



# Saidia Kwale

— foundation —

**Supporting communities in Kwale, Kenya.**



*Annual Report 2022*

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## Preface

The year 2022 was the second full calendar year in which Foundation Saidia Kwale has been active. We are beginning to get to know both Bang'a and Kasemeni communities better and better each time, and over the past year we have really been able to help residents with impactful projects. Such as:

- The healthcare post in Kasemeni, the area where there was no care at all, is the biggest project of last year. The inauguration, also thanks to the government providing personnel and medicine, took place at the beginning of July. As expected, the care post meets a great demand and the population is extremely happy with it;
- In Bang'a, we have increased the size of the water basin considerably, so that there is now a water storage capacity of over 3,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water. This has greatly reduced dependence on the rainy season. The horticultural opportunities give about 25 families more food and income. There is water for domestic use and for the cows and goats to drink.
- Where last year we were able to build a dormitory for grade eight girls at the Primary School in Bang'a, a dormitory for boys has also been built in 2022.
- A large chicken project has been realized for Annetty Women Group. This will make the women's group largely financially independent.
- The meeting with the "governor" was also an important event. Good cooperation with the government is essential in various projects.

Looking back on 2022, we realize that, together with local people, we have been able to accomplish many wonderful and relevant things. It is also clear that much work remains to be done in 2023 and beyond. This is only possible with the contributions of our many large and small donors.

Therefore, on behalf of all residents of the communities Bang'a and Kasemeni, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed financially or otherwise to the work of our foundation in the past year. And of course we hope for continuation of these so successful cooperative relationships.

Miriam Bouwens  
President

## 1. Mission

The **mission** of Foundation Saidia Kwale is:

The mission of the Foundation is to improve the basic living conditions of some communities in Kwale county (county in southeastern Kenya). This by helping to improve self-reliance and living standards. The communities are currently Bang'a (subcounty Kinango) and Kasemeni (subcounty LungaLunga). Another community may eventually be added.

Priorities will be set in close cooperation with the local communities, as we are convinced that is a key success factor. Good community embedding is paramount for structural success.

This means that projects can be chosen in different functional areas, such as health care, education, water supply, micro-credit and agriculture.

Funds can come from general donations, donations for specific projects, offering knowledge or any other way that can help achieve the mission.

Fundraising will basically take place in the Netherlands, although foreign donations from known sources are not excluded. We will not accept cash donations.

## 2. Projects 2022

### 2.1 Finished projects

The following projects were completed or are in the completion phase by 2022. Of course, we will keep our finger on the pulse of the projects that have not yet been completed.

1. Dormitory for boys in Bang'a;
2. Water basin most vulnerable families in Bang'a;
3. Small-scale chicken farms Bang'a;
4. Kippenproject Annetty Women's Group in Bang'a;
5. Training Business Management in Bang'a en Kasemeni;
6. Healthcare post in Kasemeni;
7. Micro-credits in Kasemeni;
8. Watertanks Primary School Kasemeni.

Below is a brief explanation for each project.

#### **Ad 1 Dormitory for boys in Bang'a**

It is common for boys and girls in the highest grade of Primary school (grade 8) to spend the night at school. In 2021, a dormitory for the girls was commissioned for this purpose. Last year, a dormitory (including sanitary facilities, toilets and furnishings) for the boys was also realized. As of the new school year in January 2023, the boys will therefore also be able to spend the night at school in a comfortable and hygienic manner. This will certainly contribute to their school results.



The photo above was taken a few days before completion. The official opening will take place in the second half of February 2023 and will be performed by the 'governor' of Kwale county, Mrs. HE Fatuma Achani.

The project was financially made possible by the Quatfass Foundation.

#### **Ad 2 Waterbassin most vulnerable families in Bang'a**

Throughout Kenya and thus also in Kwale County, drought is increasingly a problem. Especially during the dry season, the (drinking) water supply for humans and animals and (small-scale) agriculture are under heavy pressure.

That is why we have had a water basin dug in Bang'a, with a storage capacity of 3,000 m<sup>3</sup>, on land made available free of charge. The basin contains a pump that pumps the water to a storage tank, powered by solar energy. From the tank, the water goes to three destinations: taps for domestic use, water troughs for cows and goats and a simple irrigation system for the adjacent garden.



In that garden, the 25 most vulnerable families in Bang'a have all been allocated a piece of land on which they can grow some vegetables, for their own use or to sell. The families are very happy; they have work, food and income.

Still on the wish list are the building of a shed for storage of tools, seeds and finished products and the construction of a paved road from the basin to the "big road".

