



Annual Report 2013

Needs For Children



Where a Child can be a Child!

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Foreword

The foundation "Needs For Children" is organized in a small and modest way because we want to help local groups of the population as well as individuals. The foundation will help where and when possible. With the support of a team in Cameroon we have been able to identify many projects. Besides that, two volunteers from the Netherlands have been helping us, reinforcing the team. It has been a year with highlights but also with some misfortune. Several new projects have been started as well as new partnerships. Unfortunately, besides all those beautiful things, we had to say farewell to two of our children.

We could never do these projects without all the donations that we received. In addition to many individuals, there are also companies who have been helping the Foundation and who are willing to continue helping in the future. To receive all this help we had to do a lot of publicity in the Netherlands. Like the Foundation has regularly appeared in the newspaper and many actions have been set up. The team in the Netherlands, led by Liesbeth van Elderen, has provided for the active fundraising through markets, presentations, etc. Through this the Foundation is receiving more recognition.

In the annual report, we want to give an overview of what the Foundation has created this year in the area of goals, projects, fundraising and of course the finances.

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Needs For Children

The Foundation was founded on the 17 of October, 2011, in Best, The Netherlands . The idea came from Kim van Elderen. She was often going to Kumba, Cameroon, since 2009, to work as a volunteer in the Ejed Medical Foundation as a nurse. Her experiences made her see that many children need basic help. Before she founded the Foundation, she already helped Cameroonian children by donating material to a Kumba orphanage and she aided the improvement of the facilities at the Ejed Medical Foundation. However, it was not easy to do all her work as an individual, which is why Kim started the Foundation with the hopes of improving the lives of even more children in Cameroon.

Chamber of Commerce number: 53767853, this registration falls under management of Chamber of Commerce Brabant, the Netherlands.

Mission of the Foundation

* To improve the quality of life of children in Cameroon *

The goal of the Foundation is global because the organisation wants to help in various areas such as health care, education and in the basic necessity of life.

Organization in the Netherlands

Kim Jacqueline Maria van Elderen	-	president
Elisabeth Wilhelmina Josephina van Elderen	-	secretary and treasurer
Adriana Maria Henderickx – Zwambag	-	member

Organization in Cameroon

Atemawoh Michael Nguatem	-	coordinator and representative of the NGO. Laboratory Technician
Eric Bruya Wasi (Zackary Longmope)	-	animator and comedian
Egbe Yvonne Ako	-	representative in the French part of Cameroon
Fonba Christina Ngwe	-	representative for the handicap children
Ndokuo Denis	-	representative for the deaf children

Partner organizations in Cameroon

- 1) Ejed Medical Foundation. The hospital is headed by the Medical Officer Nzume Gilbert Nkwelle. The hospital provides care to our sick children.
- 2) Presbyterian Rehabilitation Community Services. They often go to the villages to search for children with handicaps.
- 3) Key Farmers. This organization helps woman to start a small business. During the project with Abigail we received their help.



Targets Evaluation 2013

Short term goals

1. We want to have three regular donors (such as corporations or foundations) who will donate the Foundation a fixed amount each year to create a financial security.

NOT SUCCEED.

Unfortunately we did not succeed to find three regular donors to donate a fixed amount each year. However, there is one company, Ron's bandencentrale, who donate an amount every year. We are very grateful for their donations. This goal will once again be a target in 2014.

2. At the end of this year the Coordinator of the Foundation will be able to train new volunteers in their function in the Foundation.

SUCCESSFUL.

The coordinator was successfully able to guide two volunteers from Holland. This coming year he will continue to complete this task on his own.

3. We will create a collaboration with 2 other foundations in Cameroon between now and the end of 2013.

SUCCESSFUL.

Needs For Children worked closely with various foundations and organizations in Cameroon over the past year. This collaboration was able to increase the quality of projects and to provide the absolute best care to the children. Presbyterian Rehabilitation Community Services is an organization that identify children with disabilities in Kumba's surrounding villages. When a child needs extra help they come to ask Needs For Children. PRCS helps in the part of rehabilitation. Together we have already helped many children in and around Kumba.

