



# Koka Children Project



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Dear reader,

It is time to update you about the activities of our Koka project.

## Child Centre

Since the opening in October 2018 the Child Centre is taking care of the children every day. The centre provides breakfast and lunch for 135 children and during the long summer holiday the kids came to the centre for entertainment and extra lessons.



The trees at het compound did grow fast in the rain season and are starting to provide shadow to the building and the garden. The kids are looking forward to eating the first home-grown bananas!



## Playground materials and library books



Last year we received several significant donations which we used to order materials for the playground at the compound of the child centre. Like almost everything in Ethiopia the delivery takes a bit longer than agreed on but we expect within few weeks the installation of swings, horizontal bar and other playing materials. Looking forward to share with you hopefully in the next newsletter!

Next to the playground materials we ordered books for the library. To start with, tutorial books to be used at school. With future donations we also intend to buy nice reading books for the children.

## Women empowerment

The injera bakery of het Women empowerment group is up and running. Daily the women bake 800 injeras for Florensis and for the meals of the children.

After the starting phase of the project some changes in the organization were realized. Florensis appointed a supervisor



to support the women, she also supervises the quality of the injera and the purchase of the ingredients.

Team composition changes during the project, some women left due to various reasons and others joined. At the moment around 10 women are involved in the project.

Newly built chimneys are resulting in better smoke drainage.



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## Coffee and tea house in Jogo Forest

In the last newsletter we informed you about the coffee- and tea restaurant in the Jogo Forest. At the moment construction started and is running smooth. The compound is fenced and the start of the building is made. Expected delivery is in 3 months. Since the area of Jogo Forest is very dry, a water-tank will be installed next to the building. Water will be delivered by water trucks when the restaurant is operational.



## Health insurance

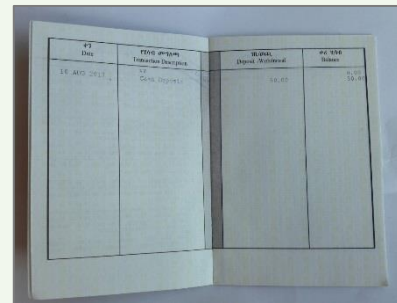
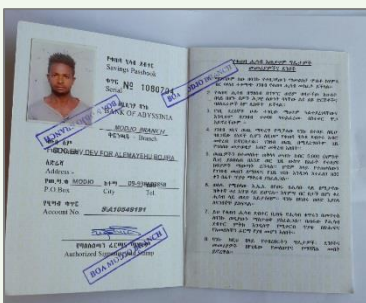
Part of the sponsor budget covers a health insurance for the children and their caretakers. At this moment we pay insurance premium for 44 children, not all yet, see next paragraph.

## Project children

After few years of activities, it is time for evaluation of the projects and especially the children within the project; do they still meet the conditions. 'OVC project' stands for 'Orphans and Vulnerable Children' project. The status (half) orphan will not change during the project but the situation in which the family lives can improve via for example job creation or (extra) income or sponsoring via other programs. In this way children will leave the project while newcomers join.

## Saving accounts for the children

The community committee requested to change the budget for the flour and oil gift for the holidays into a budget at the saving account of each kid. An interesting suggestion to support an (independent) future of the children. The first children received their account and the first bank transfers are made. The project accountant supervises the accounts and when the kids turn 18, they will take the ownership of the account.





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## School uniforms

Last month the children received new school uniforms, as well as pens, pencils, erasers and notebooks to make a fresh start in the new year.

## Planned projects:

- Purchase of library books
- Renovation of houses in close cooperation with the community project committee
- Purchase of music instruments



If you are interested to support the Koka project, do not hesitate to contact Hilde or Marijke. Together we can discuss about the possibilities, your preferences and (practical) appointments.

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