



Annual Report 2017

Needs For Children



Where a child can be a child

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Preface

The six year of the existence of Needs For Children has been a difficult but successful year. Needs For Children is finally recognized as a Non Governmental Organization in Cameroon. The foundation is still organized in a basically simple way in order to be able to give direct support to the local population in groups as well as individually. We help children at the time and place of direct needs. In this way we can build a relationship with the child and the family. This in order to make sure quality of care and support we offer is optimal. After support has been given we stay in direct contact with the child to ensure that our goals will be accomplished.

With our team in Cameroon we accomplish a lot of goals. However, it is impossible to fulfill all the project without the help we get from volunteers and contributors for the Netherlands. Besides of the individuals there have also been companies that put effort in the foundation and can be relied on in the future. Of course this does not happen by itself, the foundation put a lot of effort in finding publicity. We made the newspapers several times and events were organized. The team in the Netherlands, led by Liesbeth van Elderen, managed fundraising by organizing flea markets, fairs, presentations, clothing parties, and so on.

Last year was a stressful year since some areas in South West of Cameroon were dangerous because of the strikes going on. Because of this reason, the president of the foundation, Kim van Elderen, could not visit Cameroon. The team in Cameroon has been constantly in contact with the president so that she was involved in all the projects going on. A lot of individual help was given this year. But there was one big project: Building of an orphanage for the children of Azi Orphanage.

In this annual report we want to give an overview of what the foundation did during this year on targets, projects, fund raising and of course the finances in detail. Apart from that we will take a short preview to 2018.

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Needs For Children

The foundation was started on 17 October 2011 in Best. The idea originates from Kim van Elderen. Since 2009 she has been traveling regularly to Cameroon to work on a voluntary basis as a nurse in the Ejed Medical Foundation, Kumba-Cameroon. Her experiences have shown her that the children in and around Kumba need a lot of help. Before she started her foundation, she provided aid to children with financial help, by donating material to an orphanage and by improving the facilities of the Ejed Medical Foundation. It was not easy to do this all as an individual, so Kim started her foundation to be able to help the children even more and to give them better opportunities in life.

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Purpose of the foundation

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

On purpose the aim is set a little bit in a general way because the foundation wants to offer help in several areas as health care, education and primary needs.

Organization in the Netherlands

Kim Jacqueline Maria van Elderen	-	Director
Elisabeth Wilhelmina Josephina van Elderen	-	Secretary and treasurer
Adriana Maria Henderickx – Zwambag	-	Member
Ingrid Martens	-	Volunteer
Eric Bruya Wasi	-	Comedian, entertainer

Organisatie in Kameroen

Atemawoh Michael Nguatem	-	Coordinator Assistent representative Chairman
Kenji Marie Epiphanie	-	General Secretary Treasurer
Mbu Clara	-	Community worker Publicity manager
Ndokuo Denis	-	Representative of the deaf children
Egbe Yvonne Ako	-	Member; French Translator
Nzume Gilbert Nkwelle	-	General Medical Advisor
Tatah Lambed	-	Pediatrician Medical Advisor

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Collaborating organizations in Cameroon

- 1) Ejed Medical Foundation. The hospital is led by Medical Officer Nzume Gilbert Nkwelle. We can go here with sick children.
- 2) Kumba District General Hospital. The Government hospital in Kumba. They call when they need help for sick children who were left by their selves. In collaboration with them we look how we can help and also the hospital helps a percentage of 50%.
- 3) Kumba Central Prison. The prison in Kumba works closely together with the Foundation. Together we ensure quality of care in prison for minor prisoners. Where the Government offers no help, we will do so.
- 4) Ministry of Social Affairs. They are our back up. They are kept informed of the projects we do and they see where they can help. And the other way around.
- 5) DGRE. They protect the Foundation where necessary. They also take care that reports about the work of the NGO are written down and send to the Government in Yaoundé. This to make them know about Needs For Children..

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Fund raising

During the last year the Needs for Children Team in the Netherlands has been playing an active role in fund raising. Besides of appealing to individuals and companies for sponsoring, the team has actively participated to fairs and fund raising actions.

