

## Annual report 2017

### Objective

The Anne van den Ban Fund (ABF) aims to enable capable and motivated students from developing countries, in particular Africa and South East Asia, to study at Wageningen University & Research. By doing so, the foundation seeks to contribute to the training of local experts who can play a leading role in solving structural problems in the development of their countries. The mission statement of the ABF is unique.

### 25 years Anne van den Ban Fund

In 2017 the fund existed for 25 years. A donor day was held to celebrate this anniversary. Prof. Cees Leeuwis, professor Communication and Innovation Studies gave a presentation about how the field of Agricultural Extension Science has evolved over the years to the current interpretation. A specially written song was performed by students and an alumnus spoke about his work via Skype.

Dr. Rose Mongi, the first ABF student, was interviewed for Wageningen World magazine. Furthermore she wrote the annual letter to the donors where she looked back at her meeting with Anne van den Ban, her study and her career.

### Support for students

Mrs Ypie Blauw, the ABF secretary of student affairs since 2011, left the board. She has been succeeded by Loes Maas and Egbert Kanis, who both have extensive experience as study counsellors at the university. Students shared their experiences with the ABF board members during the annual meeting in May. Traditionally this meeting took place at Argo.

### Results in brief

A total of € 247,000 was received in donations. Besides donations from donors, the fund was charity of the Annual Introduction Days (€ 2,700) and there were multiple collections at jubilees, anniversaries and retirement (approximately € 10,000).

The Dioraphte Foundation and Edema-Steernberg Foundation each made two scholarships available. Furthermore there were a number of highly generous donors this year, who contributed to the support of specific students.

The fund spend a total of € 265,140, of which € 257,958 was spend on scholarships. The scholarships covered the students living expenses and the tuition fee was covered by the university. The tuition fee waivers had a value of € 256,500 in 2017. There were eight new students selected in 2017 and they started in September. A total of 29 students were supported by the fund in 2017, of which two only for their second year. Since the foundation of the fund, 276 students received support from the ABF.

### First year students 2017

Name	M/F	Country
Md Uhlil Ahasan	M	Indonesia
Pragya Pokharel	F	Nepal
Paulina Abanpoka Aboyadana	F	Ghana
Felix Ojok Arum	M	Uganda
Tejaswee Shiwakoti	F	Nepal
Apple Espino	F	Philippines
Md Rashed Zaman	M	Bangladesh
Jamada Bwambale	M	Uganda

### Second year students

Name	M/F	Country
Jessica Bernard	F	India
Md Kamruzzaman	M	Bangladesh
Nour Hasanein	F	Palestine
Francois Karangali	M	Rwanda
Leah Nandudu	F	Uganda
Muhammad Mahmud	M	Bangladesh
Bernard Nsubuga	M	Uganda
Lucia.Soedirga	F	Indonesia
Dileesha J. Kotte Hewa	F	Sri Lanka
Pragya Shresta	F	Nepal

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Name (continued)	M/F	Country
Bonny Ogwal	M	Uganda
Tahira Manzoor	F	Pakistan
Gulbakhor Abdurakmanova*	F	Uzbekistan
Jai Sankar Seelam*	F	India
Vera Sham	F	Cameroon
Gifty Nana Akosua	F	Ghana
Philomena Kafui Darku	F	Ghana
Arnan Araza	M	Philippines
Cito Gilbert Wakenge	M	Congo
Hadija Nagujja	F	Uganda
Monica Verginia Mbutia	F	Kenya
Adjoa Atta Amofo	F	Ghana

\* Only supported for 2nd year

## Results and graduates' spheres of work

In 2017, eleven students graduated with the support of the ABF fund. Students find, in general, jobs in the region of origin, as envisaged by the ABF. Leah Nandudu works as a researcher at the National Agricultural Research Organization in Uganda. Lucia Soedirga is a teacher at Universitas Pelita Harapan (Tangerang) in Indonesia and Muhammad Mahmud works as a junior specialist at the Centre of Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) in Bangladesh. Jessica Bernard found a job as Environmental Economist at the Environmental Management Centre LLP in India.

## Finances

### Overview of income and expenditure

	Expenditure(€)	Income (€)
Support for students	257.958	
Fundraising	6.648	
Bank costs minus interest	146	
Student meetings	388	
Donations		246.596
From saving account ABF		18.544
<b>Total</b>	<b>265.140</b>	<b>265.140</b>

The fund does not have an endowment and the number of supported students is in line with the annually received donations. The allocated funds for our commitments to current students are in a savings account.

The ABF has a coordinating role for other funds, such as the Paul Speijer Fund and the Gijsbert Oomen Fund, and for private major donors. Furthermore, the support of the ABF is in coordination with the Wageningen University & Research Fellowship fund, in this way the university exempts the supported students from paying the tuition fees.

## Financial strengthening of the fund

Are you living under Dutch tax laws? Starting from € 100 per annum you can arrange a multiyear donation for the Anne van den Ban Fund. In this way you can easily deduct your donation of your income tax. You can arrange this directly via the University Fund Wageningen.

Include the Anne van den Ban Fund in your will and invest in education and the sharing of knowledge. Your gift will be used entirely for the benefit of students. The fund is a public benefit institution, meaning the ABF has no obligatory succession duties. More information (in Dutch):

[www.universiteitsfondswageningen.nl/nalaten](http://www.universiteitsfondswageningen.nl/nalaten)

Is it your birthday soon or are you planning an anniversary where you would like to receive donations for the Anne van den Ban Fund instead of regular gifts? We are very happy to help you with brochures, a collection box or personalized online payment options. Please contact Arianne van Ballegooij, +31 317 483 800 for more information.

## Board since 31 December 2016

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## Fundraising

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