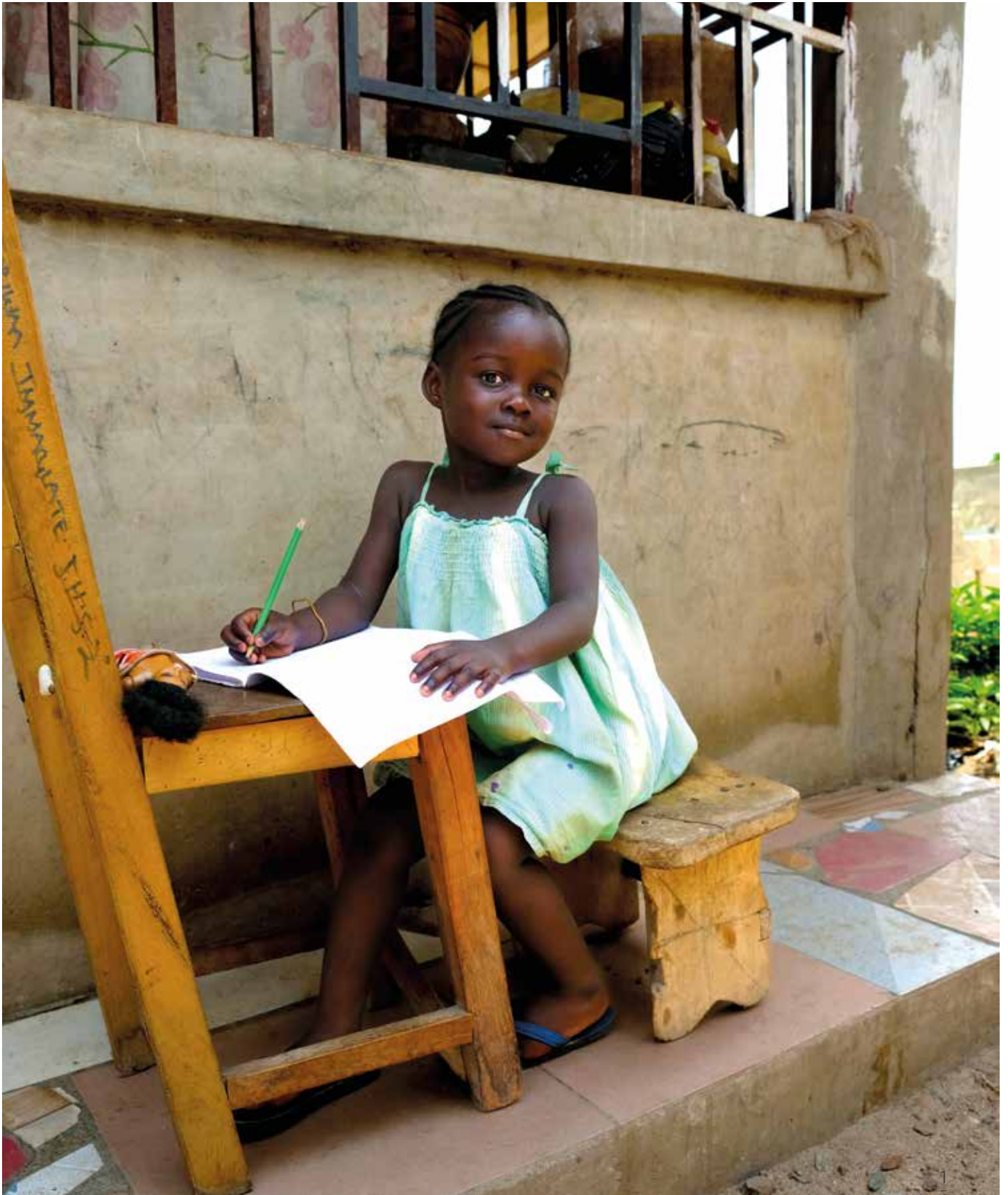




# AUMUND FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION REPORT

2025



# FOREWORD

Ladies and gentlemen,  
Dear friends and supporters,

It is a great pleasure for us to present to you this annual report on the progress of our Foundation work throughout 2025.

Last year we were able to bring a successful conclusion to the organisational and structural adjustments which were necessary after the death of our Founder and the appointment of the Aumund Foundation as his sole heir. This allowed us to focus on what the Foundation work is all about, namely fulfilling the Founder's objectives through project work in line with our statement of purpose.

The second major pillar of our activity lies in the assumption of our responsibility for the Foundation assets. These are comprised of three elements: business shareholdings, real estate property, and capital market investments. We have been affected by the challenging geopolitical environment to differing degrees in each of these three areas, but overall the result of the asset investments was satisfactory despite all the adverse conditions.

Our subject matter committee members are reliable expert advisers who are at our side, both for asset investments and purpose fulfilment. We are also well supported by our highly qualified Board of Trustees, the new composition of which we will present to you in this issue.

We are therefore proud to note that with our professional bodies, and a small, efficient team of employees, we have been able to expand the Foundation work significantly in the spirit of Franz-Walter Aumund, faithfully adhering to the objectives of our Founder, to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people around the world.

We hope you enjoy reading the following pages.

Dr Silke Landwehrmann  
Katja Jüngst  
Executive Board of the Aumund Foundation



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DR SILKE LANDWEHRMANN

# “Well positioned for future development”



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achieved our  
targets in asset  
investment.”

As Chair of the Board of the Aumund Foundation, Dr Silke Landwehrmann is responsible for the asset management side, in particular for the administration of the Foundation funds. 48 percent of the capital is in business shareholdings, 46 percent is invested in financial markets and the remaining six percent of the assets is in real estate.

*Dr Landwehrmann, the Aumund Foundation looks after many domestic and overseas projects. How exactly is this project work funded?*

**Silke Landwehrmann** We do not finance our projects from donations, we use our own funds. The largest part of our income comes from company dividends and from realised gains from capital market investments.

*In what way do you manage the development on the asset side? What does that look like?*

**Silke Landwehrmann** As the sole heir of the Founder, the Aumund Foundation owns all shares in the AUMUND Group. As the owner we track the companies' activities from a long-term perspective, and monitor the business strategy which is also geared for the long term. As the proprietor we have appointed an Advisory Board for AUMUND Holding B.V., which acts as the controlling and decision-making body for the AUMUND Group. This body has now been operating for almost two years and we are very pleased that we

made the decision to establish a board like this. The members of the Advisory Board make a significant contribution to the strategic development of the Group of Companies. The way the body itself works internally, as well as together with the Management of the Group of Companies, is excellent.

