

# Annual Report 2014 Needs For Children



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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. The foundation started a partnership with the Peace Corps America. This year there were several highlights but also some lows. A whole new project started and new partnerships were realized. Unfortunately between all the good things that happened, we also had to say goodbye to one of our children.

The projects were not possible without all the donations we received. Beside many individuals, also companies supported our foundation. We are thankful that we can rely on these companies in the future. To raise attention on our foundation, we had to make a lot of publicity in Holland. The foundation advertised in the local newspaper and we launched several activities. The Dutch team, led by Liesbeth van Elderen, did fundraising at fleamarkets, fairs, presentations etc. Because of all this, the foundation kept her brand awareness.

In this annual report we want to give an overview about the foundation achievements in the field of aims, projects, fundraising and of course finance. We will end with a preview for 2015.



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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

Organisation in Cameroon

Kim Jacqueline Maria van Elderen - Executive Director, Treasurer,

Chairman, Office Manager

Atemawoh Michael Nguatem - Coordinator, Assistant

representative of the NGO,

Layne Anderson - Deputy Chairman - Financial Sectary,

Assistant Office Manager

Eric Bruya Wasi - Comedian; entertainer.

Publicity manager PR #1

Fonba Christina Ngwe - Community Worker;

Representative of the Handicap Children, PR #2

Ndokuo Denis - Representative of the

Deaf Children, PR #3

Egbe Yvonne Ako - Member; French Translator

Nzume Gilbert Nkwelle - Medical Advisor



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# Partner organizations in Cameroon

- 1) Ejed Medical Foundation. This hospital is led by Medical Officer Nzume Gilbert Nkwelle. Here we go with our sick children.
- 2) Presbyterian Rehabilitation Community Services. They are searching nearby villages for children with a disability.
- 3) US Peace Corps. An American organisation which sends volunteers for two years to a developing country to create partnerships with locals for better living conditions.



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# **Targets Evaluation 2014**

#### Korte termijndoel

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.

We still did NOT succeeded in finding three companies or foundations as "permanent contributors". Only Ron's Tirescenter donates a fixed amount every year. Beside this company, there are some individual contributors who donate a fixed amount monthly.

2. In 6 months, three of our children will have a personal donor who will be responsible for the cost of the child.

UNSUCCESFULL. Two individual contributors are interested in supporting specific children. In general, contributors are not interested to whom or where their money goes to, as long as they get feedback.

- 3. In 6 months, there will be a partnership with the organization 'Peace Corps' from America. SUCCESFULL. This year we welcomed Layne Anderson tp our team, she is a volunteer from the Peace Corps.
- 4. In the end of 2014, Needs For Children will have completed 10 outreach programs in the small villages around Kumba.

UNSUCCESFULL. Due to circumstances the foundation visited six villages instead of ten.

5. The team of Needs For Children will visit and lecture the children of the prison every month.

SUCCESFULL. Visiting children in prison is a huge success. We will expand our project the upcoming years.

6. At the end of 2014, Needs For Children will be able to cover 75% of the expenses by the income.

SUCCESFULL. Due to a big donation of Stichting Handmelken (Dutch).

# Lange termijndoel

- 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 guarenteed. The amount we want to spend is 7000 euro (=4.585.000 cfa). NOT YET FULFILLED. We will change this goal for upcoming year.
- 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.

NOT YET FULFILLED. Until now, the foundation is not officially recognized by Cameroon.

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. IN PROGRESS



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# **Fundraising**

Last year the Dutch Needs For Children team had an active role in regards to fundraising. Besides addressing individuals and companies for funds, they also participated in activities and markets:

- Flea market OVS
- Wilhelminadorp fair
- Flea market SKV
- Flea market Manege
- Deposit activity Albert Heijn
- SamSam clothing activity
- M25, Christmas benefit concert

Many volunteers were very creative knitting and making things to sell but also to distribute to children in Cameroon. Needs For Children is thankful for all the effort.

The foundation herself has done much to raise money. However we are very proud of all the companies who supported us this year, financially as well as with supplies:



\* Ron's Tirescenter is a supplier of renowned brands of summer tires, winter tires and allseason tires and these are expertly fitted with modern equipment on your vehicle. Ron's Tirescenter is a "permanent contributor" for Needs For Children.



\* Perfumery Jacqueline supports Needs For Children permanently by donating supplies from their shop. These supplies made many young women in Cameroon very happy.



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Shoestore van Ballekom several times donated shoes for the children of Needs For Children.

# **FOUDRAINE OPTIEK**

Foudraine Optiek works closely with Needs For Children to provide glasses to children with bad eyesight.



Futhermore Needs For Children put down moneyboxes at:







mam fashion

Besides these companies, there are many individual contributors who helped our foundation financially or with supplies. Thank you all very much!!



