



# NEWS

Cargo Human Care e.V.

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Merry Christmas

## Dear Members and Friends of Cargo Human Care,

In 2021, our doctors and those of us greatly involved in CHC, were not yet able to be as active onsite in Nairobi as we were prior to the pandemic, but nevertheless quite a few missions did take place. This is good, because the children and young adults at MMH and JKR, as well as the many patients at the Medical Centre and in our outpatient clinic in the Massai Mara, need our support.

Looking back, we can say: Thanks to your fantastic financial support, we were able to make a real difference in these very unusual times, and to enable people who are not as well off as the vast majority of

us, to lead a much-improved life. We have continued to develop all CHC projects in 2021, and "Water for Bubisa" was a new addition.

Recently, someone from the circle of active contributors wrote to me: "There is so much more 'life' in the way we work for CHC, and that is exactly what carries the whole association. It is the human connection and the sometimes unconventional, pragmatic approaches that move things forward." This is exactly the mindset that we want to continue to work with. As our association name already expresses it: Cargo HUMAN Care - the human being is

at the centre of our attention.

THANK YOU to all the people who help us in this. A Merry Christmas to you all and stay healthy.

On behalf of the entire CHC Board.

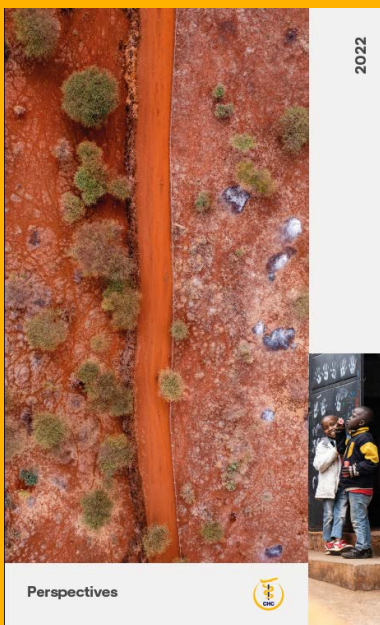
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Fokko Doyen, President CHC

## Are you still missing one Christmas gift?

Here you can order our beautiful CHC-calendar:

<https://cargohumancare.info/>



## Water is life

### Our water project in Bubisa is now complete (4)

by Gerhard Meyke

Unfortunately, the installation and activation of the desalination plant was further delayed. However, even though not yet all components have been installed, we have been able to provide clean drinking water to the population since mid-October, initially free of charge. Due to technical problems with the delivery pump at a depth of 300 metres, however, water distribution regrettably had to be

interrupted again in November. After laying a new power cable from the photovoltaic system to the pump, everything is now working again. The plant currently produces around 70,000 litres of drinking water per day - water that is urgently needed because of the ongoing drought in the region.

An official inauguration ceremony is expected to take place in early 2022.



Queuing at the water house



Filling in 20 liter canisters



## Wings Academy Marsabit

by Gerhard Meyke

Due to the ongoing drought, the supply of food for the population and the children in our Wings Academy remains critical. Thanks to a targeted donation from a CHC member, food could be financed for the children in the school, which will last until the end of 2021. Another donation has enabled the construction of a kitchen building, which already began in November. Due to the urgency, CHC made funds from its "Family Aid Programme" available at short notice, to provide 350 families with

the most basic necessities for the months of October, November, and December.



Waiting for the food distribution



The groceries are unloaded

## Training workshop for leather processing and tailoring

by Arno Pfeiffer

A birthday is coming up. Almost exactly two years ago, the new training workshop in Kiambu - only a few hundred metres away from the John Kaheni Youth Centre (JKR) - was ceremoniously opened. Here, young people have the opportunity to complete vocational training in leather processing and tailoring. In addition, intensive contacts are also maintained with leather processing companies in and around Nai-

robi in order to offer our students professional development opportunities following their training. The past two years, however, have been anything but easy. Due to the pandemic, training at the workshop had to be interrupted for a long time. In the meantime, operations have resumed and the two directors of the facility - Mercy and Rahab - are enthusiastically guiding the trainees through the course programme.



In the training workshop

## The new project: Microcredits

### Support in setting up a small business

by Arno Pfeiffer

The vocational training is over - ... and what now? This is a question our young JKR graduates often ask themselves. What happens after leaving the JKR support programme? The labour market in Kenya offers few opportunities to young people, even those with a good education.

At present, the economic slump as a result of the pandemic is adding to this problem. One way to gain a professional foothold is to set up a small business. Whether in crafts or service, there are opportunities here. That is why Cargo Human Care has recently started offering investment aid in

the form of interest-free loans to help people get started. This can be used to buy tools or equipment for sales rooms, for example. This is a project that has just started and is already seeing a great deal of interest among graduates.

## Cooperation with the "German Doctors"

by Prof. Dr. Frank vom Dorp und Prof. Dr. Andreas Eisenhardt

At very short notice, after a long break, we decided to go on a urological mission to Nairobi at the end of October. This time, among other things, we wanted to expand our cooperation with the German Doctors and support them in the Baraka Medical Centre in the middle of the Mathare slum. A good 180,000 people live here in a very small area, with an average age of 15.

Two thirds of the adults are infected with HIV. Although we had only given a week's notice, several patients could be called in for necessary urological operations, two of which were treated by Frank the very next day and several were scheduled for the next year. Our wish is to provide more "Urology Camps" also with a second team. This would enable us to make ano-

ther small contribution to improving medical care in this slum.

You can read a more comprehensive report about this mission on the Cargo Human Care [Homepage](#).