



FACING
Ahead to
a Better
FUTURE

Changing
LIVES
Through
SHARED
VALUES





Editor's Word

Let the Little Stars Shine On...

We are all born equal.

However, we are gifted differently in many unique ways.

Our talents and gifts are within us, but it takes some effort to bring them out.

The efforts may succeed or fail, either way.

Many of us have lived with our own intrinsic talents for long without harnessing them, or even realising that we have them.

And, while we can try – at a personal level – to unlock our own potential, it sometimes takes someone else's support to succeed.

Sadly, many of us end up in the grave without ever having to seize and activate our talents.

Apparently, these strengths should be discovered early in life, subsequently unfurled, and put into proper use.

But, ironically, many young people are walking the streets heavily laden with desperation, seeing only a bleak future ahead of them.

Yet within them lies latent gems in form of ideas and initiatives waiting to be tapped and activated.

This unsettling reality forms the platform on which Shared Values Foundation stands.

Through research, we have found that large numbers of potentially-useful young people are woefully wasting away. Their stars have been dimmed.

They haven't met that person with the compassion to help them to their feet.

Consequently, we have stretched out our helping hand to a large number of youths who would otherwise grow up to become hopeless citizens.

Using our networks, we have raised invaluable support in cash and in kind to pay for their higher education and vocational training.

Some of them had completed their secondary school studies, but their parents couldn't afford to take them to the next level.

Others hadn't scored well enough to join universities and other colleges.

We have accommodated many of these, and helped them join learning institutions, where we've paid for their tuition and upkeep.

These young people will, hopefully, grow up to become infinitely dependable Kenyans.

Let the little stars shine on...



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It's a Dream Come True, Says SVF Founder

The Foundation is a dream come true for Lucy Kathurima, with the full moral support of her family, friends, and key partners.

This is Lucy's story in her own words: "The inspiration was always latent, always there in my heart of hearts.

I was brought up in a humble loving family and was helped by the Catholic Church to be where and what I am now. I owe a lot to the late Bishop Silas Njiru of the Catholic Diocese of Meru.

Before my dad Japhet Kiria died, he donated a piece of land to the diocese to put up a church structure and a kindergarten.

This would save the local children and the elderly the agony of covering a long distance to access the services of the church and education.

This really inspired me. My beloved husband Charles and our four children gave me all the support. I owe a lot to them.

My co-founder, the late Dr. Gabriel Minder, offered the ultimate inspiration.

When I attended the Social Responsibility ISO 2600 as a Kenya National Expert in Geneva in November, 2012, Dr. Minder convinced me that a foundation dedicated to shared values was the way to go.

Subsequently, the SVF team actualised the dream, and I am grateful to them.



Lucy Kathurima, SVF Founder



Lucy and her husband Charles Mwiti accompanied by some of the SVF-sponsored students.

My beloved husband Charles and our four children gave me all the support. I owe a lot to them
— Lucy

We Know Equity in Humanity Matters, That's Why We Exist

Shared Values Foundation was founded and registered as a non-governmental organisation in 2014.

The organisation – abbreviated as SVF – draws its inspiration from the global sustainable development agenda under the Social Responsibility ISO 26000 guidelines issued in Geneva in November 2012.

We believe in equity in humanity – never discriminating against anyone while sharing the benefits of our programmes.

Our vision is founded on the desire to ensure every child has access to a quality life, regardless of their social background. SVF is on a mission to help underprivileged children unlock their full potential through improved access to education, healthcare, and mentorship.

Create Networks

To achieve this, we build synergies with existing programmes and create networks of people and organisations who cherish common values.

Strong values are a critical enabler for sustainability.

Our programmes are influenced by the growing population of young people living in grinding poverty in the slums and rural settlements across Kenya.

These young people face huge challenges that disrupt their lives and livelihoods. Such hardships include teenage pregnancies, HIV-Aids, run-away crime, lack of school fees and poor sanitation.

Targeted Programmes

We work closely with well-wishers and sponsors who donate funds and material to support targeted programmes aimed at improving the quality of life among the underprivileged.

Our sponsors provide school fees for young people to go through secondary and post-secondary education, as well as support for the few who join university.

