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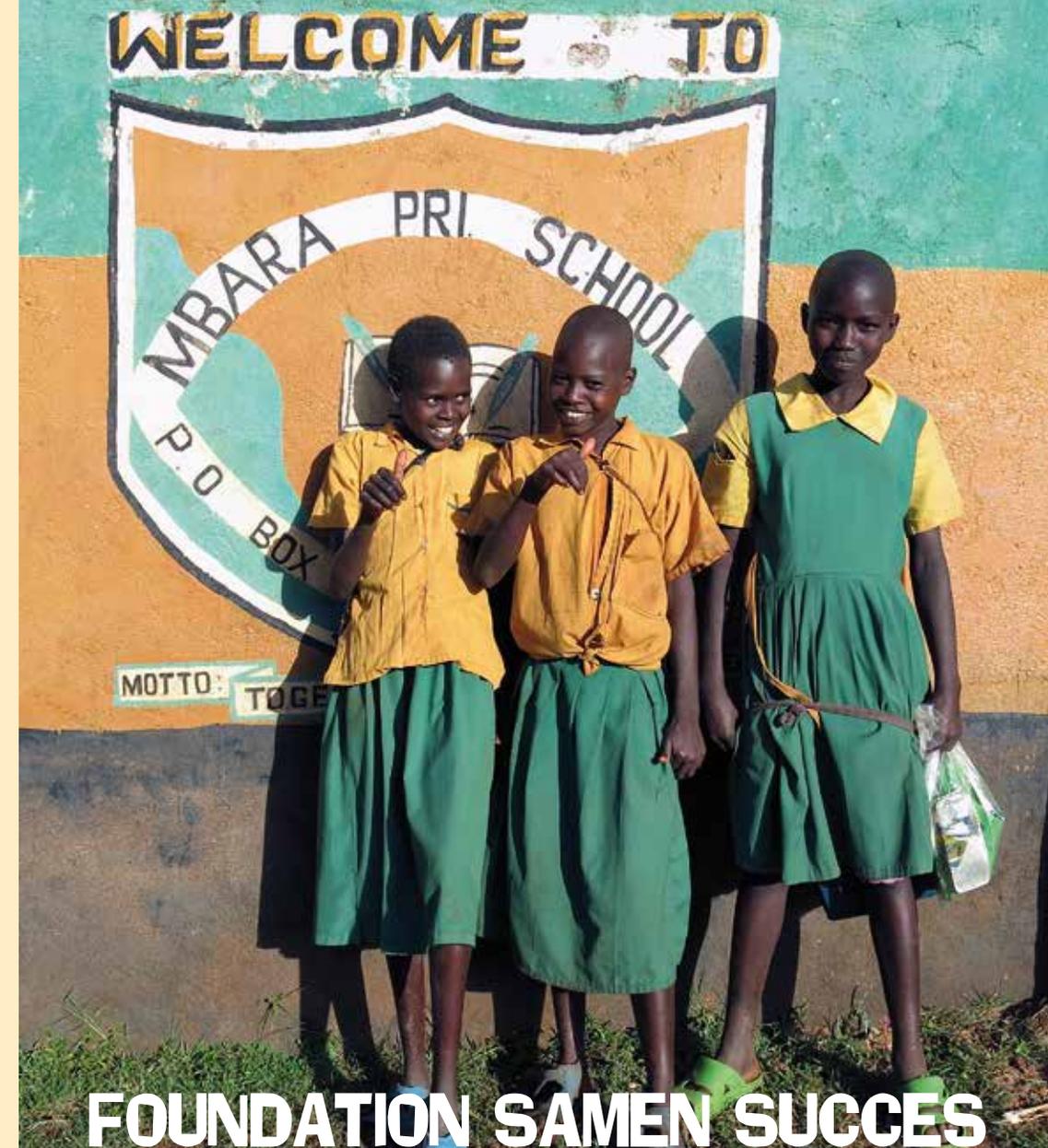
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FOUNDATION SAMEN SUCCES (TOGETHER WE SUCCEED)

Samen Succes (Together We Succeed) supports schools and organises gatherings to prevent girls' circumcision in West Pokot, a dry, isolated area in Northwest Kenya. Samen Succes also founded a secondary school for girls with running talent in Keringet. By educating girls they are given the chance to grow more independent and build a stable life.



