

NICE VIEW



A PROJECT
THAT MAKES A
DIFFERENCE

Direct aid on the South Coast of
Kenya since 1999

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Children's village • School • Kindergarten

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German
management
on-site

AFTER 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED
WORK AND COMMITMENT, GUDRUN
DÜRR WAS AWARDED THE ORDER OF
MERIT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY.

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HOME IS WHERE YOUR FUTURE IS AND WHERE
YOU HAVE A CHANCE IN LIFE.

START OF NICE VIEW

Projekt Schwarz-Weiß e.V. is a recognised non-profit association helping children in need in Africa. Supported by members and sponsors, the projects of the Nice View Trust Foundation in Kenya, create a home for orphans and abandoned or neglected children.

They are cared for from their first days until they become independent. In addition to offering security, affection, a healthy nutrition and medical care, the overall concept also aims to give the children a good education from kindergarten and school to graduation. In addition, the projects provide work and training opportunities for numerous people.

Annoying, begging children – contemptuous looks from adults. A holiday at the South Coast of Kenya in 1996 turned into a life's mission for the Dürr family from Ingstetten (district of Neu-Ulm in Bavaria, Germany).

The extreme contrast of the breathtaking natural environment to the living conditions in one of the poorest regions in Kenya, and especially the countless street kids, motivated this family to devote their life to the children in need and the abandoned babies in this part of a supposedly »rich« country.

**IN 1997, THE DÜRRS FOUNDED THE
NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION PROJEKT
SCHWARZ-WEIß E.V.**

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt, is holding a baby wrapped in a white cloth. They are in a dimly lit room with wooden furniture and a fan in the background.

A CHILDREN'S VILLAGE BECOMES REALITY.

On March 13th, 2000, the first eight children found a home in the children's village which had been built on a plot of land privately bought in 1997. The Kenyan government registered the institution and the Youth Welfare Office soon sent further needy children to Nice View.

While Edmund Dürr lent a hand with building the houses and Gudrun Dürr took care of the children day and night, more and more children found shelter and protection in the Nice View Children's Village. Some of them would probably not have survived the next days.

Joshua, for example, was found as a newborn and taken to hospital. He had been thrown away like banana peel, his skin covered with termite and mosquito bites. In the understaffed hospital nobody had the time to care for him. If not for Gudrun Dürr, who without hesitation took him in and tirelessly fought for his life, this young boy with the mischievous smile would not have stood a chance of survival.

Since 2012, all projects have been combined to form the Nice View Trust Foundation in Kenya.

NICE VIEW TRUST FOUNDATION

After 20 years of industrious work and the Dürres' constant search for new sponsors, a collection of robust huts which had been constructed thoughtfully from the start, has now turned into a true village.

It was given the name »Nice View« because of its location directly above the Indian Ocean. Although the new buildings are situated on a larger area further inland, the name was kept since it also stands for the children's prospects in life.

The village comprises a girls' and a boys' house, a multi-purpose building, a well house, kindergarten, school, playground, office and storeroom.

SPECIALITIES

- ✓ An integrated approach from baby to adult
- ✓ Employees in Kenya take responsibility
- ✓ Close ties to the local population
- ✓ Accredited by the Kenyan government
- ✓ Optimal use of donations (administrative costs of the association are kept at a minimum)
- ✓ German management on-site





NICE VIEW TOUR

At the gate of the children's village, the Askari, the security guard, ensures that no one enters the property without permission or leaves with more than they had upon arrival. Guests who have a pre-arranged visit are always welcome. They are invited on a stroll around the children's village:

On our tour, we pass the school on the left-hand side and reach the playground. Almost always you will find children on the slide or the swing while others are playing in the sand, climbing or playing football. Entering the girls' house through the main entrance we see jackets hanging neatly on the hooks, shoes on a shoe rack and a whole lot of school bags. The bright common room shows paintings of Mowgli and his

friends. A table and a sofa invite us to sit and relax.

From here, the doors lead to the lovingly furnished bedrooms, the bathrooms, a small kitchen, e.g. for preparing baby bottles at night, and the storage rooms. The older girls sleep in three of the five bedrooms. The caretakers (»Mamas«) stay in the other two bedrooms with the babies. All of the neatly made beds have colourful sheets. Clothes and other belongings sit tidily on the shelves and there are cuddly toys waiting for every child.

The two bathrooms are each equipped with two toilets, two sinks and a shower. Behind the girls' house there are washing machines, clothes-lines as well as outdoor toilets and showers.

Leaving the girls' house via the side door, we get to the storeroom and kitchen where the cooks bake bread in a stone

oven or prepare meals on an open fire. The dining hall overlooks the main kitchen where the meals are prepared and served.

It is hard to imagine that some of the children can remember the agonising pangs of hunger and the smell of rotten food they found on a rubbish dump. For a long time, one of the boys could not stop looking for leftovers in the garbage even after he came to Nice View. His former home had been the streets of Kwale where he and his mentally disabled mother had struggled to survive.