At the same time, we collaborate with other organisations to help those who fail to qualify for university admission to access tertiary education.

Our programmes are centered on training, mentorship, income-generation, internships, dental health, and book donation.



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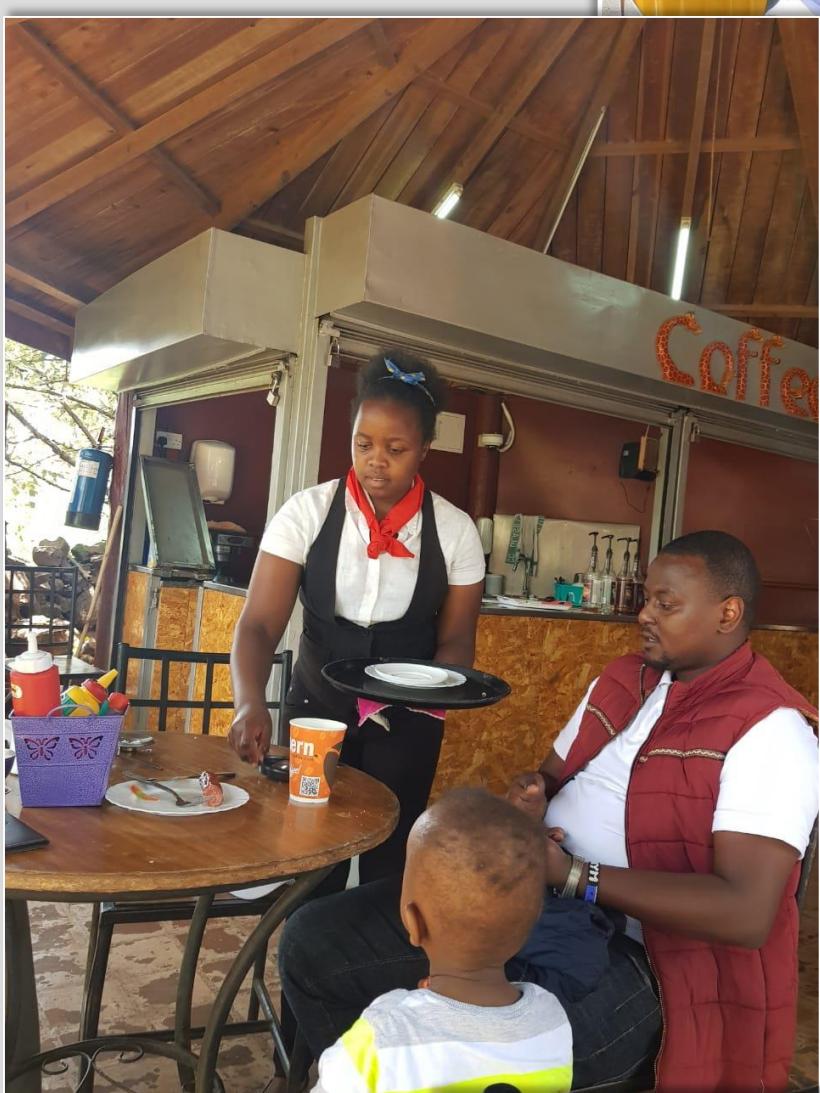
Some of Our Key PROGRAMMES



ABOVE: Lucy with some students after a mentorship session. Many learners have benefited from mentorship lessons conducted by professionals in diverse specialties.



Lucy unveils a signage at St. Lucy's School for the Blind in Igoji, Meru, while handing over an ablution block constructed by SVF (below).



ABOVE: A student who benefited from SVF sponsorship serves customers at an eatery where she found work on completing her training. Below are her colleagues.



Our volunteer medical specialists attend to patients during a field medical camp in Murang'a.



Our Programmes ALIGN WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



OUR VISION

A healthy and educated child.

OUR MISSION

To help underprivileged children unlock their full potential through improved access to education, healthcare, and mentorship services. We build synergies with existing programmes and create networks of people and organisations with shared values.

CORE VALUES

- Social Responsibility
- Fairness
- Empathy
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Compassion





MENTORSHIP

A well-selected mix of professionals to give guidance and life skills to our sponsored learners as they prepare for employment.

