



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Stichting Mwanzo

KvK 91145465 • RSIN 865565107 • ANBI (Dutch public benefit organisation)

"Mwanzo" — Swahili voor nieuw begin

In support of The Ark Children's Home

Ngoliba, Thika, Kenya

1. Foreword

2024 was the first full financial year of Stichting Mwanzo. A year of building — trust, structures, relationships. And above all: the future of children in Ngoliba, Kenya.

We started the year with a handful of regular donors and a clear goal: to ensure The Ark Children's Home could keep operating every single day. We didn't just achieve that goal — we exceeded it. Thanks to an extraordinary contribution from the Rotterdam Association for Catholic Education Foundation, we were able to cover the full school fees for all children at The Ark for 2024. A milestone we wouldn't have dared to dream of at the start of the year.



Beyond financial support, 2024 also saw substantive investment in The Ark's future. During a working visit, concrete projects were completed: a new kitchen was built. Initial conversations about an empowerment programme for children reintegrating into family and community also took place.

We are grateful — for every donor, for every act of trust, for every euro that reached where it needed to go. This report accounts for how we honoured that trust in 2024.

Clements Radenborg
Chair, Stichting Mwanzo

2. About Stichting Mwanzo

Mission

Mwanzo Foundation supports The Ark Children's Home in Ngoliba, Kenya. We provide knowledge and financial resources so The Ark's team can focus fully on offering care, education and guidance to vulnerable children — and on helping families become self-sufficient again.

Our name says it all: 'mwanzo' means 'new beginning' in Swahili. That is what we strive for — for every child cared for by The Ark.

Board

The board consists of three unpaid members:

Name	Role	Background
Clements Radenborg	Chair	Founder; member of The Ark Board of Directors; visits Kenya 2–3 times per year at personal expense
Martijn Tempelaar	Treasurer	Head of Procurement at an international organisation; actively visits Kenya
Anita Zwart	Secretary	Residential support worker at ASVZ De Hofstee

Foundation details

Mwanzo Foundation was founded in 2023 and registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce under number 91145465 (RSIN 865565107). The foundation holds ANBI status (Dutch public benefit organisation) and is affiliated with Stichting Donorsbelangen.

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3. Activities and results 2024

3.1 Operational support for The Ark

The Ark Children's Home currently cares for 44 children and has reached around 250 beneficiaries over the years, including reintegrated children and families receiving support. The day-to-day operational costs — food, clean water, medical care, staff salaries, building maintenance — are the foundation of what The Ark needs to keep functioning.

In 2024, Mwanzo contributed € 11.835 to The Ark's operational costs. This enabled Caroline Gichuhi's team to care for the children without interruption throughout the year.

3.2 School fees and education costs



Education is not a given for children at The Ark — school fees, uniforms and materials require structural funding. In 2024, we financed the full school year for all children at The Ark.

This was made possible in part by a significant contribution of €8,885.05 from the Rotterdam Association for Catholic Education Foundation, supplemented by individual donors. In total, € 10,957 was spent on education-related costs — ensuring every child at The Ark could attend school without interruption in 2024.

3.3 A new kitchen for The Ark

During the 2024 working visit, it became clear that The Ark's kitchen urgently needed replacing. It did not meet fire safety standards and lacked adequate space and ventilation for daily meal preparation for over forty children.

A targeted fundraising effort raised €3,117 which was spent entirely on constructing and equipping a new, safe kitchen. The project was fully completed and handed over in 2024.





3.4 Isaac — preparing his welding business

Isaac grew up as an orphan at The Ark. In 2024, he completed his welding training and, with Mwanzo's support, the startup capital for his own welding business was raised. A total of € 653 was collected from multiple donors. The disbursement took place in the first quarter of 2025, in line with the agreed payment date.

The business launch is planned for 2025. With the raised capital and Mwanzo's guidance, Isaac has everything he needs to make that step a success.

3.5 Working visits to Kenya

In 2024, two working visits were made to The Ark in Ngoliba. The first took place in March, the second in December. During these visits, practical purchases were made (kitchen materials, school supplies), meetings were held with Caroline Gichuhi and her team, and the groundwork was laid for projects that would take shape in 2025.

Travel costs were largely covered by the board members themselves. A small portion (€113) was accounted for through the foundation as operational costs.

4. Financial report 2024

Mwanzo Foundation operates a transparent financial model: donations are passed on in full to The Ark or to specific projects. Mwanzo's own operational costs are borne by the board members personally as much as possible.