*As the owner, how do you see the development of the Group of Companies over recent years?*

**Silke Landwehrmann** The AUMUND business has developed very well in recent years. Despite the extremely challenging geopolitical environment and turbulent political situations, the AUMUND Group was able to achieve its targeted turnover figures last year, and the overall result was even above plan. This is an achievement of which the Management of the Group Companies as well as each and every employee can be very proud. This means that, as in previous years, dividends from the Group Companies will be financing the majority of the Aumund Foundation's projects.

*What was your outlook going into 2026?*

**Silke Landwehrmann** Even if the conditions remain challenging, we believe the Group is still very well positioned to continue developing in a very positive way going forward, not least thanks to innovative products which were presented to the market at the end of 2025 and have attracted significant interest from customers.

*Capital market investments generally, including some investments in alternative assets, are the second major pillar of the funding capability. What is your view on the activities in this area over the previous year?*

**Silke Landwehrmann** Capital markets recovered quickly from the sharp fall due to what was called “liberation day” at the beginning of April, and were largely uninfluenced by the political turbulence of the remainder of the year. For investors with Euro as their reporting currency however, performance in 2025 was weighed down by the weakness of the US dollar. This came after Euro investors had been profiting for many years from widely diversified international positioning. Despite this year's US dollar weakness, we have conviction that the diversified composition of

the portfolio, with different asset classes and covering different currencies, will significantly contribute to risk reduction mid to long term.

*To what extent were you influenced in your capital market investments by the developments?*

**Silke Landwehrmann** We stuck to our agreed strategic asset allocation and achieved our targets for the capital market investments last year despite pressure from the weakened US dollar.

*The property market was not a particularly successful field for investors last year. How do you evaluate this area?*

**Silke Landwehrmann** The property market is showing signs of recovery, and attractive investment opportunities are starting to appear again from an investor's point of view. Over the coming years we will continue cautiously to expand our real estate portfolio, the third pillar of our funds, as long as our investment criteria are fulfilled.

*It will not escape attentive readers studying this annual report that the composition of the Board of Trustees has changed.*

**Silke Landwehrmann** After the replacement of Volker Lixfeld, who stepped down for personal reasons, the Board of Trustees is now complete again. The new Board Member is Jörg Heilingbrunner. He embodies the mindset of a businessman, creating the perfect complement to the other personalities in the body, distinguished by comprehensive expertise in corporate and tax law, charitable foundation and non-profit law as well as in wealth management and capital markets. We very much appreciate the open and honest dialogue with the Board of Trustees, and its input. The Members of the Board of Trustees will be introduced in more detail later in this report.

KATJA JÜNGST

# “Making effective use of the Foundation assets”

As the Managing Board Member of the Aumund Foundation, Katja’s main area of responsibility is the project work. Her core business is the strategic expansion of project activity, both in content and in geographical location.

*Frau Jüngst, looking at the projects shown on the world map, we can see that the number of funded projects has increased significantly. What do you see when you look back on this development?*

**Katja Jüngst** We have “established” countries where we have been funding projects since the early years of our activity. Last year we continued to expand support in the project countries and have extended project concepts. As the sole heir of the Founder, we asked ourselves how we could get closer to fulfilling Franz-Walter Aumund’s objectives of giving back to his customers’ countries through the Foundation’s work. To this end we systematically checked which countries have had decades of significance for the AUMUND Group, and hence for our Founder, but which we had so far not yet considered. These countries were bundled into clusters and prioritised.

*Are there specific consequences of this analysis yet?*

**Katja Jüngst** The first step will be the expansion of our funding in South America, a continent which has been very significant for the Company for decades. The establishment of the Brazilian subsidiary as the

first international Group Company in 1975 is excellent proof of this. What exactly we will be doing there is currently being examined separately.

*What do you see as the essential characteristics of the Foundation activities?*

**Katja Jüngst** We strive in the truest sense of the word for partnerships in our projects. We do not only provide cash funds, we actively engage with the project concepts and support the work by keeping in touch regularly and visiting projects on site. We also want to know what has worked well and what hasn’t, both during the implementation of the project and afterwards. Our funding partners appreciate this, and they evidently see the difference from others in how the Aumund Foundation keeps close contact and shows genuine interest.

*What are the criteria for your selection of project partners?*

**Katja Jüngst** Our selection process starts with the structure of the organisation. We check the income and expenditure situation, evaluate the level of administration costs, as well as foundation and tax law aspects which could potentially have an influence. Besides this, the quality aspect is very important; are our guiding principles and objectives a good fit? We would like our partner organisations to have effective networks and many years of expertise, as well as good



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Measuring our success is a matter particularly close to our hearts.”

contacts with education and health authorities and trustworthy working relationships with them. This is the only way to ensure that the project work does not peter out but brings sustainable and visible benefit.

*What were the highlights in the project work last year?*

**Katja Jüngst** Initially I would like to mention the first networking meeting of our funding partners which took place in June 2025 in Rheinberg. It was a successful experiment for us to get together about 15 partners from the education and health sectors with whom we fund international projects. This was an event which we will certainly repeat next year. Apart from that I find it hard to pick out anything in particular, which is why

we are presenting as detailed an overview as possible with this report on our funding activities.

*What is particularly important to you in the work?*

**Katja Jüngst** Measuring our success is a matter particularly close to our hearts. In addition to the general evaluation of the impact of our projects, we are interested to know how many lives we have been able to change for the better over the past year. The statistics in our report draw an impressive picture of this. We would like to further progress the assessment of impact and success in our projects. We see it as our responsibility to ensure that we use our Foundation funds as effectively as possible through close working relationships with our project partners and the continuous support of the projects.

*What are your objectives for 2026?*

**Katja Jüngst** As already mentioned we will cautiously expand our range of project countries and potential new funding partnerships which arise out of this. That said, we shall take care not to create too much dispersion but keep to a manageable number of projects in order to meet our quality standards.

*How can I find out more about the work of the Aumund Foundation?*

**Katja Jüngst** There is a detailed presentation on our website [www.aumund-foundation.de](http://www.aumund-foundation.de) of the countries where we provide funding, our partner organisations and projects. We also provide monthly updates via LinkedIn with news from our projects. We are pleased that the employees of the AUMUND Group around the world use this channel to let us know that they identify with the funding activities of the Aumund Foundation. Social commitment has always been part of the AUMUND business and is becoming so more and more at an international level. The projects in which the Companies of the Group participate speak for themselves.