ANTI-FGM

Support stakeholder efforts to educate and facilitate communities to stop female genital mutilation (FGM).



HEALTH

Promote the following aspects of health in primary schools:

- Dental hygiene
- Good nutrition
- Mental health



EDUCATION

Continue sponsoring students from poor families to acquire higher education and get relevant, gainful jobs.

OUR PLANNED PROGRAMMES

2022



CHILD WELFARE

Provide food, drugs, clothes, education, and other basic needs to children, whose mothers are serving jail terms in prisons countrywide.



SANITATION

Develop facilities in primary schools to improve access to water for drinking, and for use in cleaning.



PARTNERSHIPS

Celebrating the life and times of Dr. Patricia Kay Felkins, PhD (pictured with kids below). Dr. Patricia, who passed on last year, was a co-founder of the African Circle of Hope (ACOHF), a charity organisation that has uplifted the lives of many Kenyans. ACOHF is a leading partner in our key programmes.





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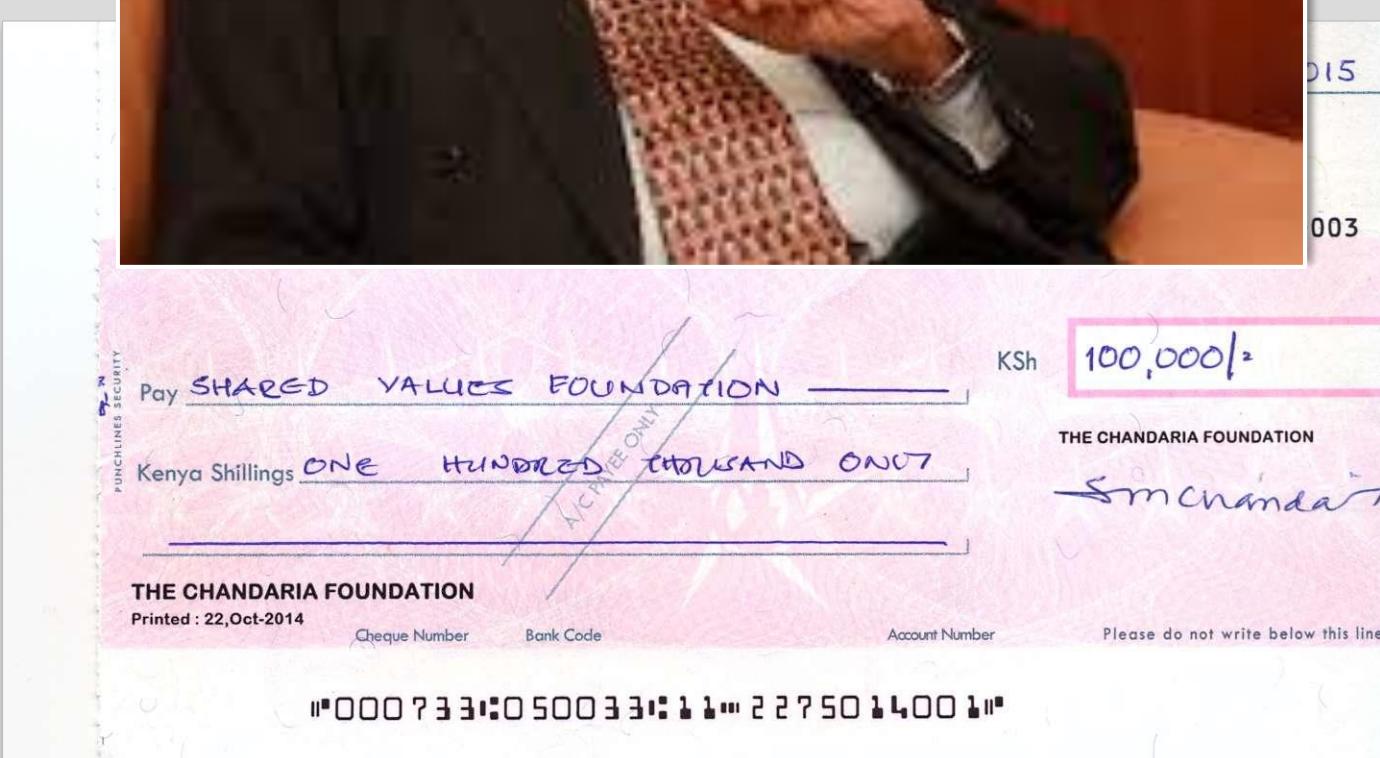
Our poignant appreciation goes to Sally Christiansen (below), President and Treasurer of the African Circle of Hope (ACOHF), a charity organisation that has uplifted the lives of many Kenyans.

