

Baobab Children Foundation
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Socially and physically challenged - hand in hand
NEWSLETTER M A R C H 2026

Dear sponsors,
dear supporters,
dear friends of Baobab,

The year is already moving into its third month, and I hope everyone is happy to receive news from Ghana after this cold or wet winter. Here as well, we have had rain again and again, and the feeling of being in the dry season has not really appeared. We love this, because we practice agriculture, and when the rainwater dam is still really full, it makes us incredibly happy.



Our rainwater dam is unusual full for the dry season

25 Years of Baobab Children Foundation

We are in our anniversary year, which of course makes us extremely proud. 25 years of hard work in our commitment to disadvantaged children in Ghana, 25 years of constant development, 25 years of patience and perseverance, 25 years of ups and downs, 25 years with the support of an incredible number of people who have always believed in us and made all of this possible through donations.

I cannot thank individuals by name, as the list would simply be too long. However, in my upcoming newsletters I would like to introduce people and institutions who have supported us the longest.

The Kirchner School in Frankfurt

In 2003 there was a photo exhibition in the Central Children's and Youth Library in Frankfurt, where my sister was working at the time. I presented photos from the Oxford School, with which I was collaborating at that time.

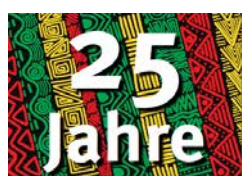
After the opening, a mother from the Kirchner School was so moved that she introduced Baobab at her school as a project worth supporting. Since then, the "Ghana Run" of the 4th grade classes has taken place in connection with the Federal Youth Games. Every year I visit the children beforehand to introduce them to Baobab before the run. What a beautiful tradition at the Kirchner School.

My heartfelt thanks go to the school for this long-standing support. You help us again and again.



<https://www.kirchnerschule-frankfurt.de>

SAVE THE DATE



Baobab Children Foundation



September 26, 2026 we will celebrate in Vauban in Freiburg

Planning has already begun and there are several ideas:

a drum circle, an art exhibition in a gallery, film screenings in a cinema hall, a lecture by Dr. Massmann (Head of the Zukunftsstiftung), a volunteer gathering, and more.

I will send more newsletters than usual and report each time on the progress.

Anyone who has suggestions or wishes, or who would like to participate in the preparation or organization, please feel free to contact me via WhatsApp or Signal at +49 160 1720236. I would be very happy about anyone who would like to help — of course also financially.

November 12, 2026 Baobab will celebrate in Ghana at our school

Anyone who has ever wanted to come to Ghana is warmly invited to join us.

Documentary Film „25 Years of Baobab“

(The title has not yet been decided — suggestions are very welcome.)

We are currently working on a documentary film about the 25 years of Baobab. A young filmmaker from Cape Coast has taken on this project.

The filming and interviews are all completed, and now we are very curious to see what he will create from this wealth of material.

It was a great pleasure for me to visit all areas of Baobab together with this passionate young man and his colleague while they filmed everything. Their enthusiasm for what they saw was truly contagious. Comments such as “You are doing the work of God” or “You deserve an award” touched me deeply. Their frustration and outrage that the state does nothing for us here also came up again and again.

I am very excited to see the final result

The cost of the film is 800 euros, which is a very good offer for a 25-minute documentary. Perhaps someone would like to contribute to this.



Interview with artist Bright, former student and staff member



Cane & Bamboo department

Construction Projects

The Renovation Project

With the support of Fair Equity, the project has now been completed. The dormitories have been renovated and the new toilets have been built.

Alhaji once again organized and carried out all the work with great care.

Many thanks to Fair Equity and the Bedford Foundation.

Farmhouse

The second farmhouse, whose construction we assigned to NaBiG, is progressing slowly.

In mid-March, the fired bricks will be delivered by our board member Bonna. Everything must be ready by then so that the walls can be built.

Our great thanks go to Warema.



Mr Michael, Farm Manager and Mr Alhaji, General Manager, are supervising the work

New Rainwater Dam on the Farm

With the help of our main sponsors, the company For-messe in the Black Forest, we were able to complete the solar system at the school in 2025.

Part of the financing was still missing. Now, with their help, we were also able to continue expanding the second rainwater dam that had been started a few years ago. Overall, it has now become much larger than before. The work is not yet finished.

Despite Ramadan, Alhaji supervises the work every day. My great thanks go to our hardworking General Manager Alhaji.

A very special thank you also goes to the Jaschke family, who made this possible.



Works at the new dam

Wisdom – a Sponsorship Success Story



Wisdom matriculated at the University of Cape Coast.

Wisdom came to Baobab in 2018 at the age of 12 from nearby Komenda. Our former employee Alison met him there and saw that he needed support. Both of his parents have disabilities and therefore could not support his further education.

