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Dear Director of EEB3, Mr. Papadopoulos, Mr. Payne, the members of APEE, the students and the parents,

I'm still so thankful that I met Mdn. Christine De Mulder many years ago. As a good friend, she was the first I informed ,11 years ago about the idea to start the project "Rainbow4kids". Every year she tries to come to Kenya and she is my witness to see that we really make the difference for 441 Kenyan kids.

All our kids are living in a very poor situation at home. But they deserve, LIKE ALL THE KIDS IN THE WORLD: **good education** in a safety place. In addition of good education, we offer our kids also every day a breakfast and a healthy lunch.

But in March the Kenyan government decided to close all the schools because of Covid 19. We flowed the law and also Rainbow4kids closed the school. But it didn't felt good for us, it was like we abandoned our kids, specially we knew that they were suffering at home. Because most of our parents lost their job and in Kenya they don't get any financial support from the government. The biggest problem for the parents is now that they are full responsible for their kids also concerning food.

As school we came up with the idea to continue to help our kids with education AND food. We bought for all the kids an exercise book and on Monday the parents (because the kids are not allowed any more in the school) come to pick the book. On Thursday they bring the book back so that the teacher can correct them. As rewarding, we give 1 kilo flour to each child. That helps the parents a lot to survive in this terrible situation.

We hope that we can continue with this action till we are allowed to open the school again. But, unfortunately, the last information we got is that <u>MAYBE</u> they will allow only the oldest students to come back in September because they have to sit for their final national exams.

I fear, it's still a long way to go before it will be back to normal... BUT we believe in the good will of people to keep on helping us those kids who really need us.

As responsible of Rainbow4kids I really would say **THANKS** the APEE, Mr. Papadopoulos and Mr. Payne for their trust in our Kenyan primary school and for the financial support we got already.

I want to say **THANKS** to the Direction of EEB3 for allowing the students to organize the annual "bake sale", unfortunately they had to cancel it this year because of the Corona.

I want to say **THANKS** to the students who accepted the challenge "bio for Kenya".

I want to say **THANKS** to the parents who sent unexpected donations.

## A SINCERE THANK YOU

## ON BEHALF OF OUR 441 KENYAN CHILDREN