Sally, who is also a co-founder of ACOHF, has been passionate about the SVF programmes. She has actively and consistently supported us in ways we couldn't imagine.



PARTNERSHIPS

We thank Dr. Manu Chandaria most sincerely for supporting us with a cash donation. The funds were pooled together with more contributions from our other donors/partners, and used in our life-changing programmes.





PARTNERSHIPS

Gstaad-Saanenland, District 1990

Rotary



We sincerely thank DG Jean-Noël Gex (above), Governor, the Rotary Club Gstaad-Saanenland, District 1990, Switzerland, for his invaluable support.

The Rotary contribution enabled us to put up an ablution block at St. Lucy's School for the Blind, Igoji.

Our Career-bridge Beneficiaries

VERA BEAUTY COLLEGE		
STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Fridah Mueni		
Jessica Mutindi	Diploma in Cosmetology (Hair & Beauty)	April this year
Esther Njoki		

KIAMBU INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY		
STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Stella Mueni Kioko	Diploma in Food & Beverage	August this year
Hassan Abshir	Diploma in Electrical Engineering	August this year
Alex Kariuki	Diploma in Electrical Engineering	August this year
Peter Mwangi	Diploma in Applied Biology	April this year
Sila Katunge	Certificate in Plumping & Water Supply	Done; self-employed
Dennis Manthi	Certificate in Plumping & Water Supply	Done; self-employed
Allan Khadambi	Certificate in Electrical Engineering	Done; self-employed

KENYA TECHNICAL TRAINING COLLEGE		
STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Alex Musembi	Diploma in Food & Beverage	December this year

AA/KIHT HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS		
STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Peter Mulinge	Certificate in HE Operation	Done, working
Teresia Waithira	Certificate in HE Operation	Done, unemployed
Winfred Muthoni	Certificate in HE Operation	Done, unemployed

KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE

STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Amina Adam	Certificate in Orthopaedic & Trauma	March, 2023
Okech Milka Owino	Diploma in Medical Engineering	

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EAST AFRICA

STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Joseph Musau	BA (Social Sciences)	December, 2022

JOMO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Millicent Rehema	BSc (Community Devt. & Environment	December, 2023
Julie Cate Adhiambo	BA (Mass Communication)	December, 2023

AMBOSELI INSTITUTE OF HOSPITALITY

STUDENT	COURSE	COMPLETION
Mary Nzula	Certificate in Food Production	Done, working

How We Give Aid

Our sponsors provide school fees for beneficiaries to go through secondary and post-secondary education, as well as support for the few who join university.

Meanwhile, those who fail to attain college entry points are left out to continue living in their usual unfortunate circumstances.

To help solve this problem, we collaborate with other organizations to help this category of young people to access tertiary education, as well.

Our objective is to have them enjoy a more fulfilling life in spite of low qualifications.

We, therefore, facilitate them to attend college and gain skills that can make them self-reliant.

By funding their training, we build the bridge for these young people to cross over to the brighter side of their lives.

WORD *of* MOUTH

What Our Beneficiaries Say



Jessica Mutindi

I greatly thank the boards of ACOHF and SVF for their support throughout my training.

I hope to entrench my expertise in the beauty industry on completing my studies.

Your contribution will forever change my life.
May God bless you!



Hassan Abshir

I am currently studying for a diploma, and I believe that the skills I will finally gain will turn my life around.

I would like to pass my gratitude to the board of ACOHF and SVF for their encouragement and selfless support.

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What Our Beneficiaries Say

Amina Adam

I greatly appreciate the support I have been receiving. I'm contended with my course, and I'm certain it will equip me with the skills I've always wished to have. My passion is to save lives as I improve my own. I therefore look forward to working in any medical institution in the country. I request for uninterrupted support throughout my course, and pledge not to disappoint.



