





Introduction



The WakaWaka Foundation has been in existence for over 12 years. Despite the challenging times of Covid, the Foundation has managed to accomplish some wonderful projects. In total, around 10,500 lights were distributed in 2023 in countries such as Zimbabwe, Mali, Rwanda and Ukraine. These have reached victims and refugees in acute emergencies, providing them with a safe and sustainable source of light, as well as light for daily use in areas where people are not connected to the electricity grid.

The WakaWaka Foundation is committed to ensuring that children have access to education after sunset without having to rely on dirty, dangerous, polluting and expensive kerosene lamps and poorly lit candles.



The WakaWaka Foundation is aligned with the seventh United Nations Sustainable Development Goal: Everyone should have access to clean and affordable energy. As the sun is the world's largest source of energy, we believe in solar energy as a solution for people living off the grid. Worldwide, 1.2 billion people live without access to a conventional electricity grid. These people rely on toxic, dangerous and dirty kerosene lamps for lighting, or simply live in the dark at night. The health effects of indoor air pollution from kerosene lamps and indoor cooking are enormous, especially on the lungs and eyes.

The WakaWaka Foundation focuses on providing safe, sustainable and self-sufficient energy and lighting solutions for people at the base of the pyramid. We ensure that solar solutions are available to those who suffer from extreme poverty, live in off-grid areas or are victims of forced migration.

Improving the future prospects of children in developing countries is central to our mission. Access to light is fundamental to development. Access to light and power means access to education, communication, income opportunities, self-confidence and a better future.

By addressing these basic needs, the WakaWaka Foundation aims to make a significant and lasting impact on the lives of the most vulnerable in society.

In emergency situations, such as the aftermath of an earthquake, typhoon or humanitarian conflict, access to light and power can make a huge difference to people's safety and well-being.

In the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster, solar light and power can help search for survivors, and the WakaWaka Power's ability to charge mobile phones allows people to stay in touch with loved ones and let them know they're alive.

In addition, families displaced by conflict in war-torn areas often end up in refugee camps that rarely have immediate and reliable access to light and power. In these situations, where no other economic model works, a donation is the most effective way to provide immediate and essential relief.



Campaigns & Donations

In 2023, hundreds of WakaWaka solar lights have been distributed. All of this has been made possible by individuals, organisations and companies who have helped to fund projects. In this annual report we highlight some of the projects where the Foundation has sent WakaWaka's.

We also list several companies that contribute to the WakaWaka Foundation. We are very grateful for all the donations we have received and would therefore like to thank all the individuals, organisations and companies who have helped to make the work of the WakaWaka Foundation possible.



It's about RoMi

It's about RoMi, a lighting design company with the eco-label 'Good and Mojo' on a mission to create sustainable lighting and help people at the same time.

It's about RoMi continues to be a structural supporter of the WakaWaka Foundation by donating a percentage of 'Good and Mojo' sales to the Foundation, enabling people to have access to safe and sustainable light.

Advario B.V.

Advario is a leading partner in liquid storage logistics with a global network handling a wide range of products from chemicals, gases and fuels to new energy products. They have a truly ambitious ESG agenda.

Freia Group

Freia Group is the parent company of eight specialised training companies: AOG, TSM, Comenius, Van Harte & Lingsma, Nive, Horizon and ISPP. Each company is unique and is linked to the group by the belief that every person wants to make a difference and be the best they can be. Freia supports WakaWaka's mission by giving a WakaWaka gift to participants who have completed a programme.

Foundation Projects Highlighted

The WakaWaka Foundation continues to work with aid organisations that have local knowledge. This approach helps to avoid unnecessary costs and ensures efficiency and cost-effectiveness in our operations. With the help of these organisations and companies, we are able to effectively distribute WakaWaka solar lights.

Wisekids Trust, an NGO in Zimbabwe dedicated to helping vulnerable children excel in life, distributed over 1,200 solar lights with the support of the WakaWaka Foundation. This partnership, which began in 2021 with the distribution of 40 lights, has since grown significantly. It focuses on providing safe and reliable lighting solutions for learners living at the base of the pyramid.

Support from this partnership will ensure that solar solutions are made available to those living in extreme poverty, off-grid or experiencing load shedding. The aim is to improve the prospects of learners in Zimbabwe. Students from more than 15 primary schools expressed their excitement and commitment to use the lights to study hard, complete their homework and excel in their exams.

The WakaWaka Foundation is delighted to be able to play a part in helping students to excel in their studies. What is special about WakaWaka lights is that they offer more than just shared solar energy and improved academic performance. They bring awareness, an 'aha' moment and a reminder that life is full of possibilities.



Foundation Projects Highlighted

WakaWaka and Habitat have been working together for 10 years now to make a difference to people's lives around the world. The first project was the Haiti earthquake. This was the site of Habitat's first WakaWaka distribution. At that time, we set out to work together to bring sustainable energy and safe lighting to as many families and communities as possible, to make a bigger impact together and to give families the confidence to build a better life for themselves.

In 2023, Habitat distributed more than 10,000 WakaWaka solar lights sent in 2022 to 58 schools in 8 provinces in Cambodia, including Siem Reap, Battambang, Preah Vihea, Tboung Khmum, Svay Rieng, Kampong Cham, Kompong Speu and Kampot. A total of 10,346 students and 437 teachers received a WakaWaka. The WakaWaka lamps were distributed to schools in remote areas with little or no access to electricity. According to the head of the education distribution office, the WakaWaka lamps have improved the performance of his students. It's a relatively inexpensive solution with immense value.

Children in off-grid areas are very eager to do their homework. They realise that by learning they are working towards a better future. It has been proven that the school performance of children using a WakaWaka lamp improves significantly. Fortunately, more and more children are being loaned a WakaWaka lamp by their school. It is the most efficient and sustainable solar lamp available. A clean, solid quality solar lamp that costs relatively little and provides many hours of bright, safe light.

Schooling is based on the idea that every life is full of possibilities. The beauty of WakaWaka is that it does much more than improve school performance. The family also benefits from the light source. And it has been shown that as girls continue to learn, they become more aware of family planning. The difference between an uneducated woman and a woman with 12 years of education is four to five children. And it is in countries where girls have the least opportunity for education that population growth is greatest.





Board

The Board is responsible for setting policy and overseeing the day-to-day running of the Foundation. The Board meets regularly.

Anneke Sipkens, Chairman Eppo Heemstra

July 17, 2024





Statement of income and expenses (€ 1.000)	2023	2022	Explanation on financials
Total income	80,0	,	Total income 2023 is above the level of 2022. The number of donations has slightly increased due to agreements made with a new company
Project expenditures	53,9		Project expenditures consists mainly of the purchase of Lights and distribution costs. In 2023 the stocks has been sent to Mali, Ukraine and Zimbabwe
Operating expenditures	2,1		Operating expenditures consist of administration-, internet-, and other office costs
Net result	23,9	-141,5	•

Balance sheet (€ 1.000)	31-dec-23	31-dec-23	Explanation on financials
Stock	-	10,0	
			The total own inventory has
			been distributed in 2023.
Receivables & prepayments	40,8	0,1	
			The receivables consist of the
			committed donations related to the
			year 2023. These receivables has
			been received in the early 2024
Cash at bank and in hand	68,9	95,4	_
Total assets	109,7	105,5	_
Designated funds	-		
Reserves	91,9	68,1	_
Equity	91,9	68,1	
Current liabilities	17,8	37,4	_
Total liabilities	109,7	105,5	_
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Financial figures are derived from the financial statements of 2023. The extensive figures can be requested.