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Kisedet: alternation to Presidency and to Management

Dear friends,
we would like to share with you a great news about KISEDET.
From September 30, Nino Tragni officially ended his Director mandate at KISEDET, and Alvin Uronu was employed instead.

Now, Tragni has become the new President of KISEDET Board, while the former President, Jakob Mhepe, will remain on the Board. We would like to thank Mhepe, for his commitment in these years to the leadership of the Board, and to continue with us in this “solidarity journey”, as we like to describe the work of KISEDET in Tanzania.

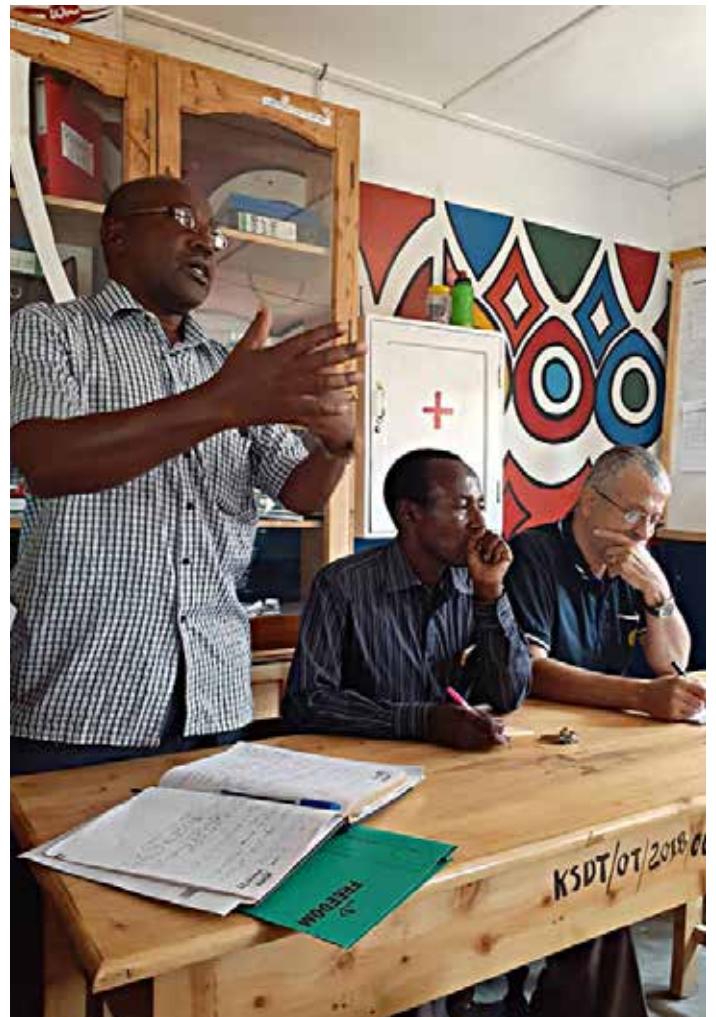
Uronu, who is acquainted with KISEDET since a long time, retired after working for MoCU (Moshi Cooperative University), that supports communities in the formation of micro-credit groups, assists NGOs in internal development through seminars, rural development and economic support, and activities to strengthen the economy.

Uronu has been assisting KISEDET for years both in its internal development and in the formation of microcredit groups of Chigongwe and Itigi.

He is a man of great experience and education so, who better than he could play this role?

He is Tanzanian, and as you know, from the beginning we have always made sure that KISEDET was a local NGO and that it remained, with the exception of myself and Nino, who, however, as stated above, will now play an institutional role.

Giovanna Moretti Child Protection Officer



In the picture: outgoing President Jakob Mhepe with new Director Alvin Uronu and President in charge Nino Tragni.

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Chigongwe: at work the works for the new guesthouse

In Chigongwe, at the long-term shelter house, works for plumbing and electricity have begun. They are financed by Arcobaleno Associazione su Tanzania of Gallipoli, which had already financed the construction of the second shelter house for children.

Building the guesthouse is very important, because it will improve the Responsible Tourism project "Let's meet under the baobab". Furthermore, it can also act as an "oasis" for the many citizens looking for a relaxing weekend just outside Dodoma, after a week of work and hectic life in Tanzanian capital.