Alex Mosemba

I sincerely appreciate SVF and ACOHF for rescuing me from the slums and also giving me mentorship. I thank God that I'm no longer slum material. You have sacrificed a lot to change my life, and I pray that God pays you back in a wonderful way. Some members of the SVF team have mentored me, which will help me achieve my dream of becoming a successful entrepreneur. God bless you SVF and ACOHF!

WORD *of* MOUTH

What Our Beneficiaries Say

Nicholas Mulinge

Thank you SVF and ACOHF for supporting my training. I love my course, and I believe the skills will enable me to get a job soon after graduation.

When I start working, I hope to diligently employ my technical expertise to make an impact in the country's development.

Your support has helped me achieve my dreams. I am proud of you!



Julie Cate Adhiambo

I thank the SVF board most sincerely and request them to continue supporting me.

You came through for me just when I was on the verge of losing all hope in life.

My aspiration is to become one of the most accomplished public relations agents in this country.

Thank you for always being there for me; God bless you!

WORD of MOUTH

What Our Beneficiaries Say



Winfred Muthoni

I thank you most sincerely for your continued support.

This course will help me achieve my dreams of operating heavy machinery in big projects.

You've held my hand to conquer the age-old notion that the construction industry is a preserve of men.

May God be on your side always!



Dennis Manthi

I'm now looking for a job, having completed my studies in 2019.

I'm so happy for the opportunity you gave me; not sure how to sufficiently thank you.

Apart from school fees, you provided for everything I needed, from clothes to food and pocket money.

I had no clue what direction my life would take until you appeared with the kind of generosity I had never experienced.

I have no job yet, but I keep my hopes very high.

May God grant all your wishes.

WORD of MOUTH

What Our Beneficiaries Say

Fridah Mueni

I must thank ASF and ACOHF most sincerely for supporting my studies.

I commit to make every effort to score well and receive my diploma in cosmetology.

By the time I complete my studies in April this year, I will have acquired the requisite skills to go out there and contribute meaningfully in building the economy.

May God bless SVF and ACOHF.



Stephen Sila

I completed my course in 2019, and I've gained from the skills.

This is notwithstanding the challenges brought about by COVID 19, which has disrupted employment.

I have been getting part-time jobs, which have enabled me to cater for myself and my siblings.

While I thank you for holding my hand through my training, I appeal to you to help me get a reliable job.

I acknowledge that you still follow up on my progress, and also support me with basic necessities like clothes and pocket money.

God bless you!

WORD *of* MOUTH

What Our Beneficiaries Say

Joseph Musau

I wish to express my deep appreciation to ACOHF and SVF for stepping into my life to give me a fresh direction.

I also thank other stakeholders who have continued to support me in my education.



Millicent Rehema

I humbly appreciate SVF and ACOHF for the support offered.

My life has changed for good. The sponsorship is not only for my own benefit, but for the wider good of the community.

With the skills I've received, I'm now better placed to help others achieve their dreams as well.

Continue with the good work, SVF and ACOHF.

WORD of MOUTH

What Our Beneficiaries Say



Peter Mwangi

I am very grateful to SVF and ACOHF for their continued support. I've received the training of my dreams, and I'm now able to deal with all laboratory matters. In the course of my work, I've gained remarkable experience in laboratory operations. Appreciate the invaluable guidance from SVF board members, as well as the encouragement from younger officials. Moreover, I must thank the SVF family for their material and moral support.

Thank you all for coming through at my moment of need.



Stella Mueni

I appreciate everything you've done to support my education and personal life.

I must specifically thank you for taking care of my daily needs.

I hope you will continue supporting me until I graduate and start my career journey.

Likewise, I promise to make you proud by excelling in my exams.

My future sits in your palms right now.

