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Exchange of ideas under the acacia tree



Accommodation at the campsite

Tax recognition

The Freundeskreis Umoja - Friends auf Umoja e.V. has been recognized as a non-profit organization by the Grevenbroich tax office with tax code 114/5872/6859. We will be happy to send a donation receipt.

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Freundeskreis Umoja – Friends of Umoja e.V.

Non-profit association to support the women's village Umoja in Kenya



**Umoja – how strong and determined women
are changing an entire region in Kenya !**

Stand with Umoja!



Rebecca Lolosoli

Umoja and the long strive for a better future for the Samburu

Rebecca Lolosoli became a feminist before she even knew the word. With great willpower and determination, she and a handful of fellow sufferers freed themselves from the traditional archaic bonds of their Samburu tribe and established the first women's village in Africa in 1990. They called it "Umoja", which translates as "unity". To this day, women and their children find shelter in the village from domestic violence, genital mutilation and early or forced marriage.

With a great deal of commitment and self-confidence, the Umoja women have created a modest **economic basis** for themselves. They produce and sell jewelry, grow vegetables, run their own campsite and are currently also starting to raise poultry and maintain dairy farming. "Friends of Umoja" supports these projects, which the women plan and implement on their own responsibility.

Education is at least equally important in Umoja and the surrounding villages. The Umoja women tirelessly establish and operate workshops in which they educate people about women's and human rights and make girls, women and men aware of the serious health consequences of genital mutilation. This constant education has led to a cultural change: young girls are increasingly withdrawing from this archaic practice and young Samburu men are also campaigning for its abolition.

Educational workshop



Jewelry making



The Umoja women are convinced that education is the key to a better future. They fought for the village's own school, where girls and boys have been co-educated since 2014. More than 280 students now attend the school. The further expansion of the school and its ongoing maintenance are top priorities. "Friends of Umoja" supports the following projects:

P+7 class sponsorships

"Friends of Umoja" runs a sponsorship project for the school years in Umoja (9 years). The sponsors cover the costs of school attendance for children whose parents cannot afford the tuition fees. In return, the parents commit to refrain from genital mutilation as well as early and forced marriage. The contributions from the class sponsorships are used to finance the salaries of the school staff and part of the school maintenance.

School meals

All children receive two meals a day at school. This is a further incentive for parents to send their children to school; for some children, the school meal is their only regular food.

School expansion

"Friends of Umoja" has also contributed to the expansion of the school in recent years by building additional classrooms. The school initially had a capacity for four classes, which was expanded to nine classes.

In class



The children are given porridge in the morning

