

## Annual Report 2022 Needs For Children



## Where a child can be a child

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#### **Preface**

What still disturbs everybody's life in Kumba is the Angelophone crisis. The Angelophone crisis is still going on what gives the team in Cameroon many challenges. Community visits could not always be carried out in certain areas because of insecurity. Every Monday it is ghost town in the Anglophone zones in Cameroon. That means that no movement is allowed. And the last challenge is that the prizes have increase a lot. Despite the Angelophone crisis, the year was full of projects and help to many children.

The foundation is really known in Kumba and the direct villages around. More and more people know where to find the office to seek for help. 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. Also the prison and orphanages projects are direct and personal.

With our team in Cameroon we accomplish a lot of goals and carry out a lot of projects and help. However, it is impossible to fulfill all the projects without the help we get from volunteers and contributors from 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. Also in Best and the direct villages the foundation is really known. People often come bring clothes and toys for the children in Cameroon. We mostly send it to Cameroon but since it is so much we also sell them. Everything we earn from that goes directly to the foundation.

Since 2016 the situation in Cameroon is dangerous because of strikes and killing going on. Some areas in the South West of Cameroon is so dangerous that even the foundation can't go there anymore. Because of this reason, the president of the foundation, Kim van Elderen, has not been visiting Cameroon since 2016. The team in Cameroon has been constantly in contact with the president so that she is involved in all the projects going on.

In this annual report we want to give an overview of what the foundation did during this year on the side of projects, fund raising and of course the finances in detail. Apart from that we will take a short preview to 2023. Needs For Children is an open foundation and that is the reason why all finances are explained in detail.



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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.

KvK-number: 53767853, this registration is under the administration of *"Kamer van Koophandel Brabant"* 

#### 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 - President

Elisabeth Wilhelmina Josephina van Elderen - Secretary and treasurer

Adriana Maria Henderickx – Zwambag - Member Ingrid Martens - Volunteer

Organization in Cameroon

Kenyi Marie Epiphanie - General Secretary

Treasurer

Mbu Clara Arrey - Community worker

Publicity manager

Since Michael left in 2019, the team has both been handling his duties as:

Coordinator

Assistant representative

- Chairman

Nzume Michael - General Medical Advisor
Tatah Lambed - Pediatrician Medical Advisor
Tabot Celine - In charge of the Maternity

Egbe Yvonne Ako - French Translator



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#### Collaborating organizations in Cameroon

- 1) Ejed Medical Foundation. The hospital is now led by Medical Officer Nzume Michael. We have been in collaboration with them from the beginning. In the Ejed Medical Foundation we treat our sick children and are our new babies born.
- 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 keep them inform about Needs For Children.



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#### **Fundraising**

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 tried to sell clothes and shoes. No more in the shop since the space was no more available.

Needs For Children is very grateful for all their volunteers and people who help the organization in any way they do. We thank them all 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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# Pure Femme





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



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### **Evaluation 2022, 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 2022	Total spend in 2022
Medical Help	€ 5 000,- = 3 275 000 cfa	€ 3 311,91 = 2 169 300 cfa
Prison	€ 750,- = 491 000 cfa	€ 694,66 = 455 000 cfa
Orphanages	€ 750,- = 491 000 cfa	€ 819,85 = 537 000 cfa
Day of the African Child	€ 150,- = 98 250 cfa	€ 209,16 = 137 000 cfa
Maternity		
a. Teenage pregnant girls	€ 2 000,- =1 310 000 cfa	€ 1 600 = 1 048 550 cfa
b. Pregnant girls above 21 assistance	€ 1 500, = 982 500 cfa	€ 0 = 0 cfa
c. Lectures by the midwife	€ 500,- = 327 500 cfa	€ 0 = 0 cfa
d. Material	€ 0 = 0 cfa	€ 15,27 = 10 000 cfa
Labourday		€ 68.70 = 45 000 cfa
Partners	€ 200,- = 131 000 cfa	€ 404,58 = 265 000 cfa
Office costs	€ 500,- = 327 500	€ 852,14 = 558 150 cfa
Team in Cameroon allowance	€ 3 000,- = 1 965 000 cfa	€ 3 722,90 = 2 438 500 cfa
TOTAL	€ 14 350 ,- = 9 399 250 cfa	€ 11 700,- = 7 663 00 cfa

Needs For Children performed within the budget.



