

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020



ASSOCIACIÓ DIGNITY.CAT

A DIGNIFIED LIFE FOR ELDERLY AND CHILDREN IN KENYA

**1. MOTTO**

Together for a good cause

**2. MISSION**

Decent life for the elderly and children in Kenya

**3. VISION**

A society that embraces social values, education, and dignity for all

An enlightened society where the elderly has left the empty nest syndrome, feel secure, confident, and valued, and can live with dignity in a healthy environment, with people with whom they are comfortable and with whom they share the same values.

A society in which the younger generations have the right and equal opportunity for education, regardless of gender, economic status, or family background.

A school where the education system and facilities are modern, sufficient and belong to the local community who assumes its responsibility.

A society where everyone is engaged in social work and is part of the development of the community, transmitting talent, tradition, and culture to next generations.

#### 4. THE ASSOCIATION

Mr. John Muga (the president) and his wife Dr. Elisa Salvadó, together with friends who share the principle of solidarity, created this non-profit association in November 2016 with the aim of helping the most vulnerable in his native Kenyan village, KATUK, in Kisumu.

DIGNITY.CAT Association is a non-profit organization that works with vulnerable seniors and children in education and social welfare. Registered in Barcelona, it is part of the municipal cooperation council of Sant Pere de Ribes. It works in collaboration with **Dignity Katuk CBO**, a local counterpart.

The AIM of the association is to help orphans, other vulnerable children, and the elderly in poor living conditions in the village of Katuk.

We want:

1. To give comprehensive care to the elderly to live with dignity despite their economic status, gender, or any other factor of vulnerability. (WAZEE PROGRAM)
2. To work in the education of children making sure that their right to education is not compromised, regardless of their financial capacity. (WATOTO PROGRAM)
3. To help Nyang'inja School: (NYANG'INJA PROGRAM)
  - Maintaining a good learning environment with improvements in structure, human resources and helping in the social and health aspects of children.
  - Using innovative and sustainability strategies to ensure long-term continuity.
  - Helping and empowering the community so that it can eventually take full responsibility for the school and make it feel like its own.

FOUNDING MEMBERS: John Muga, Elisa Salvadó, Paola Zuliani, Juan Carbonel, Tania Stoyanka, Françoise Guttentag.

## 5. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2020

### JANUARY /Sant Pere de Ribes-Canyelles.

#### PROJECT “EDUCACIÓ PER LA PAU” (academic course 2019-2020)

For the third consecutive year, we attended the meetings in the city hall of Sant Pere de Ribes to participate in the project “Educacio per la Pau” (Education for Peace). In this project, several local NGOs deliver workshops in the secondary schools of the village for awareness and sensitization about values, attitudes, and knowledge for peace. Unluckily, the Covid pandemic stopped the project in 2020.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

During January we celebrated the general assembly for 2019. We made a review of the objectives of the association, the activities, and the way forwards. Apart from board members, other people also assisted interested in knowing about the association.



*General Assembly 2019 held in “El Local” in Sant Pere de Ribes*

## **FEBRUARY/ Sant Pere de Ribes**

WORKSHOP “COOPERATION AND EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP”. We attended this workshop delivered by Mr Miquel Carrillo, an international cooperation consultant, where we learnt tools to create a strategy for educating the citizens through sensitization, training, research, and political incidence.

## **MARCH/ Canyelles**

SECOND SOLIDARY “CALÇOTADA”. We repeated this event, after last year's success. Calçotada is a traditional Catalan barbecue that takes place during winter. Calçots, seasonal sweet large spring onions, are the star of the meal. We met again in El Casal de Canyelles, we were almost 50 people! We had fun and we raised funds for Dignity.







*Solidary Calçotada 2020 in El Casal de Canyelles*



## JULY/ Kenya and Sant Pere de Ribes

START OF THE PROJECT GRANTED BY THE CITY HALL OF SANT PERE DE RIBES “RENOVATION OF 4 CLASSROOMS AND 100 DESKS FOR NYANG’INJA PRIMARY SCHOOL (project nº 3407)”. Because of the COVID19 pandemic, there was a delay in the beginning of the works. However, it was continued for the next 2 months and finished without incidences.





*Initial Rehabilitation works in Nyang'inja Primary School in Katuk.*

PROJECT “COVID KATUK”. We made a fundraising campaign to help our counterpart association “Dignity Katuk CBO”, to fight against covid in Katuk, targeting the most vulnerable families. The funds were invested in buying 40 water tanks (50 Litres each) with metal stools and soap bars. There were also hand washing promotion workshops. “Dignity Katuk CBO” elaborated a video about the project that can be seen in the following link. [https://youtu.be/6S\\_yVOO7bXU](https://youtu.be/6S_yVOO7bXU)









APPLICATION TO THE COOPERATION GRANT 2020 FROM THE CITY HALL OF SANT PERE DE RIBES. We wrote the project **“Complete rehabilitation of the classrooms, teachers’ room and 200 individual desks for Nyang’inja primary school”** with a total budget of 8438 euros. With this project we will finalize the rehabilitation of the primary school. At the end of the year, we were awaiting the official resolution.

## AUGUST/ Sant Pere de Ribes

INTERVIEW. The city hall of Sant Pere de Ribes, in the frame of Education for Peace, elaborated a video about the several NGOs of the village. We participated in an interview, explaining our objectives, our link with Sant Pere de Ribes and how we contribute to the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) of the UN 2030 agenda.

Video in the following link <https://youtu.be/nO44oLoLM>



## SETEMBRE/Sant Pere de Ribes - Kenya

KATUK VISIT. The objectives of the visit were:

- Meeting with our counterpart association Dignity Katuk CBO
- Watoto program: meeting with the children to know about their performance and concerns.
- Nyang'inja program: follow up of the renovation works in the framework of the project "RENOVATION OF 4 CLASSROOMS AND 100 DESKS FOR NYANG'INJA PRIMARY SCHOOL (project nº 3407)".





