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Introduction

2022 was a year that was all about the continuation of our regular projects, programs and activities. It was all about the set up of a library and Fair Pen program at Egoli Africa vocational center in Kisozi and all about strengthening community ties and local support. 2022 was about transferring power and transferring responsibilities. We present you: the annual report 2022.

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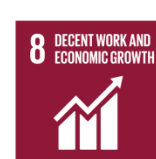
Objectives Egoli Africa

The objectives of Egoli Africa are:

- Assisting children/youths to receive education and to improve their marginalised circumstances in Uganda
- Giving material, financial and moral support to marginalised and vulnerable groups in Uganda
- Setting up sensitization programs to create knowledge and awareness about the prevention of hiv/aids and setting up, promoting and supporting other health care programs in Uganda
- Empowering women in Uganda

Egoli Africa runs a number of chore projects in the fields of healthcare, education, agriculture and empowerment that gives people from the communities it works with, tools to become independent and self-sustainable through education and work.

Egoli Africa continued to offer a variety of vocational courses for both men and women: hairdressing, tailoring, knitting and crochet, beekeeping, sandal making, catering, motorcycle mechanics and so on. A library was set up, new colleagues were trained for new programs to be set up, again new colleagues were welcomed. We continued to focus and work on teaching professional skills, knowledge about growing healthy vegetables and providing a better start in life for newborns, and thus improving health, hygiene, basic needs. This year, we continued working on the following sustainable goals:



Local partners

Egoli Africa cooperates with local partners in Uganda.

Local partners in Uganda that Egoli Africa worked with in 2022 or that contributed to our work in Uganda are:

- Egoli Africa Uganda
- Creation Africa
- Mama and Me Uganda
- Aseu
- The Fair Pen foundation
- Uganda national NGO forum
- Local health centers in Kisozi and surrounding villages

Egoli Africa Uganda is Egoli Africa's main partner in monitoring and implementing projects in Uganda. Egoli Africa and Egoli Africa Uganda are closely linked and connected and Egoli Africa Uganda plays a key role in Kamuli district. Egoli Africa's chore projects are implemented through Egoli Africa Uganda.

Egoli Africa can depend on the expertise and network of Creation Africa in Jinja. In cooperation with Creation Africa, birthing kits were distributed to pregnant women in Jinja.

Egoli Africa Uganda provided Mama and Me Uganda with birthkits as well.

Aseu trained new staff members and community members about beekeeping, making beehives and solar cooking.

The Fair Pen foundation trained new staff members to become Fair Pen trainers in order to set up the Fair Pen program at primary and secondary schools in Kamuli district.

Staff members of Egoli Africa Uganda were able to join the training Change the Game Academy organized by the Uganda national NGO forum in cooperation with Wilde Ganzen.

Egoli Africa cooperates with local health centers, village health teams and health officials in Kamuli district in order to carry out our health related programs.

Egoli Africa also maintains close and warm contacts with Initiative Uganda.



Projects of Egoli Africa in 2022

The following projects were monitored by Egoli Africa in 2022:

- Egoli Africa vocational center
- Egoli Africa Shop
- Birth Kits
- Mommaluv
- Agriculture project in Kisozi
- Crafts
- Sponsorship
- Worldscool

In 2022, we paid attention to training our own staff members again. This resulted in continuation of participating in the training *Change the Game Academy*. It also resulted in participation in the APN Assembly 2022. And it resulted in training colleagues in different fields (education and agriculture).

Vocational training center in Kisozi

With covid19 measures now being a past measure, Egoli Africa vocational center could continue fulltime again with its trainings and courses.

Much attention was paid to promoting the vocational training center and attracting new learners to sign up for the courses offered at the center. The number of learners kept growing which was also due to the expansion of the curriculum.



Egoli Africa vocational center and the newly built library



In 2022, the container on our site was transferred into a library: verandas were constructed, the roof was finished, windows and doors were installed. Bookcases were made by a local carpenter and the container was furnished with the necessary equipment to start a library.

The Fair Pen foundation trained new colleagues to be Fair Pen trainers and a network was formed among primary and secondary schools to set up the Fair Pen program in the area.

New trainings were started: Beekeeping, knitting and motorcycle mechanics.

Motorcycle mechanics was initially started at a nearby location. Halfway, 2022 it was transferred to the site of Egoli Africa vocational center and it was aimed to create a special space cq. shed where learners and trainers can work daily.





The knitting program resulted in partnerships with primary and secondary schools in the region to provide school sweaters. The income earned by providing schools in the area with school sweaters was reinvested in staff salaries, equipment and materials for different trainings and maintenance of machines used in different programs.





