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Dear members and friends,

Here are some statistics sent to us from one of our members : Source : "Le nouvel Observateur". According UNICEF, in 2050, and due to the demographic increase, sub-Saharan Africa area will have the highest rate of forced early marriages in the world (below 18 years). For instance, on 2014, in Niger, 77% of adolescent girls have been married by force, which is even ahead Bangladesh rate (74%). The article is concluding : **"provide education to girls from 12 to 14 years reduces by 94% the probability for them to undergo an early forced marriage"**.

Our member comments : this small article in the newspaper demonstrates very well, how much your association is essential today !

The role that MAA plays on this important issue is feasible thanks to your generosity and commitment, dear donors. Please continue to support the young Masaai girls for a better future without ignorance and violence.

Our on going projects on 2015 in Kenya

1. School infrastructures and sanitary supply in 5 Maasai remote villages

This project has been completed thanks to the donations of " Ville de Genève" and Counties of Meyrin and Onex.

In details, this project consisted of

- bring drinking water from 6 km distance, through pipeline to the primary school of Lemongo, Loitokitok, south Kenya.
- provide with a water tank of 10'000 litters the primary school of Oletukat, Narok.
- Construct and equip a new classroom for nursery school at Emurua-Dikikir village, north of Narok as well as sanitary installations for school and village.
- Construct and equip a new classroom for nursery school at Inkorienito village, Transmara.
- Construct and equip a new classroom for primary school at Iltumtum village, north of Narok.



Oletukat school. Water tank



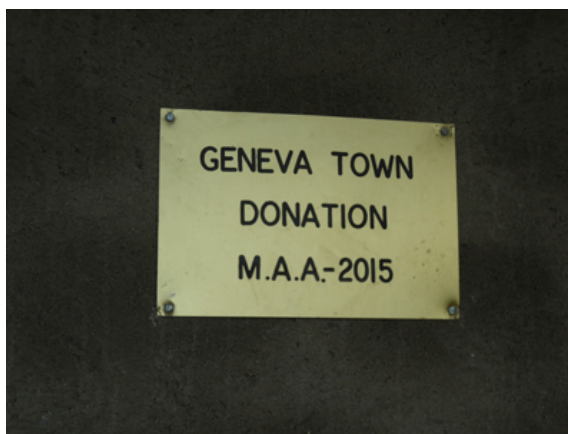
Our Maasai collaborator at Loitokitok, called Leshinka, putting in the ground water pipelines. Lemongo-2015



Emurua-Dikkir. Parents and children 3 to 5 years.



The new classroom for primary school Inkorienito, Transmara.



Only the main donor name appears on the commemorative plate, fixed on the school wall, for practical reasons.

The other donors may stay thanked and reassured. Without them the fulfilment of the project would not be possible.

2. Surgery operations at Kijabe Hospital

MAA came across 3 cases needing urgent health care : First, the young Festus (22 years) suffering from bilateral hydronephrosis suffering several infections came to us seeking for medical help. Second, Paul from Loitokitok, very sick and having severe belly aches (it seems he had a kyst near pancreas) and finally Margaret from Transmara who I discovered myself by chance during my last trip to Kenya in July, because she is mother of one of our students : she has a very big frontal growth that has affected and deformed her whole face.



Festus, young student of 22 years.



Paul, a young traditional Maasai man, between 25-30 y very skinny and weak.



Margaret carrying a frontal very bad growth.



David, a Samburu boy from Maralal, got the 2nd surgery on his club feet.

The 2 above young men have been admitted and already operated a first time at AIC Kijabe Hospital. David got a second repairing surgery. For Margaret the Hospital asked from us a substantial advance for just considering the case and giving an admission date for operation by a plastic surgeon. She will be operated in mid-November.

We hope and wish that all these patients will get out of trouble as quickly as possible.

3. Donation of colour-pencils and pens by CARAN D'ACHE (Thônex, Geneva) and also by a Greek lady.

We received and distributed in Kenyan schools this summer, offered school material (approximately 1000 pencils) by the leading Swiss company in manufacturing pencils of high quality and luxury pens CARAN D'ACHE (which means "pencil" in Russian language), as well as 200 pens offered by a Greek anonymous donor. This made lots of pupils very happy, especially the colour pencils, among the smallest, because it is an inconceivable luxury for 80 % of rural children in Kenya to use them. Here are some photos.



Pens distribution at Matepes primary school



Crayons at Oletukat



As well as in Enaramatishoreki primary and many others ...

4. MAA donates farming tools to Maasai mothers who have eradicated FGM (female genital mutilations) from their daughters.



Last July we found with great pleasure the women group in Rombo area who, "coached" by our collaborator Cynthia Nemayian and after several seminars and trainings explaining the bad effects of FGM, have finally stopped mutilating the girls of the region, beginning by them own daughters (most of them supported with MAA school sponsorships). Further to a project of cooperation with the USA, a lot among them learned and were converted to the farming activities. For the first time for centuries, Maasai families will harvest vegetables and fresh fruits ! However this American project had not planned the purchase of tools (it was focused on drilling 4 wells in the area). As the Maasai mothers asked us to help, MAA provided them with the necessary tools (as reward of their positive attitude and change).

5. Our students in College, hopes of MAA and community challengers !

MAA is very proud to see, after many years of sponsorship in school and high school, some brilliant Maasai girls getting College studies. Of course MAA is still helping in that. Some of them become school teachers, some other manages, economists, nurses, social workers (community development) etc.

We know all of them since long time ago, since they were 8 years !

Here are some portraits :



Elisabeth with her parents and baby. She finished College in Community Development thanks to MAA grant.



Alice plans to be a school teacher. She has got a MAA donors grant.



Caroline has finished the first year and she will undertake the 2nd, to get degree for primary education teaching. MAA grant.



Pauline in Narok, has finished Economics. She is working with MAA now, after have been benefiting of MAA bursary in High school.



Irene, a young lady from Engasakinoi, Loitokitok. She is already working as primary teacher, without degree (just paid by parents a small salary). MAA will provide to her a College grant so that she could graduate in "Certificate in Early Childhood".

6. Miscellaneous

We have been horrified reading the below article on Internet, last August :

In India, two young girls have been sentenced by village council to be raped publicly.



Because their older brother Ravi had escaped with a married woman belonging to the Jats cast (superior than his, who is Dali, untouchable), the two young girls Meenakshi Kumari, 23 years old and her young sister of 15, had been condemned to be raped naked in front of the village. The village local council (not elected) has decided so, in order to humiliate and dishonour the poor family. Amnesty International has been involved in their defence. In the mean while the two sisters have fled from the village.

Unfortunately, this barbaric tradition is not unknown in Kenya; in Samburu remote villages (a Maasai branch in North Kenya) a public rape in the middle of the village is still in use, when the young girl married by force to an old man, refuses to have intercourse with him ! Source : Ms Rebecca Lolosoli, a Samburu leader who founded Umoja, a safe village for threatened women.

We thank you for your attention and interest.

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