### **Ad 3 Small-scale chicken farms Bang'a**

In 2021, we provided three groups of the most vulnerable families with the means to build small-scale chicken coops. We also contributed to the purchase of chicks and feed. The underlying goal is to contribute to economic empowerment, employment and food availability for these vulnerable families.

In 2022, it emerged that there were some problems around mutual cooperation within the groups. Also the technical knowledge to keep chickens turned out to be insufficient. We therefore helped them along the way with training and additional donations.

It is expected that it will continue to be necessary to support this project in 2023.



#### **Ad 4 Chickenproject Annetty Women's Group**

Annetty Women's Group is a group of sixteen women who set an example for other women in the area through their independence and entrepreneurial spirit. They are experienced in raising broiler chickens on a small scale. Due to an expected, rapidly growing demand for chicken meat, they had a desire to expand. Thanks to KS-Foundation, this wish has largely come true. Seven chicken houses have been built, with water supply and electricity, with each house capable of raising 300 broilers. Provision has also been made for the supply of chicks, feed and medicine, and several days of training, both technical and business.



#### **Ad 5 Training Business Management in Bang'a and Kasemeni**

We have now gained a lot of experience providing training in Business Management. In 2022, we provided a total of 12 days of training. The feedback from the participants is very positive and we are asked to provide additional training each time. We will continue to do so in 2023, as the need for knowledge and skills around entrepreneurship is great.

#### **Ad 6 Healthcare post in Kasemeni**

The one project in 2022 was the realization of a functioning care station. As early as 2020, it became clear that care was not available throughout the area at a distance of less than a day's walk. Obviously, this led to many unnecessary deaths. In 2021, we looked into what was needed to solve this. In consultation with and with technical support from the Ministry of Health and thanks to a large number of sponsors, we succeeded in building a health care post in Kasemeni.

The building was completed in July 2022 and was subsequently equipped with furniture, medical equipment and e.g. a laptop and printer. Water tanks installed and solar panels including batteries to have power also at night. A gate, guardhouse and parking lot have been added. Plans to build a fence had to be changed at the last minute. An all-stone fence was needed (as opposed to the previously planned "fencing") for protection from elephants in search of water and food.



The ministry provides medication and a nurse. Because of the large backlog of care, we have funded an additional nurse for a period of six months.

Discussions with the ministry are ongoing regarding the promised appointment of additional staff and construction of housing for the staff. Funding for an additional delivery room will come next.

In early July, the care center was put into operation: a large number of patients are treated daily. And dozens of babies have been born since its inception. The picture below shows the very first baby, a Masai boy. In the month of December, eight healthy babies were born and no deaths.





Important sponsors for the healthcare post were Stichting 't Groenland, the Quatfass Foundation, Flow Traders Foundation, Rotary Amersfoort and Stichting Wilde ganzen.

The official opening will be performed in the second half of February 2023 by the governor of Kwale county, Mrs. HE Fatuma Achani.

### **Ad 7: Micro-credit in Kasemeni**

Women's groups are active in both Bang'a and Kasemeni. They meet weekly to discuss their challenges and try to help each other. They also deposit a small contribution each week in a treasury. With this they make it possible for loans to be given to the participants in order to use them to start small businesses or make additional investments. Thanks to a sponsor, we were able to donate to 14 groups with a total of 146 women participating. It remains on our wish list to be able to provide a larger donation to these women to also contribute in this way to strengthen the economy and empower women, who play such an important role in their communities.



### **Ad 8: Watertanks Primary School Kasemeni**

In 2021, we began a project at Kasemeni Primary School to reduce dependence on rainwater and to have water always available for the school children. With the help of the Dutch Flower Foundation and Wilde Ganzen Foundation, five water tanks of 10,000 liters each were installed and connected to the roofs of the classrooms through gutters and pipes. The tanks are fitted with a fence and a roof for protection from the sun. This project had started in 2021 and was completed in early 2022.

During the recent dry spell, the school had continuous water available to the children for the first time ever.



## 2.2 On-going projects

Most of the projects described in 2.1. have been completed or are in the completion phase. The following new projects have started:

- a. School furniture Primary School Kasemeni
- b. New Primary School in Mzuri
- c. IT education staff Kasemeni Primary School
- d. Peasproject Kasemeni

### Ad 1: School furniture Primary School Kasemeni

The children in the lower grades of Kasemeni Primary School sit on the floor during class because there is no school furniture. Thanks to the Mundo Crastino Meliori Foundation, this problem will soon be largely solved with furniture made by a local carpenter. We are still looking for a sponsor for part of the cost.