Flea market at OVS
Fair at Wilhelmina dorp
Flea market at SKV
Flea market at the horse riding stables
Deposit action at Albert Heijn supermarket
SamSam clothes action
Children's clothes party
Sis-co Second Hand

Besides that, a lot of volunteers have been helping with actions and markets to raise money for the children in Cameroon. Needs For Children is very grateful to all those people for their huge effort.

The foundation put a lot of effort in raising as much money as possible. However, we can be very proud of all the companies which have supported us this year, financial as well as with materials:



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Besides of these companies there are a lot of individual contributors supporting the foundation financially as well as with materials. Thank you very much!!



Evaluation 2017

1) **Targets**

Short term targets

1. At the end of 2017 the foundation will have regular individual contributors donating a fixed amount on a monthly basis in order to create financial stability

✗ The foundation has several fixed individual donorse, but not enough to create a financial security that is adequate for the projects that are done in Cameroon.

2. At the end of 2017 there will be a new orphanage for the children of Azi Orphanage.

✓ Successful! We are very proud on this project!

3. At the end of 2017 Needs for Children will have offered care to 25 individual children in order to improve the quality of life.

✗ Not successful. We helped 12 individual children. This is because of the problems going on in Cameroon and the big orphanage project.

4. The Needs for Children Team will visit the children in the prison every month and offer them lectures.

✗ Not Successful. Needs For Children visited the prison 9 months. But we did have an extra project; an operation for a boy with an abcess.

5. At the end of 2017 the foundation Needs for Children will be officially recognized by the Cameroon government.

✓ Successful. We waited for it 5 years but finally the NGO is recognized!!

6. No team members of Needs for Children will have left the foundation at the end of 2017.

✓ Successful. The only change was Zackary, Eric Bruya Wasi, who lives now in the Netherlands. So he has a different function now.

Long term targets

1. In December 2018 there will be a continuity of shipping materials to Cameroon by container/ship under the foundations name

De recognition is done by the Government and now shipping is possible now. We don't know yet how that process will be so we will use 2018 to figure that out.

2. At the end of 2018 Needs for Children will be able to cover 100% of the expenses by its own steady income.

We can cover 100% but not yet with fixed income.



2) Budget

A budget for the several projects had been made. In the next schedule we will show in what extend we performed within the budget or exceeded it.

Project	Budget for 2017	Totaal uitgeven in 2017
Outreach Program	€ 1 000,- = 655 000 cfa	€ 183,21 = 120 000 cfa
Orphanages	€ 10 000,- = 6 550 000 cfa	€ 14 977,18 = 9 810 050 cfa
Medical Help	€ 4 000,- = 2 620 000 cfa	€ 722,10 = 505 725 cfa
Prison	€ 750,- = 491 000 cfa	€ 415,88 = 272 400 cfa
Malnutrition Program	€ 500,- = 327 500 cfa	€ 0 = 0 cfa
Youth Day	€ 100,- = 65 500 cfa	€ 0 = 0 cfa
World Aids Day	€ 750,- = 491 250 cfa	€ 400,76 = 262 500 cfa
Volunteerd	€ 3 000,- = 1 965 000 cfa	€ 2 748,09 = 1 800 000 cfa
Costs office	€ 400,- = 262 000 cfa	€ 785,53 = 514 525 cfa
Day of the African Child	€ 0 = 0 cfa	€ 61,07 = 40 000 cfa
Partners	€ 0 = 0 cfa	€ 185,65 = 121 600 cfa
TOTAL	€ 20 500 ,- = 13 427 500cfa	€ 20.529,47=13 446 800cfa

Needs For Children preformed within the budget, it only passes a small amount. The new building for the orphanage was a bit more expensive then the estimate showed. It is a lesson for the team in Cameroon to always make sure they stay within the estimate in order not to exceed the budget. This year Youth Day was not held. But the day of the African Child was celebrated. A well was built for the Ejed Clinic. This to improve the partnership and so that the children who are admitted in the hospital can get clean water.

