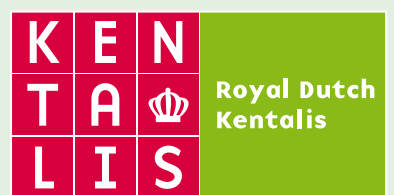
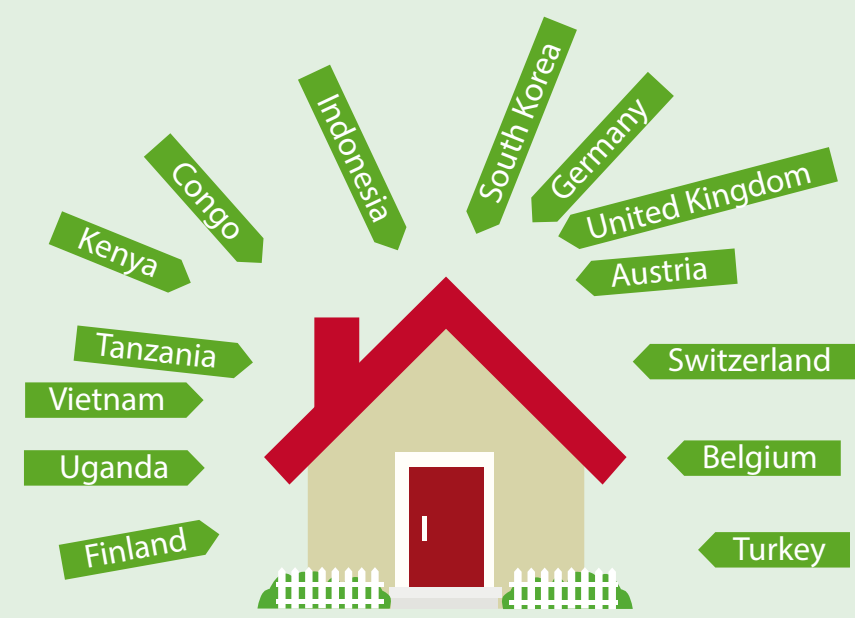


Annual report 2017

Kentalis International Foundation



We received **46** visitors from **14** countries



35 projects



Kentalis International works in multi-annual project cooperation as well as in short-term training delivery. In 2017 we run 35 knowledge exchange projects in the field of hearing and communication in Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa. These projects are made possible by European Union, Vrienden van Effatha, Hermusfonds, Light for the World and philanthropic organizations.

A selection...



January

Advocacy in the Netherlands
Persons with Disabilities are often excluded from existing programs, and thought of as asexual. It's time for change. KIF participates in a consultation on the importance of inclusive Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights organized by the PvdA (Labour Party) for other members of parliament.

European exchange

Seven organizations from Germany, Austria and Switzerland are at Kentalis for a European Exchange. This partnership on deafblindness is setting up a staff training program that teaches professionals how to become a competent communication partner for people who are congenital deafblind.



February

Sustainability in Uganda
The School of Audiology from the Ugandan Institute of Allied Health and Management Sciences started their third annual certificate course on Audiology set up by Kentalis. There is a great need for these professionals in Africa and through this course 12 trained professionals enter the practice every year. We are proud to support them.

Paper interactive reading

The paper on interactive reading with DHH toddlers on an iPad from Kentalis researcher Loes Wauters and NSDSK researcher Evelien Dirks is now online.



March

International conference Amsterdam

Yes, our Teaching Deaf Learners conference started in Amsterdam! With 250 participants from over 22 countries who are focusing on the core question: How can deaf and hard-of-hearing students best be taught given their individual strengths and needs? #TDL2017

Visitor from Vietnam

Nguyen Dung is a Vietnamese PhD student studying at the University of Cologne. He is visiting the Kentalis Audiological Centres. Nguyen is a Linguist who developed a speech tests in the Vietnamese language. He is here to learn more about how Audiological assessment is done in The Netherlands.



April

In the news, Tanzania

Our final dissemination meeting, celebrating the successful completion of our three year project 'Teaching Deaf Learners' for secondary mainstream education, is here! Guests and participants share how graduates of the program have improved knowledge, are creative in their teaching and possess a diverse array of skills. National TV and radio stations covered the meeting and aired their segments prominently.

Peer exchange visit in Europe

A group of Teenagers from our Guyotschool visited their Deaf and hard of hearing peers in Poland. During this 'Deaf Matters' visit they work with students from Poland, Italy, Spain and Turkey on similarities and differences in their countries and sharing experiences and tips.