Through the guesthouse, KISEDET will be able to have revenues that will allow and carry out the various projects, without depending 100% on external aid. We ask all of you for a contribution so that the group of the next trip can inaugurate it



Individual or collective support?

With less than one euro a day you can help a child. This is the slogan that almost all the voluntary associations that deal with **SAD** (distance support) use.

Where does this number come from? In Italy the average donation for a DS is **300 €/year**, it's a "cost" of **0,82 € a day**.

Furthermore, we can say that, in Italy, there are about 1.000 organizations that deal with SAD, where one and a half million Italians are active supporters. As always, we are better than what we think...! This means that the supporters donate around **450.000.000 €/year** to help less fortunate children in the southern hemisphere (Forum SAD Italia estimate). **You read that right: 450 million euros!**

It is clear that these funds allow the creation of cooperation projects and it becomes simplistic to link the supporter to a single child. However to the question "What does the association of which you are a lender do?", the supporter often answers "I pay school wages for Zawadi, Baraka, Mussa ...". This is only partly true because with these funds the associations also support education, health, water and agriculture projects. They do not help just a child, they support the whole community.

This is why Tanzania Group Onlus has decided to modify its SAD project by passing from individual to **collective support**. Obviously, all the active **individual supports** will continue until the end of the beneficiary's schooling, while the new ones will go directly to the community of supported children.

For these reasons, we now offer three types of support:

- **SAD Rafiki** (Friend): with **150 €/year** you will be able to support Kisedet emergency projects concerning street children, in particular those hosted in the Drop In Center (day care center) and in the Shukurani Shelter Home (shortly term shelter house)
- **SAD Kaka** (Older brother): with **300 €/year** you can support the education projects of the children supported by Kisedet, both when the beneficiary lives in the family of origin and when he is hosted at the Chigongwe Family (medium / long-term shelter house)
- **SAD Mwalimu** (Master): with **500 €/year** you can support secondary school projects of Kisedet beneficiaries. They are young people

who have successfully completed their seven-year primary studies and can start attending secondary school or a professional training. In these cases Kisedet chooses boarding schools to ensure that the children are better looked after and can achieve excellent results.

In addition to this we will shortly promote a "**Front End**" always active campaign. It is a fundraiser active all year round that supports the association's main projects. Those who are willing and help can make a small donation (one or more times a year). This will allow those who cannot afford a SAD project, in helping us with small donations and start "**sharing our vision**".

The campaign will be called **Street Children: Aiutali ad abbandonare la strada**; Projects such as first meeting, welcome and shelter for children will be supported in order to allow them to escape from the roads. Today, 560 children/teenagers are involved in this project.

- **First Step Kit 10 €**: meal, shower, clean clothes, meeting with a social worker
- **Embrace Kit 20 €**: a week of shelter at the daily **Drop In Center**
- **Host Kit 50 €**: one month of board and lodging, educational activities at **Shukurani Shelter Home**
- **School Kit 100 €**: health insurance, school enrollment, uniform and school supplies. Board and lodging for three months at the **Chigongwe Family** shelter house.

This will allow Kisedet's social workers to establish a relationship of trust and help with the street children, thus allowing them to leave the street, to be included in the community, to go back to school and finally reach family reunification.

Giovanni Iannaccio
President Gr Tz Onlus

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P. and the IV diploma in high school

When I saw him for the first time he was more or less one meter and thirty cm high and now it exceeds me. This smart-looking boy lived on the streets and told us that he came from Moshi, Kilimanjaro, where he lived with his grandmother: “I have a father, but he has married again and abandoned me, while I’ve never met my mother.” “Then we came to know that he really had a grandmother in Moshi, but that he actually lived in Dodoma with his father and his wife.

Thus it was that P. began to live at the Shukurani short-term home of KISEDET. Afterwards, the short term became a long one, because the father never showed interest in this child and never wanted to take him back with him and his new family. Street children are often not orphans, and it also happens that families are not poor. Children run away because they are victims of domestic violence, and this is the case of P. The stepmother did not treat him like her other biological children and so he chose the streets. “It’s better living in the streets than staying at home and seeing my brothers eating, while food is denied to me. I had to walk to school for several kilometers, while my father drove my brothers to school by car. Once at home,

I had to finish all works and tasks before the leftovers were served to me. “ His parents divorced when Peter was one year old, consequently he does not remember his mother as he was too young.