We are proud that the team in Cameroon has held itself to the budgeting. It shows that they really think well about the choices and the projects they make.



Projects

Next a short description of the several projects with illustration and costs overview.

1) Outreach programs

The outreach program is the oldest program, being performed from the very beginning of the existence of the foundation. Every year the program is expanded and/or improved. After years of experience it is clear what the children in the rear villages need for education. The goal is to teach the children in the rear villages, who do not go to school, about hygiene, malaria and HIV/aids. This by using posters, drama plays and questions. The level is as basic as possible to keep it accessible for everyone. Only two outreach took place this year because of the strikes between English and French Cameroon. It is too dangerous in the rural area at the moment.



18-04-2017 Peteh Bakundu
25-05-2017 Nake Bakundu

60 000 cfa = € 91,60
60 000 cfa = € 91,60





2) Orphanages

The foundation will keep supporting the orphanages in Kumba in every possible way. After the death of Ma Azi of Azi Orphanage last year, the children and their new care taker couldn't pay the rent with as result to be send out of the house. Needs For Children build them a house where they live now. A well is made as well.

WELL



93 400 cfa = € 142,60

BUILDING AN ORPHANAGE

Somebody donated a piece of land to Azi Orphanage. Needs For Children realized a house on it in a short time. It is the biggest project in years. Below pictures of the project.



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9 716 650 cfa = € 14834,58



3) Medical support for children

The foundation helps children who need medical support or need a medical tool to improve quality of life. Besides of that the foundation has become a place for other organizations to search for help in case they lack the resources for helping a child. We study a child's situation with the whole team to make a support plan. Below the children we offered support with a short description.

Etongue Wilfred

This boy was 2 years old when the foundation got to know him. He is born with deformed feet. These are inward whereby he cannot walk. Needs For Children has help him in 2016 with paying the surgery to correct his feed. The input of the family was the follow-up of psychotherapy. The team was often at the back otherwise it was not followed up. Unfortunately, the negligence of the family made that Wilfred is back to square one. Needs For Children is sad but can do nothing more in this situation.

1 500 cfa = € 2,29



Vinyl Aurel

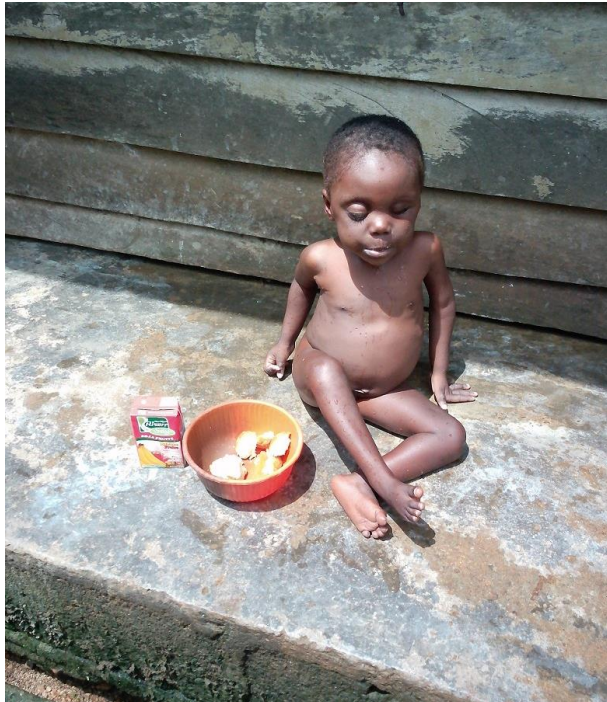


The 17 year old Vinyl lives with 6 others in a small wooden cottage. His father left him but his mother takes care of him. Vinyl cannot walk or talk. Vinyl is very smart and he understands a lot. Vinyl received help before with a wheelchair and a po. This time Vinyl was very sick when we visit him. Fortunately we were on time with medical help and he is doing fine now.

