

Activity report

2021

Our projects in Africa

Human Rights' education and promotion in the slum of Korogocho



Objective: A self-sustainable Human Rights network is up and running in Korogocho. Its members are committed to and have all necessary skills for the promotion of human rights and social transformation in Korogocho.

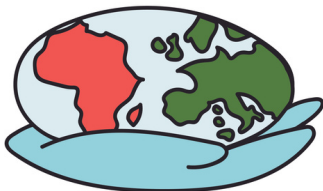
44,342 beneficiaries

Local partners: Comboni Missionaries and Tangaza University

Supported by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Directorate of Development Cooperation (MAEE)



In March our partner schools' Human Rights Clubs organized clean-up exercises of their neighbourhood in partnership with local authorities. The HR clubs wanted to address the problem of waste in the slum and work on the right to a clean and healthy environment. Five clean-up activities and two tree planting activities were organized by the clubs. More than 300 participants were involved. The communities of Korogocho, Kariobangi and Mathare, with a population of approximately 250,000, have been sensitized to responsible waste disposal.



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During these activities, members of the HR clubs raised public awareness through performances such as poems, songs, skits, dances. They also presented requests to the local authorities on issues related to the environment and human rights.

We provided our partner school, Emmaus Educational Centre, with 45 lockers, 45 chairs, 10 boxes of chalk and 419 textbooks to support quality education in the slum of Korogocho.

Our local team organized an Essay Competition on Human Rights among the 5 partner schools of our project. We received 162 submissions (articles, poems and drawings) which were assessed by an independent jury. The winning students received prizes as Human Rights champions.

In December the first edition of the human rights magazine titled "My Rights" was published and 3,000 copies have been distributed by the Human Rights Club members to their communities.



Field visit:

In October, Josiane and Roberto made a field visit to meet local partners and beneficiaries of the project.

The local team together with the students of the Diploma in Civic Development and Education (Tangaza University) and Human Rights Clubs members organized a Human Rights Festival in St. Johns Centre (Korogocho) attended by 300 participants.

We could really experience the success of the Human Rights clubs when we visited the 5 partner schools and their 200 students active in human rights' promotion.



Finally, we visited the professional training centre for street youths in Kibiko (Ngong) that we had built in 2019. The center is beautiful and perfectly running. It has a lot of success in taking new students. This year they have 40 students, 60% of whom are from the rehabilitation center of Napenda Kuishi Trust and 40% are external (these ones pay full fees hence guaranteeing the financial sustainability of the center). The center is now recognized by the government as an official exam center. They built an additional workshop for mechanics. Therefore, now the professional training courses offered by the center are: Masonry, Carpentry, Welding, Plumbing, Electrical and Mechanics. They are now building an additional two-storey building (same size as the existing one) to host more classrooms. Next year, they should have 60 students. We had a meeting with the students from the center who also showed us the workshops in action. This center is a success as, two years after the project ended, the center is not only running but it is further developing.

We also visited the Napenda Kuishi Trust rehabilitation centre next to the vocational training centre. The boys who are undergoing a period of rehabilitation at this centre gave us a very warm welcome and performed songs and dances.



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Empowering women in Karamoja (Uganda)

Eliminating extreme poverty through a multi-sectoral strategy:

⇒ Literacy

⇒ Food security

⇒ Community savings and loans programme (VSLA)

⇒ Mentoring programme

4 villages - 513 direct beneficiaries

Local partner: Comboni missionaries

Supported by MAEE



All components of the project (literacy, VSLAs, agriculture and group dynamics) have led to a great success. The lives of the beneficiaries and their families have truly improved thanks to the project.



We met with Sr Emma, headmistress of the Kangole Girls Primary School.

We then proceeded to visit the four villages where we met the beneficiaries, these villages are: Kalokengel, Kautakou, Naowekorot and Kangole.



In October we organised a field visit to Karamoja. Our team consisted of Coumba, Roberto, Alfonso, Saphy and Josiane.

