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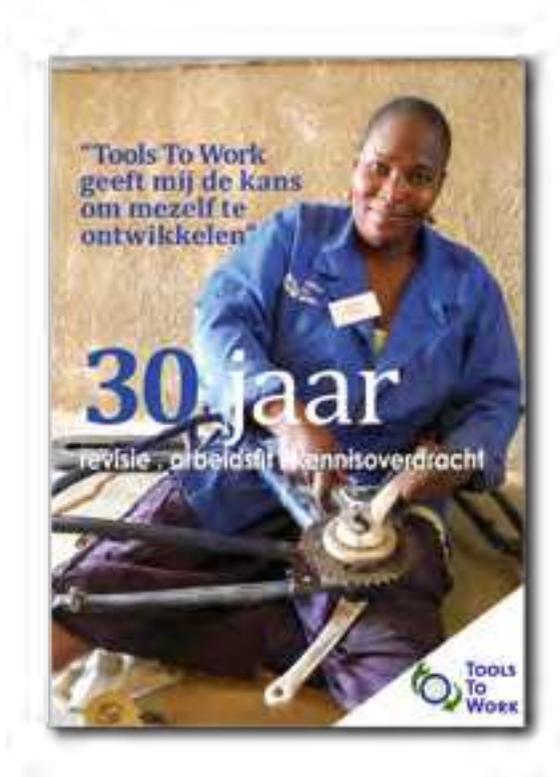




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1. INTRODUCTION

It is our pleasure to present Tools To Work Annual Report 2017

The year 2017 was a special year. It celebrated its 30th anniversary. In those 30 years times and ideas have changed and Tools To Work had to move along. For Tools To Work subsidies, laws and regulations and ideas on helping changed.

African countries develop at a rapid speed, the economy, education and health improve fast. However there are still 540 million Africans living below subsistence level. Half of the young people are jobless. The need for skilled people is great and local governments recognize the need for vocational education. A vocational training offers young people the opportunity to escape poverty. Tools To Work supports local initiatives for vocational training with tools, knowledge and experience in maintenance and repairs.

In 2018 we hope to help many young people in the Netherlands and Africa to develop themselves, become self-reliant and participate in society.

Luitzen Wobma, director
Eric de Vries, chairman



2. OUR PASSION

Tools To Work wants to help people in the Netherlands and in Africa to develop themselves, participate in society and be independent.

Tools To Work has grown into a dynamic organisation with three core objectives:

1. The use of experienced seniors as volunteers and professionals to teach long term unemployed persons professional and vocational skills and to accompany them back to work.
2. Refurbish discarded technical goods in the Netherlands and utilise it for a new economic life in developing countries.
3. Connect refurbishing products with the development of people in the Netherlands and in Africa with regard to work and welfare.



Foto: Classroom Maji Mazouri. "All I ever needed was the ability to learn"

3. OUR APPROACH

Revision

We collect second-hand goods, repair them if necessary and give them a second life in Africa or the Netherlands. They can be used to generate an income. At the workshop we refurbish bicycles, computers, sewing machines, knitting machines, computers and tools.

Education/sharing knowledge

In Africa Vocational Training Centres use the Tools To Work tools and machines for better education and to expand its capacity. Tools To Work supports enterprising people or small collectives with refurbished goods of high quality to start a business or extend. For sustainable use Tools To Work, in cooperation with local partners, organizes courses in maintenance and repair of the sewing- and knitting machines and bicycles.

Accompaniment/reintegration

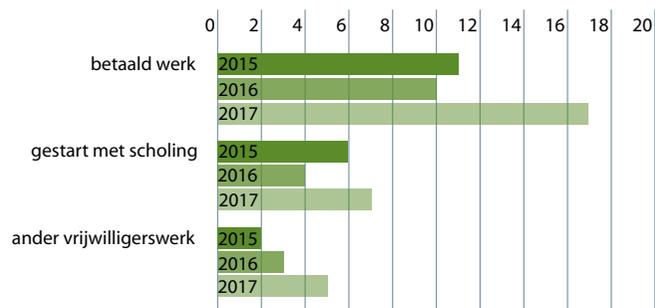
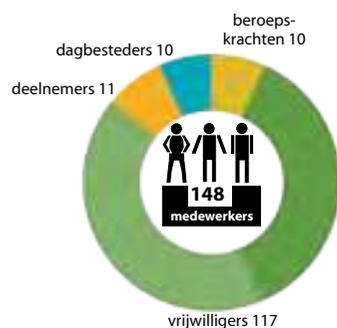
At the workshop skilled volunteers and professionals help people with job reintegration. For this task a professional is employed.



