



## Circular Letter No. 1 – May 2025

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Ein Personaleinsatz von Comundo

## Change, Friendships and a New Challenge!



*Comundo Kenya co-workers & family with counterparts from partner organisations at the annual meeting*

## Dear Friends and Family

Welcome to my first circular letter!

I am officially back in the workforce, and I am excited to update you on my journey with Comundo and my work at Grassroots Nest for Innovations and Change (GRiC) in Nairobi.

Having spent the last few years between Kenya and Switzerland, it is refreshing to have the opportunity to live in Kenya for the next three years and contribute to sustainable development, improved education and personnel development co-operation.

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## GRiC and my Work

Let me start by telling you what I will be doing at GRiC for the next three years: My official title is "Knowledge Management and Quality Assurance Specialist", which sounds pretty complex and is a very wide term. Since February I have been able to get to know my new team and the organisation.

As you can imagine, there is a lot of information, data and experience within GRiC and its partners. Currently all that knowledge and documentation is mainly with the individuals responsible for their respective programme and is difficult and time-consuming to gain access to for others within the organisation and partner organisations. My task is to manage all that knowledge, bring a sustainable structure to the organisation to make information, data and knowledge more accessible for employees, partners and stakeholders.

With a more organised system, we can develop models of the programmes and create communication documents to increase impact and make it easier to not only communicate more efficiently within GRiC and its partners but also with current and future supporters and donors.



*Spring at the Lake in Lucerne*

## GRiC: Grassroots Nest for Innovations and Change

GRiC works in education in East Africa, ranging from Early Childhood Development through primary and secondary school to youth. GRiC's focus especially lies on underserved and rural areas, where they work closely with various grassroots organisations – a model that has proven successful in creating a lasting impact and acceptance within communities.

The aim is to ensure the children's future and give them the opportunities, self-confidence and skills to build a successful life. For themselves, the family and the community.

## Comundo and my Preparation Course

Besides working, I have travelled to Lucerne in March for a 3-Week preparation course with Comundo. Here I was able to get to know the Swiss Comundo Team, some of my new Co-Workers who are starting their Comundo-Journey in various countries and gain insights into relevant topics.

These topics included (but are by far not limited to) change management, intercultural integration and security & safety. Thanks to the wonderful group and great organisation of the course, I was able to recharge my energy, get inspired and have a boost in confidence for the task ahead.



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### Comundo Kenya Annual Meeting

A week after returning from Switzerland, the next trip was already scheduled. This time we were going for Comundo Kenya's Annual Meeting in Nyahururu and Nakuru for a week. The first half of the week we had animated and constructive discussions, together with a representative from each partner organisation in Kenya.

Unfortunately, we had quite a lot of rain, which limited our options for activities after work, but a highlight was the trip to the Hippo Pools (which was cut short, when heavy showers started again).

During the second part of the annual meeting, the group was smaller – without the partner organisations – and besides our constructive sessions, I was able to get to know each co-worker in Kenya. It was refreshing to meet everyone in person, and we were lucky that the kids got along well, making the stay feel familiar and comfortable.

The highlight of the week was our intercultural cooking competition, where we split into a Kenyan and a Swiss/German team to cook dishes from the other country. I can confidently say that every single dish tasted great – beyond my expectations!



*Workshop in Nakuru*

### Wind of Change

- The weather is turning, and the rainy season is upon us
- Balancing work and family life is a new challenge
- New friends for everyone: Ambaka found two new friends during the annual meeting

### Let's go!

After three months of intense change, travel and getting to know new people, I am now looking forward to a routine that allows me to support GRiC in their endeavours and contribute to a positive impact by organising thoughts, knowledge and data.



*New Friendships for Young and Old*

Thank you for following along on my journey. In case you want to know more about my life in Nairobi and my work at GRiC, please reach out to me. You'll hear from me in my next Newsletter (latest)!



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## Gemeinsam für eine gerechtere Welt

Was, wenn das Recht auf ein gesundes, gewaltloses und unversehrtes Leben nicht mehr gilt? Wenn der Schulbesuch als wichtiger Schlüssel zu Bildung und einem würdevollen Beruf verwehrt bleibt? Oder wenn nur die Flucht ins Ausland die Familie zuhause ernähren kann?

Comundo verbessert mit über siebzig Fachleuten die Lebensbedingungen von Menschen in Lateinamerika und Afrika mit einem Fokus auf Kinder, Jugendliche sowie alte Menschen. Dies dank dem Austausch von Wissen und Erfahrung mit lokalen Partnerorganisationen, mit Vernetzung und mit der Förderung von gegenseitigem Lernen.

Als eine Schweizer Organisation der Zivilgesellschaft trägt Comundo zur Erreichung der Ziele der Agenda 2030 bei. Sie verknüpft die konkreten Erfahrungen der Fachleute vor Ort mit politischem Handeln in der Schweiz.

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