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#### **Projects**

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

#### 1) Medical help to 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.

#### **Agwo Christian**

This 5 year old little boy came with his mother to the office to seek for help. He had an umbilical hernia. The NGO consulted him. He was admitted and operated upon at Ejed Clinic on the 26th of April 2022. By the time he was leaving he was fine.

115 000 cfa = € 175,57



#### Arrey Wisdom



We know Wisdom for a very long time now. He is a sickle cell patient. We used to help him from time to time. This time around, he was rushed to the Emergency Unit. From here he was sent to the lab and it was diagnosed that he was dehydrated, anemic with 4.1 % of blood. He was admitted and received blood transfusion and was treated for malaria. Few days later, he was transferred to surgical ward where his leg was operated upon. He had inner wound on his right leg that was always paining him. But the time he left the hospital, he was fine.

114 625 cfa = 175

#### **Bb Cyril**

The mother of Bb Cyril has 4 children and lost the husband through this Anglophone crisis when she was just 1 month old in her pregnancy. When she put to birth, she didn't want to see the baby because she had nothing and the baby was put into the incubator. She was counseled and when the President accepted to help her, she accepted her baby. Her area of help was the baby's basic needs and medications.

52 000 cfa = € 79,39





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Abigail is one of our Individual Children we have been helping for the past years. We supply her foodstuffs on monthly basis. She was not walking, talking and seeing, but thanks to the NFC for today Abigail can speak, walk and perceive smell. This year she had 11 visits instead of 12 because we merged her November to her December Budget so as to purchase her extra things for the end year. For the last 4 months, Abigail's visit was no longer carried at her residence but she come to the office to collect because she had change her residence to the interior of Kosala. We couldn't continue the visit there because of the crisis. The year started well but didn't end well as the mother insulted us at the office when she came to collect her food stuffs in December.

282 000 cfa = € 430,53

#### **Eni Larry**

Larry was about 6 years old when he came to the office to seek for help. He had knocking knees and could not walk well. The NGO took him to PCRS for POP manipulations and he was later given calipers. Today he is walking well thanks to NFC.

231 500 cfa = € 353.44



#### **Itoe Saviour**

3 month old Saviour was brought into the office by his 25 year old aunty. His mother died a few hours after his birth. They aunty is taking care now but has difficulties in providing milk since she had to drop out from school and has no income. We supplied him 4 tins of Guigoz 1 milk only. Unfortunately he was sent to the village where we couldn't continue our help.

17 000 cfa = € 25,95



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#### **Lumiere Grace**

Grace is 2,5 years and she is the daughter of the secretary of the foundation. Her results showed that she had Malaria, low hemoglobin and her CRP was above the normal value.

Offcourse we helped her and Grace recovered fully.

33 750 cfa =€ 51,53





#### **Noah Henry**

Henry is one of our Individual children we have been helping for the past years. Like Abigail, he has been receiving foodstuffs on a monthly basis. This year he had 11 visits, because his November budget was merged with December to provide him much food stuffs at the end of the year. His visit was done at the office level that is; he comes with the mother to collect the foodstuffs. It was done so because the team met face to face with those boys at their area and they were advised not to step foot there again for fear of Kidnapping

305 000 cfa = € 465,65

#### **Rhema Martins**

Rhema is the daughter of our community worker. She has been complaining of difficulties in seeing. So she was checked by an ophthalmologist in the Ejed Clinic and new glasses were given.

40 000 cfa = € 61.67





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#### **Ron Miracle**



#### Triplets (Meshack, Shadrack and Abenego)

These triplets' boys were delivered at the Kumba Regional Hospital Annex and we were called for help. Their area of help was in feeding and the NGO was supplying them milk every two weeks for 6 months. They had a total of 12 visits for the time of supply. They got 127 containers of guigoz 1 milk in this period. Their first visit was March 2022 and the last visit was September 2022.

