



Annual Report

FAPADAG Board

The board came once together in May 2025 to discuss the financial statement of 2024, which was approved on 09-05-2025.

FAPADAG is still continuing its work, although we will not undertake any longer big projects.

Short overview of activities undertaken in 2024/2025 in Kibera

In 2024 the priority of FAPADAG was to implement the project: "Creating conditions for income generating occupations (a bakery and Hairdressing salon) and a feeding programme" in the Shammah Centre in Kibera.

Despite securing funding, the bakery and hairdressing project faced several hurdles. The project leader, Jemmimah Mweu, was diagnosed with liver cancer, making it difficult for her to actively participate in the project due to the physical and emotional toll of chemotherapy. Additionally, severe floods across the country delayed the delivery of bakery supplies and caused widespread damage. Political unrest, marked by demonstrations against the government, further complicated the situation, delaying the project's progress. The years 2023 and 2024 were the worst economical years since COVID whereby most parents in Kibera were not able to take their children to school. Some parents could go to do casual jobs with their children so as to earn an extra coin. The school was also economically affected as a result and had to drop the feeding programme. Food was too expensive and the school could not afford it at all means.

Achievements

By June 2024, despite the setbacks, the bakery was finally established at Shammah's vocational training Centre.

Between August and the beginning of December 2024 15 adolescent girls, 10 women, and 10 youths were enrolled in the baking program. Additionally, 80 children, all around 10 years old were benefitting from the bakery, both nutritionally and educationally.



We have made this bread!!!



By the end of November 2024 the hairdressing finally could start under supervision of one of the Shammah parents. The hairdressing Salon was however only open for a week.

The full training courses should start by January 2025, but they did not take place due to the death of Jemmimah on the 26th of December 2024. (see tribute to Jemmimah)

After Jemmimah's death a lot of looting took place and the centre was closed for several months.

Short overview of the activities of the Shammah centre in Kalimani, Kangundo in 2024

The smooth running of the centre was disrupted shortly after Jemmimah (the daughter of Florence, the leader of Kalimani Centre) was diagnosed with cancer.

Furthermore sudden and abrupt increase in prices of the essential commodities that are used to run the centre on daily basis led to high financial constraints in meeting the needs of the pupils including foods..

Despite these financial constraints and disruption of smooth and normal operation still some progress was realized as stated below:

1. They received 250 pupils (Play group – 14 years) This marked a reasonable number of the year.

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2. Children performed well in National and End Term Exams.
3. The school performed well in second Term Music festival and attained 3rd position nationally



The team that presented Shammah Kalimani to the Kenya National Music Festival

So far the employees of Shammah Community Based Organization have been successfully maintained. The year closed with:

Teaching staff - 9 .

Support staff – 3

Ambitions for the coming year

The projects that were initiated previously but got stagnant due to lack of funds need to be revived and this marks our ambitions for the coming year.

1. Previously started Bakery to be restored for income generation
2. Tailoring project to be restored to train youths in tailoring and dress making.

They hope to revive the two pending projects with expected positive results based on the available resources like income from the school and possibly funds from friends.

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Other activities undertaken by FAPADAG

Promotion and Publicity Activities and Fundraising for the Shammah Projects

FAPADAG projects have been promoted through the Facebook, the website of FAPADAG and through newsletters. On several online events the projects have been discussed among students in higher education institutions in Europe.

Again many friends of FAPADAG have made generous financial contributions to the continuation of the Shammah projects.

Teaching modules on occupation based community development and addressing inequalities

Still the Bachelor students in Georgia, Masters students in Bulgaria and Spain have been taught by Hanneke van Bruggen on-line and life about community development and social transformation through occupation. All earnings from this work (if there is any) are going directly to the FAPADAG account.

The objectives for 2026 are:

FAPADAG together with Shammah Kibera will restore the vocational rooms for bakery and hair dressing skills and we look forward to urgently redeem back the feeding programme in Kibera. The baking training together with hair dressing will help to get some funds for running the school, work on the feeding programme and even improve the livelihood of the volunteers and create some jobs.

Challenges:

The biggest challenge will be, that the new director of Shammah Kibera, Elijah Nzioka, is able to maintain some of the staff and can again attract the children of Kibera to attend the school.

The other challenge is that the Kibera slum is growing and that the need for affordable housing and employment is enormous high and will remain for most people a dream. Furthermore the people in Kibera are abused by politicians and a lot of conflicts are fought out in the slums, but no improvement is seen there. On the contrary the criminality and the rate of unemployment is growing.

Therefore it is important to try to keep the Shammah Centre going.

We like once again to thank all, who are contributing to the Shammah projects!!

More information about the projects you can find on the website www.fapadag.com.

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A Tribute to Jemmimah Kavithe Mweu, “My African Daughter”

For more than 17 years, Jemmimah and I shared a mission that transcended borders and united us in purpose: to bring hope and change to the lives of the most vulnerable in Kibera. Together, we envisioned and established the Shammah Centre—a haven of love and opportunity, where education, nourishment, and vocational training became lifelines for children, persons with disabilities, teenage mothers and their families.

Jemmimah was the heart and soul of our mission. Her unwavering commitment, boundless dedication, and, above all, her profound love for others made her a beacon of hope in a world often shadowed by despair. She poured her soul into every effort, transforming challenges into triumphs and lives into stories of resilience and growth. She gave herself selflessly, ensuring that no one was left behind, always finding strength in her vision for a brighter future.

Her kindness, wisdom, and resilience touched everyone who knew her. I will miss her presence deeply, but I hold on to the countless memories of our shared journey. These memories are filled with her laughter, her passion, and the countless lives she transformed through her work. Her impact is etched into the lives she touched and the community she uplifted.

To Jemmimah’s dear mother and family-, I wish you strength and comfort during this difficult time. May you find solace in the incredible legacy Jemmimah leaves behind and the love that surrounds her memory.

Jemmimah, my African Daughter, I wish you peace, rest, and love as you embark on your eternal journey. Though you may be gone, your spirit will remain alive in the hearts of those whose lives you touched. I will miss you, but I will forever carry the memories of your dedication with me. Thank you for all these memories, the lessons, and the love we shared.

With love and gratitude,

“MUM” Hanneke van Bruggen

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