

## Duara News Item December 2010

Dear friends,

Best wishes for a happy New Year from Kenya!

The chair of Duara, Naomi van Stapele, is in Kenya for 10 months to do Ph.D. Research and she, at the same time, is working with Maji Mazuri on implementing the Education and Talent Program.

We are very grateful for your support for it enables us from Duara to assist Maji Mazuri in helping people in Mathare to build a better future for themselves.

Below is an impression of how Duara is supporting the wonderful work of Maji Mazuri.

### **'STOP the BULLET!'-Peace Campaign**

Duara funded a 6-day workshop at the coast, Mombasa, for 45 youth from different youth groups in Mathare Valley.



A Maji Mazuri youth member swims in the ocean for the first time of his life.

The workshop entailed a training on peace advocacy facilitated by two Maji Mazuri coordinators, MC and Dani, and Naomi, and it resulted in a plan to launch an extensive peace

promotion campaign by and for youth in Mathare Valley. The slogan of the peace campaign is: STOP the BULLET! We will keep you updated on the progress.



Caption: A Maji Mazuri youth member enjoys sand for the first time in her life.



Caption: Maji Mazuri Youth members play beach football after a day of training on peace advocacy.

### **Maji Mazuri ICT training centre with Nairobi**

Duara funds the Maji Mazuri ICT Training centre and Maji Mazuri is currently expanding the ICT course so that from January onwards they can train 120 youth per year in course 1 and 60 students per year in course 2. This way more youth from the ghetto have access to an accredited diploma from Nairobi that will improve their chances on the job market. At the same time, Maji Mazuri and Duara are exploring the possibilities of setting up an employment agency because our youth lack the network necessary to access jobs and other opportunities.



Caption: Youth members discussing political violence in Mathare Valley, a ghetto in Nairobi.

### **Micro-credit loans for young alcohol brewers and prostitutes.**

Maji Mazuri and Duara have started a counseling program for 40 young men and women (age between 20-30) and hope to expand our current project, which has 25 members, to 50 members in the next few months. These men and women need a lot of counseling and training before we can hand out loans and guide them into doing small businesses. We hope by including them, the most vulnerable groups in the ghetto, they can develop socially and economically and feel part of the community.



### **Garbage Project**

The Maji Mazuri Youth group is currently preparing a garbage collection project that will be launched on 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2011. Maji Mazuri Youth group organizes many clean-ups since many years but now has the ambition to develop this community service into a vast project that will make a major impact in the community in terms of health, in terms of dignity and it will also create jobs for idle youth.

For more information see [Duara.org](http://Duara.org) and [MajiMazuri.org](http://MajiMazuri.org).

Thank you all for your continued support!