

During the spring 2014 two water tanks were installed and a schools kitchen was extended. The construction of the first building, a dormitory for 70 girls, started in July.

The foundation was finished in October.



The building will be ready by March 2015.



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Giving the girls a future



pendaKenia e. V. designs and builds with support from GIZ (German Society for International Cooperation), a dormitory for girls at “Onsando Girls Secondary School” close to Kisii in the vicinity of Lake Victoria in Kenya.

Education creates opportunities!

A solid education, self-confidence and tolerance for others (ethnic, religious or gender) are a necessary basis for a successful life. Due to the lack of funds and the inferior position of women in society most girls in the region find it difficult to complete school. In this region even today most of the girls are circumcised. – an issue pendaKenia has been fighting for years.

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Early in 2011, pendaKenia began to support the public school - "Onsando Girls Secondary School". During a visit in November 2011, we were very impressed with the positive attitude of the students and the motivation of the teachers and directors, as well as local support groups. This encouraged us to look beyond and find ways to support and improve the future life of the girls.

The goal of the school is to create a positive environment in which the students can complete their education without violence and fear. Without an education, the girls have no chance to assert themselves in society.

A library building was constructed in 2011.

Due to the rising numbers of students an expansion of the school is planned which will include a residential house for the girls, a dining/multi-purpose hall. Since October 2012 this new project has been planned by pendaKenia.

The residential building should include sanitary areas, bedrooms and common rooms. The multi-purpose hall could also be used as a dining hall. To compensate for their rigidly structured school day, events such as plays, music and movie nights are planned during the weekends.

The entire school community has been involved in the planning of this project.



The Architecture team

Two students studying architecture at the Technical University of Graz took over the planning of the school as part of their thesis.

These young planners, Bianca Strobl and Gregor Mörth draw up a master plan for the whole property and the school, after an intensive and detailed study of the local conditions such as the social structure, the climate and the locally available building materials.



Besides the construction of the dormitory building this plan contains various other buildings such as teachers' accommodation, administrative tracts etc.

The project aroused a lot of enthusiasm for a socially engaged architecture. With the joint thesis the students were to take responsibility in this area as young architectural professionals and plan and implement a tangible project.



Architect and organizer team in Kenya