



## **Annual Report 2023**

This year marked significant progress in the establishment and development of our family foundation.

In the early days, when we were still going around with the proverbial collection box, we could count on the unconditional support and trust of some highly valued people within our immediate circle. We are now focusing on expanding our reach, increasing our visibility, and attracting a wider audience. This motivates us to embrace various strategies for fundraising, such as building a website and creating videos for social media.

We have been actively involved in developing the website this year, aiming for a more concrete and cohesive presentation of our story. At the same time, we have commenced fundraising through email, which has already led to the first donations!

Creating the website proves to be a challenge, as we aim to convey the special feeling from our hearts: the intention to give and help others. We experience the paradox that in the world of fundraising we sometimes have to 'get' in order to 'give'. We are having conversations with different people to determine how we can effectively deliver our message to garner support for our cause.

It is still somewhat unfamiliar for us to present our work as a kind of 'product', but this process forces us to become increasingly clear about the goals we want to achieve and the requirements for this, which makes everything more tangible. By doing this together with the communities in Africa, we not only have enjoyable encounters and meetings, but it also becomes clear that the people there are well aware of their goals and the changes they wish to bring about.

### **Thanks to donations over the past year, we have:**

- built three toilet facilities in three different villages in the slums of Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya. Each toilet facility consists of four to five toilets and a washroom for girls and women, alleviating the need in an area where 200 people share one toilet.
- sponsored 50 young children between the ages of four and six, from the traditional community of Sakut in the Kenyan interior, to attend school. These are the most vulnerable children of the community, often from single-parent households and/or malnourished. They now attend school six days a week, where they receive two nutritious meals a day and learn to read, write, and calculate.

### **From our own resources, the Auriga family has:**

- Provided food aid to the Saint Juliette School in Kibera. This school is entirely run by volunteers and is intended for the care of orphaned and street children. There are over 100,000 orphaned children in Kibera due to many parents dying at a young age from illnesses like AIDS.
- Supplied educational resources to the school the children of Sakut attend.
- Offered food aid to the community of Sakut and neighbouring communities.
- Distributed food aid and blankets to traditional communities in the interior of Tanzania.

We have also delved deeper into the traditional community of Losimingori, in the dry and arid interior of Tanzania. Losimingori consists of more than 100 villages. Climate change is causing livestock to die and crops to wither. People are hungry and desperate.

### **Objectives for 2024:**

- Provide more villages in Kibera with toilets and washrooms.
- Continue supporting the 50 children from Sakut for another year.
- Enable the 50 most vulnerable children in Losimingori to attend school.
- Spend more time on location.
- Explore with and through community members how to transition from temporary aid to long-term solutions.
- Develop a more holistic approach to the projects.
- Launch the website.

## **Vision and dedication**

Over the past year, as a small family foundation (with a growing number of dedicated volunteers), we have followed our hearts and dedicated ourselves to communities in need. We have seen how far a euro can go!

We have learned many new things, received support and generosity, but at times, unexpectedly, had to defend our motivation. It is understandable, that sometimes there are perceived biases that can prevail in discussions on humanitarian aid, especially from perspectives not directly experienced on-site. However, it is essential to understand the full context, and consider diverse viewpoints before drawing conclusions about the impact and value of humanitarian efforts.

It is essential to emphasize that the reality of those in need is far from what is perceived as "normal" at home. In areas where people live in tiny huts without sanitation or clean water, and struggle daily with diseases and poverty, any form of help and support is greatly appreciated. It is sometimes difficult to truly comprehend how vulnerable and urgent the needs are in those areas, and how poignant it is that many people lack the means or opportunities to improve their situation. It is difficult to imagine how some situations are nearly impossible for people to improve on their own.

We aim to bring positive changes in a modest way. It is also important to emphasize that we do not pretend to bring about major changes, or transform the lives of many. This year we have, with passion and dedication, held on to our sincere intentions and determination to help wherever we can. Our projects do not change the world, but they do make a world of difference to those who desperately need our support.