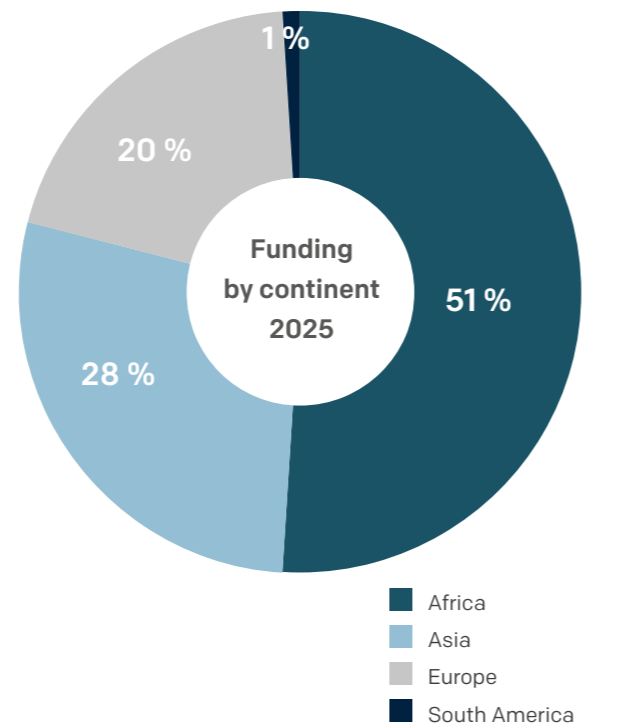
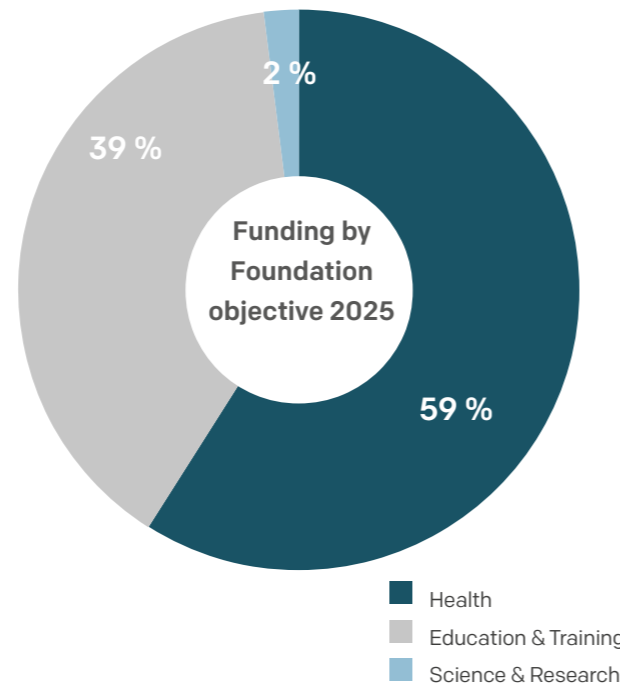
## OUR SUCCESS IN NUMBERS IN 2025

The specific and sustainable difference we make to the lives of young people with our Foundation work is illustrated in particular by our various scholarship programmes, and when meeting the scholarship students personally.

- The number of our Round Square scholarship students had risen to **153** by the end of 2025
- around **320** children from underprivileged backgrounds were able to go to school
- **26** scholarship students at our partner universities in Germany are being supported in the scholarship programme
- around **425** children were able to take advantage of low-threshold education projects in social centres e.g. help with homework and extra-curricular learning offerings
- around **170** young people were helped on their way to self-sufficiency by vocational orientation projects and personal development measures

In terms of the financing of medical procedures and operations we also look back on 2025 with great pride: countless children and young people were gifted quality of life and a crucial step towards a self-determined future as a result of our financial support:

- our various health projects comprised around **40,000** screenings and examinations
- around **2,300** children have received life-changing operations through financial aid from the Aumund Foundation
- in addition to the above, around **750** medical professionals were trained in various disciplines within our projects. These further education measures also benefit our young patients in the long run.



# The Board of Trustees

## High level supervision of the Foundation work

The five-person pro bono body is responsible for the approval of the annual financial statements and the budget, and advises the Foundation Board on the implementation of the statutory statement of purpose. Board and Trustees share the same goal of ensuring the fulfilment of the Founder's wishes in the long term.



**Dr Cornelius Kruse**

Chair of the Board of Trustees  
With cleverly applied funds the Aumund Foundation offers opportunities which can change a life for everyone they sponsor. That alone is motivation enough to devote myself to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.



**Jörg Heilingbrunner**

Real entrepreneurship shows itself where commercial thinking and social actions come together. This is what I stand for in the Aumund Foundation.



**Prof. Dr Stephan Schauhoff**

The word "Foundation" embodies the concepts of building, achieving and donating. Franz-Walter Aumund has used his assets to do all of these, in order to promote sustainable development in the areas of education and public health in many countries of the world. To implement this is a wonderful purpose.



**Dr Olaf Huth**

For many years I had known and appreciated Mr Aumund as an impressive, internationally oriented business personality who drove innovation. Now, as a Member of the Board of Trustees, to invest and administer his legacy within the framework of the Foundation, as internationally as ever, and to use it in the best way possible for the objectives of his Foundation and in his spirit, is a matter close to my heart.



**Prof. Dr Stefan Stolte**

I am committed to the Board of Trustees of the Aumund Foundation because, as was the Founder Franz-Walter Aumund, I am fully convinced that education and health are the cornerstones of a vibrant and peaceful society. The Aumund Foundation makes a valuable contribution by opening up new horizons and enabling future prospects for individuals and for our society as a whole.



# As an ophthalmologist in Ghana

## Dignity, self-confidence and prospects for the future

BY DR MARKUS STEPHAN

In October 2025 when I landed in Accra, the capital city of Ghana, I was curious, and to be honest a little thrilled. But what I experienced in the seven days I was there exceeded my expectations by a long way. It was a trip to visit people who fight with impressive determination for sight and for the future of children, and it was great proof of how effective and sustainable the commitment of the Aumund Foundation is.

Our journey led us to Ho in the Volta Region where we were introduced to the TEACH Project which is implemented by the DBHW (German Association for the Blind) together with the NHFB (New Horizon Foundation of the Blind). The aim is to enable genuine participation of blind and visually impaired children by targeted support and with the aid of digital technologies.

