

POLICY PLAN

STICHTING OEI FOUNDATION

2025-2026

1. OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE OEI FOUNDATION IS TO CREATE BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN KENYA. TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE FOUNDATION RAISES FUNDS AND ORGANIZES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN OSUPUKO, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON PERSONAL HYGIENE, GOAL-SETTING, MENSTRUAL HEALTH, AND SEXUAL HEALTH. ANY OTHER INITIATIVES THAT ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THIS MISSION, OR THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO IT, ALSO FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE FOUNDATION.

2. METHOD OF RAISING INCOME

THE FOUNDATION RAISES INCOME THROUGH:

- DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS
- FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS AND ACTIVITIES
- POSSIBLE GRANTS OR SUBSIDIES

3. MANAGEMENT AND USE OF ASSETS

THE ASSETS OF THE FOUNDATION ARE MANAGED BY THE BOARD. ALL INCOME IS USED EXCLUSIVELY TO ACHIEVE THE FOUNDATION'S OBJECTIVES. FUNDS ARE SPENT ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH THE MISSION. IF RESERVES ARE CREATED, THEY ARE ALLOCATED TO FUTURE PROJECTS THAT DIRECTLY SERVE THE FOUNDATION'S GOALS.

4. APRIL 2025-JUNE 2025

IN APRIL 2025, THE OEI FOUNDATION ORGANIZED ITS FIRST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: A 10-DAY COURSE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR 150 GIRLS (AGES 8-18) FROM OSUPUKO. EACH DAY COMBINED PRACTICAL EXERCISES WITH KNOWLEDGE-SHARING, ENSURING THAT LEARNING WAS BOTH HANDS-ON AND DIRECTLY APPLICABLE.

THE PROGRAM AIMED TO HELP THE GIRLS EXPRESS THEMSELVES CONFIDENTLY, USE THEIR VOICE, AND GAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT EMPOWERS THEM FOR THE FUTURE. TOPICS INCLUDED:

- PERSONAL HYGIENE AND FAMILY PLANNING
- SEXUAL AND MENSTRUAL HEALTH
- RIGHTS, BODILY AUTONOMY, AND SELF-ADVOCACY
- FINANCIAL LITERACY AND BUDGETING
- GOAL-SETTING AND WORKING WITH PURPOSE

THIS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS THE FIRST STEP IN A LONG-TERM APPROACH TO CREATING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE. BY BREAKING TABOOS THROUGH DIALOGUE, AWARENESS, AND KNOWLEDGE-SHARING, THE PROGRAM MADE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING.

THE IMPACT WAS SIGNIFICANT: GIRLS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY QUIET AND WITHDRAWN BECAME MORE CONFIDENT, ABLE TO SPEAK UP AND CLAIM THEIR RIGHT TO A FUTURE. TWELVE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SINCE RECEIVED IMPLANON IMPLANTS, PROTECTING AGAINST PREGNANCY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

5. NOVEMBER 2025-JUNE 2026

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS CANNOT BE FULLY ACHIEVED WITHOUT ALSO INVOLVING BOYS. TO EFFECTIVELY REDUCE INEQUALITY AND CREATE LASTING CHANGE, THE OEI FOUNDATION IS DEVELOPING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOR BOYS IN 2026. THIS PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON SOCIAL SKILLS, RESPECT, AND THE POSITIVE IMPACT THAT EQUALITY AND PROGRESSIVE CHOICES CAN HAVE ON THEIR ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL CONTINUE AND FURTHER DEVELOP THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS IN 2026, ENSURING THAT BOTH GROUPS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT EMPOWER THEM AND STRENGTHEN THEIR FUTURES.

6. BOARD

THE UNPAID BOARD OF THE OEI FOUNDATION CONSISTS OF:

- VICTORIA VERELLEN (CHAIR)
- LIZA KOCH (SECRETARY)
- CHRISTINA SCHAUTEN (TREASURER)

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CONTRIBUTORS, THE FOUNDATION CAN CARRY OUT ITS WORK

7. EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

THE FOUNDATION HAS NO EMPLOYEES. IT OPERATES WITH VOLUNTEERS, BOTH IN THE NETHERLANDS AND ON LOCATION, WHERE THE PROJECTS ARE IMPLEMENTED.

8. FINANCE

THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE FOUNDATION IS EQUAL TO THE CALENDAR YEAR. AT THE END OF EACH FINANCIAL YEAR, THE TREASURER PREPARES A BALANCE SHEET AND A STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE. THIS TAKES PLACE WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR. THE MOST RECENT FINANCIAL REPORT IS PUBLISHED ON THE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE.

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OEI FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2025.

PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT VICTORIA VERELLEN AT OEIFOUNDATION@OUTLOOK.COM

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