Another Cameroonian organization that we collaborated with is Key Farmers; they help women starting small businesses. Needs For Children helps children from poor families. When we decide that a child no longer needs our services, we need to make sure that the mother can continue to provide care. Sometimes we decide to help mothers start a small business for making them financially independent. Key Farmers helps the Foundation to guide the mother with this.

Long Term Goals

1. Within two years Needs For Children will be in possession of a Toyota Land Cruiser for the purpose of easily and safely traveling to remote areas and smaller villages. With this vehicle, the safety of the members of the Foundation will be guaranteed. The amount we want to spend is 7000 euro (=4.585.000 cfa).

NOT YET DONE

2. Within two years there is a continuity of shipping supplies to Cameroon by ship on name of the Foundation.

NOT YET DONE

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Fundraising

The Team of Needs For Children in the Netherlands played an active role in the area of fundraising this past year. Besides talking with individuals and companies for a donation, the team itself has also participated in markets in order to retrieve money.

'Vlooiemarkt bij OVS'

Queen market

'Braderie Wilhelmina dorp'

'Vlooiemarkt SKV'

'Vlooiemarkt' at the 'Manage'

'Statiegeldacties' 'Albert Heijn' (march and november/december)

'Plus Ton Henst' (august/september)

'Kerststal De Vleut'

As well as this, many volunteers have been active by making things to sell but also to give out to the children in Cameroon. Needs For Children is very grateful for their time and effort.

The Foundation did a lot of work to collect as much money as possible. But we are also proud of the companies who have supported us this past year; financially and with material:



Ron's Bandencentrale
Oranjestraat 95 • 5682 CB Best • Tel. 0499-372344
www.bandencentrale.nl

* Ron's Bandencentrale (Ron's Tire Central) is a supplier of all renowned brands summer tires, winter tires and all-season tires and they are experts with the most modern machines mounted on your vehicle.



* Parfumerie Jacqueline helps Needs For Children by donating store items. With their gifts, such as perfume and make-up, we can make a lot of young girls very happy.

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van Ballekom
schoenen & accessoires

Van Ballekom, a store with shoes, has donated many new shoes for the children of Needs For Children.

FOUDRAINE OPTIEK

Needs For Children works closely with Foudraine Optiek to give children with poor vision new glasses. Foudraine Optiek has made a start in 2013 by donating three glasses. We look forward to 2014!



Wereld Winkel, in Best, has donated their money from their tips to Needs For Children. This world shop sells original gifts and delicious foods from other cultures. The products are made with respect for people and the environment. Because the producers, such as silversmiths, potters, and coffee farmers, receive a fair price, therefore they can build a decent life.



Projects

It was a busy year with many new projects and partnerships, but also with continual development of existing projects. Below is a brief description of the different projects with illustration and costs.

1) Office

Needs For Children proudly present officially their new office in Kumba, Cameroon.

1.608.900 cfa = € 2.456,34



2) Women's Day

On the 8th of March, 2013 Needs For Children went together with the Ejed Medical Foundation to Tombel for Women's Day. In Tombel we gave women talks about how to properly take care of children. Health talks, demonstrations and check-ups were done for the women.

Sponsor by Ejed MEF



3) Medical help to children

The Foundation has become a place where other organizations can bring their children if they don't have the possibility or knowledge to continue care. Together with the entire team we look at the situation of the child and a plan will be made. Unfortunately, not all plans are unfolding how we would like. Below you can read about the children we helped:

* Obang Vanine, Atowah Neres, Obang Nela are children the team met during the Outreach Program in Ikiliwindi. All of them had the skin disease 'Scabiës'. They have been treated in the Ejed Medical Foundation. 8 940 cfa = € 59,44