At Kpodzi Basic School I met Eugenie, an 18-year-old blind schoolgirl. She sang for us, told us her story and about her dream of being a teacher. At this moment it became clear to me what it is really all about, it is not only about lines in braille or tablet computers, but about dignity,



Right: Formal opening of the new Orbis office in Ghana



self-confidence and prospects for the future. Around one percent of the 222 schoolchildren here have impaired vision and are looked after by enthusiastic teaching staff who achieve great things with minimal resources.

Currently 25 children live in the NHFB Centre which was established in 2018. They learn braille, do computer work and are individually coached, so that they can attend regular schools later on. I was particularly struck by the extent to which inclusion is second nature as a common education mandate. At the same time it became clear how fragile progress can be. Irregular power supply damages devices, braille machines are out of order, spare parts unavailable.

Technology is the key but it also needs maintenance, structure and long-term support.

At our other stops, Mawuli Secondary School with almost 4,900 schoolchildren and Adidome Senior High School, I experienced to what extent it is second nature for visually impaired young people to take part in lessons and to be supported by their fellow students in an exemplary way. I found it particularly moving to meet Stephen Aflo, the Project Manager of New Horizon Foundation of the Blind. Despite being blind he got his degree and became a teacher. He now trains other teachers. He is the best example of what is possible when funding is properly implemented. When he speaks of a "new era with AI"

### Dr Markus Stephan

is a practicing specialist for ophthalmology and is Head of the Bergisch-Gladbach/Bensberg Eye Clinic. He has been on many voluntary missions to developing countries over the past twenty years, training local professionals. He is a member of the health committee of the Aumund Foundation.



for blind schoolchildren, it is not a catchphrase, but a vision in action.

An absolute highlight, apart from our many meetings with special people, was our visit to Orbis. Through financing by the Aumund Foundation a national strategy for primary eye care will be implemented over the next three years together with the Education and Health Ministry. Under the initiative "See the Future, Ghana", 675,375 children, teaching staff and community members in 20 districts will be screened. Teachers, medical assistants and ophthalmic nurses will be trained, and clinics and vision centres will be equipped.

At the Methodist Basic School in Ablekuma Central I saw year-one students being screened. These small children were concentrated, curious and sometimes surprised when with glasses they were suddenly able to see clearly. Once again I was conscious of how banal

but at the same time existential good vision is. If a visual weakness is recognised early it can often be decisive for a child's entire education.

We visited the eye unit at the Princess Marie Louise Children's Hospital. The room it occupies currently is small and not adapted to children. Thanks to funding, the unit will be larger and user-friendly. I found it quite thought-provoking that two thirds of blind children are girls. Ophthalmology is a question of equal opportunities here.

Finally we were able to visit the Flying Eye Hospital, a converted DC-10 which serves as a flying training and surgical centre. Just seeing that specialists from various continents get together to train their Ghanaian colleagues, illustrates perfectly the global nature of this commitment. The point is not to carry out short missions but to create sustainable transfer of knowledge. Medical

care is provided here at totally different levels. I was fascinated by the excellent quality of the medical equipment on board. Operations can be broadcast live from the training areas. The local ophthalmologists benefit from excellent opportunities to optimise their training and further education in an outstanding way.

#### MY PERSONAL VERDICT

##### What am I taking back from Ghana?

Above all, gratitude and respect; I am grateful to be part of this work by the Aumund Foundation. I respect all of the people, whatever their role, who are part of the projects, and above all the children who are going their own way with remarkable energy.

## FUNDING PROJECTS ROUND UP

### KOBLENZ UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

#### Former Scholarship Student returns to the University as a Professor

What a great occasion! At the selection committee meeting for new scholarship students at Koblenz University of Applied Sciences the selection panel of the Aumund Foundation was anticipating a special encounter. Ten years after graduating, one of the first scholarship students of the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung, Andrej Gibelhaus, has returned to Koblenz University of Applied Sciences. He was appointed to the chair of thermal energy technology and energy management in the faculty of mechanical engineering in March 2025. This alone brought joy to the selection panel, but even this was surpassed.

#### Change of guard in the support of the scholarship programme

Andrej Gibelhaus will step into the shoes of Prof. Detlev Borstell, who, with exceptional personal commitment, has been looking after the Aumund Foundation scholarship programme at the university for more than 15 years, and will retire in 2027. As a former "Aumundian" Detlev Borstell is pleased that the scholarship programme, as well as personal support of the scholarship recipients at Koblenz University for Applied Sciences, will remain in good hands. He says, "Who could be more suitable for the position than someone who has benefitted from this Aumund sponsorship and knows the effect a scholarship like this can have on a person's entire future life?"



Back to his roots! Former Aumund scholarship student Andrej Gibelhaus returns to Koblenz University of Applied Sciences as a Professor, back to where his academic career began.



WHO COULD BE MORE SUITABLE THAN SOMEONE WHO HAS HIMSELF BENEFITTED FROM THIS AUMUND SPONSORSHIP?

Prof. Detlev Borstell  
Koblenz University of Applied Sciences



FUNDATIA INOCENTI IN ROMANIA

**Aumund Foundation supporting a programme to improve mental health**

Since 2020 we have been providing funding to the Romanian organisation Fundatia Inocenti (“Foundation of the Innocents”) for various educational and health projects, and we have already had several opportunities to witness the valuable work on site. The history of the organisation goes back to the 1990s, when a photographic report in the Boston Globe by American photographer Michael Carroll depicted the devastating situation of Romanian orphans.

The “5 child policy” of dictator Ceauşescu had caused catastrophic consequences in children’s homes, hospitals and communities in Romania. Although the focus of activities has changed since then, there is still a great need for action for children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Suicide risk and mental health issues are particularly prevalent among young people as they have limited access to mental health support. An added burden is the stigma inherited from communist times related to seeking mental health support. In a country still marked by poverty, there is a strong need for education around mental health, to recognise, to get support and ultimately to prevent mental illnesses. Therefore the Aumund Foundation supports the project “Mental Health Literacy Program,” which aims to strengthen the mental health and resilience of over 1,000 children and adolescents from different backgrounds.

One focus of the programme, according to Valentina Maghirescu, Head of Fundatia Inocenti in Bucharest, is that “Young people need to be able to recognise the booming ‘TikTok diagnoses’, dangerous misinformation via social media, and to distance themselves from this.”

DON BOSCO MONDO E. V.

**New funding partner with international commitment**

“Training and education of young people is the most valuable investment in the future.”

Franz-Walter Aumund’s guiding principle applies unconditionally to the international project work carried out by Don Bosco Mondo. Established in 1980 Don Bosco Mondo supports projects in 130 countries run by the Salesians of

Don Bosco and the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco.