### **Ad 2: New Primary School in Mzuri**

The realization of an entirely new elementary school in Mzuri -a town three hours' walk from Kasemeni- is expected to be the big project of 2023. Preparations for this started in 2022. Agreements have been made with the Ministry of Education about the standards to be used, an architect has been assigned, a project manager has been appointed and two key members of the parents' council have taken a special course. A laptop was also purchased for them to make drawings, photos and other documents more accessible. More information about this project can be found in our 2023-2025 policy plan. The photo below was taken when the local project team went on site to take a look.



### **Ad 3: IT-education staff Kasemeni Primary School**

The quality of teachers is essential for good education. Increasing the knowledge and skills - both didactic and digital- of teachers is one of the objectives of the DEAN (Digital Education Network Africa).

Thanks to the financial support of our foundation, this organization started a two-year program for the teachers of Kasemeni Primary School. All participants also received a tablet. By special request, some parents from the parents' council are participating in the program. The children at school don't know what they see. Of course, they also get to try out what a tablet is.



**Ad 4: Peas project Kasemeni**

A small-scale pea project has been started with a group of five interested people. If proven successful, our foundation will continue to promote this form of small-scale farming.

### 3. Plans 2023 and beyond

A summary overview of the projects in 2023 and the funds needed, please find below. A detailed explanation can be found in our 2023-2025 Policy Plan.

Policyplan 2023-2025:				
	Bang'a		Kasemeni	
Primary School	Teachers room	€ 40.000	Back maintenance	€ 10.000
	Computerroom	€ 40.000	Kitchen	€ 10.000
	Fence	€ 20.000	Shade	€ 13.000
			Toilets	€ 30.000
			Teachers room	€ 45.000
			Dormitory girls	€ 40.000
			Dormitory boys	€ 40.000
			Computerroom	€ 45.000
			Fence	€ 25.000
Primary School Mzuri			Six classrooms	€ 85.000
			Toilets	€ 25.000
			Teachers room	€ 40.000
			Water/electricity	€ 10.000
Water	Storage barn	€ 10.000	Waterbassin	€ 40.000
	Road paving	€ 7.500		
Secondary School	Science room	€ 67.500		
Micro-credits		€ 3.000	Micro-credits	€ 3.000
Healthcare	Ambulance Bang'a	€ 10.000	Delivery room	€ 75.000
Agri/food	Kippenprojecten	€ 3.000	Peas project	€ 2.500
			Chicken projects	€ 3.000
			Goat project	€ 5.000
		€ 201.000		€ 546.500

## 4. Organisation

The board of the foundation consists of three people:

Miriam Bouwens, president;  
Minne Sijtsema, secretary;  
Hendrik Stegenga, treasurer.

In addition, two advisors are associated with the foundation, namely:  
Bernard Koeckhoven and Boudewijn Rip.

The website is maintained by Saskia van Bronkhorst.

None of the board members receive any remuneration for activities on behalf of the foundation. Travel and accommodation expenses incurred for trips to Kenya are reimbursed.

## 5. Annual financial report

During 2021 we achieved a turnover of just over € 85,000.- The figures for 2022 are as follows:

Statement of income and expenses for 2022:

<b>Financials 2022</b>			
In		Out	
Donations private	€ 16.600	Admin costs	€ 2.439
Donations Foundations	€ 250.370	Projects	€ 250.592
Loans	€ 20.000	Other costs	€ 6.095
		Delta buffer	€ 27.843
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 286.970</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 286.970</b>

Explanation of income:

Among other things, the board donated the travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the trips to Kenya and all administrative costs. Thus, 100% of all donations benefited projects as described in this annual report. Annetty Women Group's chicken project was made possible by a sponsor who provided part as a donation, another part as a loan. The loan has a term of five years, with no interest. We mirrored this loan to the women's group, with the default and currency risk resting with our Foundation.

Explanation of expenses:

The level of item Administration and other expenses is caused by banking costs, website costs and fundraising costs. Also, airline tickets for the new trip have already been purchased. So the overhead is now 3% on the total, would have been lower without advance payment. On projects we have been able to spend about €250,000, - which is five times more than in 2021. There is a considerable increase in the reserve. This is entirely earmarked for the new primary school in Mzuri.

The balance as of December 31, 2022 is:

<b>Balance per 31 dec 2022</b>			
Bank	€ 58.716	Destination reserve	€ 58.716
Loan	€ 20.000	Loan	€ 20.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 78.716</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 78.716</b>

All above amounts are in € (Euro).



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