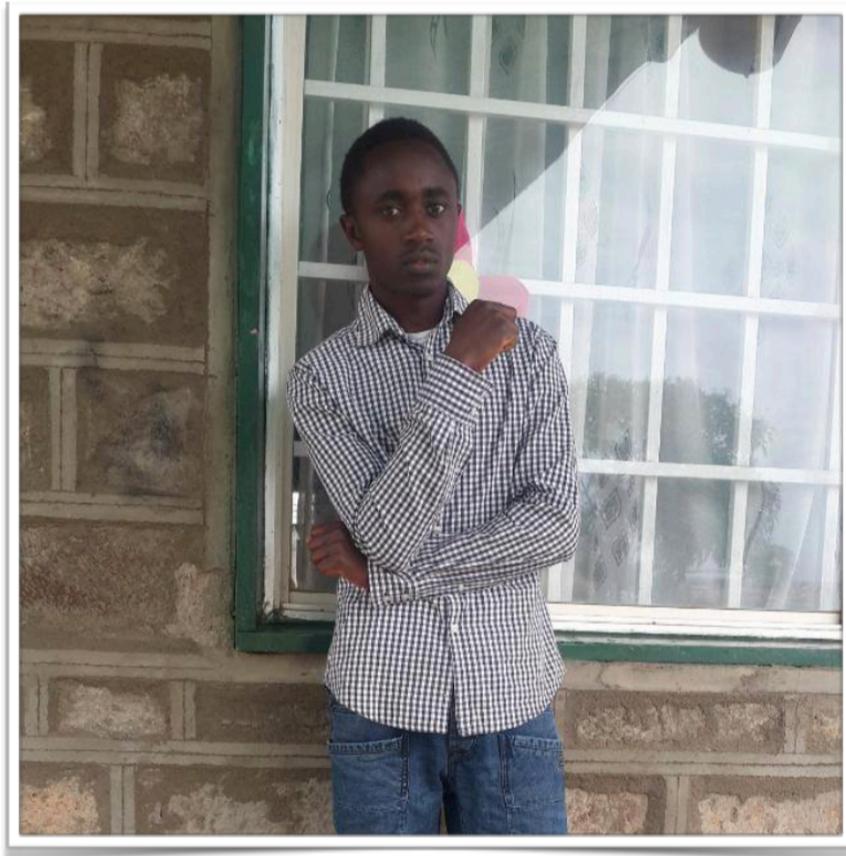
Andoni."

EXIT PROGRAM

One of the most critical part of the Wajibu Wetu Children's Trust program is the "Exit Program". This is the moment where our kids jump into the real world and become adults. Most of them are still pursuing a college education like Simon for example, even though others are already part of the professional world. Let's listen to what they have to say about WW and its programs.

"My name is Simon Mule, I'm 20 years old.

I'm currently pursuing a certificate in Peri Operative Theatre Technology waiting to enroll in a university.



Since I joined the Wajibu Wetu family in 2007, I have been getting constant support from Mr. George and Mrs. Jane who has played an enormous role in my life. This warm welcome by this new family made me involve myself in multiple extra-curriculum activities in my primary education (sports mostly)

I finished my primary education in 2012, where I managed to get good grades and join a good secondary school under full support from Wajibu Wetu

I am very proud of being raised at Wajibu Wetu. I really thank Mum and Dad for being there for me at every step of my life."

CHECKING POINTS ON ONGOING PROJECTS

❖ Education

So far so good for all the kids of Wajibu Wetu involved in different educational programs. It must be noted that Amos obtained his KCPE with a total of 332 points. WW managers are now still looking for different high schools options but it looks like Oololaiser High School is one of the favourites.

His elder brother William also graduated from the Cooperative University of Kenya with a degree in accounting.

Veronica on her side is still sponsored by Wajibu Wetu and continues her study in Economics and Statistics at Kenyatta University.



❖ Agriculture

The 2018 harvests have been good so far. The success of the different harvests throughout the year are crucial to Wajibu Wetu's economy. Even though they are not yet a source of income, they prevent the orphanage from not buying additional food for domestic consumption. With the heavy rains that appeared at the end of the year the best harvest is yet to come. The first yield of 2019 promises to be excellent.

Such positive facts lead the Wajibu Wetu community and especially its managers to thank Alex (in charge of maintenance and agriculture) for his excellent work. Everybody at Wajibu is grateful for having him on board.



❖ Development of a Sustainable Business Plan

As part of their multiple missions at WW, the two volunteers worked on multiple drafts in the order of elaborating a sustainable business plan for the orphanage.

Both the managers and staff members know that the existence of WW is possible thanks to different generous donors, and most of them are very thankful for that. Nevertheless, as part of the economic development of the orphanage, it is important to show to our stakeholders and ourselves that we are capable of generating our own income.

The business plan brought different perspectives for the future and the additional ideas added by the volunteers should create a positive momentum at WW.

❖ Additional ideas

Among the different ideas brought by Andoni and David-Elias, the one that enthusiasts the most the WW kids and managers is the one of creating a volunteer program. After multiple analyses of different volunteering companies, they came to the conclusion that most of them charged a very high amount of fees to its customers without even covering medical insurances for example. Following their market study they developed a brochure.

As a first step, their idea is to communicate about this volunteer program to their closer friends and relatives in order to develop it. After multiple talks with the managers, they came to the conclusion that small fees could be charged to those who would like to volunteer at WW. It goes without saying that the fees charged would remain lower than the official market price and would be entirely dedicated to the WW economy: between 300€ & 400€ for a month (34,500 ksh & 46,000 ksh).



VOLUNTEERS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First of all we would like to express our gratitude to all the Wajibu Wetu family for welcoming us so warmly on the 30th of October.

With grateful hearts we would like to thank George and Jane Kilonzo for their support and kindness throughout the weeks we spent here. Nairobi and its areas can be tricky at times, especially as foreigners but we never felt on our own and they have been of great help.

We are also very thankful to the two caregivers Magdalene and Patricia, and to Alex for taking care of us and assisting us with everything we needed in the house.

We will continue working on the volunteer program for Wajibu Wetu by communicating it to our closer friends and relatives, because we truly believe in its benefits. As discussed with George, there is a real potential for a Win-Win-Win situation: for the volunteers, kids, and the economy.

Finally thanks to Margaret, Zipporah, Joshua, William, Margaret, Sharon, Amos, Jane, Simon, Lucie, Gerhard, Yohannes, Cecilia, George, Mary, and Jane and George Kilonzo. We definitely do not feel as foreigners or volunteers anymore, but as members of Wajibu Wetu.





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