The Aumund Foundation supports Don Bosco projects in three countries. The Don Bosco Boys Home in Ghana provides safe housing, meals, medical care and educational support for 55 orphans and street children. The



IN MEMORY OF THE FOUNDER

**Operations and schooling for “cleft children” in India**

After a chance meeting on holiday between Franz-W. Aumund and Prof. Hermann Sailer a friendship grew which led to the two Founders working together for many years. The work is still bearing fruit to this day. The partnership with the Cleft Children’s Aid Charity in Switzerland started in 2013, at first with the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung established in 2006, and

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Prof. Dr Dr Hermann F. Sailer

since 2025 the funding partner is the Aumund Foundation. In Malakkara in Southern India we provide nearly 240 children with life-changing operations in the cleft unit of St. Thomas Hospital. Oral and maxillofacial surgeon Dr Mathew was trained by Prof. Sailer and is now passing on his highly specialised knowledge to his fellows in his clinic.

As well as the operations, the Aumund Foundation finances the affiliated school project for 35 children who have had a cleft-palate operation. In a protected environment in the project’s own residential facility the children who have been marginalised and isolated their whole lives now experience togetherness and support which is tailored to them.

Don Bosco Education Centre in Lingarajapuram, Southern India, comprises day care and an evening school for children from the neighbouring slums.

The Holistic Education in Karnataka project, also in Southern India, offers learning and activity centres for children from remote villages, support for vocational training of young people with psychological and physical impairments, and mobile medical care in 20 villages. This package combines the two

core themes of the Aumund Foundation, education and health support.

We are delighted to be playing a special role in the project work of Don Bosco in Nepal.

By financing the new project office near Kathmandu, we are contributing significantly to effective and sustainable education and development projects in this country.

INTERNATIONAL SUBSIDIARIES

**Scholarship students at AUMUND around the world**

In 2025 two scholarship recipients from Koblenz University of Applied Sciences took the opportunity to spend some time at an AUMUND Company overseas.

**Mohamed Chatti** spent ten weeks at the Brazilian entity AUMUND Ltda. in Sao Paulo where he completed the practical phase of his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He became familiar with AUMUND equipment in operation on site, dealt with design and dimensioning of machines and gained an understanding of calculation methods for bulk materials conveying technology. He advises future scholarship students to seriously consider the language of the host country, and that it is important to be open, curious and active, in both the professional and personal space. Exchanging with employees and being interested in the local culture will help to make the best of this experience.



Fadl Ibrahim



Mohamed Chatti

**Fadl Ibrahim** spent three months in Paris at AUMUND France for the practical phase of his bachelor's studies. Intensive examination of the AUMUND Group's predictive maintenance system and its marketing led him to complete his bachelor's thesis on this subject. The highlight for Fadl was the international working environment where intercultural exchange is a matter of course. He says, "The stay impacted me both professionally and personally. It strengthened my intercultural skills and further confirmed my wish to work in an international environment".



13TH EDITION

**Scholarship students and alumni meeting in Rheinberg**

It was the 13th time we had welcomed our scholarship students and alumni to Rheinberg. As well as a presentation on the history of the Aumund Foundation and an overview of the project work, the students learned about the AUMUND Group of Companies and technical innovations. The afternoon was rounded off with a workshop on AI.



The young students participated actively as in previous years. They reported on practical placements abroad, and semesters overseas. The alumni described their professional development after leaving university. The former students gave the younger

scholarship recipients the benefit of their experience, summed up as follows; to solve an assignment there are various ways and approaches which need to be dealt with in the "real" world of work. And despite all available technical possibilities, a human being should

always be the first point of contact. Alexander Smeets, Managing Director of AUMUND Asia in Hong Kong and guest speaker at the event, concluded as follows, "You need courage and support to get you through life!" We are proud to be making our contribution.

DOCTORS FOR MOZAMBIQUE

**Visiting a project partner in Mozambique**

Mozambique in East Africa has had problems with extreme poverty for years. The population is struggling with the consequences of political instability, the effects of natural catastrophe and inadequate medical care. The founders of the Dutch Foundation, Doctors for Mozambique, Gitta and

Harrie van der Meeren, have set themselves the objective of tackling the blatant lack of doctors, in particular in rural areas, and they support young students from underprivileged backgrounds for the entire duration of their medical studies. The Aumund Foundation has been at their side since 2023. In Autumn 2025 Project Coordinator Susanne Weiss and health committee member Dr Helmut Sieber gained an impression of the work of the organisation on the ground. As well as the institutions and organisations involved in the

country, they got to know the scholarship recipients. Susanne was particularly impressed with the work within the group, and with



THIS CREATES AN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH MOTIVATES AND HELPS CUSHION THE ARRIVAL IN THE CITY OF BEGINNERS FROM DEEP IN THE PROVINCES



the former scholarship students, who now act as mentors to the new students. Helmut Sieber is fascinated by the complex selection process for future scholarship recipients which involves several layers of selection criteria. "The concept which is practiced in the assessment of the scholarship recipients guarantees a success rate of almost 100% in terms of graduation rates. This motivates the pro bono employees of the foundation to continue this challenging work into the future".



# Tiger Kloof Educational Institution

## Stories of hope and success

BY LOUISE FOUCHÉ  
Chief Executive Officer, Tiger Kloof

Every young person can have an impact in this world and can have a brighter future through value-based education and strong servant leadership mentoring. As CEO of Tiger Kloof Educational Institution, I am privileged to lead a community committed to nurturing character, faith, academic excellence, and responsible leadership, empowering our learners to serve others with integrity, purpose, and resilience.

Tiger Kloof's story began in 1904 with a stone building for the Batswana people who pleaded for a school for their children. The London Missionary Society responded to this call and founded the school on the scripture from 1 Corinthians 3:11: "For no one can lay any foundation

other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." This cornerstone of faith remains our firm foundation today.

In the early 1960s, Tiger Kloof was closed by the apartheid regime, and the land was given to a farmer with the instruction to demolish the stone buildings. He could not bring himself to do so. God had a greater purpose for Tiger Kloof. In 1994 the school reopened with a renewed vision: "To create new paths in doing, learning and serving."

The Board of Directors, as custodians of the property, entered into an agreement with the Department of Basic Education to operate a public school on private property. This public-private partnership has become one of the strongest models in South Africa, as such

partnerships offer greater strength and sustainability than public schools. Our donors and partners make it possible to provide safe facilities, smaller classes, quality resources, and a caring environment where children can learn, play, and discover.

