



**Hanze
University
Foundation**

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1. Welcome messages

To begin this report, it must first be acknowledged that 2023 has been a challenging year for the Hanze University Foundation (HUF). Complex issues regarding policies on international relations within the Hanze University made it difficult to continue our activities as usual. This, in particular, impacted our activities in Uganda. Members of HUF had the opportunity to play an active role in the discussions surrounding this issue in which the Hanze value of "active tolerance" was deepened and elaborated. The result of this whole process is that the wider Hanze community now has a deeper insight in the importance of cooperation and dialogue. Our hope is that this sometimes painful process in the end will result in an even higher quality of international cooperation than before.

In this annual report you can read about the activities that took place despite the constraints described above. Again, many people devoted their energy to furthering good international cooperation. We thank our sponsors, Hanze students and staff members as well as companies and individuals outside Hanze who contributed to the Foundations activities.

From this place I want to thank Paul van der Wijk, who left the board of HUF after more than ten years of membership. And a special word of thanks goes to the staff members of HCDC, who managed to keep things getting done!

Gertjan Lankhorst
Chairman Hanze University Foundation





Responsible and respectful cooperation

In 2023 the Foundation became the center of the polarization taking place in the Netherlands at this moment. The Hanze lustrum activities for our partner institution in Uganda stopped overnight and the student and staff trip to Uganda were cancelled by the board of the Hanze. This process has had a deep impact on the Foundation's team. The HUF has been active in Uganda for more than 10 years and has built up long-term relationships with partner institutions. Disappointing the team in Uganda was heartbreaking and still is, even though the cooperation has resumed in some areas.

In November the HUF team organized a 2-day conference with the theme "International cooperation, diversity and inclusion", where the Dutch ambassador in Kenya and other experts in the field gave their opinion about responsible and respectful international cooperation. The conference laid the foundation for a Hanze inclusive policy regarding cooperation with international partner universities. There is hope that the new policy will prevent the HUF from going through such disappointing experiences in the future.

Many thanks to my two colleagues Aida de Winter and Sarah de Leeuw who went with me through this storm and stood firm for all our friends on the African continent. The current political climate will probably send us more storms, but we will never forget our mission and continue standing firm for all the beautiful people we work with in the Netherlands and abroad.

Linda Maat

Director, Hanze University Foundation





2. About Us

A. Objectives

The objectives of the Hanze University Foundation are:

- a. To promote sustainable vocational education in developing countries.
- b. Maintain a scholarship scheme for students from developing countries.
- c. Encourage social engagement within and beyond Hanze UAS.

B. Target groups

The Foundation focuses on a number of groups in the Netherlands and abroad:

- a. Vocational institutions and programs in developing countries that want to start, improve and/or expand their education.
- b. Young people from developing countries who can create a better future for themselves and their surroundings through education.
- c. Students, staff and alumni of Hanze UAS who desire to contribute to development cooperation.
- d. Companies in the northern Netherlands that want to demonstrate their social responsibility.

C. Focus countries and themes

Hanze University Foundation supports partners in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, South-Africa, Ghana and Indonesia. In general, we support four educational areas that are major contributors to sustainable development:

- **Energy:** a key driver for sustainable growth. We are passionate about bringing energy subjects to the classrooms, and to the campuses.
- **Entrepreneurship:** entrepreneurs and SMEs kindle economic growth and create jobs, which is why we support entrepreneurial programs at several educational institutes.
- **Healthcare:** we support the staff and students at rural healthcare training colleges that at their turn serve their neighboring communities.
- **ICT:** we equip schools with ICT infrastructure and internet access, so students and staff members get access to all the information worldwide available in their particular discipline.

D. ANBI Status

Since the start of the Foundation in 2009 we are in the possession of the ANBI status. This status guarantees that the Tax Authorities recognize us as the Public Benefit Organization (ANBI). This offers tax benefits for both donors and the Foundation.