Through your enriching involvement in my life, I hope to make a difference in society on completing my studies.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



LUCY KATHURIMA,
Founder & Executive Director



The Late GABRIEL G. MINDER,
Co-Founder



VINCENT MARANGU,
Board Chairman



PATRICK MWITIA,
Board Secretary



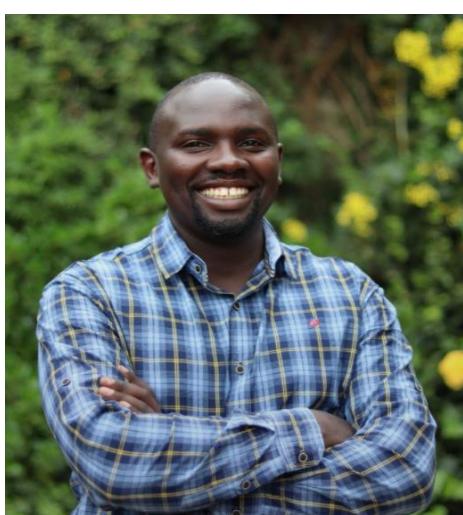
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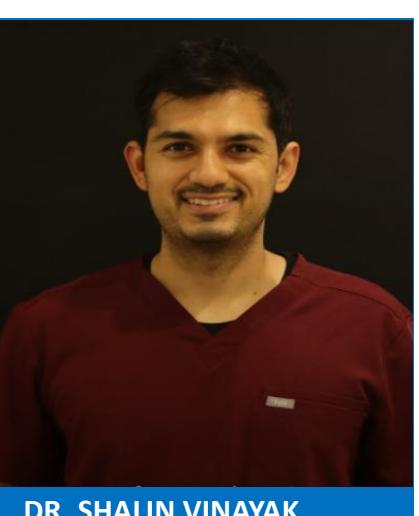
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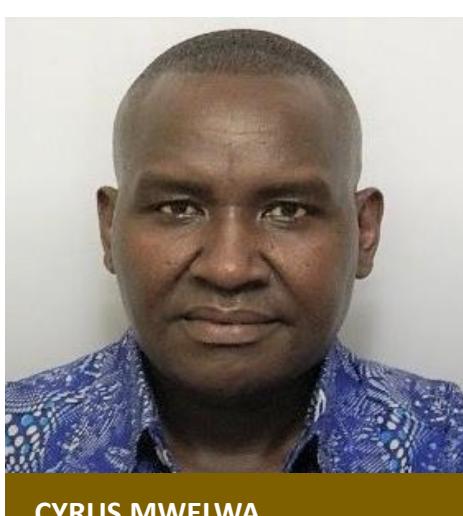
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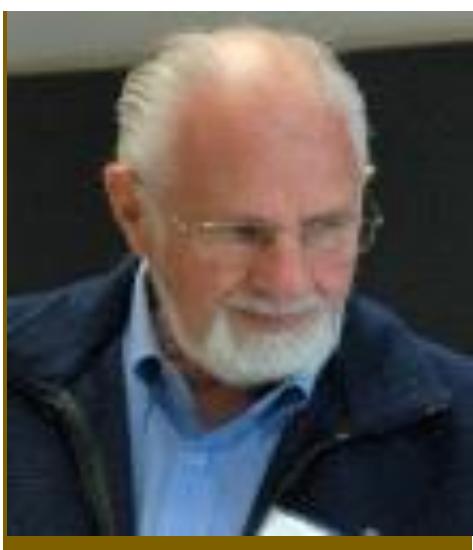
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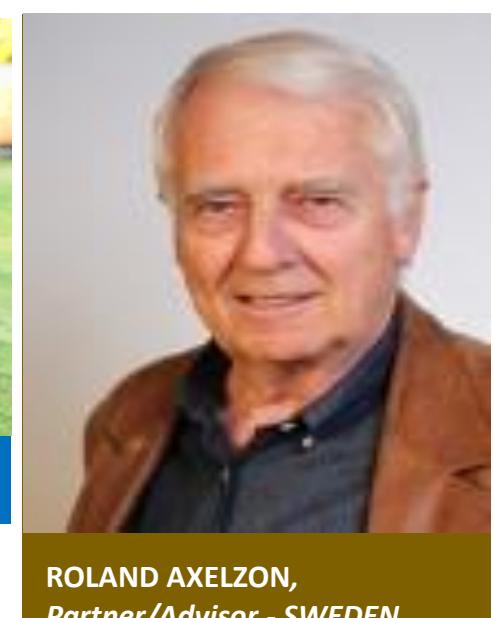
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