

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



CHILDREN



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FOREWORD

In 2015 Rhotia Valley was still very busy with further improvements to their ecological, self-supporting and educational areas. The total project continues to focus on offering more local training opportunities for the children and to guarantee work for the present 72 employees.



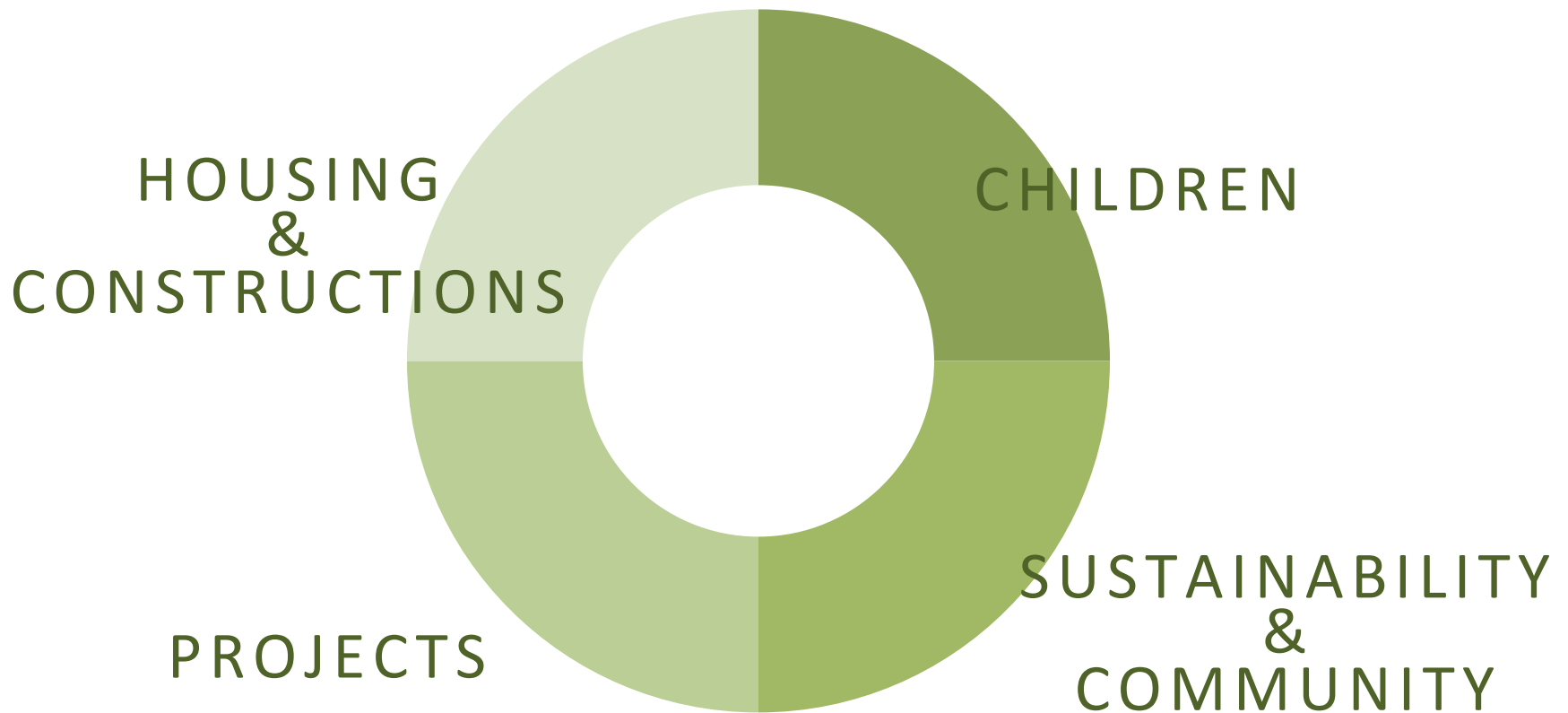
We owe many thanks to our loyal sponsors, consisting of funds, companies, private donations, guests at the lodge and Dutch service clubs who have given financial support by organizing special charity events.