* Elangwe Amina is a girl of 13 years who Kim met on the streets of Kumba, and asked for help. She lives with her uncle who is often drunk and she is the responsible for taking care of him. She said that she did not to have any contact with her parents, which proved to be a lie. The Foundation helped her pay for hospital bills that aided in her becoming healthy. Helping with hospital funding was all which could be done since the family is capable of taking care of Amina. 25 000 cfa = € 38,17

* Lydia Arrey is a girl of 10 years. She came to the office of Needs For Children together with her sister to ask for help, after trying many things to improve her health. Lydia was swollen from head to toe and had difficulties in walking and breathing. It was so serious that the Foundation immediately went to the hospital with her. The diagnose was kidney failure. She was admitted to the hospital for 2 weeks and by discharge she was much healthier. The drugs should be phased out slowly so that the kidneys can take over again. 120 675 cfa = € 184,24





* Rhema Niek Marvelous was born on the 4th of March, 2013. The mother delivered the baby at home in very bad conditions. Ministry of Social Affairs found them and brought them to Ejed Medical Foundation. Nobody took responsibility for them so Needs For Children decided to step in. The baby was born with anemia, malaria, and fever. The Foundation has helped the baby to have a better start in his life. The mother is alone with her 6 children so Needs For Children keeps observing and advising the family.
 391 250 cfa = € 597,33

* Che Abigail Lum is a girl of 4 years old. She is blind and cannot walk or talk. At the first meeting in June she was suffering from malnutrition and was very sick. The mother is taking care of Abigail and they live together with their grandmum and little brother in a small carrabot house. It was obvious that they did not have the means to live a healthy life. Needs For Children is working together with Presbyterian Rehabilitation Center in this case and they made a plan together. Needs For Children would help the situation by giving weekly feeding money for the whole family until Abigail would have been strong enough to start the daycare at the Presbyterian Rehabilitation Center. Two months later Abigail had changed a lot and she was strong enough to start walking. She was also much happier and she learned to interact with other children. After 4 months we decided to open a small shop for the mother so that she could start being financial independant. This was decided because after 6 months Needs For Children would stop the feeding allowances. Unfortunately the mother failed in her business and Abigail began showing signs of malnutrition again. The mother did not cooperate so it was difficult to continue the project again. The only option we have at the moment is to help provide Abigail with daycare and with therapy and food.



460 100 cfa
 = € 702,44



* Dabrack Fey (Princess) is a girl of 8 years who is living with her grandmum. They came together to the office to ask for help. The girl was very weak and skinny and there was no family to take care of her. Needs For Children took the responsibility and made sure she did all the labtests in General Hospital. The results show that she is HIV positive. At this moment she is taking ARV drugs and it is going well. However, she needs to be followed because the treatment is very specific and must be strictly followed. 68 945 cfa = € 105,26

* Tambeh Alleh Roniqueen is a girl of 6 years. Three yeras ago she became paralyzed and started having a low vision because of an accident. Because of this, a decubitus ulcer formed. Needs For Children is taking care of the wounds. 8 150 cfa = € 12,44

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to two of our children this year.



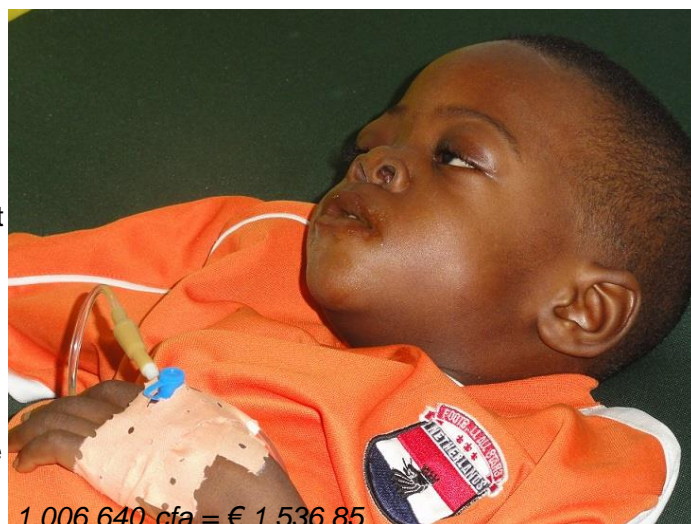
Ebane Mary died at 9 years.