A new program: knitting.

The catering course has been in full swing since 2022:



In August, the first graduation ceremony since the outbreak of covid19 took place. A memorable event with a large number of learners finally receiving their certificates.



Egoli Africa Shop

In 2022, Egoli Africa shop continued its sales. It continues to reflect what learners make at the vocational center: sandals and shoes, Kitenge fashion, hair fashion, crochet and knitwear, school uniforms and so on. Now that the training center in Kisozi has reopened fulltime again after the covid19 measures, the relation between the shop and the vocational center is more vivid and can be linked to its full potential

Birth Kits

The provision of birthing kits to pregnant women in Jinja and in Kamuli districts is one of the activities that we have run for several years now. And so it continued in 2022. To promote hygiene during birthing, to assist women getting professional assistance during birthing at hospitals and to decrease birth related deaths, we have provided 2000-2500 birthkits to women. The majority of birthkits were distributed in Kisozi, Kiyunga, Bulamka, Kakunyu, Lwanyama, Buluya etcetera.



Birthkit handout in 2022

Mommaluv

The great partnership with Mommaluv continued into 2022. Throughout 2022, we have provided many individuals and small groups with Mommaluv packages again. Mommaluv events involve a seminar on health related topic for parents and their newborns and the handout of a Mommaluv package to stimulate a better start in life for newborns.





Mommaluv event, July 2022

Agriculture project in Kisozi

Farm Life

Our Farm Life department conducts workshops in communities and focus on improving healthy living and hygiene, preventing hunger, growing vegetables and setting up vegetable gardens. The workshops Farm Life conducts are very inspiring. Farm Life not only sensitizes the community, but also cooks with the group of participants whereby making soy milk out of soy beans is a true eye opener most of the time.

The Farm Life department still finds it difficult to become (partly) self-sustainable. The option of letting participants pay for attending workshops is difficult to realize. However, the requests from villages are many. We believe in the potentials of Farm Life: the workshops are popular. A change of mindset needs to be created and the need for a contribution from the community needs to be made clear.





Farm Life, March 2022

Beekeeping

Beekeeping, the new project continued and in cooperation with Aseu a follow up training was conducted. In that training, attention was paid to solar cooking too.





School garden

Egoli Africa vocational center was able to set up a their own vegetable garden successfully. Maize and vegetables grew well in the garden this past year.



Crafts

Despite a promising start and initial steps towards a creative partnership with Ubuntopia in the Netherlands, the crafts group in Masese in cooperation with Egoli Africa failed to elaborate this new initiative. After 13 years, Egoli Africa has decided to stop with the platform of Lady Africa and to stop with the sales of crafts. For the last couple of years, sales had deteriorated and it has become hard to attract volunteers to become involved.

Sponsorship

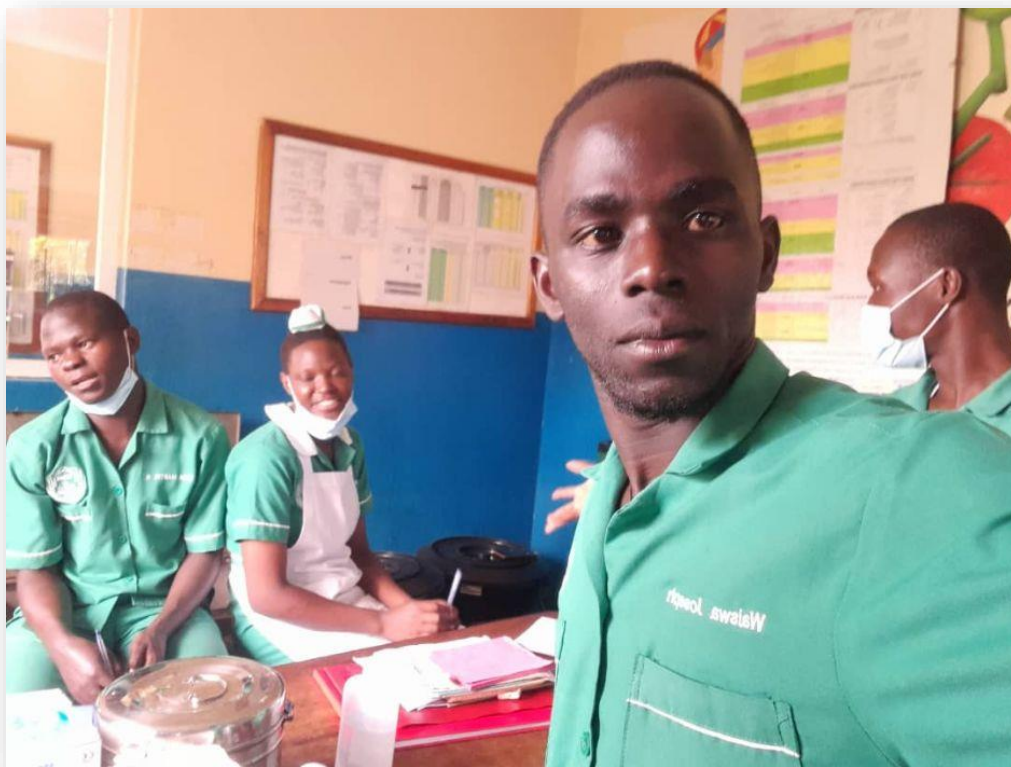
Our sponsorship program grew enormously in 2020-2021, despite the closure of schools during the covid-19 pandemic. In 2022, a few sponsors had to decide to stop their support due to the economic situation in Europe. This meant that we unfortunately had to stop sponsorship for the children they sponsored in Uganda as well as for children and youths who didn't have a personal sponsor. And thus, the sponsorship program shrunk a little again.

