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Dear reader,

The last newsletter of the OVC Koka project in Ethiopia dates from 2021. Time to send a new update. In July 2021, we set up Desta Foundation to be able to organize sponsorship activities and donations from Europe better and in a more professional way.

The board of the foundation consists of:

- Michel Zevenbergen, chairman
- Erick Westerman, treasurer
- Joanne van der Schee, secretary
- Robert van Kints, general board member
- Marijke Westerman, communication

In a next newsletter the board members will introduce themselves in more detail.

Our foundation has its own website (in English and Dutch), www.stichtingdesta.nl, where you can read more about the OVC Koka project.

The foundation has its own bank account: NL85 RABO 0377 2837 11, at the name of Stichting Desta. From now on we prefer to receive the donations on this bank account, stating 'OVC project Koka'.

The Desta Foundation currently sponsors:

- 36 children in Phase I with a contribution for two meals a day, school materials, medical and social care
- 40 children in Phase II who receive support in their education and in learning practical skills
- Tutorial classes
- Food support to the families during Ethiopian holidays (three times a year)
- Incidental projects, such as renovation of houses, purchase of library books, clothes and shoes



An update from Koka

In Ethiopia, the three cutting farms Florensis, DümmeOrange and Syngenta have appointed a new CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Manager. As one of his tasks, this manager will be closely involved in the OVC Koka project. We see this as a good development. We will be in frequent contact with him and the project staff about new projects and the progress and results of the ongoing activities.

We welcome new donors to sponsor more children in Phase I. It would be great if we can increase the group of supported children. Sponsoring a child in Phase I costs 20 euro per child per month.

Incidental donations are also very welcome, we spend these donations on one of the special projects. For more information, please contact us by email: contact@stichtingdesta.nl.

In a next newsletter we will provide a more extensive update on the activities and results of the OVC Koka project.

Kind regards, on behalf of the board of Desta Foundation

Marijke Westerman