We quickly noticed that he was a very bright young boy and sent him to the Oxford School after Monika Lockemann met him and said: “I will support Wisdom until the end of his education, whatever he decides to do.”

He finished junior high school, attended senior high school, and since January he has been studying at Cape Coast University for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Alison had to help once again so that he could get this place. Originally he wanted to study medicine because he wants to become a doctor to heal his mother. Unfortunately, he was not admitted due to his results.

We wish him continued success.

Our great thanks go to Alison and Monika.

Volunteers

This year we have received particularly many requests for volunteer service in addition to our three regular Weltwärts volunteers, whom I introduced in the last newsletter.



Baobab Girl Strikers with Ida (left) and Lena

At the moment we also have Ida from Konstanz, who helps with our girls' football team because she herself played football for many years.

She is also developing product designs that could be suitable for sale and is sewing them together with students.



Carlotta

Carlotta, from my former Waldorf school in Müllheim, is currently doing her social internship with us and immediately threw herself into the work, as she only has six weeks.

The Weltwärts volunteers have now been with us for six months. Here are excerpts from their reports:

Lena reports



Future Lab projects at the school garden

Our tasks have changed significantly over the past few months. While at the beginning we helped everywhere, in January we started focusing on specific areas and began concrete projects.

Among other things, I took responsibility for the school garden, where there is always something to do. At the moment, the area is not used efficiently. Before further investments are made, a stable fence must first be built to protect the plants from goats and chickens.

The fence is currently under construction. Watering during the dry season is also essential. For this purpose, rainwater is pumped into the school garden using a solar-powered pump. In the garden we grow crops according to the nearby and sustainable agroforestry concept, and together with the students we are experimenting with new methods.

Nelly reports

At the beginning of the new school term I received the unexpected and responsible task of accompanying “Little Edith”, who lives on the school grounds and needs special support due to severe trauma.

Since I had never worked with a person with special needs before, I initially imagined the task to be easier than it actually is. My first step was to build a basis of trust and explain why I was there and what my tasks were.

At first she reacted surprisingly calmly. However, in everyday life it became clear that it was difficult to motivate her to complete tasks independently. One particular challenge for me was her very slow working pace, as I had to learn to remain patient and not take tasks away from her.

At times I had to involve Edith and Alhaji for support, although this had not been my intention at the beginning. After that, the cooperation improved significantly.

ZMy tasks include accompanying her through a structured daily routine — from brushing her teeth, showering, getting dressed, and having breakfast. During the day she works in the Kente workshop, where she weaves traditional Ghanaian Kente cloth. I sit with her, learn weaving from her, and try to start conversations.

At the beginning, the language barrier was another challenge because she mainly spoke Fanti with me and refused to speak English with me, even though she actually speaks English well.

Nevertheless, we always found ways to communicate. In the meantime, we have already successfully completed several tasks together.



Little Edith the Kente weaver

Rosa reports



In the midday break the farmers cook with products from the farm.

Working and living on the ecological Adepa Farm, which we do for one week each month, is a central part of my work. There we work and live together with the farmers in one house.

During the dry season, our main tasks include: weeding by hand, with a hoe or machete, preparing planting beds, planting heat-resistant vegetables, and watering daily.

Since it is currently the dry season, there are hardly any yields.

The clearly structured daily routine, working outdoors, and the time for reflection is always a pleasant change from school life.

Current Scenes from the School



Service students help at the mushroom house with the bagging of compost.



Augustina is very proud of her product.



Jerry is designing the new sign board.



Senior James is mentoring little Solomon, a new student.



Senior carpenters at the machine shop.

For these children and young people we are looking for support for food, materials, salaries for staff, and more



The support of the carpentry workshop by Koenig & Bauer from Würzburg is a tremendous help. They cover all the ongoing costs of the carpentry workshop and the Cane&Bamboo workshop.

A big thank you to Koenig & Bauer

We are still looking for sponsors who are willing to contribute a monthly amount so that we can cover the ongoing costs.

School sponsorships can support with any amount, while sponsorship for a child starts at 50

<https://www.baobab-children-foundation.de/de/spenderkonto/patenschaften/>

**VMANY SMALL PEOPLE
TAKING MANY SMALL STEPS
CAN MOVE GREAT THINGS**

WE HELP – THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS

**Warm greetings from Ghana,
Edith de Vos and the team**

SPENDENKONTEN

The **GLS Zukunftsstiftung Entwicklung** will once again match collective donations this year. For larger donations they may match part of the amount, depending on the team that decides which donations are doubled. It does not happen automatically.

It is very important that the team knows which fundraising campaign the donation comes from, even if the donation is transferred directly, for example for a birthday.

For all donations, project donations, or matching donations

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