At Tiger Kloof, we believe that a child's background does not define their future. Every young person deserves the opportunity to learn, to be curious, to debate, to build resilience, and to dream without limits. Many of our students come from deeply challenging circumstances marked by loss, fear, limited family support, and exposure to alcohol, drugs, and violence. Yet, with the right support, these biographies are transformed into stories of hope and success.

Through the generous support of the Aumund Foundation we are able to place learners in safe and

nurturing boarding houses where they find care and stability. Full-time counselling, additional tutoring, and structured academic support after school, enable our learners to achieve good academic results which improve their opportunities for training, studies and a successful entry into professional life.

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### CREATE NEW PATHS IN DOING, LEARNING AND SERVING.

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With this vision Tiger Kloof was re-opened in 1994.

The impact of our boarding houses is clearly reflected in our academic outcomes. The top ten positions in each high school grade are predominantly held by boarders. Beyond results, we are deeply encouraged by the growth we see in each learner's confidence, discipline, and sense of purpose. Tiger Kloof is an active member of Round Square International, where our students engage weekly in its six pillars: Internationalism,

Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership, and Service. Our school has 930 students from grade RR to grade 12, including our 170 high school learners residing in our boarding houses. The waiting list for boarding is long, but our capacity is limited.

Our partnership with the Aumund Foundation began at a Round Square International Conference and has grown into a close, long-term relationship based on trust. From the moment I met Susanne and Katja, their humility, kindness, and inspiring presence created a meaningful connection with our staff and, most importantly, our students. Their willingness to endure the extreme Kalahari heat in order to visit Tiger Kloof reflects their deep commitment to promoting education, and their aspiration to make a positive difference to the lives of underprivileged children.

When Susanne and Katja visited us for the first time in 2024, they witnessed first-hand the transformative role of our boarding houses. Just one year later with the generous support of the Aumund Foundation we were able to upgrade 30 dormitories and bathrooms in the Archie Mogwe Boys' Boarding



*Large photo:* With its own solar power generation the boarding house is no longer solely dependent on the local energy supply.  
*Small photo:* The rooms in the boarding house were freshly painted in cheerful colours.

House and the Dr Chiepe Girls' Boarding House. Both boarding houses are named after outstanding African leaders who were educated at Tiger Kloof and later served in the first cabinet of Botswana, under President Sir Seretse Khama.

Our students are proud of their new living spaces. In the second phase of upgrading, solar power is being installed, which will address the critical challenge of unreliable electricity on campus. This will have the added advantage of reducing the high monthly electricity costs.

Currently, 25 boarders are supported through the Aumund Foundation bursary programme, four of whom are grade 11 learners who have attended the Round Square International Conference in Dubai, and one took part in the Round Square International Service Projects in India. For all of them, this

was their first time on an aeroplane and their first experience beyond their immediate community. Such opportunities are life changing. Our learners return inspired, confident in public speaking, globally connected, and motivated to lead and serve others.

Our first student supported by the Aumund Foundation bursary programme, Omolemo Molema, graduated successfully with a bachelor's in 2025. Another, Omaatla Jama, has won many awards for languages and in history competitions. This year the Aumund Foundation is supporting four grade 12 students, who are strong leaders in the school and very actively involved in Round Square projects. We are proud of all of them.

Service is the strongest pillar of our school. While we may have limited financial resources, we give help

where it is needed. For the past ten years, Tiger Kloof staff and students have operated a daily soup kitchen in a nearby settlement. More than 180 children aged three to seven whose parents cannot afford early childhood care receive meals here. In addition, our students offer after-school tutoring. There are plans to expand this programme in July 2026 when a covered building project is completed as part of a Round Square International Service Project.

Our rich history, the legacy of leaders such as Dr Ruth S. Mompoti, our dedicated staff, outstanding students and faithful partners like the Aumund Foundation give us confidence in a brighter future. Together, we are shaping young people who embrace responsibility, and are equipped to make a lasting impact in their communities and our beautiful country, South Africa.



# Funding projects around the world 2025

From the beginnings of the Aumund Foundation in 2019 an international network has grown, through which around 50 projects in almost 20 countries have been funded in 2025.



Details of these projects can be found on the following two pages.

## 1. GERMANY

### **HTW University of Applied Sciences Berlin**

- Endowed chair “Industrial Sensor Technology and Predictive Maintenance 4.0” (via Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung) since 2022
- Awarding of Prof. Heinrich Aumund Scholarships for the endowed chair, since 2023

### **Koblenz University of Applied Sciences, since 2024**

Awarding of Franz-W. Aumund Scholarships

### **Industrial Archives of Saxony, since 2021**

(via Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung),

Research into industrialisation in Saxony

### **Friedensdorf International Oberhausen, since 2025**

Surgery project for sick and injured children from war and conflict zones, and operation funding for oral and maxillofacial surgery

## 2. UK

### **Round Square UK, since 2022**

Funding of the Round Square International Conference

## 3. ROMANIA

### **Concordia Social Projects “Edu Campus”, Ploiesti since 2023**

Training support in the School for Life

### **Fundatia Inocenti, since 2024**

Funding of mental health programmes for young people

## 4. BULGARIA

### **Concordia Social Projects, Malki Iskar**

- Ongoing funding and expansion of the family centre, since 2022
- Renovation and ongoing funding of the centre for early childhood development, since 2025

## 5. ERITREA

### **Archemed, since 2024**

Funding of surgical missions for children and young people as well as procurement of medical equipment

### **Interplast Germany, since 2019**

Humanitarian medical assignments

## 6. KENYA

### **Dentists for Africa**

- Rebuilding the St. Michael Preparatory and Orphanage School into a boarding school and funding of the boarding school
- Access to school education for children in need, since 2020
- Dental care scholarship for orphaned children, since 2020
- Training of orphaned young people as medical assistants, since 2020

### **Starehe Boys’ Centre and School\*, since 2020**

Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds

### **Deutsches Blindenhilfswerk, since 2023/2024**

Establishment of a support centre for blind and visually impaired children, Scholarships for Ophthalmic Clinical Officers

## 7. MOZAMBIQUE

### **Doctors for Mozambique, since 2023**

Scholarships for students of medicine

## 8. SIERRA LEONE

### **Mercy Ships, since 2023**

General paediatric surgery, orthopaedic, oral and maxillofacial surgery and gynaecology aboard the Global Mercy

## 9. GHANA

### **International Community School\*, since 2021**

Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds

### **Orbis UK**

- Improvement of the ophthalmological care of children and young people, since 2025
- Ghana Refraction Accelerates Delivery of Education in Schools (GRADES) study, since 2025