When primary school ended, we decided to enroll him in a private secondary school. Now he has finished IV class and it is sure he will continue because he is very good at school. His father? We never saw him again. At the beginning we tried to involve him economically in the growth of his son, but it was useless. We also brought him to the police and what we got was a 40,000 Tsh contribution which corresponds to 16 Euros, out of a total of 2,000,000 Tsh (800 euros) for boarding school fees. We decided that we would do without his charity, so we stopped looking for him. Peter occasionally goes home during school holidays, but he stays there for a couple of days, only, then he comes to the shelter house. He has understood that he is not well liked, and even if it is hard to accept, we see him almost serene. We believe that, despite everything, he has understood that, even if we are not his relatives, we love him anyway. What he wants at all costs is being able to embrace his mother, one day. Good luck P., we wish you a good proceed in your studies.

Corporal punishment: still in force despite criticism

In Tanzania unfortunately corporal punishment is still in force in primary, secondary, but also professional schools.

It has happened that at the beginning of October, the President of a Region in the south of Tanzania has publicly beaten a dozen boys from a secondary school, accused of having set fire to the dormitory as revenge for the seizure of their cell phones.

The Minister of State for Regional Administration and Local Government criticized the gesture, but in defense of the “executioner”, Tanzanian President intervened by saying he was in favor of this type of punishment. Currently the

application of corporal punishment is well regulated and was falling into disuse. In fact, the Dean only can have recourse to this practice in the presence of the parents or of those for them, and must not exceed three beatings or whippings. The President has now established that the law should be more flexible.

A few years ago a boy died after being violently beaten by a teacher, but this evidently has already fallen into oblivion.

Tanzania has been heavily criticized by other countries, but nothing has helped. We shouted at the violation of human rights, but in vain.

Currently, girls who become pregnant cannot be readmitted to schools, with the consequence that they have children with different partners in order to survive and be able to make them grow, as they can no longer rely on education to improve their situation.

Furthermore, family planning has been targeted, openly urging women to procreate, because “We need to have many children, so that they can help in working the fields”. What work, nobody knows, given that, if it does not rain, it cannot be sown, and if it is not sown, it cannot be cultivated or even harvested. Climate change has started to be felt here, and it is creating many problems for people who already live on less than a dollar a day ...



Responsible Tourism, why?

Classic" tourism has an annual worldwide turnover of \$ 2,300 billion and, together with satellite activities, it reaches \$ 7,500 billion, that is almost 10% of world GDP (2015 Data Wttc - World travel & tourist council).

It ranks third after oil & gas and military industry and since 2014 it has exceeded the revenues of the automotive industry. Let it be clear about that, it is a legal reality that respects the laws of all Countries, but it is also true that sustainability, solidarity and fairness are not things that tourism should be responsible for.

Let's go into more detail: we can estimate that, taking into consideration a standard trip to Tanzania (Northern Parks & Zanzibar), less than 10% of the expenditure remains in the African territory (Studio Mambo View Point). This is because airlines, tour operators, safari organizations and resorts are owned by foreign companies.

We repeat, everything is legitimate, but how many tourists do know it?

Responsible Tourism can be categorized by three words: conscious, sustainable and fair. In other words, the tourist is informed of the trip typology, the project is respectful of local people and environment and it tries to leave most of the resources in the nation you visit.

Our last trip ensured that 71% of the money spent by travelers remained in Tanzania and half of this (35%) directly financed local communities that support the territory with projects concerning hospitality, education, health, agriculture and microcredit.

By traveling with us you can experience first-hand how Kisedet ONG works, you will visit our projects in Dodoma and Chigongwe, you will be able to see how Social Workers work and spend time with the guests of our shelter homes. Then your holiday will continue with a journey through Tanzania where you will have the opportunity to visit natural parks, go on a safari, spend a few days by the ocean or in Zanzibar. All this by visiting and being guests of Tanzanian companies operating in the area. Throughout the journey you will be attended by a cultural mediator who will allow you to learn about reality

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