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During these years in Africa and KISEDET I've only written a couple of times directly to friends and mates to ask for help: those who know about KISEDET know we are not used to writing heart-breaking letters or sending photos of skinny African children. The children we care for in our daycare centres smile, even if they've been through quite awful experiences---and they are fine. They are peaceful again and, even if the scars of their pains will remain forever inside them, we are doing our best to let them hope in a better future and get back to their families.

Those who know about us are aware our support is to children at a scholastic age or groups (daycare centres, street children and so on): it wouldn't make any sense to try and get support for a newborn kid or just a few months old. Lots of people will likely queue to support him/her...but would it make any sense? A few month old child doesn't go to school and one of the most important features of KISEDET is honesty. We don't believe in anything like "the end justifies the means". You'll never see a tear-jerking photo in our fund-raising campaigns. The exception is ZAWADI but that's a long story.

Those who know about us or have come to know about us through the word-of-mouth of friends and mates, know that KISEDET can be considered "unusual" as to management and operational ways. Just think that KISEDET has never made a container get to Tanzania—we strongly believe that Tanzanian economy is better supported by buying local materials to improve their welfare and development. Being a bridge between two cultures is also gratifying and important for everybody.

Those who get into voluntary work or associations claiming they just want to give without getting back anything will find our ways useless and they won't feel satisfied. KISEDET doesn't work FOR Africa, it works WITH Africa—these prepositions make the whole difference.

We're writing about that because after three long years raising funds we have succeeded in buying a minibus that will enable us to drive children around, to go and sensitize people about street children by means of "SHUKURANI ARTS GROUP" performances, to hire it to private people so that we may earn some money from this activity. We're very happy but this expense has dried us up! I'm aware that living here makes us concerned directly. Through my posts on Facebook I try to describe our daily life in touch with our street children as close to reality as possible. Now I'd like to tell you about my mood to let you understand what it feels like

remaining with a very little budget.. Such a big family to feed and helplessness about to overcome---but I know at the end it won't overcome because we're strong and the people around us are generous and caring. They have never let us down and they never will, even now.

Every day KISEDET takes care of 50 street children, some are regular guests in our two daycare centres (Shukurani in Dodoma and the one still under construction in Chigongwe). That's to say these children live thanks to our support—food, clothes, medicines, school fees and so on. Every month our employees are regularly paid on time for their work: we've been able to so far. Voluntary work exists here, too but people usually need to work and just very few of them can afford to give a free helping hand. I just want to thank the psychologist, Mr Sway, who works voluntarily twice a week for our children.

If you believe in us and feel our work makes sense and are on our side, if you're convinced that our daily work to give a better future to these children deserves your support, well...let me ask you to be fast, to help us with simple but extremely important things. Here they are:

- arranging parties, events, dinner-parties and fund-raising campaigns, exhibitions (of photos maybe);
- giving up presents (especially at Christmas) and donating the equivalent to GRTZ and, consequently, KISEDET;
- (this is for the Italian people): donating the 5x1000 of your incomes and spreading the news!;
- on special occasions choosing our supportive bonbonnières;
- arranging stands with typical handmade items and, why not, selling homemade cakes that our aunts, grannies or friends will cook for us and donate for this purpose;
- starting a sponsorship (single or collective) at 250 euros per year (0.68 euros per day);
- donating money;
- coming and see us in Tanzania through the cooperative "Viaggi & Miraggi" or by a "do-it-yourself" trip, so you'll support and see our projects yourselves;
- boycotting unethical products and brands (such as Barilla, Nestlè, Chiquita, Benetton, Nokia, Sony and so on).

Some of you may wonder what boycotting brands has to do with supporting our projects: let me tell you about it.

We often read Africa is gripped by poverty because lots of political leaders are crooks or corrupted (which is partly true)...It's also said that African wars have tribal reasons and things like that. It's hardly ever or never said that Africa is still colonized (differently from the past hundreds years) by the Western powers and that most of these wars aren't domestic but guided by various foreign governments in order to get hold of the raw materials fundamental to Western economies or better fundamental to the Western lifestyles. One of the most striking examples is coltan. How many of us really know about coltan? I won't be too long, just click on this link and I hope you'll learn something very useful for you (<http://youtube/5EQxObNr3LU>) (you may just copy and paste the link to watch the video). I'm convinced that our little daily changes may contribute to the rebirth of this beautiful Continent.

Thanks to all of those who have spent some time to read this letter and thanks to those who support us or will start to do that. Have a good time.

Gio (Mama Alice) for KISEDET.

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