



Annual Report 2023

Needs For Children



Where a child can be a child

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Preface

A year in which the foundation was again very active, but the team itself also had a lot to endure. For example, Clara, our community worker, was very ill and had to go to Nigeria for treatment. Beside this her brother passed away in November. Marie, the secretary, became pregnant and gave birth to a healthy daughter in October. This also applies to the midwife, who gave birth to a healthy daughter in September. This meant that the three most important people who represent the foundation in Cameroon were temporarily absent in different periods. As a result, most of the work always fell on one of them. This meant that not much extra work could be done. But despite this, they all did their utmost to keep the foundation running. .

What still complicates the lives of everyone in Kumba is the 'Anglophone crisis'. The violent crisis in Cameroon is still ongoing, which means that the team in Cameroon has many challenges. Visits to remote villages cannot always take place due to the threat. Every Monday it is 'Ghost town' in the English parts of Cameroon. This means that no one is allowed to work and everyone must stay at home. What is also a challenge are the prices of products, which have risen enormously in the last year. And in addition, the power goes out regularly.

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 achieve many goals and projects. However, these projects cannot take place without all the help we receive from volunteers and donors from the Netherlands. In addition to many individuals, there have also been companies that have committed themselves to the foundation and many that we can rely on in the future. Needs For Children is also a known name in Best and the surrounding villages. More and more people are bringing clothes and toys for the children in Cameroon. We send a lot of it to Cameroon, but since it is so much, we also sell a lot at markets. Everything we earn there goes 100% 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 2024. 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.

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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	-	President
Elisabeth Wilhelmina Josephina van Elderen	-	Secretary and treasurer
Adriana Maria Henderickx – Zwambag	-	Member
Ingrid Martens	-	Volunteer

Organization in Cameroon

Kenyi Marie Epiphanie epse Casas	-	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



Collaborating organizations in Cameroon

- 1) Ejed Medical Foundation. The hospital is now headed by Medical Officer Nzume Michael. We have been working with the hospital from the start of the foundation. At the Ejed Medical Foundation we treat children who need medical help. In addition, the foundation has renovated the maternity ward so that more women can give birth safely.
- 2) Kumba General Hospital. The government hospital in Kumba. They call when children are admitted who need medical help but who have been left to fend for themselves or whose families have no resources. In collaboration with them, we look at how we can help and the hospital also helps with a percentage of 50%.
- 3) Kumba Central Prison. The prison in Kumba works closely with the foundation. Together we ensure quality care in prison for underage prisoners. Where the government does not offer help, we 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 vice versa.
- 5) DGRE. They protect the foundation where necessary. They also take care about the foundation's reports that go to the government in Yaoundé. This is to keep Needs For Children on the map.

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Fundraising

Over the past year, the Needs For Children team in the Netherlands has played an active role in fundraising.

We can also be proud of the many companies that supported us again this year, both financially and 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 2023, Budget

A budget had been drawn up for the various projects. Below we look at the extent to which we have exceeded this or stayed within budget.

Project	Budget for 2023	Total spend in 2023
Medical Help	€ 5 000,- = 3 275 000 cfa	€ 2 366,34 = 1 549 950 cfa
Prison	€ 750,- = 491 000 cfa	€ 713,74 = 467 500 cfa
Orphanages	€ 1 000,- = 655 000 cfa	€ 639,24 = 418 700 cfa
Day of the African Child	€ 250,- = 163 750 cfa	€ 248,85 = 163 000 cfa
Labourday	€ 75,- = 49 125 cfa	€ 74,81 = 49 000 cfa
Maternity	€ 3 000 ,- = 1 965 000 cfa	€ 1 446,72 = 947 600 cfa
Partners	€ 300,- = 196 500 cfa	€ 79,39 = 52 000 cfa
Office costs	€ 750,- = 491 250	€ 950 = 622 250 cfa
Team in Cameroon allowance	€ 3 675,- = 2 407 125 cfa	€ 3 480,92 = 2 280 000 cfa
TOTAL	€ 14 800 ,- = 9 694 000 cfa	€ 10 000,- = 6 550 000 cfa

Needs For Children stayed within budget. Only the office costs are in the red, but this can be explained because unforeseen situations occurred, such as Clara's illness.



Projects

Below is a brief description of the various projects with illustrations and detailed costs.

1) **Medical help to children**

The foundation helps children who need medical attention or a medical device to improve the quality of their life. The foundation has also become a place where other organizations or foundations come if they need help helping a child. We study the child's situation through a case study and then make an action plan. Below is an overview of the children we helped with a brief explanation.



Banyana Pauline

We already knew Pauline, 16 years old, because she had previously been operated on at the Ejed Clinic for appendicitis. This time she returned with complaints of pain around the place where she was previously operated. She was sent to the General Hospital for an ultrasound scan, lab tests and medications. We were afraid of another operation, but fortunately this was not necessary and she felt better after some medication.

168 050 cfa = € 256,56

Baby Dominion

Our help was requested by Kumba Regional Hospital. The mother was pregnant without realizing it and therefore did not receive prenatal care. She gave birth at home. Due to the unsanitary conditions in which the baby was born, he developed an infection. We took responsibility for the bills (medication, lab tests and milk). Baby Dominion has fully recovered and returned home in good health.

