



Highlights annual overview 2023 of KASH youth projects

Dear reader,

Read about the 'flying' start and activities in 'gap year' 2023 and beyond

Secretaris Cathy Erbrink: *“After the flying start as a foundation, we had 4 upcycle markets this year. We organized 2 ourselves and had a stall at the others. In May the plant market in the garden of the parsonage in Stiphout. A beautiful day with beautiful people, nice conversations and lots of plants. The Christmas market in the Bethlehem church was also one with a golden edge. People from far and near came to enjoy everything we had made. Beautiful Christmas pieces and Christmas wreaths that we made with a wonderful group of people. And then also the markets in Geldrop and Nuenen. Spoke to many people and were able to tell our story. It lives with us and, through our enthusiasm, also with the people we speak to. A beautiful year to look back on. It was a 'so-called' gap year 🍷”*

Thanks in part to you, we have achieved more in 2023 than we set ourselves as goals according to our project plan! We will take you through a brief overview of this.

- February 28: positive discussion about and presentation of our project plan 2023 -2028 with pastor Pieter Scheepers and deacon Marjelein Verhoeven. Also preparation for the joint plant market in Stiphout on May 13.
- March 24: presentation of our project plan 2023 to 2025 to the PKN HAS church council. Positively received.
- April 8: Easter lunch organized for the church.
- April 26: establishment of the KASH youth projects foundation
- May 13: successful upcycle plant market at the rectory of Stiphout.
- September 17: Upcycle market world market Nuenen.
- September 21: Status as a Public Benefit Organization (ANBI), making donations from donors tax deductible.
- September 23: Successful beach day for the elderly in Scheveningen. Next year again!
- September 24: Upcycle market Geldrop.
- October 7: High Tea organized for the church as part of the 60th anniversary of the Bethlehem Church.
- October 13: presentation KASH 2025 for aspiring KASH participants

- October 29: participation in Fairtrade & Global Goals Market Helmond market
- November 8 and 12: intake interviews with KASH participants 2025
- November 21: signing of agreement with foundation [gift](#)
- December 3: start of donation campaign for flood relief at workshops and Cultural Center Bombolulu Mombasa. This campaign will continue for the time being, because the non-reimbursable damage is approximately € 36,000, of which we have so far realized and transferred € € 500,-. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5c66WLIKiT8>
- December 9: Christmas market in the Bethlehem Church. Net proceeds were €1,354.16
Successful both financially and in terms of internal goals with many meetings. Partly because participant Martijn Vlemmings had distributed 150 flyers in the immediate neighborhood. The flyers were made by Jinke and printed by volunteer Nassim Bari. We had quite a few local residents visit, and after welcoming them we also gave them a flyer about our church.
December 15: final plan APDK-Bombolulu-KASH on planting mangroves in combination with collection/sorting and upcycling of plastic along the Mombasa Delta in the period 2025-2028.
- 31 december: [oliebollen promotion](#)

Achieved more than expected thanks to the help of many

We have achieved more than expected because we have received 5 large donations through funds this year and several private donations, for which we are very grateful. Together with the Association of the Physically Disabled Clinic Kenya Mombasa Coast (APDK), we have now been able to replace 2 leaky dormitory roofs instead of in 2025. Namely the little ones and the girls. We have been able to combine this with the planned installation of solar panels via Our Energy Foundation in 2023, to make the clinic virtually self-sufficient with electricity.

The installation consists of 76 panels for a rounded value of €150 plus peripheral equipment and costs, including installation and ongoing service, a rounded sum of €44,231, of which APDK itself will pay €5,000 at the end of this year. This year, KASH will pay €8,455 through its own campaigns and the aforementioned funds and private donations, including from the Johan Albert Kaulen Fund, the Graag Gedaan Foundation and the Coovels Smits Foundation. Our Energy Foundation and the Wilde Ganzen foundation paid for the rest of the installation. Furthermore, Stichting Graag Gedaan, Our Energy Foundation and Coovels Smits Stichting have made it possible to combine the installation of the solar panels by local companies with the replacement of 2 roofs at a rounded price of € 25 per square meter and the 5 funds together therefore amount to the result of the whole. We work with contracts, partial payments and accountability by them and this is going very well.

Our church members are also fully involved and have also contributed financially through our own activities from the above overview and spontaneous donations. Partly as a result, we have achieved both our internal social goals and external goals.

We now work with 21 permanent volunteers, the majority of whom are young people. If you know young people who may be interested, we would like to get in touch with them.



right: dormitory of the little ones and on the left, that of the girls. A total of 4 roof halves

The preview

By the end of the 1st quarter of 2024, we want to complete the KASH work trip group 2025, so please contact us if you or someone you know is interested in participating! There are now 8 of us and we have room for up to 14 people.

From 2024 onwards, the focus will be on a next work trip to Kenya in 2025. During this period we want to have more parts of the roof at the clinic in Mombasa replaced because there are holes and large rust spots in several places, plus the renovation of the schoolroom. .

During the trip, we will also go to the Oyiengo primary school in Kisumu in collaboration with the Kadowinja foundation to replace the kitchen, renovate a classroom and build a sidewalk. The update is that we have now received sufficient information from this school to work with them to put together a solid plan with a lot of local support and local ongoing help. Since the projects at APDK are progressing so well, we also see opportunities to do more for this Oyiengo primary school than we initially planned. The collaboration with the Kadowinja Foundation plays an important key role in this. More about that in our next posts. Below are photos of the current situation.



Guiding principles for us are the social development Goals; do no harm principle'. Furthermore: 'No question is not a project' and we work from equality and mercy according to the message of Jesus and the 'growing Young' principle from our project plan.

As can be read in our project plan, we are also carefully looking beyond 2025. After the next work trip, we want to focus on 3 sustainable sub-projects, namely the upcycling of plastic waste into full-fledged products, the production and repair of educational materials, and solar cookers that allow cooking on solar energy.

We work intensively with the clinic and Workshops and Cultural Center Bombolulu. Especially through the chairman of APDK and Bombolulu Dr. M. (Melckzedek) Osore, also a scientist at the maritime institute [KMFRI](#) and the clinic manager Mr. D. (Derrick) Adeya.

It has proven to be an extremely efficient, good and very reliable relationship with them and their team and we therefore have a lot of confidence in the future.

Together we wrote a fully interactive project start-up for the first mentioned sub-project with planting mangroves in combination with collecting, sorting and upcycling waste plastic along the coast and Mombasa Delta. This has multiple goals, about which you can read more in the report. We will let them have their say about this in a next newsletter.



If you are interested, you can request this plan from us.

On December 14, 2023 we also had a conversation with pastor Corine Beeuwkes van Ede to organize a youth celebration in the church on April 14, 2024. More about that in one of our next newsletters.

Hope to see you in 2024!

You will receive the next newsletter from us without notice at the end of March 2024. We will then give you another monthly update, when we officially start KASH 2025.

Happy New Year and thank you again for all your support.

Kind regards from the board: Allard (chairman), Cathy (secretary), Bart (treasurer) and board members Thomas and Jinke.

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