9 150 cfa = € 13,97



Che Abigail Lum



Abigail remains the problem child of the foundation. Abigail is helped several times in the past. On medical area, physiotherapy, a shop for the mum to generate income and with tools. But because the mother did not cooperate, all our help seemed lost. We continue to follow her and visit her regularly. At every visit we met Abigail like you see in the picture. Naked on the floor. Often the mother was not even around. Together with the Ministry of Social Affairs and the mother we decided to place Abigail in Azi Orphanage. In this way Abigail will get a lot of attention from the other children and she will not be forgotten. Abigail now lives in Azi Orphanage, since November 2017. We are curious to see how 2018 will be for her.

18 725 cfa = € 181,26

Joyce en Clinton

Both children are coming from the same village and are sponsored by Needs For Children to go to the Deaf School in Kumba. Unfortunately the school is close due to the problems between the English and the French part of Cameroon. They are really sad that they cannot go to school. As soon as school opens again, they will be send again. For now the team often visit them in the village.



8 000 cfa = € 12,21



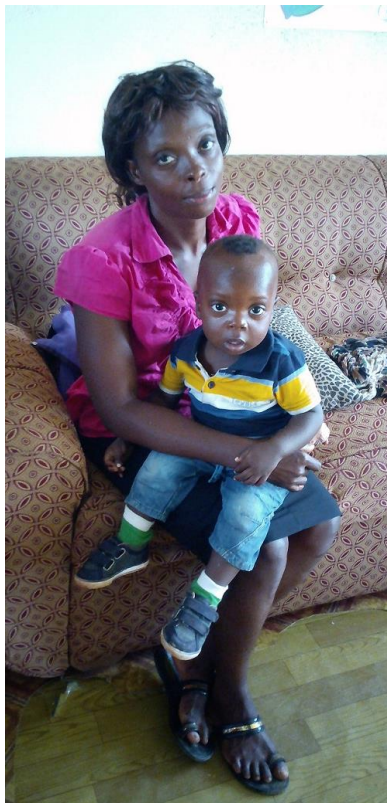
Ndingi Wisdom



This boy of 12 years old is a sickle cell patient. Beside Malaria he also was severe anemic. Needs For Children helped him with a blood transfusion, lab tests and medications.

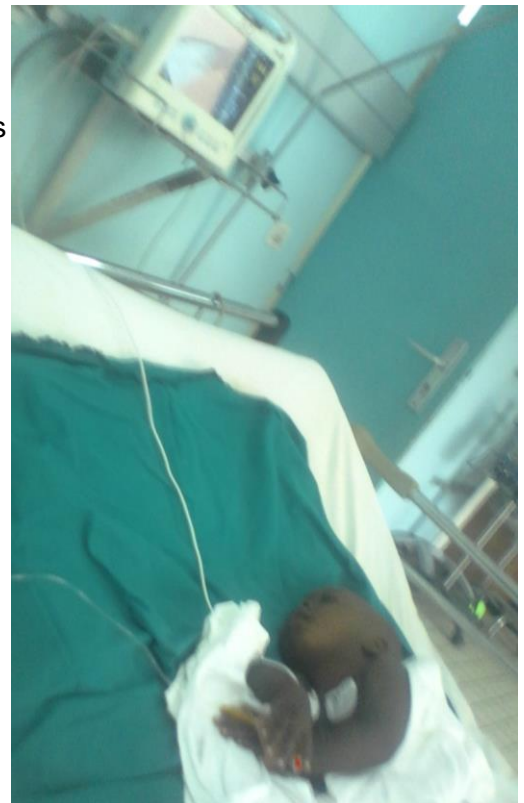
24 100 cfa = € 36,79

Gabriel Magnitoum



He was 1 year and 8 months when we first met him. His mum came to the office to plead for help. Her son had difficulties with breathing and needed to be operated on the tonsils. Needs For Children finances the Operation. Gabriel is doing fine now.

131 000 cfa = € 200,00





Fotsin Philip



A wheelchair was given to the 17 year old Philip.