4. RESULTS IN THE NETHERLANDS

Employees and volunteers

In 2017 at Tools To Work worked 148 people.
 117 volunteers
 10 people with day-activity
 11 participants
 10 professionals



Outflow

17 persons found a paid job, 7 went for a training and 5 persons found other work as a volunteer. Tools To Work received a subsidy for 32 people. A total of 37842 hours were worked of which de biggest part by volunteers. The effort of our workers is big; they invest knowledge and time. Money-wise this means € 261.106,=, considering €9,11 as current minimum wage. They work without payment, but their effort is unpriced!



Helping Dutch families

In the Netherlands we also deliver computers and bicycles, specifically to families living below the poverty line. Children from these families could therefore go to school by bike and do their homework. We do that in cooperation with "Stichting Leergeld".



Certificates and the Boris method

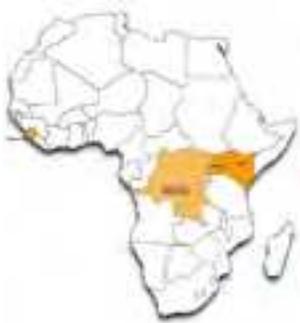
From 2018 we will offer the possibility to obtain MBO certificates. This is done through the Boris method and is especially intended for people who do not come into their own in regular school systems. Two professionals are trained as a practical trainer.

New Dutch

A specialized volunteer (former language teacher) guides new Dutch people in language formation and participation in Dutch society with Tools voor Taal. This greatly increases their chances of passing the civic integration exam and finding a job.



5. RESULTS IN AFRIKA



Completed projects

29 project partner organisations received goods in 2017. We sent 5 containers. The focus remained on Kenya, Uganda, and Sierra Leone. Besides those countries goods have been sent to DR Congo, and a small consignment to Zimbabwe and Nepal.

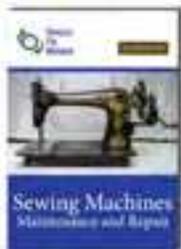
NUMBER OF PROJECTS



	165	computers & printers
	509	knitting- & sewing machines
	383	handtools
	172	electrical tools
	294	bicycles

Given trainings

In Kenya and Sierra Leone we gave a training maintenance & repair, with the aid of course material developed by us and a training video. In Burkina Faso a course was given to women from Mali in the repair and maintenance of sewing machines and bicycles. In total we were able to train 48 people, who in turn train others and pass on the knowledge. This provides a strong foundation for a knowledge chain in the maintenance of repair of goods, which benefits the durability of the machines.



Toolbank started

In 2017 we started the project "Toolbank". In Trans-Nzoia, Kenya, 50 students from 3 VTC's have bought a sewing machine with a microcredit. The Fashion- and Designtrainers were trained in maintenance and repairs of the machines. They will share their knowledge with the students. The Trans Nzoia local government cooperates with this project and finances part of it. Students are very positive and pay back the instalments. Tools To Work is busy on a next consignment of sewing machines.

Automotive teaching material

In September, a study was conducted in Trans-Nzoia County to see how students of motor vehicle technology enter the labor market. The Ministry of Education in Trans- Nzoia County has been closely involved in the preparation and execution of this study. The results show that only 50% of students ultimately save on the labor market. At the request of the Ministry of Education, we are working with a team to prepare teaching and course material to train teachers and provide them with good teaching material. This will increase the success rate of these students. At the same time we are working on tool sets for starting car mechanics who help them to get a place on the labor market. The purchase of tool sets will also be offered in the Toolbank construction.



6. EFFORT'S IMPACT

Possibilities at Sauti Kuu, Kenya

Sauti Kuu was founded by Auma Obama. She wants to link rural youth with urban youth. *"It is all about common sense. How to make rural youth stay and not move to town."* On a beautiful spot she started Sauti Kuu. There is a VTC with great attention on social skills as well. It offers the children a beautiful spot, art, music and sports in their leisure time. *"I believe in Sauti Kuu (powerful voice) . That powerful voice is what I want to leave to the Kenyan people and Africa."*



Tools for VTC in Uganda

Morkiswa community Skilling consulted the local community and together they decided to start a VTC. Young people learn practical skills by which they can make a living. They produce school uniforms and furniture and they make and repair roofs. This gives the school an income. However, for the 370 pupils there are not enough tools. Tools To Work has sent tools and machines. Frances Okech, director: *"The day the goods arrived, was a joyful day. To know that people from far away appreciate you and stimulate toy. That day, the school became a proper school. We got quality goods. Since that day we really can teach well and people see that we are a good school with motivated students."*

Sharing knowledge through courses

"They did not want to stop before they knew they had learned everything", tells volunteer Thea Jansen. Together with Jan Koeman they were in Burkina Faso to teach bicycle- and sewing machine maintenance and repairs. They trained 12 Malinese women who came to Burkina Faso, because it was too dangerous for the Dutch volunteers to go to Mali. With Tools To Work- machines, instruction video and tools they got to work. All of them received a certificate at the end of the course. Back in Mali they will be helped by VAM (Foundation for Woman and Labor) to start their own workshop.



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