With kind regards

Ineke de Geer-Huisman

Secretary of Rhotia Valley Foundation

**Every year we try to achieve some goals in the
4 following development areas**



2015 IN A GLANCE

HOUSING & CONSTRUCTIONS

- New living rooms and paved paths at the Children's Home
- Construction of 18+ House

PROJECTS

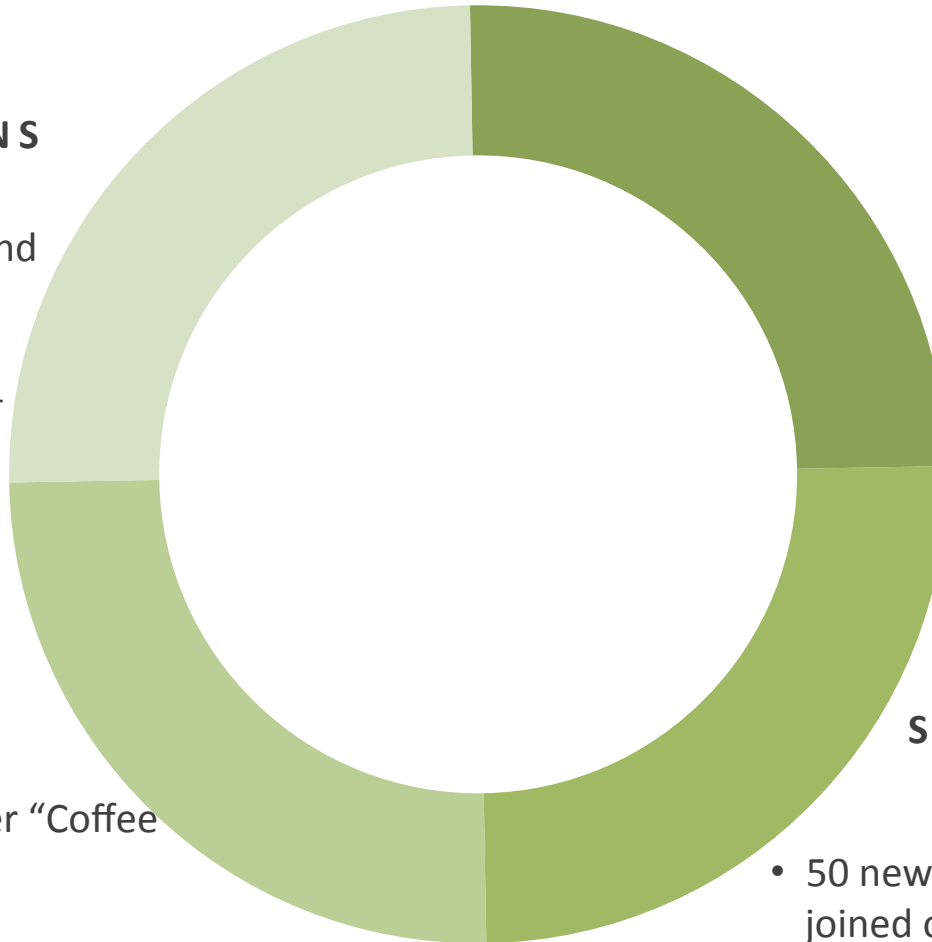
- New Training Center "Coffee Corner"

CHILDREN

- New school bus for the kids
- Purchase of the yearly school uniforms for all children
- Kids enrolment to the Private Tumaine Primary School
- Implementation of extra English lectures

SUSTAINABILITY & COMMUNITY

- 50 new pupils from Rhotia village joined our Pre-Primary School
- We finally found water!!







CHILDREN

Thanks to a foundation of a former member of the Rhotia Valley board, we could afford a new school bus for our children. Now we can provide a more comfortable and cheaper mean of transport to the Tumaine school and the secondary school.

We have also been able to purchase the yearly school uniforms for all children and pay the school fees of the Private Tumaine Primary School.

This is a private, English spoken, primary school of good standard.

