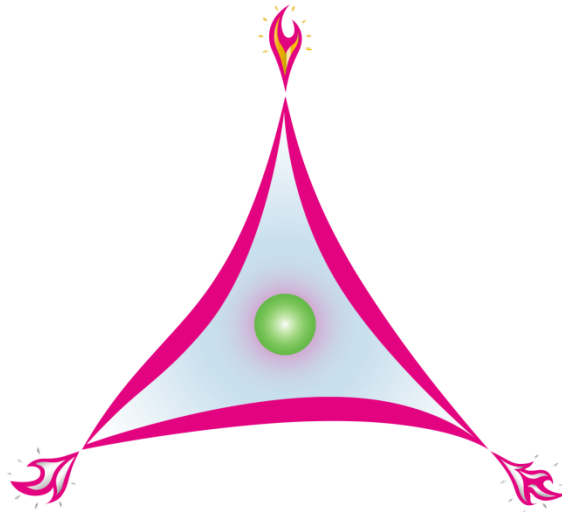


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***Feminenza Kenya  
Annual Activity Report 2020***

## Chairperson's Introduction

Dear reader,

The COVID-19 pandemic had a strong impact on Femenenza's work in Kenya.

We stayed in contact with members on the ground and investigated the possibility of projects preventing extreme violence and working with youth through the Erasmus+ KA2 programme - especially in light of the elections in 2022, - however without concrete results. Femenenza members in the United States conducted a successful fundraising campaign, purchasing 14 webcams for the Tasaru Rescue Centre.

Two Femenenza members from Kenya enrolled as trainees in our International Forgiveness Development Course which will commence in 2021.

Kenya remains an important country for Femenenza's work with a strong support base. The board is committed to continue its work and to support people, particularly during these unprecedented and challenging times, due to the COVID-19 virus.

This year gave the Board time to hand over the book-keeping to a Femenenza volunteer and to appoint a safeguarding officer to implement our safeguarding policy for children and vulnerable adults. Further steps were taken towards making Femenenza Kenya a fully-fledged charity.

Monique Weber  
Chair Femenenza Kenya

## Organisational Development

### Governance

The Annual General Meeting for 2019 took place online on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 which allowed for an in-depth discussion about Feminenza Kenya's future.

During this meeting it was announced that Mrs. Elena de la Luna took over the bookkeeping for Feminenza Kenya from Mr. Mbugua and that Mrs Zahra Edens-Doai joined the staff of Feminenza Kenya as a Safeguarding Officer.

In 2020 the Barclays Bank of Kenya was taken over by the Absa Bank Kenya PLC. All ongoing processes remained the same, also for transferring money remotely.

Mr. Antony Karoki was asked in 2019 in his capacity as a lawyer to commence the registration of Feminenza Kenya at Companies House. A misunderstanding ensued about the terms under which to engage in this process and due to that the registration process did not progress in 2020.

During the General Annual Meeting on 1st August a presentation was given by Mr. Desmond O'Sullivan and Zahra Edens-Doai about the Safeguarding Policy which was approved by the Board including who will go through the required screening procedures. The same screening process will apply in future to any Feminenza representatives working in Kenya.

### Finance

In 2020 Mrs. Elena de la Luna, a Feminenza volunteer, took over the bookkeeping function from Kevin Mbugua. The main reason for this was that due to COVID-19 no activities could be organized, which caused Feminenza Kenya to have little turnover, so the bookkeeping workload was significantly reduced. The completion of the 2019 accounts were delayed due to difficulties transitioning our QuickBooks files from desktop to online software. The accounts are now with DMC associates for the final audit.

The opening balance of the Feminenza Kenya account in 2020 was 29,647.60 KES and the closing balance was 1897.60 KES. Expenditure of 27,750KES consisted of bank fees, taxes, and insurance fees.

### Fundraising

A successful fundraising campaign was conducted by Feminenza members in North America raise money to buy 14 webcams for the Tasaru rescue centre, agreed during the visit of Mary Noble and Dorthe Madsen in 2019. Once the webcams have arrived and have been installed Feminenza will engage a group of girls in a series of workshops (via video conferencing) about self-leadership.



*The computer room at the Tasaru rescue centre which will be fitted with webcams*

Throughout the year we were in contact with Mrs. Agnes Mwamburi, to look into opportunities for projects and specifically to seek funding to provide a Level 2 training programme for the Trauma Healing Community Resilience Development workshop, as there is a group in Nakuru and Nairobi who have gone through the preliminary work in previous years. It did not bear fruit due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

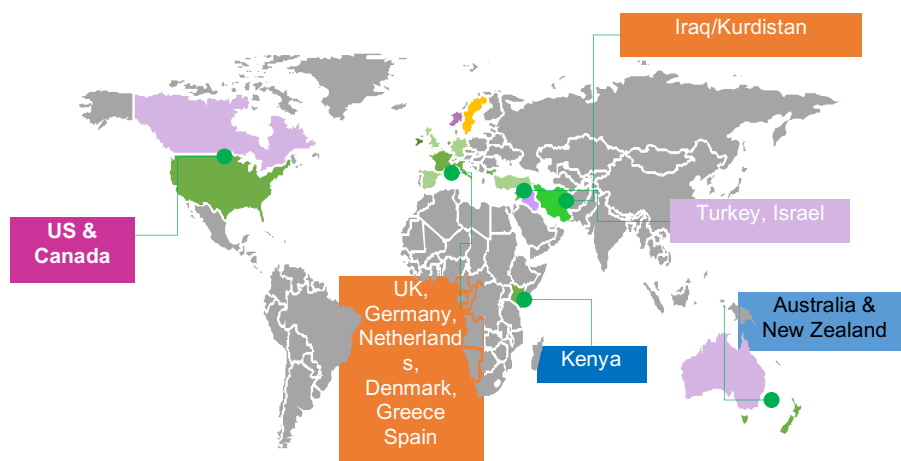
We will pick up the opportunity of a possible project funded by Rotary Clubs in Kenya, Europe and Canada once the COVID-19 pandemic is under control.

## Projects

### **Enrollment in the international Forgiveness Development Course**

Mrs. Mary Lagat and Mrs. Agnes Mwamburi – alumni of Feminenza’s 2010-2011 Forgiveness and Reconciliation Counselor programme – were enrolled in the international Forgiveness Development Course with participants from 14 countries, which will start in 2021. This course will be first online, due to COVID-19, but will include a face-to-face meeting in 2022, COVID-19 permitting. Funding was secured for the costs of books, accommodation and travel by a grant from the AT&T Foundation.

Both Mrs. Lagat and Mrs. Mwamburi have very actively continued the Trauma Healing Community Resilience Development work over the years and this course will deepen their knowledge and skills in the Forgiveness component of this programme.



*A map of countries of participants to the international Forgiveness Development Course*

## Logistics

Feminenza Kenya's Public liability insurance was renewed with Eagle Africa during 2020.

We continued to use the services DMG associates as our auditors and providers of our company premises.

Due to COVID-19 there were no logistics to organise and there were no security or Health and Safety issues.

Signed on behalf of the Feminenza Kenya Board

M. Weber (Chair)