Ebane was the first child Needs For Children took care of. Often we had to help her with treating infections. Every treatment was successful, and she became well again. This year the mother told the Foundation in tears that Ebane was HIV positive but she never had money to follow up. Immediately the foundation followed up and then she was placed on ARV medicine. Things became better with her but once in a while infections showed up. Besides this, she did not eat well in the village where she stayed. On the 4th of august the sad news reached the team of Needs For Children.

100 960 cfa = € 154,14

Fali Bate died at 5 years.

Fali was born healthy but became paralyzed and after some weeks also blind. There was a scan of his head to be made but no money was available. That is the moment Needs For Children came in and took him to Douala for a scan. The diagnose was cancer and it had spread to his whole body. He was then treated in Fondation Chantal Biya in Yaoundé. He reacted well to the treatment. Unfortunately the father stopped the treatment after one month because he did not see a future in it. Fali died after some weeks in Kumba.



1.006.640 cfa = € 1.536,85



4) Outreach Programs

Just like last year, Needs For Children worked hard for the children in the surrounding villages. We gave communities health talks about hygiene, malaria and HIV/AIDS. This was done with poster and drama. Besides a day with lectures, it is also a day where a child can be a child. A day with a lot of fun.

08-04-2013, Ikiliwindi

58 650 cfa = € 89,54



11-04-2013, Weme

23-08-2013, Mondame



48 500 cfa = € 74,05

47 000 cfa = € 71,76



5) Orphanages

Needs For Children often visits orphanages in Kumba. During the visit there is a lot of playing with the children and observing where the orphanage needs help. This is how Needs For Children helped Azi Orphanage; by paying the school fees of each child. Every year all the orphanages spend Christmas together, this year Needs For Children gave their own contribution.

Visits to the various orphanages:	10 700 cfa = €16,33
Schoolfees Azi Orphanage:	93 300 cfa = € 142,44,
Christmass for the children:	34 000 cfa = € 51,91



6) Prison

This year was the first year that Needs For Children worked with the prison. The prison has around 600 prisoners of which 60 are youths between 12 and 20 years. They live in very bad conditions in a small and overcrowded place. With our visits to the prison, the team gives them advice and knowledge. Food is always provided after visits. Besides children, the foundation also gives attention to the sick.

21-08-2013 First meeting	21 500 cfa = € 32,82
02-10-2013 Visit, hiv/aids education	Sponsor by Fam van Elderen
19-12-2013 Visit, celebration of Christmass together	61 300 cfa = € 93,59

7) School for deaf children

A first meeting with the school for deaf children, Ephphatha Institute, in Kumba took place one month ago. This is a project which will receive more attention in 2014.

4 000 cfa = € 6,11

8) Day of the handicap children

On the 10 of December there was a celebration for the day of the handicap children in the Presbyterian Rehabilitation Center. Needs For Children was also present and gave their own contribution.

24 900 cfa = € 38,02

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9) Educative Multi Talent Event

Needs For Children had their launching in Kumba on the 10th of August 2013. The launching took place in the amusement park and was a big public event for children. Everybody was invited and the news went out through an advert on MBS tv, Kumba Radio, flyers, letters and posters. On the day of the event, around 500 children were present including orphans and handicap children. It was a day that all children, no matter their handicap, were together. It was a program full of entertainment, games, sports and health talks. There was a fashion parade, singing competition, dancing competition etc. The whole team of Needs For Children is very proud of what we established that day!