Nine kids can now attend the private school, and by January 2016 another eleven kids will join this educational program.

Moreover, thanks to various funds and private donations we can organize extra lessons of English at our Children's Home.





PROJECTS

This year we have been very busy with the construction and opening of the training center “Coffee Corner”.

The center will provide a practical apprenticeship for Rhotia Valley children and students at the Karatu Hotel Management School.

The aim of the project is to prepare them for a job in the tourism sector.

The traineeship will focus on the skills required in tourism as tourism is the main industry in this region.

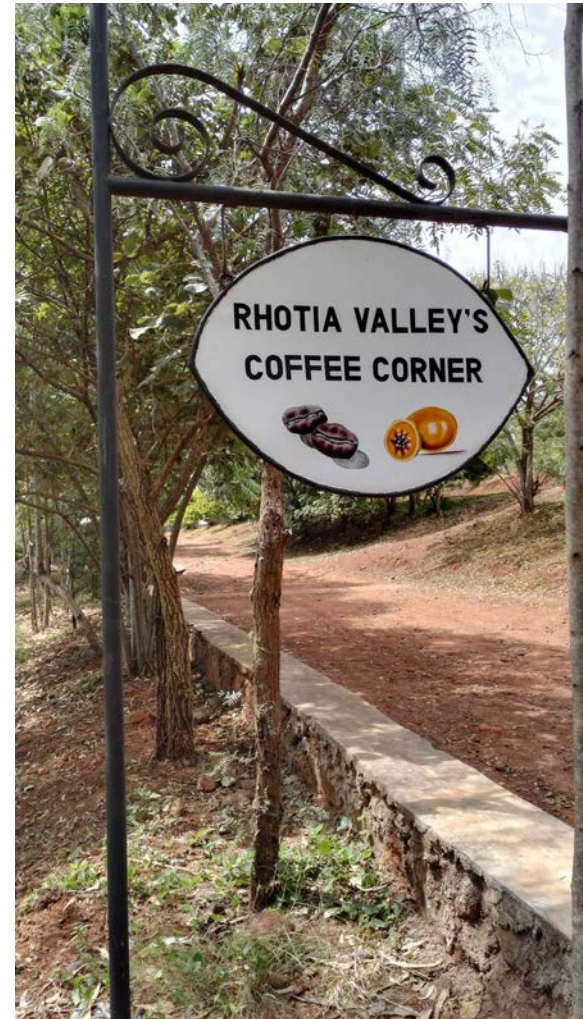
The center is located along the Arusha-Serengeti road, a perfect spot on the way to the National Parks. We will serve fresh and local products in a cozy and comfortable environment.

We believe that this serves both the needs of tourists looking for a quick stopover as well as providing an excellent environment for six students to learn together with international students from European hospitality schools.



The restaurant is purposely built as a practical classroom and therefore provides an intense learning experience for the students.

Local schools are desperate for such a facility and eager to get involved as it is a very different learning experience than a regular traineeship in a lodge or hotel.







HOUSING & CONSTRUCTIONS

Thanks to the great effort of some volunteers, we made some large renovations at the Children's Home. The living rooms at the Children's Home look now very cheerful with beautiful wall paintings and the paths around the plot have been paved, which is a great improvement especially during the rainy season.

For the +18 from the orphanage, who have a job at the Coffee Corner, and for the trainees of the Karatu Hotel Management School, a separate home with six bedrooms has been built next to the Coffee Corner thanks to three generous sponsors.

In 2016, the last architectural details will be finished as well as the interior decoration of the house.





SUSTAINABILITY & COMMUNITY

The pre-primary Marera school, run by the Rhotia Valley Foundation, has welcomed 50 new kids from the village of Rhotia. They will receive new school uniforms. At the moment, due to the increased number of pupils, there is a shortage of school desks. We hope to tackle this problem in 2016.

After much research we found water! We have been very busy throughout the whole year with the construction of a pump house, a 80.000-liter tank, and by 2016 a 2.000-meter pipeline will go uphill to the children's home.



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