

MOTHERS OF AFRICA

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A photo from our visit to Chongwe, Zambia in July 2019

Once again huge thanks due to all our supporters, fundraisers and donors! It has been an interesting time since our last newsletter in February 2019.

As well as a few Bowling and dinner nights and the beautiful Ristretto concert in April, we also hosted an Aperò-dinatoire at the Club Nautique in Monaco. We were delighted to take part in the annual Journée International droits des enfants again in October and we have been very busy, more recently with Covid-19 related activities.

We are also very grateful to Radio Riviera for the regular shout-outs!

Here is a little run-down of the last few 15 months!



Sam and the team on the Evergreen build

SINCE LAST YEAR...

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May 2019

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April 2020



Vicky with teachers at Shiyala School

SHIYALA SCHOOL VISIT

In May 2019, Vicky went to Shiyala School, (built by Mothers of Africa) to act as guest-teacher and to pick up a stationery order from Lusaka funded by MoA. *"We also bought early years equipment with funds generously given by the International School of Nice. We brought with us 60 kg of art materials kindly donated by the International School of Monaco. Some of our highlights included getting to decorate masks--and faces!--with glitter in the Venetian style. Students used donated coloured feathers, stickers, and drawing and painting supplies to make their masks as beautiful as possible! Another highlight for our team was staying at a teacher's house so that we were able to witness the morning routine before school. After that, we walked to school together and celebrated the first day of a new term."*

A VISIT TO CHONGWE

Sandrine & Noeline visited Evergreen School in Chongwe, Zambia in July, 2019 to assist with the build of 4 classrooms and a teacher's office. This project, funded by MoA, has helped towards reducing class sizes at Evergreen from approximately 100 to 40 children.



Sandrine and Noeline with workers and volunteers

Mothers of Africa worked with CAUKIN Studio to manage the project. They recruited a local workforce of equal men and women – a core requirement of Mothers of Africa – and these workers were paired up with volunteers from a variety of backgrounds. Ecological and sustainable materials were locally sourced.

"It was a wonderful experience for us both to get involved in the actual digging, block laying, some fun with wheelbarrow races, communicating with the locals, the teachers and really getting a feel for what life is like for people living in Chongwe, Zambia and the challenges they face every day!"

BUILDING COMPLETE

Three months after building began, the four new classrooms and a staffroom were completed and handed over to the DEBS (District Education Board Secretaries) in September, 2019! The ceremony happened in the presence of Hon Japhen Mwakalombe MP (Minister for the Copperbelt), as well as our very own Judith and Susanne!



NO FINISH LINE

In mid November, the Mothers of Africa team walked and ran with friends and supporters in the No Finish Line walk organized by Children & Future! Our founder Judith ran a personal marathon and we walked over 1200 kilometers, and we came in 52nd place! We had so much fun getting to see everyone on the circuit, and we are already looking forward to next year!



A photo of our team at our Christmas Market

CHRISTMAS MARKET

On 14 December 2019, Mothers of Africa held a Christmas Market in Monaco to fundraise and celebrate the beautiful handicrafts that we have brought back from our many trips to sub-Saharan Africa. We were so delighted to see so many of our lovely supporters show up to have a chat, enjoy freshly baked-goods, or purchase a handicraft!

ISM PHILANTHROPY CLUB

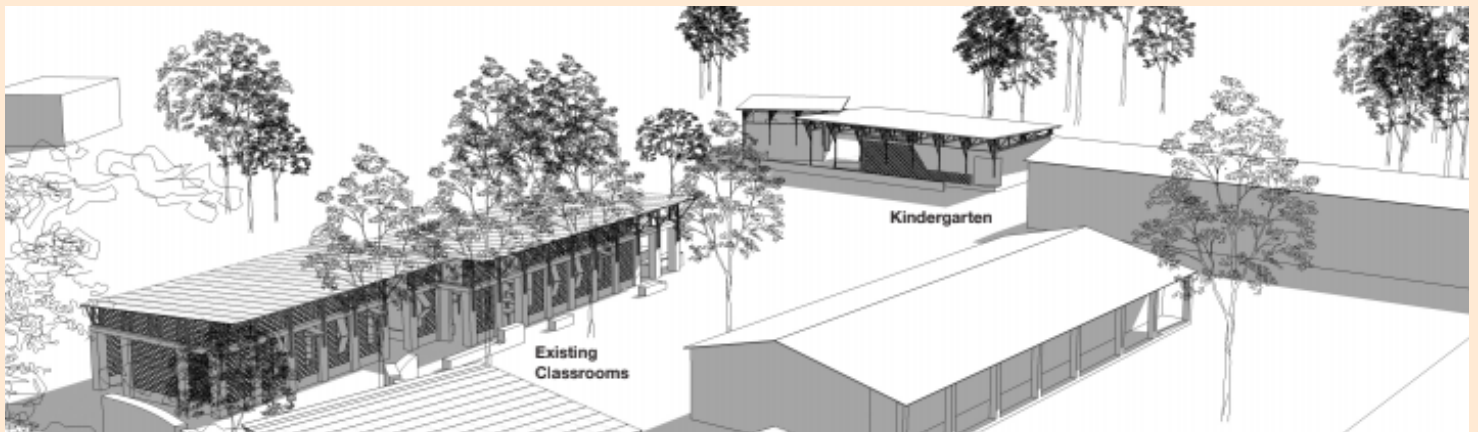
We were very excited to be invited to work with the ISM Philanthropy Club from September last year. They baked, organised a Film Night, Fashion show and Christmas Carol Concert as well as taking part in the NFL & helping us with the Christmas Market.

OSI PHOTO CONTEST

Mothers of Africa has entered the first Monaco NGO (OSI) Photo Competition. On a date to be announced, Monaco NGOs will exhibit photos that capture their essence, and the competition will have a public vote at the exhibition and on facebook. Mothers of Africa is proud to submit Paul Crompton's beautiful photo as seen here titled « Rebecca and son have travelled 27 km so she can give birth safely in hospital. »



NEW PROJECT PLANS



We are planning to build a nursery school at Evergreen School. CAUKIN Studios have already drawn up the plans and we are working with The White Feather Foundation to raise more funds. This build has been delayed to Summer 2021 now. Further donations are very welcome...

<https://whitefeatherfoundation.com/campaign/build-a-nursery-school-in-zambia>

COVID-19 REACTION

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop in Africa, MoA is providing soap and PPE to Chongwe District Hospital, as well as masks for the children of Shiyala and Evergreen primary schools. We are thankful for Dr Job Mwanza, our newest UK trustee, for organising this for us.

DONATE NOW

Please donate to our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moappezambia>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

We hope this newsletter has found you and your loved ones safe and healthy. During these difficult times, we are sending you love and a special message of thanks for your continued support. We remain committed to our mission and goals during this outbreak, as this crisis highlights the importance of education, good health, and proper medical practices.



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