



Koka Children Project



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Dear reader,

First of all we hope you enjoyed your Christmas days and we want to wish you a very happy New Year. We are happy to send you the first newsletter of the SAEDO Children Project in Koka, Ethiopia. The aim of this newsletter is to tell you more about the project, what it does, for whom the project is established, and how you can support these children and families in Koka.

Together with the general manager of the SAEDO project, Mr. Ararsa, we are working on the visibility of the project and looking forward to your support!

General and background information

- The project is set up in 2007 by Florensis Ethiopia PLC, Red Fox Ethiopia PLC (now operating under the name Dümme Orange), and Syngenta Ethiopia Cuttings. All three companies are located close to Koka.
- The current agent of the project, the NGO called Social And Environmental Development Organization (SAEDO), is an association of these flower farms as well as volunteers. The organizational structure of SAEDO results in low back office costs and the major part of the budget is used within the programs.
- In the village Koka and its surroundings, the project is focusing on children who lost their parents due to AIDS or other diseases and who are struggling to survive.
- The orphans are raised in families in Koka. Currently there are 102 children in the project. The children are carefully selected and screened by SAEDO, and they are between 4 and 15 years old.
- For 2017 there are plans for further extension.

There are several programs and projects:

- Educational support (uniforms, school materials and performance support)
- Nutritional support (provision of basic food like cooking oil and flour)
- Medical support (visit social workers and financial support for health care)
- Personal hygiene (body and clothes)
- Income generating activities (agricultural activities, bread and injera bakery)
- Establishment of a Child Centre
- Support Koka Ejersa High school and preparatory school

How to sponsor?

Sponsoring can be done by:

1. Sponsoring an individual child:

To give you an idea about the budget needed to sponsor a child for a year:

Educational support: € 25,00 per year

Nutritional support: € 200,00 per year

Personal hygiene: € 7,00 per year

One child is fully supported for only € 20,00 a month!



2. Sponsoring a program or special projects:

There are always several projects to be financed, like a playground for the children, the building of the Child Centre, provision of extra personal hygiene items or rebuilding some family houses.



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If you would like to sponsor the Koka project, you can contact Hilde or Marijke, and we can further discuss the options, your preferences and make practical arrangements.

Contact information for international sponsors:

Hilde Duns: [redacted]

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Project coordinator SAEDO:

Mr Nemewak Ararsa [redacted]

Highlights and results 2016

In 2016 SAEDO started with building the first part of the Child Centre. This Child Centre will be located close to the elementary school in Koka.



A temporary kitchen was realized and the kitchen is equipped with all kitchen materials (cookers, fridge, tables, chairs, plates, cutlery, pots and pans etc). Staff is hired to cook meals for the children. All children participating in the project will receive breakfast and lunch from this kitchen. The kitchen and dining area are separated from the school, so the children can also be



in this area before and after school times. Next to the kitchen a water tanker is installed. A few weeks later SAEDO also installed a water tanker at the elementary school, so all pupils (approximately 1.200) and teachers from the school have access to drinking water as well. The maintenance of the water pipes will be taken care of by SAEDO.

In summer, all school furniture (desks) was repaired and painted.



The construction of a toilet for the teachers at the elementary school started.

New classrooms were built at Koka Ejersa High school and preparatory school.





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Several houses of foster families were damaged, due to rain or wear and tear, and SAEDO supported these families with the repair or rebuilding of their houses.

There was also continuous support for the 75 children with food, clothes and shoes and education and medical help. In October, SAEDO provided the children with clothes, school materials, flour and cooking oil.

Plans for 2017

- Opening of the Child Centre including:
 - Kitchen and dining room
 - Clinic and breastfeeding centre (including nurse)
 - Bathroom
 - Study room
 - Playground
- Increase the number of children within the project
- Support in learning and making homework (tutorial classes)
- Provide budget for children with special medical needs (HIV, epilepsy etc)
- Provide sanitation materials (soap for body and clothes)
- Family support on child raising issues
- Maintenance of the family houses
- Excursion day for the children