3 000 cfa = € 4,58

Ngong Samuel



The one and a half year old Samuel was very sick and malnourished when we met him. His mum is an epileptic patient and cannot take good care of him. Needs For Children send Samuel to the hospital and made him to be checked fully. He also received treatment. A feeding plan was make. Clara, the community worker, went to their village tp teach them how to make nutritive food.

50 600 cfa = € 77,25





Kafu Noel Bright (Azi)

An orphan from Azi Orphanage. She had severe malaria and was seriously ill. Needs For Children interfered and paid her treatment. 10 900 cfa= € 16,64

Unfortunately we also lost a few children. It always hurts us all a lot when such happens.

Acha Godwill

Kumba District General Hospital called to inform us about a severe malnourished boy of 9 months. The mum did not have money anymore after the many lab tests. But Godwill needed more medication and nutrition. Needs For Children gave a helping hand but it was too late. Three days later Godwill passed away. R.I.P.

30 250 cfa = € 46,18



Tengen Wilson



Wilson was 16 years and had problems with his eyes and legs. His situation was very complex. An operation should have been very expensive and the chances small for him to be cured. Wilson asked for a tri cycle so that he could be more independent. When the tri cycle was almost finished, the news reach us that Wilson passed away. R.I.P.

96 500 cfa = € 147,33



Clara, the community worker, often goes to the villages to search for children who need our help. This year it was difficult because of the strikes, this made it too dangerous. That's why Clara focused on the villages where other children were helped before. Just to check how they are doing.

Program of last year:

14-02-2017	Visit to the children in Fiango	5 500 cfa	€ 8,40
21-03-2017	Visit to the children in Kosala	1 500 cfa	€ 2,29
22-03-2017	Visit to 3-corners	1 500 cfa	€ 2,29
31-03-2017	Meeting in Kosala	1 500 cfa	€ 2,29
05-04-2017	Searching children in villages	4 000 cfa	€ 6,11
13-07-2017	Visit to Casey Foundation	2 500 cfa	€ 3,82
14-11-2017	Visit to the deafooschool Emphphata	3 000 cfa	€ 4,58
23-11-2017	Searching child for tri cycle	1 000 cfa	€ 1,53
13-12-2017	PTA meeting at Ephphata	1 500 cfa	€ 2,29

4) Prison

At least once a month the team of Needs For Children visits the young inmates between 0 and 21 years old in the prison. In order to give them the feeling that we are there for them and that there is a group who put their effort to help them. Every month we give them education about a subject that the children and young adults want to know more about. We also bring them also things they need, like soap, slippers, medication, towels etc. Beside that we motivate them to make hand crafts and to sell them. We teach them new creative hand crafts. To buy this from them, they remain motivated. Needs For Children works closely with the police to make this project go smoothly.

236 000 cfa = € 360,31





A boy from the prison had a lipoom on his forehead. Needs For Children paid his operation. He was operated at the Ejed Medical Foundation.

36 400 cfa = € 55,57

Because of privacy and unclosed cases we are not able to publish pictures of the prison project.

5) Partners

Needs For Children works closely with other local organizations and ministries. This to be able to reach more goals and to make more things possible. Needs For Children is located at Ejed Medical Foundation. They also treat the children we find. Since there were no water facilities, Needs For Children decided to make them a well. .



104 100 cfa = € 158,93

The links with the Ministry of Social Affairs strengthened this year since we work more and more together. They recognize the good work of the Foundation. The Brigade Control Buea also came to check this year if the NGO is really active. We are very honored with the partnerships that we have.

17 500 cfa = € 26,72



5) Day of the African Child

One day in character of the African child. There was a meeting organized for children and all the important people from Kumba. Also Needs For Children was invited. It was a party with entertainment.



40 000 cfa = € 61,07

6) World Aids Day

Every year Needs For Children participate, and every year in a different way. This year the team went to the prison and the orphanages to test the kids on hiv/aids. From the 160 tested children, 2 were positif. Those are already followed up. Beside testing, lectures were given aswell.





262 500 cfa = € 400,76

Money spent beside projects:
Team Encouragement Funding:

514 525 cfa	€ 785,53
1 800 000 cfa	€ 2748,09

Money spent other than projects

Next to running the projects we have costs for having our office. The office is the main base for the foundation, reports and documents are made there. These are necessary for reporting to our contributors. The money is spent on things like internet, printing and other office materials.