MBARA

Mbara is the hometown of Kenyan runner Sammy Rongo Olegura. He met Piet de Peuter, a long distance-runner and volunteer on a farm in Kenya. They teamed up and Piet made it possible for Sammy to run races in Europe.

Mbara is a high altitude-village located in West Pokot. It takes hours to walk to the main road. People live on what they can harvest so there is very little money. Life is tough, there are few sources of income and the government takes little notice of this remote area.

Sammy was concerned about education in his village: the school was too small and had little possibilities. He shared his thoughts with Piet and as a result they founded a small foundation: Samen Succes (Together We Succeed). By organising sponsored runs and (other) fundraising activities on Dutch schools, Sammy enabled as many kids as possible to get proper education. The foundation soon got financially supported by individuals and aid organisations. With everyone's help Sammy's dream could be realised bit by bit.

We support the local inhabitants of Mbara and surrounding villages in building classrooms, staffrooms and the purchasing of



school materials. The foundation also gives talented students scholarships to continue studying after their graduation. We also support the construction of safe water supplies. Samen Succes works on a small scale and gives practical support. We facilitate, local people do the actual work.

In this way, we have enabled many children, boys and girls from Mbara and surrounding areas, to go to school. But our work is not done yet. In several villages in the valley small educational projects wait for realisation as well as some water projects.



RUNNING TALENTS

In a village called Keringet, in West Kenya, Samen Succes has gone even further. The interest in running, the experience with educational projects and contacts with former runner Jos Hermens resulted in the foundation of a secondary school for girls, in 2011. Keringet Winners Girls High School allows students to train together; the school-schedule is adjusted to the running program of the athletes – mainly girls from very poor families. Samen Succes is responsible for the management of the school, Global Sports Communication (Jos Hermens' organisation) for the training camp and the races.

The talented runners have already experienced a lot of success. They competed at World Championships and some even made it to the London Olympics 2012. In this way the successful girls inspire others by showing the possibility of living an independent life without poverty.

The set up of the school demands a lot of energy in this development stage. In January 2012 the school started the first grade, till 2015 we will start an extra grade every schoolyear. Therefore we need to extend the school by building new facilities, such as classrooms and a staffroom. We might even consider building a dormitory, if financially possible, so that talents from further away can attend our school.

GIRLS' CIRCUMCISION

In West Pokot girls are still being circumcised, even though FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) is prohibited by law. Here circumcison is traditionally a rite of passage between childhood and adulthood. Only after circumcison a girl becomes a complete woman,

some tribes believe. Because the remoteness of the area, this myth perseveres.

Girls' circumcison involves many health risks. Complications can occur during the circumcison, often in bad hygienic circumstances, or afterwards. If a circumcised woman gives birth to a child, this can be very painful and sometimes even fatal for mother and/or child.



PROVIDING INFORMATION

At the request of local dispensaries we organise meetings to inform local people about the risks of circumcison. During these meetings we also talk about family planning, men-women roles and the importance of education. Simon Limangole, coordinator of the dispensaries, and Ruth Loseker, social worker for remote areas, lead the meetings. Charles Rotich organises the project and Sammy, who became a teacher after his running career, tries to join the meetings as often as possible.

Thanks to the meetings the practise of circumcison in Mbara and surrounding areas has decreased constantly. People realise the health consequences for the circumcised girls and communities have come up with alternative rites to do what's best for their daughters without having to practise circumcison. A development that has made people proud.

A new area we concentrate on is the Masol Hills in the Rift Valley, where the Pokot nomads live with their cattle. Because of conflicts with the neighbouring Turkana tribe,

nobody ever educated the population on the risks of girls' circumcison. Local leaders are inviting Samen Succes to inform their communities too.

To educate the people of West Pokot on the risks of girls' circumcison requires ongoing attention, because old habits die hard. Our Kenyan team is very motivated to spread its knowledge.

