



Newsletter May/June 2021

In this newsletter we will update you about the current state of affairs in Kenya. Macheo is working at full power, despite the difficult conditions.

Covid hits Kenya hard again

In March, another strict lockdown was announced in Kenya due to a third corona wave. It seems to be waning now. The number of vaccinations is not yet impressive; few doses are available two percent of Kenyans have now had their first shot; unfortunately the appointments for the second shot have been postponed. This is mainly because Kenya was supplied from India, where the situation is now even more dire.

Fortunately, Macheo survived the third wave well, even though more people have fallen ill than in the previous peaks, and more people have died as well. No employees, but people with whom Macheo worked very closely.



Life-saving mattresses

Sleeping on a mattress is something that many children in Kenya are not familiar with. Sometimes they sleep directly on the mud floor of their hut, which is why pneumonia is very frequent. Pneumonia is one of the leading causes of death in small children. Last month Macheo made quite a few families happy with the distribution of 41 mattresses and 82 blankets. 3 children from a family can now sleep healthier on each mattress with two blankets. **Costs incurred: 25 euros per family. So....**

Donate 25 euros (or part thereof) for a mattress with 2 blankets?

You can do that here: <https://macheo.ngo/donate/>

How is Jason?

We received many beautiful reactions to the touching, positive story of toddler Jason in our previous newsletter,

Jason, the boy who lost his mother at birth and ended up in an orphanage in Nairobi. When he was almost 2.5 years old, he was lucky enough to be able to go to Macheo. An observant nurse discovered that Jason was deaf and took action. Thanks to her tenacity, Jason got his first hearing aid for free. That made a huge difference! He was able to start speech therapy and the results are excellent. He makes much better and easier contact with other children. His concentration problems become less and he can understand what is being said to him. He also tries to say a few words himself. The second hearing aid has now been fitted and it is expected that his speech will become much better as a result.

Birthday promotion action Seth

Employee and MT member Seth Mwangi came up with a nice birthday present last March to celebrate his 40th birthday, in April. He set up an action via social media: he wanted to ensure 40 vulnerable children a healthy and nutritious meal at school all year round. This required at least 120,000 KS (more than 900 euros). Seth is extremely grateful for all the donations that have come in from Kenya and around the world: 150,000 KS! This allows Macheo, thanks to Seth's initiative, to help more than 40 children.