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# **Projects**

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

# 1) Outreach programs

Like last year Needs For Children committed to children in villages. We inform them about hygiene, malaria and HIV/Aids, by using posters and drama. Besides a day of learning, it is also a day where a child can feel child again; day of fun. This year we visited the following villages:

13-03-2014 Koto Barombi 11-04-2014 Mambanda Camp 54 400 cfa = € 83,05 46 500 cfa = € 70,99



14-06-2014 Bakossi Camp 11-07-2014 Clephic Orphanage 62 000 cfa = € 94,66 37 000 cfa = € 56,49





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18-09-2014 Diongo 15-10-2014 Small Ekombe  $50\ 000\ cfa = €\ 76,33$  $50\ 000\ cfa = €\ 76,33$ 



# 2) Orphanages

Needs for Children visit's orphanages in Kumba often. During the visits we play with the children and we assess in what ways we can help the orphanage. Last year many projects took place:

\* Visiting orphanages

\* Operation orphan Mah Di's Orphanage

\* 3 Mattresses to Azi Orphanage:

20 600 cfa = € 31,45 30 000 cfa = € 45,80

134 500 cfa = € 205,34







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\* Income Generating Project:





\* Donation for a well at the Mah Di's Orphanage:

This project was launched by Layne Anderson from the Peace Corps. She wrote a grant to receive funding. One of the rules is that the local community contribute to the project. However Mah Di's Orphanage can't contribute due to the lack of financial resources. That is why Needs For Children supported financially, so the well could be possible.

500 000 cfa = € 763.36





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#### 3) Medical help to children

The foundation assists children in need of medical help or when a child needs a medical tool to increase their quality of life. Also the foundation became a place for other foundations to ask for help or tools/supplies when they don't have it. The entire team of Needs For Children determine the needs of a child. Eventually a plan is made to help the child. Below is a description of the children we helped.

# \* Che Abigail Lum

We have known this girl of 5 years old since last year. Needs For Children assisted this underfed girl and taught her to walk again. Her mother was given a small shop to become financially independent. Unfortunately we had to end our support in 2013 because her mother couldn't stay financially independent and Abigail was back where she started. Still we visited Abigail repeatedly in 2014 and kept an eye on her. She is and will always stay one of our children.

26 300 cfa = € 40,15





\* Rhema Niek Marvelous was born on 4 of March 2013. After the mother delivered the baby at home under bizarre circumstances, the Ministry of Social Affairs brought them into the Ejed Clinic. When nobody felt responsible for the child, Needs For Children took the responsibility. The baby was born with anemia, malaria and fever. The foundation helped the baby in his early days. However it didn't stop there. Since 2014 the Van Elderen family has supported Rhema Niek, by sending a monthly donation.

100 000 cfa = € 152.67

\* Twin: Meshouk Ngo and Abenego Chick Two children from triplets (one child sadly died) were found by a member of Needs For Children. They were severely underfed and sick. Since the mother was without reason permanently took the children away to an unknown location, we couldn't draft a nutrition plan. Needs For Children once took the children to the Ejed Clinic and they received treatment for different symptoms like rash.  $32\ 120\ cfa = \ 49,04$ 





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# \* Efuetlesong Nerville

A nine-year old boy with various bone fractures to the legs, causing adhesions. Nerville can't walk or stand and is totally dependent on his parents, who carry him everywhere. Needs For Children arranged a wheelchair, which makes him less dependent on his parents and now his friends can bring him to school!

125 700 cfa = € 191,91



# \* Makane Brenda Mbenda

A fifteen years old girl with paralysis on the right hand and leg from the day she was born. Brenda can't walk or stand and moves herself by sliding with her buttocks over the ground. Needs For Children arranged a wheelchair for her and now she doesn't need to sit on the floor and she can even go to church!

125 700 cfa =€ 191,91





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# Sadly this year we had to say goodbye to one of our children

#### \* Tambe Alleh Roniqueen

In 2013 we met this six years old girl during a meeting at the Presbyterian Rehabilitation Center. A few years ago she was in an accident, causing paralysis and a worsened eyesight. Because she couldn't walk, she was sitting a lot, which led to decubitus. In 2013 we started treating her decubitus. Back then we couldn't imagine 2014 would go like this. At the start of 2014 we made plans to give her a corset to make her sit straight. Unfortunately those plans never came to life. Roniqueen suddenly had a swollen stomach, what later seemed to be a tumour. Needs For Children supported financially to conduct an operation that would determine if the tumour was malignant or benign. Even before the results the tumour grew back within two weeks. Roniqueen was brought to the Foundation Chantal Biya in Yaoundé to treat her cancer. After one week she returned because her prognoses was bad. Roniqueen died just a few days later.

371 925 cfa = € 567,82



We will always remember you as the sweet funny alleh. Rest In Peace.