Launching

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Talent Event

Venue:
Amusement Park
► Kumba ◀

Date:
10th August 2013

Time: 10:00 am

Gate fee: **FREE**

ACTIVITY:
DANCING
SINGING
FASHION-SHOW
SPORTS
HEALTH-TALKS
GAMES

Mission of the NGO:
 To Improve the quality of life of children in Cameroon

** prize award would be given to the best **

CONTACT: 74907262 or 95539129

Registration - FREE at Ejed Clinic

Needs For Children Foundation



720 050 cfa
 = € 1.099,31



10) Giving out glasses

Foudraïne Optiek decided to help Needs for Children by donating glasses. This project started at the end of this year by giving three children glasses. Those children were identified by a Presbyterian Community worker after a check-up in a school. This was just the beginning, and 2014 will be the year to make more children happy with glasses. Foudraïne Optiek, thank you very much for the partnership!



6 200 cfa = € 9,47

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Finances

INCOME 2013

Private donations:	€ 1960,94
Company donations:	€ 401,22
Various markets:	€ 2114,75
Action Supermarkets:	€ 806,10
Christmas action:	<u>€ 500,00</u>
	€ 5.783,01

EXPENDITURE 2013

Projects in Cameroon:	€ 7575,-
Other expenditure Cameroon:	€ 3115,-
Other expenditure Holland:	<u>€ 1835,78</u>
	€ 12.525,78

IINCOME	– EXPENDITURE	= <i>BALANCE 2013</i>
€ 5.783,01	– € 12.525,78	= - € 6.742,77

START 2012	+ BALANCE 2013	= START 2014
€ 23.718,60	+ - € 6.742,77	= € 16.975,83



Preview 2014

Expected upcoming projects

* Continue the Outreach Programs to the outlying villages around Kumba. In this way we try to reach the children who are not able to go to school. We give education about hygiene, malaria and hiv/aids. The education program is mixed with funny drama so that the children learn in a fun way. It is a day where a child can be a child! Besides education, we play games, dance and give them candy.

In 2014 we will develop this program more and possibly extend.

* Continue to give medical aid to children. During our projects we regularly meet children who are seriously ill and who do not have the resources to go to a hospital. We will take responsibility for those cases. we will also do this in partnership with other foundations and organizations.

* Children with eye problems, will be aided with glasses from Foundraïne Optiek. The children will have check-ups according to day programs.

* More health talks to children in and around Kumba. The focus will be in orphanages. .

* Begin a partnership with the school for deaf children. Needs For Children will check where help is needed and if possible give their contribution.

* Find more handicapped children and to make and carry out a plan for them together with Presbyterian Rehabilitation Community Services.

* Participation on the World Aids Day by providing free testing to children and young adults. An early discovery of the HIV virus is important.

* Besides all these projects, Needs For Children will still continue donations to children who really need it. This varies from clothing to toys, etc.

There are many more projects that we can do but we look where help is needed most. Needs For Children stands for small-scale projects!

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Short term goal

1. At the end of 2014, Needs For Children will have three regular donors (such as corporations or foundations) who will donate a fixed amount each year. This will help to create a financial security.
2. In 6 months, three of our children will have a personal donor who will be responsible for the cost of the child.
3. In 6 months, there will be a partnership with the organization 'Peace Corps' from America.
4. In the end of 2014, Needs For Children will have completed 10 outreach programs in the small villages around Kumba.
5. The team of Needs For Children will visit and lecture the children of the prison every month.
6. At the end of 2014, Needs For Children will be able to cover 75% of the expenses by the income.

Long term goal

1. Needs For Children will be in possession of a Toyota Land Cruiser at the end of 2015. This is so we can easily go to the remote areas and that the safety of the members of the Foundation will be guaranteed. The amount we want to spend is 7000 euro (=4.585.000 cfa).
2. There will be a continuity of shipping stuff to Cameroon by container/by ship on name of the Foundation at the end of 2015.
3. Needs For Children will be able to carry out her projects on a cost neutral base. This means 100% of the expenses will be covered by the income at the end of 2015 .

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