

Nieuwegein, Busia 6 januari 2022

Subject: **FUNDRAISING RESTART MABWA OTINGA'S MULTI MEDIA ACADEMY (MMA) in KENYA**

Dear (old) friends and former colleagues of Mabwa Otinga (Mappie)

My name is Monique Quirijnen and I have been friends with Mabwa for years, along with my family. I am one of the few friends in the Netherlands who attended Mabwa's party at Video Associates in Hilversum, I am still in touch with Mappie and am willing to become his "ambassador" and help him find sponsors, volunteers etc. to support his youth school project to provide financial support in Kenya. Mabwa asked me to help him, find his (former) friends, former colleagues and to write them.

Luckily I was able to find most of them by Facebook and LinkedIn.

I am willing to help Mappie within my means.

The MultiMediaAcademy in Nairobi was forced to close its doors. Mappie left for the west side of Kenya (Matayos in Busia) and is now trying to start there again. However, the school supplies are still stored in a container in Nairobi, which unfortunately has also been broken into. These containers have to be transported to its new base in Busia. The new classrooms also cost money. For the time being, Mabwa has too few financial resources to bring in income, for the restart and relocation and he hopes to receive financial help from you for this. Hence this call to support him and the school project (structurally), so that he and his colleagues can continue his life's work; to give underprivileged young people a career and a better future.



As you may remember Mabwa left the Netherlands in 2006 and started a non-profit, non-commercial media training center for young people in Nairobi, Kenya, where he and his colleagues and volunteers (including some of you from the Netherlands), helped many students, until 2017. Many of these students are now self-employed or freelancers for audiovisual outfits in Nairobi and other cities in Kenya and East Africa.

Below is a brief account of Mabwa. Also attached is a video showing you some of the students, Mappie's colleagues and the Kenya MMA school course:

Due to the lack of our own building and/or own facilities, and the lack of a fixed income, the school had to close in the short term, the land/building we occupied was sold and our school building was demolished. The landlord gave us a 48 hour warning. We lost hope of fighting our landlord even more about this eviction because this company is a state company and it is the state through our landlord who evicted us. We had to forcibly leave just before the bulldozers knocked down our building with all our stuff inside. We quickly put all our belongings in containers and brought them to safety where they are until now.

This was the last blow we got right before our TKO. But when we got strength to try to get up, we got another one from COVID-19 and fell back down again.

So to keep this Nobel project going, we are looking for friends and former colleagues who know Mabwa and his dedication to training, empowerment and giving back to the community, to support this multimedia youth training project for at least the next 3 years, ( preferably) contribute a monthly percentage of these minimum total monthly logistics costs, so that Mappie and his volunteer colleagues can get this school back on track and the school can grow into an independent, independent and self-sufficient school, which in the near future can bear and pay all its operational, salary and other logistics costs.

We are therefore looking for 1, 8, 13, 17, 21, 25 and or 30 people and/or sponsors who are willing and able to commit themselves by donating a monthly amount to this project: an equivalent of or as follows:-

1 person and/or sponsor can donate 100% donation equal to = 390 euros  
8 people and/or sponsors can each donate a 12.5% donation equal to = 390 euros  
13 people and or sponsor donate 7.69% donation equal to = 390 euros from  
17 persons and/or sponsors donate 5.8% donation equal to = 390 euros from  
21 persons and/or sponsors donate 4.76% donation equal to = 390 euros from  
25 people or sponsors donate 4% donation equivalent = 390 euros from  
30 persons and/or sponsors donate 3.33% donation equal to = 390 euros from

Also in your networks now of friends, colleagues are welcome to donate a percentage or a fixed amount. Please feel free to contact one of us to make it happen. All in all we would be very grateful.

While I am finishing this letter, I received an email from Mabwa with GOOD NEWS.

Mabwa has written the following:

With a lot of patience, understanding, kindness, cooperation and generosity from Paulien, Bolke and other unnamed persons of SR Films BV, they donated a Christmas present in money to the International Multimedia Academy & V.T. Centrum, transferred by bank transfer to the account below, for the transport of the containers and school supplies that are still in Nairobi to be transported to Busia, to the new school base, so that the project can restart asap. Many thanks to Paulien, Bolke, SR Films BV and other persons not mentioned. This already solves the long-awaited financial support and a major stumbling block for the school project. Now that the largest financially necessary part has been arranged and we don't suddenly need a big bite anymore, I think it's a good gesture to the other friends and ex-colleagues to join Pauline, Bolke, SR films and others to help Mappie and the support a school project.

After consultation with Mabwa and his colleagues, I was allowed to open an account in my name at the ING for those who cannot transfer their donation directly to the school account in Kenya. This will later be collectively added to the school account.

The bank details are as follows:

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Also via Messenger and Facebook

And for those of you who can donate directly to the school in Kenya, you can use the following account as follows:-

Name:- International Multimedia Academy & V.T. Centre  
stock bank

Account number. 068-117-0730193235479

Mabwa Otinga Phone: +254739717269

Email: Multimediaacademy@gmail.com

Also via Facebook and Messenger

On behalf of Mabwa, colleagues and the school, we thank you for all your support and kindness, understanding and contribution to this Nobel project. We hope to work together for a long time to come.

Cordial greetings,

Monique Quirijnen

Friend/Volunteer From/for Mabwa and the Multimedia Academy Kenya