### **Deutsches Blindenhilfswerk, since 2025**

Technology Enhanced Accessible Classroom for Higher Impact (TEACH) project

### **Don Bosco Mondo e.V., since 2024**

Boys’ Home in Sunyani for boys from vulnerable backgrounds

## 10. TANZANIA

### **St. Constantine’s International School\*, since 2022**

Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds

## 11. SOUTH AFRICA

### **Roedean School\*, since 2021**

### **Bridge House School\*, since 2020**

Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds

### **Tiger Kloof Educational Institution\***

- Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds
- Modernisation and expansion of the boarding houses (2025)

### **The Love Trust, since 2023**

Supporting schooling and pre-schooling for children from vulnerable backgrounds at Nokuphila School in Thembisaa

## 12. INDIA

### **Doon School\*, since 2021**

### **Lawrence School\*, since 2021**

Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds

### **Sagar School\*, since 2018**

Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds and provision of vocational guidance and career advice (2025)

### **The Voluntary Health Services, since 2023**

- Training programme for nurses
- Renovation of the accident and emergency facilities at the Voluntary Health Service Hospital in Chennai, 2025

### **Cleft Children’s Aid Charity, since 2025**

Comprehensive care for children with cleft palate in Malakkara

### **Cleft Children International Foundation, since 2025**

Treatment of children with craniofacial anomalies at the Cleft Centre in Malakkara

### **Don Bosco Mondo e.V.**

Education Centre in Bangalore, since 2024, and comprehensive education in Karnataka, since 2025

## 13. PAKISTAN

### **Cadet College Hassan Abdal\*, since 2020**

Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds

## 14. NEPAL

### **Don Bosco Mondo e.V. , since 2025**

Digital learning and establishment of a project office

### **Interplast Stiftung, since 2025**

Supporting the Sushma Koirala Memorial Hospital for plastic and reconstructive surgery

## 15. BANGLADESH

### **Orbis UK, since 2025**

Establishment and equipping of Green Vision Centres

## 16. CAMBODIA

### **Friedensdorf International Oberhausen, since 2024**

Social Waste Management Centre project, Battambang, for children from waste picking families

## 17. VIETNAM

### **Deviemed, since 2019**

Humanitarian medical assignments

## 18. BRAZIL

### **Favela Education, since 2023**

Educational support for children from the slums in Rio de Janeiro

## 19. PERU

### **Diospi Suyana, since 2021**

Supporting the mission hospital

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\*Round Square Schools



# Networking meeting with the funding partners

The Aumund Foundation invited its project partners to Rheinberg for the first networking meeting. Together around 35 participants from 15 organisations discussed aspects of their project work and possible ways of working

together, with such questions as, "What have we achieved so far? What can we learn from others and what knowledge can we pass on? How can the projects we fund be mutually strengthened or supported? How can we measure

whether we are doing the right thing and not achieving only short term success?" At the end both the Aumund Foundation team and the guests were convinced that the event should be continued next year.

“ I PARTICULARLY LIKED THE SPEED DATING ASPECT AT THE BARBECUE BECAUSE IT REALLY HELPED TO FACILITATE CONVERSATIONS AT THE MEETING.

“ IN ALL PRESENTATIONS IT WAS EASY TO SEE HOW AND WHY THE ORGANISATIONS HAVE CONNECTED WITH THE AUMUND FOUNDATION.

“ I ALSO ENJOYED LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE STORY OF THE THREE GENERATIONS OF AUMUND, AND THE HISTORY OF THE COMPANY AND THE FOUNDATION.

“ IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE HISTORY OF THE AUMUND GROUP AND THE VISION AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATION OF THE AUMUND FOUNDATION.

Anne-Kristin Henker, Project Manager of Dentists for Africa, summed up as follows, "You could really feel the appreciation for the work of the project partners, and that the ladies from the Aumund Foundation carry out their work with passion, enjoyment, a huge wealth of experience and specialist knowledge, and they are there for "their organisations" with this tremendous support. This all created an inspiring, supportive atmosphere".

Opposite is some of the feedback from the first networking meeting with the project partners of the Aumund Foundation.

## ANNE PASSEN IS RETIRING

### We say, "Thank you Anne!"

Over the course of her career, Anne Passen soon realised that supporting the next generation of engineers was something she was passionate about, and from 1998 to 2024 she was in charge of the company's engineering apprentices. In 2014 the logical progression was that Franz-Walter Aumund appointed her to the selection committee for the awarding of scholarships at German universities. Since then, Anne has participated in around 25 committee meetings, selecting almost 100 scholarship recipients, and has actively contributed to the running of twelve scholarship students' meetings in Rheinberg. Anne's successor as group leader within the company, Dominik Keusen, is now following in her footsteps