4.1 Income — donations received

In 2024, Mwanzo Foundation received a total of €27,110.52 from 14 unique donors, allocated across five purposes:

Purpose	Amount	Share
The Ark — operational costs (general)	€ 11.835	43,7%
School fees and education costs	€ 10.957	40,4%
New kitchen for The Ark	€ 3.117	11,5%
Family Support — Isaac's welding business	€ 653	2,4%
Mwanzo — operational costs	€ 548	2,0%
Total received	€ 27.111	100%

4.2 Expenditure — disbursements

In 2024, a total of €22,827.21 was disbursed, across five categories:

Category	Amount	Share
The Ark — operational costs (4400)	€ 10.310	44,7%
School fees and education costs (4460)	€ 9.094	39,2%
New kitchen for The Ark (4430)	€ 3.117	13,5%
Mwanzo — marketing & communications (4202)	€ 193	0,8%
Mwanzo — travel and accommodation (4204)	€ 113	0,5%
Mwanzo – Banking costs	€ 226	1,0%
Mwanzo – Other	€ 10	0%
Total disbursed	€ 23.064	100%

4.3 Income and expenditure account 2024

Omschrijving	Bedrag
Total income (donations received)	€ 27.110
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Positief resultaat 2024	€ 4.047

The positive result of €4,047 is due to the time difference between the receipt and payment of several donations at the end of the year. €144 is earmarked for Mwanzo's expenses.

€1,525 was donated for The Ark – Operational costs. This amount is reserved for payment to The Ark in the first quarter of 2025.

€653 was donated for the purpose of starting Isaac's own small business. Together with the €10 from 2023, this will be donated to Isaac (via The Ark) in 2025 or 2026.

€1,883 was donated for the purpose of covering school costs and will be paid out as such in 2025.

4.4 Donors 2024

Mwanzo Foundation received contributions in 2024 from the following donors, ranked by amount:

Donor	Total 2024	Type	Purpose
Education foundation (institutional)	€ 8.885,05	One-off	School fees
Individual donor A	€ 7.622,29	Regular + one-off	Multiple purposes
Individual donor B	€ 6.895,47	Regular + one-off	Multiple purposes
Church community	€ 1.300,00	Regular (monthly)	The Ark operational
Individual donor C	€ 695,00	Regular (monthly)	Multiple purposes
Individual donor D	€ 600,00	Regular (monthly)	The Ark operational
Corporate donor A	€ 350,00	One-off	The Ark operational
Corporate donor B	€ 250,00	One-off	Isaac
Individual donor E	€ 200,00	One-off	The Ark operational
Corporate sponsor (website)	€ 154,71	Sponsorship	Mwanzo operational
Individual donor F	€ 100,00	One-off	The Ark operational
Individual donor G	€ 23,00	One-off	Isaac
Individual donor H	€ 20,00	One-off	New kitchen
Individual donor I	€ 15,00	One-off	New kitchen
Total (14 donors)	€ 27.110,52		

4.5 Remuneration policy

None of the board members receives any remuneration or compensation for their work on behalf of Stichting Mwanzo. All board members work entirely on a voluntary basis. Travel and accommodation costs for working visits are in principle covered by board members personally; in 2024, €112.80 was accounted for through the foundation.

5. Outlook 2025

2025 is focused on deepening, continuity and growth. The key priorities:

Empowerment programme

In 2025, we aim to launch an empowerment programme for children reintegrating into family and community. In collaboration with local partners from the Thika region — school principals, social workers, village elders, pastors and young people — workshop series will be developed based on the Circle of Courage and Positive Youth Development frameworks. The programme focuses on self-confidence, identity, life skills and future perspective, for children, parents and the wider community alike.

Isaac's welding business

Isaac has completed his welding training and is ready to launch his own business. In 2025, Mwanzo will support him through the actual start-up — with guidance and additional startup capital where needed. The goal: a fully independent business that enables Isaac to support himself and care for his younger siblings.

Mothers' independence programme

In partnership with a local entrepreneur, we aim to guide mothers living on the streets towards economic independence through sewing lessons and a small trading starter fund. Two sewing machines have already been purchased. The programme will be further rolled out in 2025.

Continuity of The Ark

Operational support for The Ark — food, education, medical care — will continue in 2025. The goal is to grow the group of regular monthly donors further, so The Ark can count on predictable income throughout the year.

Working visits

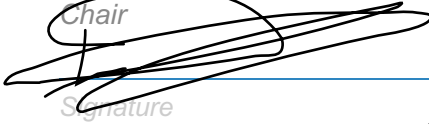
Working visits to The Ark will again take place in 2025. During these visits, ongoing projects will be monitored, new initiatives assessed, and the personal relationship with Caroline and her team maintained.

6. Adoption of the annual report

This annual report for the financial year 2024 has been prepared and adopted by the board of Stichting Mwanzo.

Clements Radenborg

Chair



Signature

Martijn Tempelaar

Treasurer



Anita Zwart

Secretary



Signature

Spijkenisse, March 2025