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#### 4) Prison

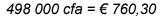
Also this year the prison project was a huge success. The prison has around 600 prisoners, from which 70 youngsters between 12 and 20 years old. They live there overcrowded under bad circumstances. With our visits to the prison we want to give the prisoners advice and knowledge. At the end of the visits we always distribute food and medicine. A team gives special attention to the sick prisoners. Also the foundation permanently bought self-made bags from the prisoners to increase their motivation:

24-03-2014	Education skin diseases – Distributing medical soap	22 000 cfa = € 33,95
15-04-2014	Buying bags	10 200 cfa = € 15,57
29-04-2014	Education malaria – Distributing food/drinks	22 500 cfa = € 34,35
24-06-2014	Education food and water safety – Medication	20 000 cfa = € 30,53
31-07-2014	Education oral hygiene – Toothbrush and paste	20 000 cfa = € 30,53
26-08-2014	Observation – Distributing slippers	22 000 cfa = € 33,95
23-09-2014	Education nutrition – Distributing linens	22 000 cfa = € 33,95
25-09-2014	Buying bags	14 000 cfa = € 21,37
03-10-2014	Buying bags	19 000 cfa = € 29,00
21-10-2014	Buying bags	20 000 cfa = € 30,53
21-10-2014	Observation & hygiene – Distributing linens	22 000 cfa = € 33,95
18-11-2014	Education hygiene – Distributing food/drinks	22 000 cfa = € 33,95

# 5) Maternity Ward at Ejed Clinic

The Ejed Clinic has a maternity ward, although it was closed several years ago due to the lack of midwives and deferred maintenance of the ward. Needs For Children decided to reopen the ward, with the aim of providing access to women who don't have enough finances. This year we started this project and in 2015 we will continue as well.







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6) Presbyterian Rehabilitation Center

ds for chi Every month there is a meeting for parents with disabled children. Needs For Children visits there permanently and talks to the parents. Besides the meetings sometimes a member of the foundation joins Christina to look at founded children with a disability. If necessary the foundation helps these children.

27 100 cfa = € 41,37



26 of November was "Disability Day". A day where disabled children can show that they are also part of the "normal" society. Needs For Children finds this very important and also contributed to this day.

20 000 cfa = € 30,53



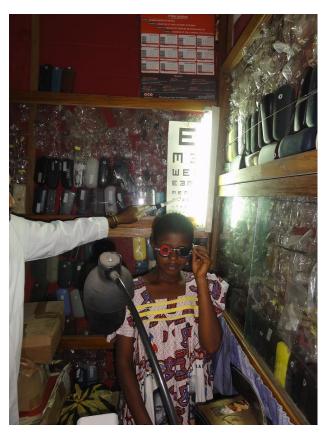
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#### 7) Project glasses

Foudraine Optics donates glasses for children in need in Cameroon. This year the team did a screening at a school for deaf children and in all orphanages. Two girls really needed glasses. Foundraine Optics made this happen and we are really thankful for that!

School for the deaf 21 100 cfa =  $\leq$  32,21 Orphanages 13 000 cfa =  $\leq$  19,84





#### 8) World AIDS Day

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December it is World AIDS Day. Just like 2012 Needs For Children held a screening in cooperation with Ejed Medical Foundation. Besides children we also screened pregnant women. From over 200 tests only one was tested positive. We will continue to follow her up. 450 000 cfa =  $\in$  687,02

#### 9) One time support

Occasionally an individual comes to the office begging for help. When it comes to adults we will always reject this. However the two adaults were helped because it would be a benefit for their children. .

Deaf man: 5 000 cfa = € 7,63 Blind woman: 2 000 cfa = € 3,05



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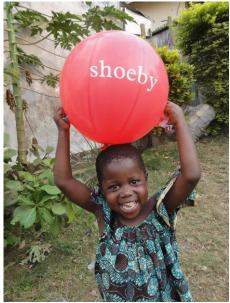
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# 10) Youthday

11 of February: the day of children! Also for our special children! On this day two members of the team passed by all children that Needs For Children we are helping or helped in the past. This was in order to put them in the spotlight with a bag full of yummy things.

36 650 cfa = € 55,95







All these projects were not possible without the help of a fantastic team. This year we decided to reward them for all their good work with a monthly allowance.