*495 000 cfa* = € *755*,*73* 

#### Triplets girls (Clarice, Rosy and Eveline)

We were called by the Kumba Regional Hospital Annex to this case. One of the triplets was delivered at home and the 2 others in the hospital. Here the NGO gave her babies basic needs and are supplying them with 12 containers of

milk every 2 weeks. For now they have consumed 48 containers of milk for 4 visits (2 months). The help will continue in 2023.



323 500 cfa = € 493,89





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#### R.I.P



#### **Travis Offu**

We met Travis Offu during one of our visit at the Kumba Regional hospital Annex. His heart was around his navel. He was born with this malfunction and he live with it for 15 years. The NGO was ready to go further with his treatment but unfortunately, he died. During the removal of corpse, NFC gave the family financial help to ease his burial.

92 650 cfa = € 141,45

#### **Meloko Julie**

Julie was 21 years when Clara met her at the Kumba Regional Hospital Kumba. She had enlarged pancreas and was later on suspected to have cancer. She was referred to Buea, but died on the way. The NGO assisted with some medications and gave her transport to go to Buea.

44 275 cfa = € 67,60





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#### 2) 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 make them know 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 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. This year we had 11 visits instead of 12 because the NFC team had one month leave. Topics of this year:

- January: collection of proposed annual program
- February: teachings on agriculture
- March: causes and prevention of Malaria
- April: importance of obedience
- May: how to pass common entrance and first school leaving certificate
- June: tooth brushing
- July: educative talk on hygiene and sanitation
- August: educative talk on juvenile delinquency
- September: how their environment can change them either positively or negatively
- October: skin disease
- November: check the number of minor inmates for the end of year visit.
- December: end of year visit

455 000 cfa = € 694.66

#### 3) Orphanages

As it is our routine, the children of various Orphanages in Kumba were not forgotten. As it is a tradition, the office did not abandon the orphans at various orphanages in Kumba. Mahdi, Azi and Frathekk were visited at their various places with rice, oil, groundnuts, soy beans and medicated soap each. But the crisis prevented us to visit Clephic for fear of kidnapping. They had to come to the office to collect their own parcel.

537 000 cfa = 6819,85





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#### 4) Day of the African Child

This was celebrated at the pediatric ward of the Kumba Regional Hospital Annex under the theme "eliminating harmful practices affecting children". After elaborating of the theme, the children received their parcel containing: bowl, rice, garri, sweet, soy beans, juice, biscuits, groundnuts and sugar.

137 000 cfa = € 209,16









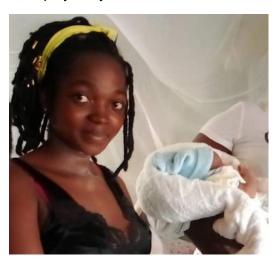
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#### 5) Teenage Pregnant Girls project

It's a project to help teenage girls who are pregnant and cannot take care of their antenatal till delivery. In this project, we are in partnership with Ejed Medical Foundation Kumba where they take care of the pre-drugs and we take care of lab tests, delivery fees, post drugs and the baby first needs. Since mid-2019 that this project began, we are happy to say that we receive more cases every year. We also have a steady midwife working in the maternity who is employed by the NGO.



#### **Tezeh Priscillia**

Age: 21 years

Situation: She was pregnant for an okada rider who lost his bike through accident. Up till 8 months going, she has not started ANC. When she came in we registered her, did her echography and basic routine tests for pregnant women. She continued her ANC in 2022.

Expected Due Date: 19th of January 2022. Delivery date: 21st of January 2022.

She gave birth to a bouncing baby girl named

Rose. She weighed 3.2 kg at birth.

87 000 cfa = € 132.82



#### **Ayuk Hannah**

Age: 15 years

Situation: She was impregnated by a student and she ran away from home. She was caught by her uncle who

brought her back home.

Expected Due Date: 29th of March 2022.

Delivery Date: 18th of March 2022.

She gave birth to a bouncing baby girl named Jamal.

