

# STAHILI FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2014



#### Dear Friends,

Education is the key to unlocking a child's potential. In 2014, Stahili implemented projects to empower children affected by exploitation, forced labour, poverty and abuse by giving them the gift of full-time education In turn, we also supported and empowered their communities. We substantially scaled-up our activities in one region of rural Kenya, doubling the number of children and families we assist. Children who were facing a bleak future in an exploitative orphanage are now looking ahead to the brighter prospects made possible by education, thanks to Stahili's grass-roots work in Kenya.

In 2014, Stahili enabled and actively supported the education of 33 children. We protected them from exploitation, facilitated access to educational opportunities, and provided them with the tools they need to succeed. This year, Stahili students numbered among the top 10% in their national high school entrance exams. We also supported families and guardians with food and hygiene supplies, enabling families to fulfill their responsibilities towards their children and give them a life they deserve. As a result of the support of generous donors, more than 90 people benefited from Stahili's support.

We are growing leaps and bounds. Stahili grew its volunteer network and launched its new website to engage people in responsible donating to create positive change in communities through education. Thanks to the generous support of donors around the globe, we more than doubled our funding. There is however much to be done to continue this success story and give more vulnerable and exploited children the long-term prospects that they deserve.

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# STAHILI FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

Since our establishment, Stahili has made a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable and exploited children in rural Kenya. Children in our programme learn, enjoy family and community life, play, and develop.



## LASTING IMPACT

Together with families and local leaders, Stahili is bringing long-lasting and self-sustaining solutions to communities in Kenya. Education is the most powerful and long-lasting tool we can give a child.



We believe that every child has the right to fulfill his or her potential and that no child should be exploited. Together with volunteers worldwide we can bring bright futures to children and break cycles of poverty that plague the communities in which we work.



We aim to make a lasting impact by protecting children from exploitation, reunifying them with family and providing education through post-secondary school as well as all the tools they need to succeed.

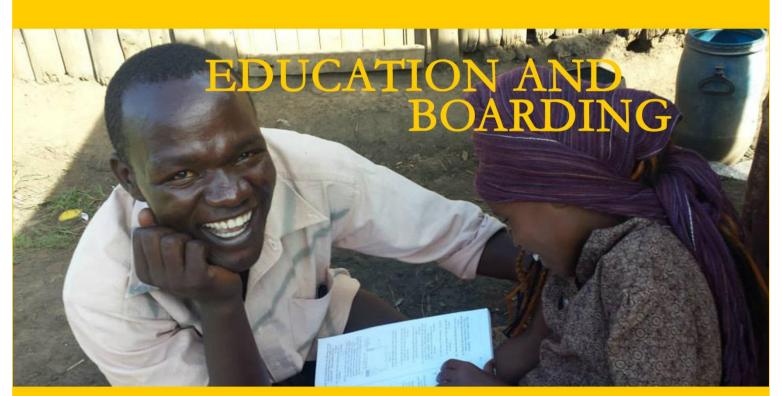


It is our hope and dream to reach as many children as possible. By engaging volunteers worldwide and collaborating with like-minded organizations, we can continue to reach more children.



#### **OUR IMPACT IN 2014**

In 2014, more than 33 children actively participated in activities implemented by Stahili in rural Kenya. Stahili supported the children with education and the tools they need to learn, grow and play. We protected them from exploitation, provided education, healthcare and food, and connected them with family and community. In doing so, we empowered the children to participate in decisions affecting their lives and saw our students flourish, both personally and academically. We also supported families and community members with food, hygiene and sanitation. In close coordination with our volunteer network around the world, we continued to enjoy the services of our dedicated Field Director in Kenya, Onesmus Muiruri who maintains a close daily relationship with the children and their schools.



'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world''
- Nelson Mandela

Education is an integral part of Stahili's vision to see a world without child exploitation and poverty. In 2014, Stahili provided tuition for 33 students from primary to post-secondary school and boarding for 29 of those students. This year, Stahili students numbered among the top 10% for their age group in the country in recent entrance exam scores.

#### 34,650 SCHOOL HOURS

Stahili also provided students with all of the tools and resources they need, from school bags to pencils and haircuts. This year, Stahili provided two school uniforms to 9 new students and replaced uniforms for 15 children. 33 pairs of school shoes were purchased, 75 pairs of school socks, and 18 mattresses.

#### 600 HOURS EXTRA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

'Education starts with one child but can change the world'

Family and community give children a sense of belonging'

We also mobilized support when circumstances changed for one family and provided shelter assistance and mattresses.

# **FAMILY**

Family is at the heart of Stahili's work. In 2014, Stahili kept 30 children who once lived in an orphanage together with their families. As part of that commitment, Stahili also welcomed two siblings of children already in the programme.



# COMMUNITY

'Community involvement is key to sustainable development'



Stahili empowers the community to create positive change. Connecting local community stakeholders and donors is an integral part of our vision. This year, Stahili launched Project Engage – a locally-driven project facilitated by Stahili to connect local community with vulnerable children.