14 525 cfa = € 785,53

Team Encouragement Funding

All projects would be impossible without the support of a good team in Cameroon! That is why the fixed team in Cameroon get a monthly allowance.

1 800 000 cfa = € 2748,09

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Finances

INCOME 2017

Private donations:	€ 2369,00	
Compagny donations:	€ 500,69	
Fairs and Flea markets:	€ 2567,89	
Activities Supermarkets	€ 374,27	
Clothes actions:	€ 2872,93	
Donation	<u>€ 2500,00</u>	(Stichting Johanna Donk de Grote)
	€11.184,78	

EXPENSES 2017

Projects in Cameroon:	€20.529,47
Transfer Costs:	€ 653,00
Sending Parcels:	€ 58,30
Costs Rabobank:	<u>€ 130,55</u>
	€21.371,32

INCOME – EXPENSES = BALANCE 2017

€11.184,78– € 21.371,32 = - € 10,186,54

START 2017 + BALANCE 2017 = START 2018

€ 24.175,85 - € 10,186,54 = **€ 13.989,31 → € 14.000**



Preview 2018

1. Expected projects

* Outreach Programs in the near villages around Kumba so that it will not be dangerous for the team. Information on hygiene, malaria and HIV/Aids will be given to the children. This is done in a divers way of presenting information mixed with comedy. In this way the children can have a fun and instructive day.

* Keep on supporting the orphanages in and around Kumba, in every possible way.

* Continue to provide medical support to children. During our projects we regularly find children who are seriously sick and do not have the resources to go to a hospital. We will take responsibility for this. However we will draw a clear limit to how far we help. It is expected that the family will also contribute a percentage. In order to have more chance of succes.

* Visit the prison every month to offer them information and help..

* To refresh the office of the foundation in Cameroon. Because the roof was not well made , water came through the walls making the walls moldy. Also the floor is not nice again and deserves something new.

* Participation on World Aids Day by offering free tests to children, young adults and pregnant women. An early detection of the HIV virus is important. Nowadays it is more and more common for even children to suffer from HIV/Aids.

* Participation on Youth Day. A day to put the children in the middle of all attention and to spoil them!

* Apart from these projects the Needs for Children foundation also offers materials to children who need it. This can vary from clothes to toys, and so on. For this reason we try to send the materials we receive from people from the Netherlands as much as possible to Cameroon so the foundation can distribute it.

There are much more possible projects next the mentioned ones but we try to look at the specific needs at every moment. Needs for Children is synonymous for small scale projects!



2. Budget planning

Project	Budget	Explanation fixed costs + extra	Covered budget
Outreach Program	€ 1 000,- = 655 000 cfa	Monthly project: 10 X 50 000 = 500 000 cfa Additional: 155 000 cfa	Private contributions.
Orphanages	€ 500,- = 327 500 cfa	Not planned upfront	Private contributions.
Medical Help	€ 5 000,- = 3 275 000 cfa	Not planned upfront	Private contributions for a specific child.
Prison	€ 750,- = 491 000 cfa	Monthly project: 12 x 22 000 = 264 000 cfa Additional: 227 250 cfa	Private contributions.
Youth Day	€ 50,- = 32 750 cfa		Private contributions.
World Aids Day	€ 750,- = 491 250 cfa		Private contributions.
Team in Cameroon allowance	€ 3 000,- = 1 965 000 cfa	Monthly reward (3 pers.): 12x150000= 1 800 000 cfa Additional: 165 000 cfa	
Office costs	€ 950,- = 622 250	Refurbishment at the office	
TOTAL	€ 12 000 ,- = 7 860 000cfa		

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The team in Cameroon keeps the team in Holland updated about everything they do. Even when a child is not at home while they were supposed to visit the child, they will send Holland a picture as prove. So funny :)

For more detailed information on the projects, children or financial situation: send an email to needsforchildren@hotmail.com