» HOPE INSTEAD OF DESPAIR – ACTION INSTEAD OF RESIGNATION.«

Here under the large Makuti roof, the children come together for communal meals, homework, or – on weekends and during the holidays – for dancing or other activities. Going from the dining hall to

the school, we walk past the house where the older girls stay, through a well-tended garden with banana plants and tangerine trees towards the new multi-purpose building.

It offers space for games, arts and crafts, reading, music and training (e.g. Yoga) as well as a computer room that is shared with the school. The roof has been equipped with a solar system.

The boys' house is situated next to the multi-purpose building. It is furnished in the same style as the girls' house, but instead of Mowgli the Lion King watches over the children. In front of the house, the boys have plenty of space for playing and comfortable sitting areas.

The next small building is the well house. It holds Nice View's own water supply, two more bathrooms, two nursery rooms, a first-aid room as well as another room for the big girls.



SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

One of our priorities has always been to offer the Nice View children a good and child-friendly education in a school of our own. We also want to give children from poor families in Msambweni access to education.

Even today, many African schools still have very strict rules allowing staff to beat students or force them to kneel down for hours with their hands over their heads. Often the poorly qualified teachers are unable to cope with their extremely large school classes whilst many schools are lacking in equipment and educational material.

The majority of young adults living on Kenya's South Coast leave school without

graduating or have very poor grades. For this reason, they don't have a chance to get a job. Against this backdrop we are very proud and happy to report that by the end of 2013, we were able for the first time to register pupils of the 8th grade for the Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education.

The results exceeded even the highest expectations! With a class average of 348 points, which is equal to a B, we achieved the third-best result of our county (the county average being 218 points).

Generally, visitors to the school will be welcomed by the headmaster in his office. After that, they can witness how kindergarten children playfully learn to write their first words. Watching them jump around the playground like frogs or do the chicken dance brings a smile to every observer's face.

Passing the library and the first classrooms, we reach the new school building that we have already seen at the entrance. It may be that the classrooms are empty because the children are playing football, volleyball or basketball on the nearby sports ground.

Encouraging musical talent is another educational focus. Now and then, you can hear our group of flute players, who won the national music festival in 2013, practice new songs.

While we are striving for a high level of education, we cannot cover all costs with school fees since we want the fees to remain moderate.

The yearly expenses for younger pupils range from 250 to 300 euros, in classes 6 to 8 they are about 350 to 400 euros, including school books, participation in

sports competitions and music festivals as well as catering.

» STILL THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITHOUT SPONSORS. THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP! «

In 2019, approximately 165 students attended the Nice View Gratitude Academy and the nursery accommodated 19 toddlers.

More than 30 pupils come from Nice View. Others live in Msambweni and the surrounding areas. Very few of the parents are able to pay school fees. A positive point is that the state has started to adapt the system in order to promote young talents.





EDUCATION – A BIG CHALLENGE FOR THE PROJECT.

Education and training are of particular importance in Kenya to be able to earn a livelihood. The labour market competition is fierce.

Our older students are highly motivated and work hard, driven by the ambition to be accepted at a secondary school or even a university. The first children, who came to Nice View more than 20 years ago, have already graduated from college or university.

Today many children attend a secondary school, a vocational college or a university. However, good educational institutions are often far away from Msambweni. School fees, books, uniforms, accommodation, travel expenses, etc. currently range from 800 to 2000 euros per student and year.

This may not seem a lot to Europeans. For the foundation, which supports many students, the total amount represents a

financial challenge. For this reason, we are urgently seeking more sponsors and donators who help us provide sustainable support.

To improve the students' employment opportunities on the Kenyan labour market, it is essential to nurture their individual talents. This is even more true for children who are born with disabilities or handicaps and who can't possibly win against their classmates.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THREE
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL TALENTS AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY OTHERS:**



DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS – A MATTER OF COURSE.



THE TWINS MONA AND MIA

Mia (on the right) runs the 100- and 200-metre dash very fast and is our number one relay runner. She also has singing talent.

Her sister Mona (on the left) is a very good 400- and 800-metre runner.

LEAH (BORN IN MAY 2001)

Apart from being an excellent footballer Leah participated in a 2-week training camp for long-distance runners in Nyahururu. This is where all successful Kenyan athletes come from.

We would love to continue promoting her talent but currently this goes beyond our financial possibilities. It was not long ago that we found out that she has great singing talent, too.



OUR INITIATIVES ARE STARTING TO BEAR FRUIT

Our most important goal is to provide sustainable help. Therefore, we don't stop supporting our Nice View children as soon as they become adults and legal custody ends, but when they have completed their training.

This can be seen from the example of Mwanasha and her younger brother Haji. Both were among the first eight children who found a home in Nice View in March 2000. At that time, Mwanasha was 8 and Haji 6 years old.

Having graduated from university successfully Haji works as a teacher in the Nice View school (2020) to obtain more experience until he finds employment elsewhere. He is very popular with colleagues and pupils.

In the meantime, Mwanasha finished training as a nutritionist and after a year as an au pair in Germany, she was offered the opportunity to train as a nurse.