At a meeting in Kangole with the local project team (John Bosco, Br. Michael and Sr. Elizabeth), we reviewed the results of the project.



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Awass Rokia is the president of the women's group in this village. She was also elected general Chairwoman for the four villages.



During all these meetings, we were surprised by the many positive reactions of the women beneficiaries. They all stressed that their lives had changed for the better. They all requested that we continue the programme. Particularly, all four groups of women requested that we add English classes to the literacy programme. This shows the positive impact of the project on the lives of these women.



In December, an external evaluation of our project was completed. When we started the project two years ago, malnutrition was rampant in the four villages we partnered with: 9 out of 10 families consumed only one meal a day, and six children out of ten were malnourished. Today, after two years, 93% of the households consume at least two meals a day, and 91% of the children are well nourished. "As a result of the economic empowerment, some respondents have become breadwinners, especially women in their families." (Evaluation Report). "We have learnt and gained skills in agriculture, especially in growing vegetables and other crops, and as a group this has provided us with extra income and food for our families, we and our children are now very healthy because of eating our own locally cultivated food" (a woman from Kangole village).



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Improving hygiene and sanitation in Matany villages (Karamoja, Uganda)

- Providing access to hygiene and sanitation
- Carrying out awareness-raising activities for local communities
- Training of local health personnel

24,000 beneficiaries

Local partner: Matany Hospital (MH)

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In January, our second project in Uganda started after its approval by MAEE.



In Matany Sub-County, 8 out of 10 households do not have access to a toilet. As a result, open defecation is common and contributes to a high prevalence of communicable diseases (cholera, diarrhea, scabies).



In partnership with Matany Hospital, we provide a hygiene, sanitation and primary health care program:

- awareness-raising campaigns on hygiene and sanitation;



- construction of ventilated pit latrines to stop open defecation and reduce communicable diseases;
- provision of sanitary towels for rural girls;
- professional training for nurses and midwives;
- provision of primary health care to out-of-reach rural villages through Village Health Teams (VHT) and mobile clinics.



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In 2021, thanks to our project, thousands of patients living far away from health institutions have been treated :

Children treated by VHTs in hard-to-reach areas	
(malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea):	1,458
Mobile clinics:	
Children's vaccination	678
Children's deworming	2,286
Children screened for malnutrition	3,364
Children who received vitamin A	1,375
Girls' vaccination (Human papilloma vaccine)	797
Women's Tetanus vaccination	2,008
Pregnant women (Comprehensive Antenatal Care)	462
Eye care	87
HIV counseling and testing	18
Patients treated for different diseases	2,116
Patients with complications referred to Hospital	27
Total	14,676



We have built 60 pit latrines for poor communities with no access to toilets.

All of the planned 2,000 reusable sanitary towels have already been produced. 168 schoolgirls have received four towels each, and they have been trained in hygiene and sanitation.

At Matany Hospital, the professional training of 4 nurses, 4 midwives, 1 plumber, 1 mason and 1 carpenter have started.

Finally, 40 villages have been sensitized on hygiene and sanitation through information and education materials and community dialogue meetings.



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Improving maternal and infant health services in Napak District (Uganda)

- An improved access to maternal and infant health services in the District through free ambulance service and mobile clinics
- Obstetric emergency services and maternity ward at MH benefit from improved access and guaranteed 24 hours' electricity coverage
- An increase in the number of professionally trained nurses and midwives in the District

25,610 beneficiaries



Local partner: Matany Hospital (MH)

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In September, our third project in Uganda started after its approval by MAEE.

Many villages in the region of Karamoja are far from hospitals and health centres. As a result, the maternal mortality rate is very high: 588 per 100,000 (against 5 per 100,000 in Luxembourg) and the infant mortality rate is 102 per 1,000 live births (against 1.5 per 1,000 live births in Luxembourg).