This year, Project Engage supported a local field trip for 27 students, welcomed two students into the programme, and mobilized education, food, medical, and hygiene support. With local support, we also rebuilt the roof of one home ahead of the rainy season.

# FOOD AND NUTRITION

Stahili supports children with food all year round, both while they are in school and at home.

This year we provided an additional 5,000 kg of food to support the children and their families, benefiting more than 60 members of the community.





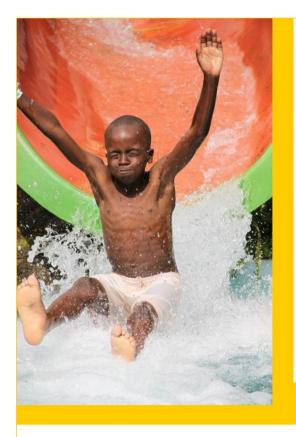
'Healthy children are less likely to drop out of school and succeed'

# HEALTH AND HYGIENE



Stahili provided all its students with medical check-ups, and medication and other health support throughout the year, including dental visits and one surgery. In addition, Stahili mobilized life-saving support to 2 children impacted by HIV and provided a pair of glasses to a child with visual impairments.

Sanitation and hygiene is important to prevent disease. Stahili mobilized hygiene support to the children and their families. Stahili provided 396 bars of soap, 132 toothbrushes and toothpaste and other important hygiene items. We also provided sanitary napkins which increase the chances of girls staying in school.



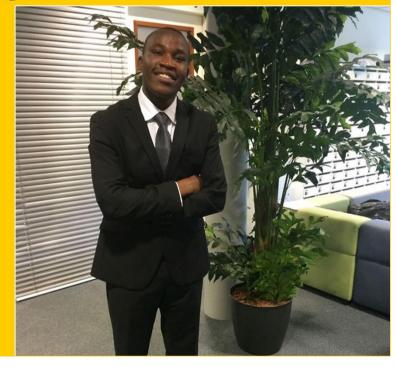
# RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



'Learning doesn't end in the classroom'

In 2014, Stahili supported the children in the programme with two educational and cultural trips in Kenya.

It was also a big year for the first child rescued by Stahili who boarded his first flight and participated in the Model United Nations at the International School of The Hague (MUNISH) thanks to the generous support of the ISH.



### PARTNERSHIPS AND MAJOR SUPPORTERS

Stahili is thankful to generous partners who continue to support us and the children.



In 2014, Stahili and WWB Ticino continued to work together to bring critical support to vulnerable and exploited children in rural Kenya. WWB Ticino continues to be a pillar of Stahili Foundation.

We were also proud to partner with the International School of the Hague in a long-term sustainable partnership. The Stahili-ISH partnership not only supports students in Kenya but engages high school students in the Hague and empowers them to be change-makers.





Stahili was invited to participate in the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth into the Global Partnership for Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. As part of this partnership, Stahili played an important role in advocating for the right to education, in particular raising our voices for orphans around the world.

The American Women's Club played a large part in our success in 2014. We are thankful for their continued support and the love they have shown the kids.





#### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITY

No donation is too small and every donation makes a difference, especially because Stahili is volunteer-driven and has few operating overheads. Stahili is committed to maximizing the impact of your donation towards our shared mission of giving children a life that they deserve.

In 2014

---- 93 cents ----

from
every dollar raised
went directly to
our programme and
children

leaving operating, administrative and other costs at

7 %



#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2014	2013
REVENUE <sup>1</sup> Income and Fundraising	\$39,141.40 \$37,815.23 <sup>2</sup> \$1,302.00	<b>\$18,129.39</b> \$18,127.68
Inventory Sales <sup>3</sup> Interest Income	\$1,302.00 \$24.17	\$1.71
Project Activities Fees, operating expenses, Professional services and	\$30,648.17 \$28,061.94 \$1,773.77	<b>\$7,895.66</b> \$7,384.69 \$510.97
fundraising costs		

**SURPLUS** 

\$19,029.66

\$10,519.73

(1 EUR = 1.1083 USD).

<sup>1</sup> The revenue indicated does not include the value of donations received in kind. In 2014, Stahili received \$3,877.62 of donations in kind. This amount represents flights and hotels donated in kind to support project operations in Kenya. It also includes one flight to the Netherlands purchased for Stahili's oldest student and first child rescued for his participation in MUNISH.

<sup>2</sup> The amount raised of 21,022.75 Euro was raised in the Netherlands in 2014. The number indicated is based on the rate of exchange as of 4 March 2015 (1 EUR = 1.10729 USD). Revenue in the US: \$12,863.22 USD. It is to be noted that the amount of 3,335.50 Euro (USD \$3,692.69) was recorded in 2013 but received in 2014. \$3,000 USD was also paid directly from a donor for school tuition and not deposited in Stahili's account.

<sup>3</sup> Sale of jewelry and other artisan work from Kenya.

<sup>4</sup> These include all banking costs, professional services including web design, printing of promotional materials and other fundraising expenses. Costs in the Netherlands for 2015 amounted to \$493.47 which is based on the rate of exchange as of 4 March 2015



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