*Meeting with children of Watoto program in Katuk*



*Official handover of the renovation works of the project nº 3407, Nyang'inja Primary School*

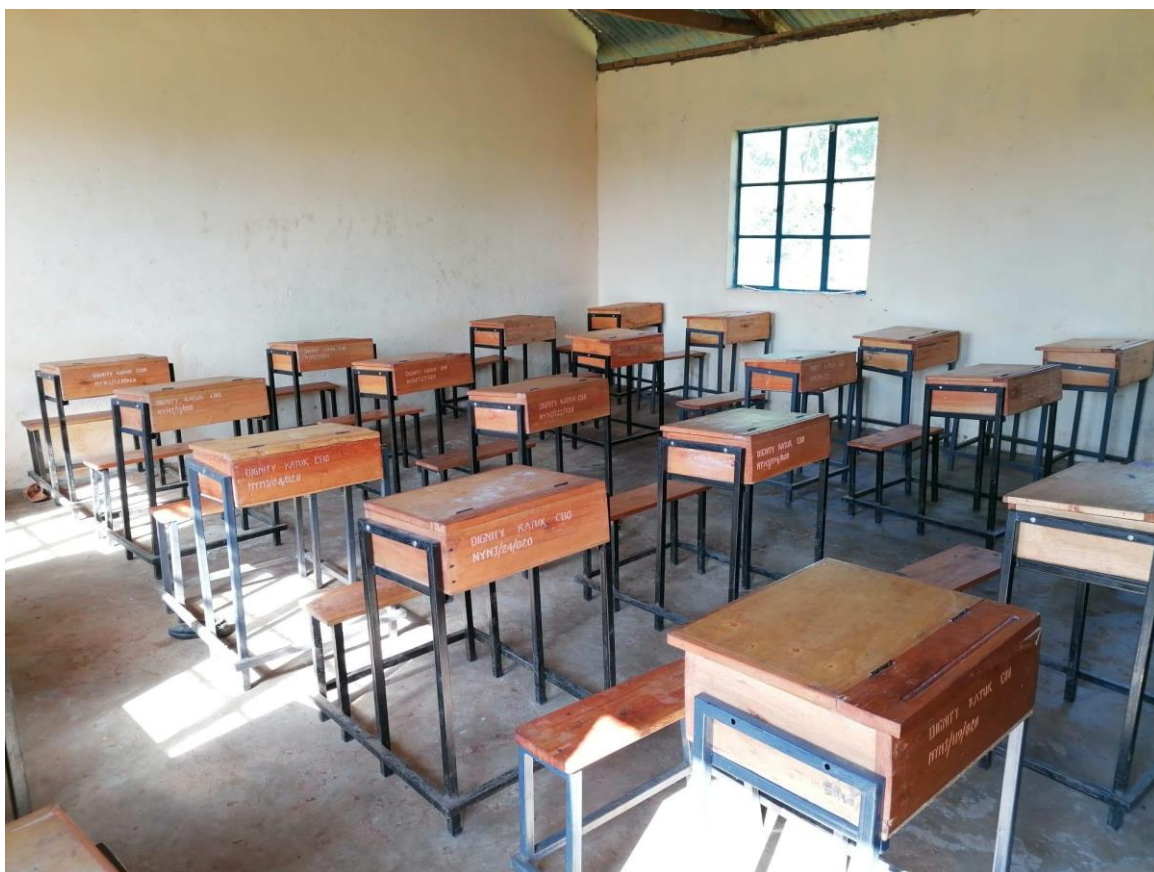














*Final new look of Nyang'inja Primary School*

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## REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN SANT PERE DE RIBES

- Regular meetings of the Board members.
- To assist as members the meetings of the Municipal Council of Cooperation of Sant Pere de Ribes.
- Maintenance and update of website and social media.

## SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS 2020

- EMERGENCY PROJECT COVID in KATUK. 40 water tanks, soap bars, and hygiene promotion.
- WATOTO PROGRAM: Scholarships for the most vulnerable children in Katuk.
  - 36 sponsors from 13 different nationalities make this program possible.
  - 41 sponsored children:
    - 32 in Primary
    - 1 in vocational training
    - 8 in Secondary
- NYANG'INJA PROGRAM:
  - Implementation of the project granted by the city hall of Sant pere de Ribes "RENOVATION OF 4 CLASSROOMS AND 100 DESKS FOR NYANG'INJA PRIMARY SCHOOL (project nº 3407)".
  - Financing the annual salary for 2 teachers of Nyang'inja Primary school.
- TEAMING: 17 teamers in Teaming (online platform to raise funds for helping social causes with micro donations of 1 euro a month). Up to 2020, we have raised a total of 426 euros.
- MEMBERSHIP: Dignity.cat has 12 members.
- SOLIDARY EVENTS: Organization of 1 solidary event (calçotada)



## 6. FINANCES

INCOMES 2020		EXPENSES 2020	
Membership	1220 €	Watoto program	2365 €
Sponsors Watoto Program	2337,3	Nyang'inja Program: Rehabilitation Project (project nº 3407)	6695 €
Donations	2388 €	Nyang'inja Program: Teachers salary	1080 €
Grant City Hall Sant Pere de Ribes 2019 (project nº 3407)	5545 €	Wazee Project	0 €
		Dignity.cat	429,65 €
		Covid Emergency project	660 €
<b>TOTAL INCOMES 2020</b>	<b>11490,3 €</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES 2020</b>	<b>11229,65 €</b>
<b>BALANÇ 2020</b>	<b>260,65 €</b>		

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