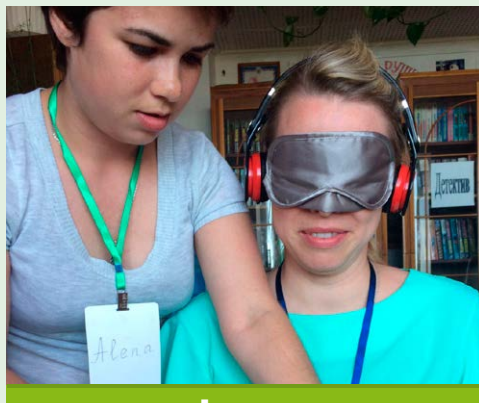


May

Keynote speaker Philippines
Philippines first Deaf Festival in Baguio city, wonderfully organized by NMS-Cares, drew big crowds. We are happy to present on Parenting and on Teaching Deaf Learners. The festival offers lectures, dental care, a gala diner, a cooking contest, Deaf's got talent, and many more activities for professionals, families, and children.

Cooperation with mainstream disability organizations

What a nice gathering with a large delegation from Light for the World International and Light for the World Nederland who visited Royal Dutch Kentalis. We discussed deaf education in the Netherlands and we talked about international efforts to achieve meaningful inclusion.



June

Summerschool in Russia
Kentalis experts Suzanne Koonen and Herma Arends are giving a training in Gelendzhik, Russia, in the field of deafblindness. The training is part of the annual Summerschool of Connection for deafblind specialists throughout Russia.

Certified Parental awareness workshops, Rwanda

In the fight against stigma and language isolation we offer training to parents of young Deaf children. Kentalis experts train Deaf community facilitators to raise awareness by holding workshops for parents of young Deaf children.



July

Educational Outcomes

The first Regional Educational Learning Initiative is launched in Nairobi. Organisations from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo are gathered to exchange knowledge and harmonise projects on Education for the East-Africa region. Kentalis International staff and their local partners are representing their projects from Tanzania and Uganda. A great initiative that emphasizes creating more impact and improving educational outcomes.

Family Centred Early Intervention (FCEI)

We were invited to present our holistic early intervention activities at FCEI in Johannesburg, South Africa. We also learned from best practices and new FCEI initiatives from other participants.



August

Technical support in Ukraine

The Dutch organization SOFT Tulip took us on a trip through Ukraine visiting various organizations and showing us how they work. SOFT Tulip has asked for a collaboration in 2018 where we will share our specific knowledge on communication for Multiple Communicative Disabilities.

Report Save the Children, UK

Together with Deafkidz International, UK, we are working on a report to advise Save the Children in their work when they are supporting deaf refugee children. Central are the topics Health(care), Communication, Education, and Protection. Save the Children is an international humanitarian organization from the UK.



September

Deafblind Programme
We are at Cefise-Bénaja, Burkina Faso, for our Deafblind Program, providing an introduction course, funded by Light for the World. Our Deafblind Program focuses on the most important theory and practical skills to support deafblind people in their daily lives, at school, or at work.

Partnership

During a meeting in the Netherlands with Light for the World and its Ugandan partner, the Ugandan Kentalis International had a good discussion on Inclusion in Uganda. It was inspiring to talk to representative of UNAD (Ugandan National Association of the Deaf) Mr. Ambrose Murangira.



October

Bright Autism Center
We are visiting Bright Autism Center for children with autism and the University in Hawassa, Ethiopia to explore cooperation possibilities. And we joined forces with University Hospital Hawassa to enroll our blended course Hearing Care Technician.

Open Visual Education Resource

Kentalis experts are training staff from AMUCTA, as well as Kazima and Mihayo secondary schools from Tabora Tanzania in visualization techniques. This will form the basis of the Open Visual Education Resource (OVER) which will be developed together with the AMUCTA bachelor degree in Special Needs Education students.



November

Speech language therapy, Peru

Kentalis speech and language therapists shared experiences and knowledge with colleagues of the Asociacion Holanda in Cajamarca, Peru. The Peruvian colleagues work with young deaf children, with and without a CI. Financially supported by the Hermusfonds and Stichting Gelijke Kansen.

Bachelor Special Needs

Kentalis congratulates the 2nd group of students who graduated successfully from Archbishop Mihayo University College of Tabora (AMUCTA) receiving their Bachelor Special Needs, with a specialism in Teacher Secondary Education Hearing Impairment.



December

Literacy

Reading for Deaf children requires specific teaching methods. Ugandan tutors (trainers of primary school teachers) received training on vocabulary building, the model of direct instruction, and multi-modal teaching approaches.

New website

When you are looking for Kentalis on the internet, you will find a brand new website. We are continuing to improve our website and invite everyone to think along with us. What would you like to find at our site?

Curious after this selection how we can cooperate? Visit our website or contact us directly.

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