3. Our Organization

The Foundation is the driving force behind a multitude of higher education projects organized by Hanze UAS in developing countries.

The Foundation has three governing bodies: the Board, the Committee of Recommendation and the Review Committee. A Director and Project and Communications Managers have been appointed to oversee the day-to-day management of the Foundation.

- The Director, Linda Maat, and the Project and Communications Managers, Alida de Winter and Sarah de Leeuw, are responsible for the day-to-day activities, project management and organization of fundraisers. They prepare the board meetings and are responsible for the management of the financial resources.
- The Board appoints the staff and oversees plans, annual reports and proposals. The Board consists of Gertjan Lanckhorst (chairman), Bix Jacobse, Paul van der Wijk, Els van den Berg, Liesbeth ter Horst and Paul Ganzeboom.
- The Review Committee evaluates project proposals and provides a recommendation regarding the administration of the funds. The committee consists of Elanna Veldkamp, Jacqueline Bos, Hanneke Brakenhoff and Jacques Hartog.
- The Committee of Recommendation consists of René Paas and Gerard Kremer in order to connect businesses to the Foundation and support fundraising activities





4. Projects with partners in 2023

The year of 2023 was a relative short year for the Hanze University Foundation. The Foundation's year began with festive Hanze lustrum celebrations. The goal of the Hanze lustrum was to raise funds for Uganda Christian University (UCU) in Uganda, however, due to political developments in Uganda, the relationship between Hanze and UCU was put on hold. The cancelled lustrum fundraising resulted in less fundraising activities over the past year, but we are happy to be able to rely on our loyal donors and others who kept us in their hearts. We have been able to continue our activities and keep investing in higher education in developing countries.



Entrepreneurship Centre UCU

In the past years the Hanze University Foundation and Uganda Christian University have worked together to enhance entrepreneurship opportunities for students. UCU has invested and included entrepreneurship in their curriculum and has a number of full-time staff employed to assist students with this initiative. However, the location that was allocated turned out to be too small for all planned activities and is currently only able to serve the business school.

Due to the success of the small incubation hub, UCU has applied to create a larger building to be able to facilitate all schools and faculties. Their main goal is to produce more job creators than job seekers. They firmly believe this will be the solution to fight the high unemployment rate among young people in Uganda.

Assigned: €70.000
(incl. summerschool for students)

Actual expenses: €10.000.
The remaining funds will be transferred in 2024.





Summerschool in Uganda

To kick-off the new Incubation Hub and the new unions between the departments, Uganda Christian University has organized a Summer school for students in August 2023. The students from different departments worked on their business plans full time for a duration of 2 weeks and then the students were able to kick-off their business plans and present the plans to a jury of entrepreneurs.

Assigned: €5000

Actual expenses: €5000.

Remark: the assigned funds for the summerschool in Uganda, were included in the main application of the entrepreneurship centre.





Summerschool in NL

The Hanze University of Applied Sciences offers three-week summer school programs for undergraduate students. These are great opportunities for lecturers from partnering institutions to experience competence-based learning and meet lecturers from the same field of study. In 2023 we had another 8 lecturers from various institutions joining with a scholarship from the Hanze University Foundation.

The following candidates participated in the Hanze Summerschool:

- Doing Business in Europe
- Donatha – Arusha Technical College
- Josephat – Arusha Technical College
- Eufrazia – Tumaini University of Dar es Salaam
- Paul Sabinus – University of Iringa

Sustainable Energy

- Alberto Cheru – Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology
- Rose Sadiki – Arusha Technical College
- Philemon Mutabilwa – Mbeya University of Science and Technology
- Candida – Mbeya University of Science and Technology

Assigned: € 38.980

Actual expenses: € 33.024,10





Students nursing from Indonesia

In October the School of Nursing welcomed 3 students from Indonesia to participate in the European Nursing Module, a 2-week module with training in Transcultural nursing. This included an internship at a Dutch care facility. The students have enjoyed their time in Groningen and are grateful for the experience gained that will benefit them in their future career.

