



What others say about Watoto

Watoto e.V. is recognised by the *German Ministry of Finance* as charitable and tax exempt and may thus issue receipts for tax deduction purposes.

The internationally recognised *German Central Institute for Social Affairs (DZI)*, established in Berlin in 1893, reviews the society's activities every year. Watoto e.V. has received the prestigious *DZI Donation Seal* for an economical and careful use of donated funds.

Charity Watch, a critical and independent watchdog organisation for charities, has reviewed Watoto e.V. and Mekaela Academies and recommended the project for its accountability and sustainability.

HelpAlliance, the well-known charity organisation of Lufthansa and Condor employees, is supporting Watoto as a project since 2007.

You would like to know more?

We would be more than glad to answer any question you may have. You may contact us by email, fax, or phone. And should you be in Kenya anytime you might even meet one of us in person.

You will find more detailed information, stories and loads of pictures on our homepage at www.watoto.de

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Watoto – schooling in Kenya





Introducing Watoto

"Watoto" is the word for "Children" in Kiswahili, the native language of Kenya. The charitable association Watoto e.V. was founded under that name in 1998.

Watoto was established on an ancient principle which nowadays is long forgotten: The weak deserve support from the strong.

Watoto operates and supports the *Mekaela Academies* school project in Kenya. The society provides and manages sponsorships for needy children in the region. Watoto also collects funds for projects within Mekaela Academies and monitors the correct usage.

As should be expected, all our members' work is voluntary. When administrative expenses incur (e.g. for this flyer) the members pay for such from their own pockets. We can guarantee that every donated Euro will be spent only on the project and used for the children in Kenya.

Introducing Mekaela Academies



The first school of Mekaela Academies was founded near Mombasa in 1996. Today, the project consists of four schools with nearly 1,400 students. A school farm provides food for the children, and more than 160 Kenyans are being employed by the project.

The schools of Mekaela Academies are among the best in the country. Particularly children from poor families receive a first class education which offers them the opportunity to find a good job or obtain a university degree.

Tolerance, compassion, social competence and responsibility for the environment were not the ideals of the European founders of the schools, but are traditional values of Kenyan society. These values are taught to the children, as well as subjects such as "German" and "Computer studies" as part of the curriculum. Bringing traditional as well as modern virtues to the hearts and minds of students assists them accomplishing a better future.

How can you get involved?

Become a sponsor.

Children from poor families have few chances to improve their future except through good education. That explains why these children work hardest when offered such an opportunity.

A joint body of Watoto and Mekaela Academies reviews which children qualify for sponsorship. While the neediness of the child and its family is one issue, the child's commitment to learning and the parents' willingness to support their child at home are equally as important.

Watoto makes sure that a sponsor may closely follow the development of his protégé. It advises sponsors regarding all questions they might have about the progress and well-being of "their" children. Watoto also helps a sponsor to establish a personal contact with the child and its family if so wished.

A partial sponsorship with Watoto is possible on from 50 Euros per year. To obtain the current fees for a direct sponsorship, please visit our homepage www.watoto.de.