In partnership with Matany Hospital, we provide maternal and infant health services:

- support to the maternity ward and emergency obstetric interventions at Matany Hospital;
- provision of ante-natal and post-natal care in out-of-reach villages;
- an ambulance service for emergency maternity calls;
- professional training for 20 nurses and midwives.



The following are Matany Hospital's interventions in the first four months of our project:

Indicators	
Obstetric and neonatal ambulance calls	289
Admissions in maternity ward	977
Deliveries	556
Caesarean sections	174
Maternal deaths	0
Stillbirths & early neonatal deaths	19

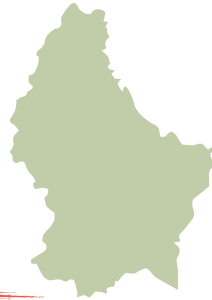


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Our projects in Luxembourg



Jouer la Connexion

Integration journey between young refugees, migrants and residents through sport and art.

Establish a network of school-aged young people (12-19) from different countries (refugees, residents, migrants) who support each other by exchanging information and sharing experiences

Raising awareness on the issue of integration among the inhabitants of the communities where the youth live

About 80 beneficiaries (30% refugees, 70% school students)

Supported by the Ministry of Family of Luxembourg



The second part of the Ukulele workshop with 7 participants took place. A young volunteer, a conservatory student, taught the young people the basics of the ukulele. Playing together several pieces of music was a very useful tool to overcome language barriers and interact in a light and fun way.



The last 4 autobiographical Writing workshop meetings took place. Following requests from the participants, we have added a few more meetings to those planned. The young people produced one or more autobiographical writings based on the incipits and/or suggestions given. In this way, they were able to get to know each other and realise that there are universal emotional experiences that unite us.

We organised different visits: "World Press Photo" photo exhibition at Neumünster Abbey; "Land Rush" photo and video exhibition at the Centre national de l'audiovisuel in Dudelange and visit to the "Quartier Italie"; "The Family of Man" exhibition at Clervaux Castle and Hike in the Mullerthal.

The visits were appreciated by the young people and allowed some of them to discover the country, to integrate into the group and to discover the project and its other proposals.



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Our running group participated in a competitive 10 km race organised by Natur & Umwelt.

21 young people took part in the "On parle Français" activity. The refugees had the opportunity to converse with native speakers and students who were very strong in French about: their culture of origin, life in Luxembourg, hobbies, sports, etc. The group was led by the JLC educator, but there was plenty of room for the young people's initiatives and proposals. This activity showed us the way forward for our future integration activities.

In June we organised the JLC Party with more than 50 participants. During the party, we displayed a photo exhibition depicting the most significant moments of the initiative and showed a video describing the importance and beauty of the integration activities.



The atmosphere during the Summer activities was very positive, there was a lot of interaction and exchange between the 32 participants. Some of the activities were complex such as canoeing or climbing; the group developed cooperation, solidarity and a sense of well-being.



For the first time we had a complete family among our participants. This family, who had only been in the country for a few months, really appreciated the opportunity to get to know "the Luxembourgish family".

The JLC summer activities were planned following the extension of the project by one and a half months. The opportunity was taken to offer the project participants sports activities, which were finally more accessible, given the easing of health restrictions and the possibility of practising outdoor activities and discovering Luxembourg. We proposed the following activities: Beach-volley, visit to the Robbesscheier farm, Canoe and kayak trip on the Haute Sure lake, Climbing course at the youth hostel in Echternach, Hiking from Goebelsmuehle to Michelau with a barbecue with a Luxembourgish family and Honey harvest in Neihaischen.

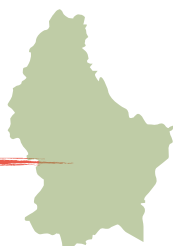


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Jouer la Connexion en Tandems



Objective: To create social relations and integration activities between young refugees and unaccompanied minors (MNA) and young people living in Luxembourg.