Both primary and secondary school pupils and students doing a nursing or midwifery studies are part of our sponsorship program.

Our sponsored pupils are linked to an individual sponsor in the Netherlands. Our nursing and midwifery students have all got support from organizations in the Netherlands supporting students following a studies in healthcare.

Our nursing and midwifery students performed well; all of them were taking a training in hospitals in the region where they were studying from. 4 of them have rounded off their studies successfully. The other nursing students are expected to round off their studies in 2023.





Josep Waiswa, one of the nursing students that rounded off their studies successfully

Worldschool

For 2021-2022 , Egoli Africa offered a large variety of assignments for secondary school pupils participating in the Worldschool program. The assignments included for example, designing a beekeeper’s handbook, making educational materials for teachers on health related topics, creating a safe water campaign, making a plan to set up an exchange between Ugandan and Dutch students (the pen pal idea) and designing interactive lessons through LessonUp.

In 2021, we stimulated our Ugandan team members to maintain contacts with Worldschool groups directly. In 2022, our Ugandan team members were fully responsible for maintaining contacts with all Worldschool groups. And in 2023, we shall finalize the steps towards *Changing the Game*: the team in Uganda shall be fully responsible for maintaining the contacts with the Worldschool and Worldschool groups as well as designing the assignments.



Schooling and training for staff members

Change the Game Academy

We value schooling and training of our own team members. We think it is important that our staff gets the change to pay attention to personal growth. In 2022, Kameri Rogers and David Kawomera once more participated in the training *Change the Game Academy* organized by Wilde Ganzen and the Uganda national ngo forum. It resulted in a local project application with the NGO Forum.



APN Assembly 2022

Egoli Africa attended the APN Assembly 2022 in Kampala. The focus of this assembly was on shifting the power and getting local communities involved.





And last but not least, our colleagues at the training center participated in various trainings, such as the Fair Pen training.



Projects of Egoli Africa in 2023

Projects/activities to be monitored/carried out in 2023 shall be:

- Education in Kisozi
- Agriculture in Kisozi
- Healthcare in Kisozi
- Sponsorship program

Education in Kisozi

Egoli Africa will continue monitoring the vocational center in Kisozi extensively. Plans shall be made for new trainings as well as existing trainings. In 2023, the vocational training center will offer the following courses: tailoring, knitting and crochet, sandal making, brick making, carpentry, hairdressing, catering, beekeeping, motorcycle repairment. Agricultural activities shall be incorporated into different trainings.

The Fair Pen program shall be offered to primary schools and secondary schools in the region.

The site of Egoli Africa vocational center shall once again be a lively center of educational, agricultural and health related activities.

Agriculture in Kisozi

Agriculture in Kisozi comprises Farm Life workshops and crop growing and beekeeping .

The Farm Life department will aim develop activities to become (partly) self-sustainable.

Healthcare in Kisozi

Birthing Kits

Egoli Africa shall continue its partnership with the Australian Birth Kit foundation and continue providing birthing kits to pregnant women in Kisozi, other communities in Kamuli district and the area of Jinja. We shall continue to distribute kits in communities that have received birthing kits in in 2022.

Steps shall be taken to compile birthkits locally.

MommaLuv packages

Egoli Africa will also continue to work with MommaLuv to provide new mothers and their babies a best start in life.