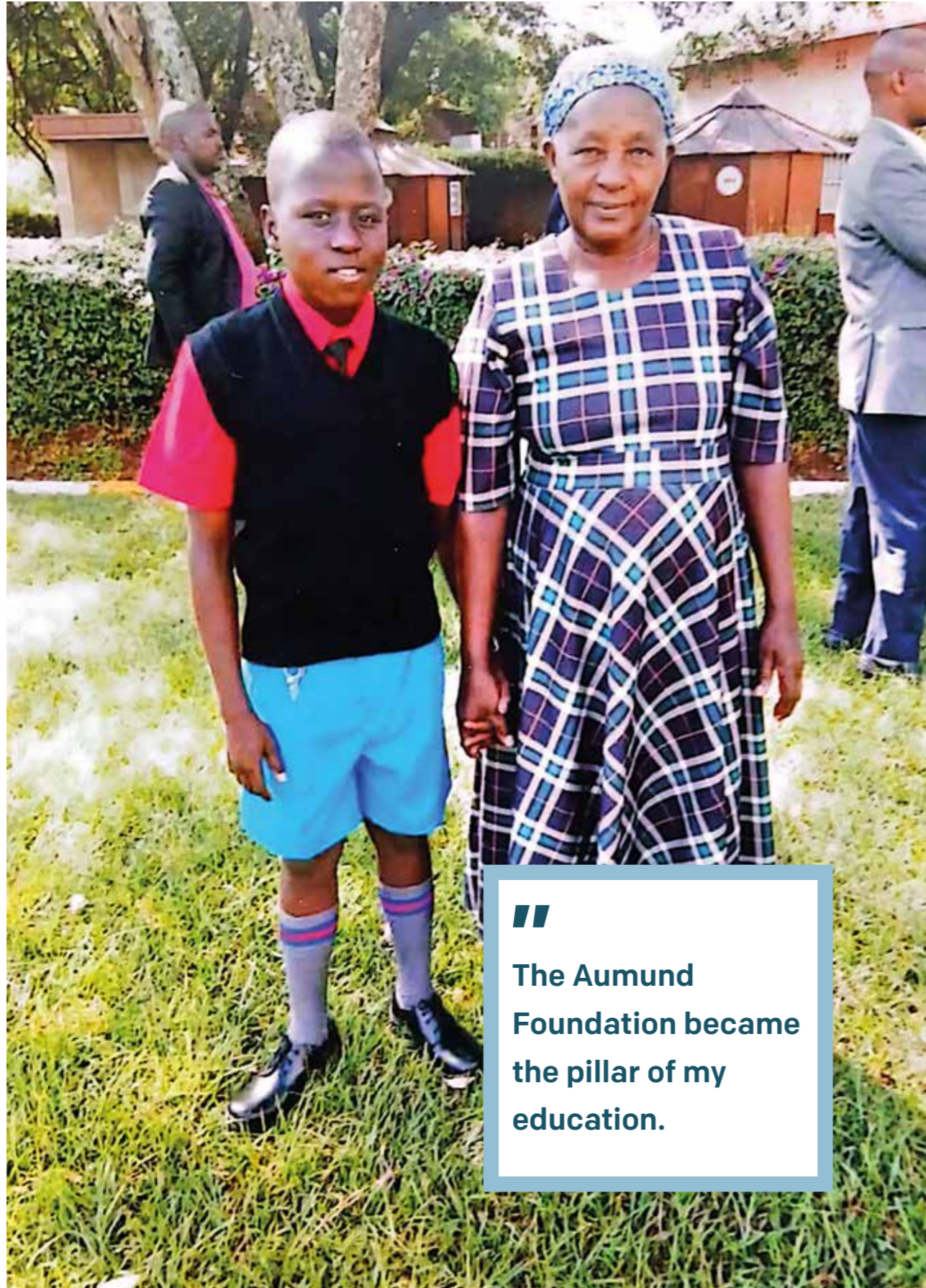
on the scholarship committee. As a former scholarship holder at AUMUND Fördertechnik, supporting the next generation is just as close to his heart as it was to his predecessor's.

### What did Anne Passen find most motivating in supporting young talent?

"What impressed me most was observing the progress the scholarship students made during the funding period. Over the years they developed from shy and sometimes rather "green" youths into confident and cosmopolitan young people."



In the photo (from left) Jana Bobek (former apprentice), Susanne Tomasik, Julia Devers (former apprentice), Tanja Matter, and of course Anne Passen.



**“**  
**The Aumund Foundation became the pillar of my education.**

# The story of Eric Wangui Nioroge

A story is told of a boy who was born in the Rift Valley Region of Kenya 21 years ago. The boy has grown to be quite a remarkable man now, a leader in every field he ventures into. He has grown to become a great achiever, reaching heights even he did not expect.

The story goes on to shine more light into the boy’s life. In order for him to reach where he is at the moment, it was not a walk in the park. As much as he has had some fantastic times in his life, he has also had his fair share of downfalls. This is the story of me, Eric Wangui Njoroge: my life is not what it seems to be today.

“ I was born in Shirika Village, Uasin Gishu County in Kenya. I lived with my mother and grandmother. Life was great until 2010 when a pulmonary related disease took my mother away from me at the age of four.

My grandmother, with the help of my relatives, tried her level best to give me an education. Truth be told, it was not easy at all. They persevered anyway and helped me through primary school. I ended up attaining high grades

and was called to Starehe Boys’ Centre. At that moment it was joy and celebrations, but when the big question arose, we were in a dilemma.

We had exhausted all financial means. When we went for my interview at the Centre we knew our chances would be slim but we left both shocked and filled with joy. I managed to secure a full scholarship. I thanked the Almighty for His gracious works. But who was this who came to my rescue?

Mr Franz-Walter Aumund, may his soul rest in peace, formed the Aumund Foundation which is an organisation aimed at helping those who are vulnerable to achieve the purest desires of their hearts. They did just that and even more for me. The Aumund Foundation became the pillar of my education thereafter. I managed to excel both academically and in co-curricular

activities. The members of the foundation’s leadership followed up closely on my personal growth as well as that of my course mates. I managed to become a leader in the school doing scouting, which is my passion, and even went on to represent the school in the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023.

With the help given to me by the Aumund Foundation I managed to score a B (plain) in my National Examination being among those who would join university, and not only that but I was also chosen by the renowned University of Nairobi to study biochemistry, a course that is core in the science field.

As if that was not enough, the foundation made a kind gesture to offer our group, being the pioneers, to support our university studies as the scholarship beneficiaries. I was elated.

I would like to extend my gratitude, also on behalf of my fellow students. Thank you very much Aumund Foundation for being the strongest pillar of our academic life. I have got so much through Starehe and you deserve all the applause. Thank you too for caring for us and ensuring that we got the best to be the best. My joy and gratitude towards you know no bounds. From our side when the time is right we will be more than happy to give back our service to the Aumund Foundation. We appreciate the great team and many more who have contributed to the life changing work that you all do. From the depths of my heart I would like to say, "Vielen Dank".



WE MET ERIC ON OUR TRIP TO NAIROBI IN JANUARY. HIS BACHELOR'S IN BIOCHEMISTRY IS GOING VERY WELL, AND HIS DREAM IS TO CARRY ON TO DO HIS MASTER'S, AND THEN A PHD. ONE OF HIS FIRM PLANS FOR THE FUTURE IS TO ONE DAY COME TO GERMANY TO DO SOME VOLUNTARY WORK.

STRATEGIC PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

**Andrea Locker joins the team at the Aumund Foundation**

Since mid-2025 the Aumund Foundation team has been strengthened with the addition of Andrea Locker. As foundation manager, team leader and later as Management Advisor at the German Foundation Centre in the Stifterverband (Donor's Association) for the promotion of sciences in Germany, she has great knowledge of the strategic orientation of foundations and finances, and the development of projects and organisations. After spending 25 years with the German Foundation Centre, this experienced foundation expert has been appointed to the newly created position of Strategic Programme Manager at the Aumund Foundation. In her role with the German Foundation Centre Andrea was closely associated with the establishment and the initial years of the Aumund Foundation, and she has been a member of the health committee of the Foundation since its inception. Andrea Locker says, "I am very much looking forward to contributing with my colleagues to the further expansion of the professional, mutually trusting way in which the Aumund Foundation works with its funding partners, and to its effective funding activities."



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