



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020 SEEn Foundation

### Preface

Attached you will find the 2020 Annual Report of the SEEn Foundation. For more detailed explanation of various components, please refer to our website: <https://www.seen-foundation.nl/>

For an account of our financial management for 2020, we refer you to our Financial Annual Report 2020.

With this annual report we would like to inform you about the developments of our Foundation in the past year.

2020 was a special year. Namely the year in which our SEEn foundation was formally established and acquired the ANBI status. Also the year in which we were able to realize a number of initiatives together with our partners in Malawi, despite the Corona pandemic that soon made itself known. A year in which, due to the inconveniences and challenges of remote collaboration, we constantly reflected on “we are doing the right things and doing the right things well”. This has yielded valuable insights and learning experiences that will also be reflected in our 2021 annual plan.

Because we consider the cooperation with our partners in Malawi, in particular with Chief Christopher Mvula of the Nguwe Community from the Kasungu district, of great importance, Christopher's reflection on the past year runs as a “common thread” through this annual report. ).

We still have to say a big thank you to everyone who has advised and assisted us in the past year.

At first our partners “on the spot” in Malawi: Chief Christopher Mvula and the members of the Nguwe Community, Dilo van Commenee

and Hessel van Balen

(<https://12travelfafrica.com/nl/>)

, Sanne Bouwman from Cape Maclear, all members of our Facebook community (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/197128154837074>) and last but not least: the valued members of our Advisory Board: Michel ter Horst, Ton Kemkes, Toine Dam and Ad Schenkels

On behalf of the board of the SEEn Foundation

Ellen ter Horst  
Chairman

### How it all started

*“This is a progress report as well as a small history of how this school started. So many young children in my village could not go to school as the school is far that small children can not walk and get there. I and my brother sat down and agreed to start teaching children but under his tobacco shade as below. A meeting with parents was done and all agreed to it that it was a great idea so that when the children grow up they should be with school mind and possibly go further with education. We then asked Two school leavers who did Form 4 but had no job, to be teaching our children in the village. While doing my job at Mvuu camp in Liwonde National park, I came to meet Ellen who came as a visitor. We had a very good chat on education and community development. Ellen shared with me so many good ideas. With all those ideas I was empowered that I had to emphasize the same to the people of my village. We stayed in contact with Ellen and she started supporting my village community by founding the Foundation SEEn”*

( Christopher Mvula, Progress Report, January 2021)



### **Objective of the SEEn Foundation**

The SEEn Foundation, started as an ANBI foundation in the spring of 2020, initiates and develops, together with local communities, projects that are primarily aimed at education and entrepreneurship in disadvantaged areas; for the time being in Malawi.

These are often projects that aim to remove obstacles to the development of education and entrepreneurship. The support takes shape in various ways.

Based on the philosophy of the SEEn Foundation, we cooperate with and join local initiatives as much as possible. In addition to financial support, the support from the SEEn Foundation can consist of the contribution of knowledge and skills. Analogous to the principles of The Learning Journey Foundation of our member of the Advisory Board, Toine Dam, our foundation focuses on "OwnPowerment" of communities; OwnPowerment is a contraction of Empowerment and Ownership and expresses our aim to let people from the communities in Malawi own their development and support them in their own initiatives.

### **Projects in co creation with the Nguwe Community**

*"With the outbreak of corona, most of the things could not work accordingly. But despite that communication and support from the SEEn Foundation in Netherlands continued. People were advised to wash hands as one measure of preventing the spread and getting the virus. SEEn organised some funds which was sent for me to buy buckets for the people of my community. 150 buckets and soaps were bought and distributed to some villages around the community"*  
(Christopher Mvula, Progress Report, January 2021)

### **First Aid Corona**

In the spring of 2020, preparations were started together with the people of the Nguwe Community to build a (emergency) room, suitable to provide education to the children of the 38 families in the community. The Corona outbreak put this plan on hold. With support from our foundation, resources have been purchased for the Nguwe

Community to assist them in taking the necessary hygienic precautions.



### **Building a (school) -shelter**

*"This did not end there. More funds were sent to me to build up a proper shelter for the children. We then bought bricks and hired a skilled builder with the help of the community, the shelter was started. The shelter was quickly built as the people were so happy that there was that building for the children. With the proper shelter built up, the number of children grew up and that many of the parents who were not sending the children to this school got encouraged when they saw other children speaking English".*

( Christopher Mvula, Progress Report, January 2021)

As the Corona pandemic began to cast its shadow far ahead, the plan shifted from building a school (emergency) classroom together in the summer of 2020 with the Nguwe Community to supporting the community in building this location in-house in the spring. With the support of our partners Hessel and Dilo on site, the building was erected by the Nguwe Community in a few weeks. The presence of a classroom was an inspiration for parents to send their children to school.