She weighed 3.8 kg at birth

120 500 cfa = € 183.97



#### **Obase Blandine**

Age: 21 years.

Situation: The guy that impregnated her has been warning her never to be pregnant for him, and when it happened that she was pregnant, he abandoned her. Since then till her 5<sup>th</sup> month pregnancy, she had not started Antenatal visits.

Expected Due Date: 5th of April 2022

Delivery Date: 27th of March.

She gave birth to a bouncing baby girl named

Precious. She weighed 3.5 kg at birth.

121 250 cfa = € 185,11



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#### **Metta Mary**

Age:18 years.

Situation: She was impregnated by a guy who is at large. Mary was 4 months when she came to the

office and had not started her ANC visits. Expected Due Date: 23rd of July 2022. Delivery Date: 23rd of August 2022.

She gave birth to a bouncing baby boy named

Illorson. He weighed 3.20 kg at birth.

138 800 cfa = € 211,91



#### **Tabe Linda**

Age: 20 years.

Situation: She got pregnant from her lover who ran away when he learnt that she was pregnant. Linda left her home town – Mamfe to Kumba to hustle. Smoking fish to sell wasn't easy since it makes her feel bad. She left it and had nothing to do and no one to help. This is how Linda came with a Nurse from Ejed to seek for help at 5 months of pregnancy. Expected Due Date: 13th of August 2022.

Delivery Date: 26th of August 2022.

She gave birth to a bouncing baby boy named Divine

Praise. He weighed 3.3 kg at birth.

134 500 cfa = € 205,34



#### **Fomben Blessing**

Age: 18 years.

Situation: She was brought to the office by the midwife. She was living with her boyfriend when she took in. At 5 months she has not started ANC visit because the boyfriend had become jobless and couldn't take care of her.

Expected Due Date: 24th of June 2022.

Delivery Date: 25th of June 2022.

She gave birth to a bouncing baby boy named

Destiny. He weighed 3.4 kg at birth.

132 500 cfa = € 202,30



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#### **Abang Brenda**

Age: 19 years.

Situation: She was impregnated by her lover. The boy is an IDP who lost everything he had and he is struggling here in town. He had lost his work and Brenda was 7 months gone without any ANC visit.

Expected Due Date: 10th of August 2022.

Delivery Date: 25th of June 2022.

She gave birth to a bouncing baby girl named Nancy. She weighed 3.5 kg at birth. The delivery was very difficult but thank God she and the baby were safe.

132 500 cfa = € 202.30

#### **Dofack Murielle**

Age: 15 years.

Situation: She was raped by two guys one day on her way back from school. She went back home and did not tell the mother because she was afraid. It happened in March and the mother only took note in June that she was pregnant. Without any helper, the mother took her and they came to the office pleading for help.

Expected Due Date: 18th of November 2022.

Delivery Date: 04th of November 2022

She gave birth to a bouncing baby boy named Timothy. He weighed 3.3 kg at birth.

139 500 cfa = € 212,98





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#### Magha Ordocia

Age: 21 years.

Situation: She is an IDP from Bamenda who realized that she was 4 months pregnant when she was in Kumba. All attempts to reach the author of the pregnancy prove futile. She was brought here by a doctor of Ejed Clinic. Expected Due Date: 14th of February 2023. When she was sent for lab, result showed that she is HIV positive. Her next rendezvous is 27th January 2023. Awaiting her Expected Date of Delivery, we should keep in mind that Odocia is not permitted to go into labour and her safe mode of delivery is Cesarean section.

42 000 cfa = € 64,12

Material 10 000 cfa = € 15,26

#### 6) 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. So the team in Cameroon attends meetings, celebrations and are keeping the contacts warm by often visiting them.

On Partners this year, the team in Cameroom received ANC teachings at the Kumba Regional Hospital Annex from April – October 2022 with the following topics: nutrition, importance of 3 echography during pregnancy, delivery plan or mode of delivery, hygiene and sanitation, exclusive breastfeeding, routine lab tests etc.