Sponsorship program

In 2023, pupils and students that are linked to an individual sponsor or that receive support from an organization, shall continue to be enrolled in primary education, secondary education and vocational education through our sponsorship program. New pupils and students shall NOT be enrolled in the sponsorship, unless we can link pupils and students to an individual sponsor.

2023 targets

Targets for 2023 are:

- Intensive monitoring of the vocational program in Kisozi.
- Carrying out all projects and activities in a transparent way that can be accounted for.
- Designing plans for activities at the vocational center in Kisozi to attract, empower and link youths, community members and schools.
- Organizing sports activities for schools and youths in Kisozi with the objective to unite youths from different schools and to promote a healthy life style.
- Putting knowledge gained through the Change the Game Academy into practise, starting with our Farm Life program.
- Attention for sustainability within our programs.
- Promotional activities in Uganda to attract new learners at the vocational center.
- Attention for schooling of staff members.
- Attention for reporting and evaluation done by the local partner.



Partnerships

Just like in previous years, in 2022, support from existing partners, private sponsors and bigger ngo's, but also from smaller private funds continued. The highlights of 2022 were: the continued partnership with the Birth Kit Foundation, which resulted in ideas about compiling our birth kits locally. The completion of the library was a exciting phase. We are again grateful for the support received from all sponsors, partners and donors this year. We would like also like to pay extra attention to the importance of the support given by sponsors to individual children within the sponsor program. Their support is of enormous importance and value.



Volunteers and volunteer opportunities

Egoli Africa would like to thank a number of volunteers again for their wonderful support in 2021:

All Worldschool groups who worked on assignments for Egoli Africa's project during 2021-2022.

Hans Janssen for his continuous support concerning the sponsorship program that enables us to offer young people an education in Uganda. It is through him we are able to send so many children and students to school every year. And we thank him for his support this year to make Egoli Africa more visible as an ngo. Hans, you are a pillar for our work in Uganda! His support not only has a huge, positive impact on our sponsorship program, but also boosts our regular projects.

Marjolein Dees and her family, Brenda Scipio, Natasja Costeris and Wap van der Linden for supporting a number of children from different families. They have changed their lives enormously in a positive way. It is thanks to them that these children can receive an education.

The travelicious family for supporting Muwanika and his children and making a difference to lift themselves from poverty.

Julienne Meijer for her everlasting moral support and contributions to our work.

Mandy Ladan for working with us and for contributing to a good start in the lives of newborns and their mothers through her valuable work with MommaLuv. Thanks that Egoli Africa can be a partner of MommaLuv!

Diede Martens for her moral support and contributions to our work.

Mrs. Pijl and her crochet group, who knitted and crocheted a large number of baby blankets and baby hats for young mothers in Kisozi.

We thank all volunteers and people interested in our work who have contributed in any possible way to enhance our work in Uganda.



Communication and support in 2022

Egoli Africa's website remains the main portal for people to keep up to date about projects, progress in Uganda, the latest news and job vacancies available. Egoli Africa's Facebook page and twitter are actively used to post news updates and opportunities for volunteer work and internships. In this way, we ensure regular activity concerning posting news items. Instagram was used for Crafts activities, but on a less regular basis than our Facebook page and twitter.

On a regular basis, Egoli Africa sent out newsletters to its supporting network. In 2022, we decided to stop sending newsletters to our network of supporters and people interested in our work. We now refer to our website, Facebook page and personal contact to remain up to date about our work in Uganda.

Information about the Worldschool Junior Academy and assignments for Worldschool students working on our projects in Uganda appeared on their website. What's more, the responsibility and initiative to assist Worldschool groups working on our assignments was picked up by the team in Uganda itself rather than team members in the Netherlands. This is a positive development; Change the Game!



Fundraising

Fundraising in 2022

Just like in the previous years, Egoli Africa received support for its projects in Uganda mostly through partnerships with existing partners and new partners and support from sponsors and donors. The churches in Heteren made collective contributions again through fundraising during their church services.

Fundraising in 2023

Egoli Africa will strive to continue existing partnerships in 2023 and will actively apply for support to various organizations.

Online fundraising

In 2022, we did not make actively use of online fundraising platforms. We are familiar with online fundraising and may explore possibilities again in 2023.



Final conclusion

We feel that 2022 has been a year that focused on continuing our regular projects and strengthening our programs at the vocational training center, which is the center point of our work. We have managed to run our projects and activities for another year. Amidst turmoil and weaker economic situations in the world, we hope to connect to one another to work with zeal in 2023.