100 beneficiaries

Supported by Œuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte



In September our project “Jouer la Connexion en Tandems” (JLCT) started. The idea of JLCT arose from the needs raised by the young people we worked with in our previous initiative: to learn languages, to resume their schooling and to socialise with young peers.



From mid-October until the end of the year, the first module of our Tandems activities took place.

A group of about 15 young people met once a week in Luxembourg City and, divided into pairs consisting of a young refugee and a secondary school student, studied Luxembourgish, French and mathematics.

The activity has been and continues to be very successful.



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In November, during the school holiday week, we offered the young people involved in our project a cooking workshop. The workshop lasted five days and took place on the premises of the Maison des jeunes (MdJ) in Mamer. Two cooks held the workshop, a Ukrainian cook and a Syrian cook.

The workshop was an opportunity for the young people to discover recipes from different countries and to test themselves as cooks.

Twenty-five young people participated in the activity, some involved in the JLCT project and others who regularly attend the Maison des jeunes.

The workshop was also an opportunity for our young people to discover the MdJ, which is a place for their age where they can find other young people to socialise and do activities with.



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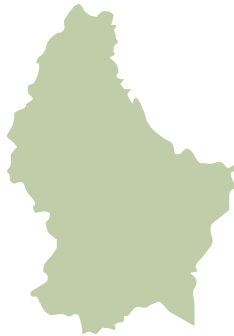
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North-South: a right for me, a right for you, an awareness-raising project

- Developing an interactive exhibition on human rights
- Raising awareness among children, young people and adults about human rights in the South
- Training student leaders

1,370 beneficiaries

Supported by MAEE



During the year 2021, our Global Citizenship Education project had a new dynamism.

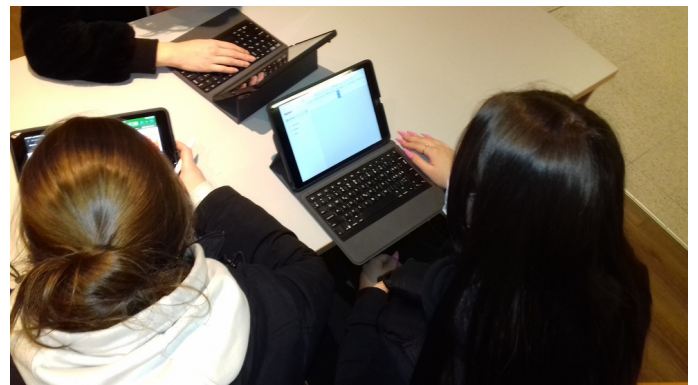
Indeed, due to sanitary measures, we could not organise large exhibitions or events in high schools. We therefore contacted teachers who wanted a workshop for their classes. These interventions, organised under a more flexible sanitary regime, allowed us to adapt to the needs expressed by the teachers (adaptation to the content dealt with in class, to the desired language, to the logistics, etc.).



A great opportunity was to prepare for the first time a training course for teachers (train the trainer) and to respond to the request of the Josy Barthel High School in Mamer, which wished to acquire the skills to manage class projects internally in order to avoid external people entering their structure during a pandemic. This allowed us to start a new activity (training of adult multipliers) with a new partner (Institut de formation de l'éducation nationale - IFEN) and a new type of beneficiary (teachers).



On a regular basis we presented our educational material to young volunteers of the association. During such an exchange workshop, we had the idea of making activity sheets to make our workshops even more participative.



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In November, we were able to have a visit from a representative from the South, Dr. John Bosco Nsubuga, medical director of Matany Hospital.

Together with Dr. John Bosco, we organised:

1) 6 conferences/exchanges in the high schools which allowed a new light on the Sustainable Development Goals 3 "Good health and well-being" and 6 "Clean water and sanitation" in a North-South perspective.

2) Two very rich conferences on the right to health and the right to sanitation in the Karamoja region of Uganda which were followed with great interest by an adult audience.