### **Food supply for school children**

*As many families have problems in finding food, sometimes children refuse to go to school. This was communicated to Ellen and the team of good heart in Netherlands. I said there would be more and more children coming to school if they had food. Funds again was arranged by the SEEn Foundation which was sent up for the children to have food at school.*

(Christopher Mvula, Progress Report, January 2021)

Based on consultation and collaboration with Christopher, his community and our partners Hessel and Dilo, we have set up and realized a campaign (“Every Child to School”) to provide the children who increasingly used the educational location with 1 hot meal per day. With the maize purchased for this purpose, a start has also been made on the construction of their own “maize field”, which will make the community more self-sufficient in this part of their food supply.



### **Planting trees and sustainable cooking**

*On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, was a National tree planting day in Malawi. Still with the help from Netherlands with the help of Dilo and Hassel here in Malawi, funds came to buy tree seedlings to be planted in Nguwe village community. 1000 trees were bought and distributed to groups to plant. This was another great day. An expert and skilled personnel was asked to come and teach the people on trees. He also said to the community that we should make sure trees are taken care of though we have water problem sometimes like in dry months.*

*With the problem of wood and to try reduce cutting of trees for fire wood, Dilo and Hassel came up with some very good ideas of building brick stoves which use very little wood and they keep heat for long time. The same day we were planting trees, people were told how to build these stoves. A skilled builder was then asked to assist building these stoves for each household in the village.*

(Christopher Mvula, Progress Report, January 2021)

Our discussions with the Nguwe Community and our partners Hessel and Dilo showed in the autumn of 2020 that due to deforestation, soil erosion and ineffective use of cooking facilities, a sustainable improvement of the living environment in Nguwe would be possible if substantial trees could be planted and cooking could take place in a more sustainable way. Both of these issues were addressed by our foundation in a targeted project in which eventually a thousand trees were planted at and by the Nguwe community

on “National Tree Planting Day Malawi”, where they gained insights into the conservation and maintenance of these trees. Workshops have also been organized in building sustainable cooking stoves in-house under the guidance of our partners Hessel and Dilo.



### Projects Cape Maclear

In addition to the various projects that we have set up and realized together with the Nguwe Community, as described, we also realized a number of projects in 2020 in collaboration with our partner Sanne Bouwman, who lives in Cape Maclear. At the time, Sanne was the initiator of the visit of our chairman Ellen ter Horst and member of the Advisory Board Michel ter Horst to Malawi. From this involvement she has also brought the local situation and developments in Cape Maclear to the attention of our foundation. For the time being, the involvement of our foundation in 2020 with the community in Cape Maclear consists of picking up and

setting up very small-scale and targeted projects around: emergency aid related to Corona: facilitating buckets, soap, beans and rice for basic necessities of life (spring 2020)



In addition, we have only been able to support local entrepreneurs from Cape Maclear through donations raised in setting up or continuing their business, in this case (being able to) arrange transport and make or repair clothing.



We have also started 'funding' through our foundation to give one of the children from this community the opportunity to develop her talents at a private school:



## Toekomstige ontwikkelingen

### Nguwe Community

Our intensive cooperation with the Nguwe community has brought them and especially taught us a lot. For example, our view of the ways in which we implement sustainable cooperation has evolved partly under the influence of the Corona situation.

This means that with a view to 2021, together with the Nguwe Community and our partners Hessel and Dilo, we will focus on, among other things:

- sustainable water supply and management as a prerequisite for the development of agriculture and food supply
- self-organization of the Nguwe community around the management of its own financial resources by means of a Village Bank (fund for micro credit) to be set up and thus independently directing and stimulating education and entrepreneurship
- developing local education and the professionalization of teachers.



### Cape Maclear Community

The small-scale activities that have been established together with the community in Cape Maclear have also made our foundation think about more sustainable and structural forms of support. In this context, initial ideas were formulated with Sanne Bouwman et al. On the possible establishment of an “Educational Center” in Cape Maclear, from which young people and young adults in particular will have the opportunity to develop their talent, learn life skills and / or to shape their entrepreneurship.

These explorations will continue in 2021 and can lead to the first experimental educational programs in Cape Maclear.

These developments will be further described in the 2021 annual plan.



### Members of the board in 2020

Ellen ter Horst - chairman  
Paul Daalderop - secretary  
Mary van Doesburg - treasurer  
Stan van de Sanden - webmaster

### Members of the 2020 Advisory Board

Michel ter Horst  
Toine Dam  
Ton Kemkens  
Ad Schenkels