390 000 cfa = € 595.41



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# **Finances**

#### **INCOME 2014**

#### **EXPENSES 2014**

Projects in Cameroon: € 5324,80 Other expenses Cameroon: € 1589,20 Other expenses Holland: € 58,45 € 6972,45

INCOME - EXPENSES = *BALANCE 2014* €15.696,62- € 6972,45 = € 8.724,17

START 2014 + BALANCE 2014 = **START 2015** € 16.975,83 + € 8.724,17 = € **25.700,--**



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# **Preview 2015**

#### Expected upcoming projects

- \* Continuation of the Outreach projects to remote villages around Kumba. Giving education to children about hygiene, malaria and HIV/AIDS. A diverse method is used to mix education with comedy. In this way we want to give the children a fun and instructive day. In 2015 we will develop this program more and eventually we want to expand it.
- \* Keep supporting orphanages in Kumba, in any way they need help.
- \* Continue offering medical support to children. During our projects we often meet children who are very sick or don't have the resources themselves to go to the hospital. We will take responsibility for this. Furthermore we will try to establish more partnerships with other foundations or organisations.
- \* Monthly visits to the prison for education and help. Also this year we want to help to get resources for a school inside the prison. In this way we hope to motivate the youth to participate in school activities.
- \* Continue expanding the maternity ward at the Ejec Clinic using a strategic plan. We want to make the maternity ward approachable for woman with low or no finances.
- \* Find more disabled children in cooperation with PCRS. We want to make a plan and carry out this plan to find more disabled children.
- \* Children with vision problems will receive glasses from Foudraine Optics. We will develop day programs to test children.
- \* Education about preventing malnutrition and link this to existing projects.
- \* Participating in the World Aids Day by providing free tests to children, young adults and pregnant women. An early discovery of the HIV virus is important. Lately it is becoming more common that children already have HIV/AIDS.
- \* Besides these projects, Needs For Children donates items to children in need. This varies from clothing to toys. The items we receive from people in the Netherlands are given away to Cameroonian children. In Cameroon Kim will handle the distribution of the supplies.

In addition to these projects, there are many more projects that we can do. We look where help is necessary at that moment. Needs For Children stands for small scale projects!

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#### Short term goals

- 1. Before 2016 the foundation will have permanent individual contributors who will donate the foundation every month a fixed amount, to create financial stability.
- 2. Before 2016 the foundation will conduct 10 Outreach projects in small villages around Kumba.
- 3. Before 2016 Needs For Children will help at least 15 individual children to increase their quality of life.
- 4. Every month the Needs For Children team will visit and educate the children in prison.
- 5. Before 2016 the maternity ward will have at least 10 deliveries a month.
- 6. Before 2016 Needs For Children will help 50 children to get glasses with assistance of Foudraine Optics.
- 7. Before 2016 all regular projects (Outreach, prison, maternity ward, medical help to children) will be linked to a program to reduce malnutrition.
- 8. Before 2016 Needs For Children can cover 75% of their expenses with their income.
- 9. Before 2016 Needs For Children will have transportation to conduct projects in remote areas and to guarantee the safety of Needs For Children members.
- 10. Before 2016 Needs For Children will have a team member within the regular team to guarantee continuation of the foundation.

# Long term goals

- 1. December 2016 there is a continuity of supplies from the Netherlands to Cameroon in name of the foundation.
- 2. Before 2017 Needs For Children can cover their costs of all their projects. This means that all expenses will be covered by the incomes.



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# **Budgetplan**

Project	Budget	Explanation steady cost + extra	Covered budget
Outreach Program	€ 1 000,- = 655 000 cfa	Monthly project: 10 X 50 000 = 500 000 cfa Extra: 155 000 cfa	Private donation. 'Handmelken' organisation donation Malnutrition (partly).
Orphanages	€ 2 000,- = 1 310 000 cfa	No direct spending	Private donations.
Medical Help	€ 4 000,- = 2 620 000 cfa	No direct Spending	Private donations for a specific child. 'Handmelken' organisation donation Malnutrition (partly).
Prison	€ 1 000,- = 655 000 cfa	Monthly project: 12 x 22 000 = 264 000 cfa Extra: 391 000 cfa	Private donations. 'Handmelken' organisation donation Malnutrition (partly).
Maternity Ward	€ 2 000,- = 1 310 000 cfa	Monthly encouragement: 12 x 30 000 = 360 000 cfa Extra: 950 000 cfa	Private donation for encouragement. 'Handmelken' organisation donation Malnutrition (partly). M25 → € 750,-
Malnutrition programs at P.C.R.S for parents with a disable child	€ 750,- 491 250 cfa	Monthly meeting: 11 x 20 000 = 220 000 cfa Monthly in villages: 10 x 20 000 = 200 000 cfa Extra: 71 250 cfa	'Handmelken' organisation donation Malnutrition.
Project Glasses	€ 250,- = 163 750 cfa	Spendings on eyesight check-up. Expenses for reaching the children	Project glasses is funded by FOUDRAINE OPTICS
Volunteers	€ 1 500,- = 982 500 cfa	Monthly allowance (4 pers.): 12 x 80 000 = 960 000 cfa	
TOTAL	€ 12 500 ,- = 8 187 500 cfa		



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