

Happy Easter

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Naretoi students in grade 5-7

Easter - the Holiday of Hope

Dear members, dear sponsors and friends,

For one year already, the pandemic has been constantly presenting us new challenges and it is not always easy to look to the future with confidence. And still there were also events in the past year, which have cause for hope.



In the pandemic year 2020, we were able to provide **150 sheep** to women's groups in our women's empowerment project. More than in any year before. The income from sheep breeding is a valuable and stable source of income. A positive side effect is the daily supply of the families with nutritious milk.

Exactly one year ago, **bluetongue disease** was rampant among the goats and sheep of the Maasai families on a large extent. At the beginning of the year, a **vaccination campaign** organised by the district government took place, so that an outbreak of the disease among the animals was successfully prevented in this year.





Despite schools that have been closed for months and the constant uncertainty as to whether the hygiene regulations in the schools are sufficient to avoid new class interruptions, seven Naretoi students graduated from primary school this March. 11 Naretoi students will start their exams to graduate from secondary school in April.

School-leaving certificates that give hope for a self-determined life!

At the beginning of 2020, there were terrible fears for the African continent in terms of infection figures. Africa has benefited so far from the early, decisive action (lockdown) by governments, a younger population structure and extensive experience in fighting epidemics (tuberculosis, cholera, malaria). But people are suffering extremely from the effects of the pandemic. Due to closed cattle markets and the lack of tourism, many have hardly any income and for months there has been a lack of basic needs in the Maasai families.



Thanks to your donations, we have been able to distribute **food packages** to **1,400 families** catering for 4 weeks each. The 7th distribution took place in March in the villages of Enooronkon and Emanyatta. It may seem like a drop in the ocean, but for every family that receives a food package, it means a month without hunger. And so, the women, full of gratitude and hope, carry their heavy packages home.



This short insight into our work in Kenya shows that we all succeed in passing on a great deal of hope to people even in these uncertain times.

We thank you very much for your support and wish you a happy and healthy Easter.

Best regards

Heike and Birgit

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