115 000 cfa = € 175,57

The President – Kim through the team in Cameroon extended a hand of love towards the partners of the organization here in Cameroon. This was done by sharing foods and drinks together on the 10th of January 2023 and we had the various department represented DGRE, Social Affairs, Kumba Regional Hospital, Kumba Principal Prison, Ejed Clinic and NFC.

100 000 cfa = € 152,67

Envelop to Dr. Michael Nzume for Mother's death: 50 000 cfa = € 76,34

#### Money spend beside the 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.

558 150 cfa =  $\leq$  852,14

#### 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. 2 438 500 cfa= € 3722,90

Labourday: 45 000 cfa = € 68,70



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#### **Finances**

#### **INCOME 2022**

Private donations: € 1 310,Company donations: € 3 000,Fairs and Flea markets: € 729,Money boxes Supermarket: € 0,Clothes actions: € 4 962,65 € 10 001,65

#### **EXPENSES 2022**

Projects in Cameroon: € 11 700,Transfer Costs: € 220,Sending of package € 68,30Costs website: € 168,95Costs Rabobank: € 119,40 € 12 276,65

INCOME - EXPENSES = BALANCE 2022 € 10.001,65 - € 12.276,65 = - € 2 275,-

START 2022 + BALANCE 2022 = **START 2023** € 19 500,- - € 2 275,- = € **17 225,**-



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#### Preview 2023

#### 1. Expected projects

#### \* Medical support to children:

Focuss more on providing medical support to individual children. With the crisis going on, many children have run together with their family their villages because of the danger. So it is difficult to trace them. When they get sick they often don't have the resources to go to a hospital. We want to help those children. 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 success.

#### \* Prison project:

Visit the prison every month to offer them lectures and help.

Beside that we want to help the minor inmates whenever they are sick and need treatment outside of the prison.

#### \* Orphanages:

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

#### \* Day of the African Child:

Since the crisis it is hard to gather all the children we used to help in the past. We don't want to bring the children in danger. Because travelling on the roads can be very dangerous. That's why we will celebrate this day with the babies and children who are admitted in the hospital.

#### \* Maternity:

Teenage Pregnant Girls Program:

a. 2020 we started off good. In collaboration with Ejed Clinic we will follow up the girls during their whole pregnancy with lab tests, checkups and echography. We will also do the delivery and take care of all the costs. The girls will be send home with full equipment for the baby. We have to keep up this work in 2023 and attract more girls so they can deliver safely. b. Lectures to girls by the midwife:

We want to use the experience of our steady midwife to lecture girls to prevent pregnancy but also to guide them through their pregnancy.

\* 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!



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#### 2. Budget planning

Project	Budget	Explanation fixed costs + extra	Covered budget
Medical Help	€ 5 000,- = 3 275 000 cfa	Not planned upfront	Private donations for specific child. Donations.
Prison	€ 750,- = 491 000 cfa	Monthly project: 12 x 30 000 = 360 000 cfa Extra: 131 000 cfa	Donations.
Orphanages	€ 1 000,- = 655 000 cfa	Not planned upfront	Donations.
Day of the African Child	€ 250,- = 163 750 cfa	Fix amount every year	Donations.
Labourday	€ 75,- = 49 125 cfa		
Maternity	€ 3 000 ,- = 1 965 000 cfa	Complete follow up of one girl is approx.: 150 000 cfa	Donations Private donatons for a specific girl.
Partners	€ 300,- = 196 500 cfa	Not planned upfront	
Office costs	€ 750,- = 491 250	Not planned upfront	
Team in Cameroon allowance	€ 3 675,- = 2 407 125 cfa	Monthly reward (3 pers.): 12x180000= 2 160 000 cfa Extra: 247 125 cfa	
TOTAL	€ 14 800 ,- = 9 694 000 cfa		



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On behalf of the whole team thank you for your interest in Needs For Children Foundation. We are a small Foundation through which we can provide immediate help and we can continue to follow up. We find it important that we are an open Foundation and where money goes 100% to the projects. Hopefully this annual report has given you a good image on how we work. For more detailed information on the projects, children or financial situation, send an email to needsforchildren@hotmail.com