In total, 343 young people and 135 adults benefited from the presence of Dr. John Bosco in Luxembourg.



This year, we placed special emphasis on the sustainability of our action by working in networks. At the international level, we followed trainings (CUAMM), webinars, and participated in group work (Announcing the Colour www.annoncerlacouleur.be). In Luxembourg, we are now part of the BNE platform and the GEDEV working group. We have also nurtured our partnership with the 18 schools we work with. Internally, we have exploited the synergies between our work on the integration of young refugees and our development education/awareness project. The experiences we gain from this collaboration allow us to enrich our workshops on the right to asylum.

11 young people sensitised (during our interventions in high schools in 2021) have become active as volunteers in our project for the integration of young refugees.

Our friend Alfonso, an expert in photography and film, accompanied us on our field visit to Uganda to enrich and develop the audio-visual material for our workshops.



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Miscellaneous

Even in 2021, we have invested in the ongoing education of our team through participation in webinars, conferences and training:

- A series of webinars on Human Rights defenders organised by the Cercle
- Tension Lines in Global Education - Annoncer la Couleur
- Teaching the complexity of the world - Annoncer la Couleur
- Monitoring & evaluation in educational and citizen mobilisation processes - Cercle
- Global health and international health cooperation - VIS/CUAMM Italy
- Asserting the human rights of the agricultural and peasant world - SOS Faim
- Training for tutors and leaders of SVC sending organisations - SNJ
- Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse 2 - Unicef
- The future of the unaccompanied child in Luxembourg - LFR (Lëtzebuurger Flüchtlingsrot / Collectif Réfugiés Luxembourg) and EMN Luxembourg (European Migration Network)
- GRESIL Groupe d'Échange et de Soutien en matière d'Intégration au niveau Local "Communes & associations: how to act for living together? - ASTI
- What's behind our clothes? - Caritas
- Prevention of gender-based and sexual violence - Cercle

In addition to numerous individual donors, we were able to count on the financial support of:

- Œuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte, which approved our integration project Jouer la Connexion en Tandems, and also decided to support our project Nord-Sud: un droit pour moi, un droit pour toi.
- NIF Foundation supports our project Empowering Women in Uganda.
- The Clearstream Charity Committee, NIF Foundation, Kael-Téiteng Hëlleft, City of Luxembourg and ICMSA support our Hygiene and Sanitation project.
- After a presentation of the work done in collaboration with the Matany Hospital by Dr John Bosco Nsubuga, the Rotary Club of Esch-sur-Alzette decided to support our projects in partnership with the Matany Hospital.
- Diddeleng Hëlleft and Actions sans Frontières are also honouring their commitment to the Human Rights Project in Nairobi this year.
- We also thank Niche Asset Management, the Commune of Béckerich and the International School of Luxembourg for their support.

Organisational evaluation by MAEE:

Every year MAEE evaluates some NGOs and this year it was our turn. It was a participatory process that allowed us to reflect on our work and present it to external experts. We came out of this process stronger because our work was appreciated by the evaluators, our relationship with MAEE was strengthened and, at the same time, the recommendations of the evaluation showed us the way forward to implement our strategy. Please find attached the executive summary of this evaluation.

In 2021, 4 regular Board meetings took place. The Annual General Meeting of North-South Cooperation was duly held on June 20th 2021.

In November, we celebrated our 10th anniversary!



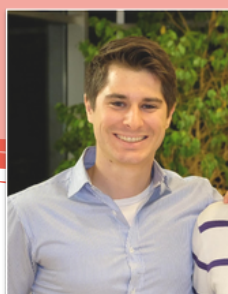
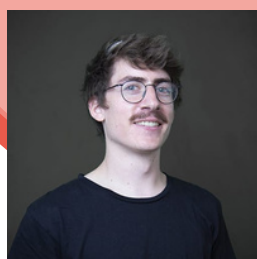
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