The Hanze University Foundation has covered the costs for their accommodation and a small allowance for transport and meals.

Assigned: € 3000

Actual expenses: € 3447

Remark: the expense has been paid in 2024





5. Involvement of Supporters

We are pleased with the passionate involvement of our supporters. In 2023 we were able to count on support from many individuals and companies during all sorts of activities.

Inspiration Event: Koert Lindijer

In 2023 we had the honour to host Dutch journalist Koert Lindijer. Koert is a renowned journalist and writer. Since 1983 he has been the Africa correspondent for the NOS news and NRC Handelsblad. He has experience from many African countries and has witnessed numerous civil wars and upheavals. Koert has been living in Africa for more than 40 years and has published several books. His latest book: "A Skyscraper on the Savannah" was released in March 2023. Given this wealth of experience and the insights on African development, the Hanze Hogeschool invited Koert to speak at an event for a wide range of interested parties. Companies in the region were invited. Students and staff who attended were asked to pay an entrance fee.

The total amount raised: €1681





Donation from Hanze Library

The Hanze library writes off books every year, to be replaced by new or updated versions of books. The written off books are sold via an annual "Book Market". The revenue of the sales are donated to the Hanze University Foundation. The total of the donation is: €3990,80

Donation from 'OKE Boeken'

In addition to the previous donation, the books that are not sold by the Hanze library, will be offered to the online market of 'OKE Boeken', the earnings of the sales of these books are offered the Hanze University Foundation and will be invested in scholarships for North Coast Medical Training College.

In 2023 OKE boeken raised €500.

Christmas Donations in 2023

Every year, Hanze UAS staff members receive a gift card at Christmas to pick out a present of their choice. They are also able to donate the amount entirely, or in part, to the Hanze University Foundation. In 2023 many staff members donated once again to the Foundation, bringing the total donation to €14.054

Hanze Student trip to Uganda Christian University

In July 2023, 9 Hanze students were planning to travel to Uganda Christian University and take part in a summerschool. However, due to political circumstances, the Hanze students were no longer able to participate. The funds they have raised, will still be put to good use and be invested in the entrepreneurship centre of Uganda Christian University. They have raised a total of: €2673,92.





Donation from Hanze staff members

Hanze staff members have the possibility to donate to the Foundation on a monthly base via their salary. In 2023 their donations totaled €4.818 .

On top of that, numerous staff members have dedicated an event to the Hanze University Foundation:

Paul Ganzeboom: €429,43

Marius Bremmer: €115,00

IBS-U Charity Ball

IBS-U, the International Student Organization from the Hanze International Business School hosted a Charity Ball in 2023. During this annual black-tie event, students enjoy an evening out and raise funds for charity. This year's proceedings were donated to the Hanze University Foundation, raising a total of € 967,51

Earmarked donations

The Hanze University Foundation is regularly approached with questions as to whether one can make a donation to a specific project supported by the Foundation. In 2023, a total of €1.480 was donated specifically to North Coast Medical Training College (NCMTC).

An earmarked donation is possible because of our long-term relationship with organizations and school such as NCMTC. Earmarked donations will continue to be a possibility in the future.





6. Financial Summary

The fourteenth year of the Foundation was a good year, financially. In total €30.293 was raised through fundraising among local businesses and employees from Hanze UAS. An amount of €44.504 was spent on projects that were approved and/or implemented in 2023.

Personnel, office and publicity costs of the Foundation are covered by Hanze UAS and therefore do not appear in the budget. This means that aside from the required bank costs (€ 215,13), 100% of all donations directly benefited the projects.

About the Foundation

This report covers the fourteenth year of operations of the Hanze University Foundation. This independent foundation is affiliated with Hanze University of Applied Sciences in Groningen (Hanze UAS) and appeals to the social involvement of employees, students, alumni and companies in the region. The Foundation focuses on providing vocational education to young people in developing countries.





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