CARPENTRY AND TAILOR'S SHOP

In our own carpenter's workshop we make all the furniture, windows and doors for the Nice View projects. Offering training and jobs for people from Msambweni the site provides the livelihood to numerous families. External orders help to safeguard the jobs.

The Nice View tailor's shop produces and mends school uniforms, all kinds of bags, workwear, skirts and much more. Here the children learn the basics of sewing. The shop would be glad to accept external orders. Feel free to contact us.

TRAINING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

On a regular basis, young people from the area receive training in the carpentry, the tailor's, the kitchen and other Nice View projects. Usually this is restricted to practical training because the donation

funds are not sufficient to finance the costs of a vocational school. We are looking for sponsors who want to help improve the training situation!





NICE VIEW MEDICAL CENTRE

With the small hospital built and equipped according to European standards we aim to provide basic medical care for more than 60,000 village inhabitants and of course Nice View children and staff.

The hospital opened its doors for the first time at the end of 2014 and since then, it has offered all kinds of services associated with basic outpatient treatment and medical day care. In addition to general consultations these services include dressings, laboratory tests, minor surgeries, intravenous rehydration and the issue of prescribed medicines.

The 24-hour emergency service implemented in January 2017 was a huge

- ✓ End of 2014: Inauguration
- ✓ 2016: Approximately 4000 treatments
- ✓ May 2016: Ranked the best healthcare institution of Kwale County after introducing Malaria Rapid Diagnosis Tests
- ✓ January 2017: 24-hour emergency service implemented
- ✓ 2018: Approximately 6100 treatments

step for us. Since then the Nice View Medical Centre also offers obstetrics. More than 20 babies were born in the very first half of the year and about 4500 patients were treated in the hospital

throughout the year. In 2018, the number of patients increased to 6100 and in the first half of 2019, the Nice View clinic already saw 4300 patients. We are looking constantly for possibilities to extend our services. We have been able to add ultrasound examinations recently and to sign a contract for inpatient treatment with the public health insurance.

For fast transport to specialised hospitals in case of high-risk births we are in urgent need of an ambulance. In addition, an anaesthetic apparatus would improve medical care.

Although we keep costs as low as possible, many people still cannot afford medical treatment. Several times a year, we organise so-called medical camps where Kenyans receive free examinations and treatments. Many people take this opportunity. For us, it is

a chance to gain the visitors' trust and to inform them about our hospital.

If you are a doctor or a healthcare professional and would like to support us in Kenya on a voluntary basis, don't hesitate to contact us. We can only make full use of our hospital capacities and keep all other projects alive if we succeed in finding more supporters and sponsors for our work.

For more information and a short video visit us at:

WWW.KENIA-HILFE.COM/EN/HOSPITAL

NICE VIEW FARM PROJECT

In reward for taking the uncomfortable ride on pot-holed roads that may become inaccessible during the rainy season, let us take a walk on the Nice View farm.

Situated close to a lake it is turned into a camp site for our kids during the summer. The farm supplies the children's village with coconuts, fresh fruit and vegetables.

The farm project is actually spread over various places: There are more areas for crop cultivation next to the carpentry and the sports ground.

Chicken, ducks, turkeys, rabbits, goats, guinea pigs and other animals are kept on the farm.

While the project offers further jobs and promotes self-supply, our children learn a lot about growing vegetables and keeping livestock.



We want to give children a chance for a better future and we need your help to make it come true. With their immense personal commitment and their financial support many people have helped us create a solid basis for the Nice View projects in the last years.

However, we have to face new challenges almost every day. Over and over again, abandoned and neglected children make their way to »Nice View«.

The children growing up here need a good education which is very expensive because Kenya does not offer any state support. Only by supporting young people until they have a job will we reach

our goal. The aid projects of the Nice View Trust Foundation are starting to bear fruit. We are convinced that none of the children growing up in Nice View considers fleeing to Europe. They have a good chance and a vision for their future in Kenya.

If you enjoyed our tour and agree that the name »Nice View« represents sustainable, future-oriented help for self-help in a distressed region:

**THEN WE KINDLY ASK YOU
TO SUPPORT US!**

SPONSOR A CHILD!

ONE HEAD ALONE CANNOT CARRY A ROOF.
PLEASE LEND A HAND!

A sponsorship is a very personal matter that comes from the heart. You are free to choose any amount you wish to donate – without obligation. Payments can be revoked at any time. A donation receipt of the yearly amount paid will be issued at the beginning of the following year.

Your authorisation to collect funds will be used as SEPA debit mandate in the future. You will receive your mandate reference number with the first mail for sponsors. Your account will be debited on a monthly basis. Our Creditor ID: DE08ZZZ00000150175

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We are one big family. We are strong and look to the future with confidence. We love Mama Gudrun and Papa Edi.

But we cannot manage on our own to ensure a safe and happy future yet. Please help us stand on our own feet, so that one day we can be the ones to support others.

If you are interested in visiting Nice View in Kenya we will be happy to send you a taxi that picks you up in Diani or around Mombasa and takes you to our project sites. Feel free to call or e-mail us.

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