61 150 cfa = € 93,36



Baby Kim Rebecca

Kim's mother gave birth to 2 girls in our delivery rooms, 1 of whom unfortunately died shortly after delivery. After the birth, Rebecca was referred to the General Hospital because Kim needed further examination and because she had lost a lot of blood herself. She received a blood transfusion but unfortunately she died the next morning at 5am.

After her mother died, Kim stayed alone in the hospital for 4 days without family visiting. Because of this we continued to follow up and help her. Unfortunately, the family found out about this and suddenly they came. It soon became apparent that they were out to exploit this situation. Kim had to go into the incubator because her oxygen levels were very low. Before she could leave the hospital, Needs For Children bought her the most important baby items. Payment has also been made for the medication, lab tests, etc. Kim is now in the hands of Nanje Elizabeth; an aunt who is now officially Kim's guardian.



166 500 cfa = € 254,20



Bokwe Talent

Marie met this little boy when she went to General Hospital for another case. Talent, 6 years old, was born with a swollen scrotum on the left side. After traditional medication did not help, they came to the hospital. Talent suffered greatly from this. When Needs For Children took on this case, he was operated on immediately. The operation was successful. The foundation has covered all costs of the operation and follow-up treatment.

128 900 cfa = € 196,79

Ekuka Agnes

This girl was admitted to the General Hospital and our help was requested by the doctor who is head of the HIV department. She is HIV positive and was not taking her medication properly. This time tuberculosis also appeared, along with a swollen abdomen and anemia. Needs For Children took her under their care and paid for the lab tests, medications and treatment. She left the hospital in good health.

119 100 cfa = € 181,83





Noah Henry

Henry is one of our individual children who we have been helping for a long time. We provide him with food every month. He then comes to the office with his mother to pick up the food. The team used to bring this to him, but because the area where he lives is too dangerous, they no longer do that.

250 000 cfa = € 381,68

Triplet (Clarice, Rosy en Eveline)

We received a call from the Kumba Regional Hospital Annex in November 2022 for assistance to three little girls. One of the triplets was born at home and the other two in the hospital. The foundation has provided the basic necessities for the triplets. In addition, the agreement is that the foundation will give them 12 containers of milk every 2 weeks. They have been helped since November 2022, so the help continued in 2023.

The help ended on May 23, 2023 after six months of providing the girls with powdered milk.



270 000 cfa = € 412,21



Twin Etongwe Josephine

Needs For Children's help was called in by the head nurse of the General Hospital. A pair of twins were born at home in a village called Elibanyange Balue using traditional methods. This caused the mother to develop complications a week later. She was rushed to the hospital. There was no money for food and hospital bills. The twins were underweight and had to be placed in an incubator. In addition, they had to be treated for infections. Needs For Children has made it possible for all to receive treatment.



32 950 cfa = € 50,31

Twin Ngoe en Mukete (Mama Mbange Melvis)

It was April 22, 2023 when the team received a call from the head nurse of the children's department. An HIV positive girl had given birth to twins. Two boys. However, she could not breastfeed her sons due to HIV, but there was no money for powdered milk. The foundation was asked to help. We started by giving powdered milk. We do this monthly. However, it remained at 2 months instead of 6 months. This is because the mother left for her village and never came back. We have no idea how the mother and her 2 sons are doing.



201 000 cfa = € 306,87



Sometimes help is requested but cannot be provided.

Triplet

3 000 cfa € 4,58

Baby Beltha

3 000 cfa € 4,58

At Christmas we visited the sick children in the Kumba Regional Hospital Annex in the children's and maternity ward. We gave them cookies, drinks and soap.

20 850 cfa = €31,83

R.I.P

Baby Ekabe Dominion

We received a call from the head nurse of the Kumba Regional Hospital Kumba. The mother of this baby only found out 6 days after giving birth that her newborn son Dominion was suffering from a consistently high temperature. She tried to treat this herself and it always seemed to go well. Yet the little one got sick again and again. When he arrived at the hospital he was suffering from pneumonia, malnutrition and a high fever. He was treated and Needs For Children took responsibility for the bills. However, little Ekabe Dominion died on June 4, 2023. He was taken back to the village by his mother and buried there.

125 450 cfa = € 191,53





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.

Topics of this year:

- February: Juvenile delinquency
- March: Personal and environment hygiene
- April: Tooth brushing
- May: Teachings on agriculture and nutrition
- June: Dealing with peer pressure
- July: Sharing of towels and medical soap
- August: Nutrition house explanation
- September: Juvenile delinquency
- October: Skin disease and treatment
- November: Infectious diseases
- December: End of year party

467 500 cfa = € 713,74

3) Orphanages

Like every year, this year we have not forgotten the children from the various orphanages in Kumba. It has now become a tradition to give food to all orphanages at Christmas. This year we also distributed rice, oil, peanuts, soy beans and medical soap.



418 700 cfa = € 639,24



4) Day of the African Child

The Day of the African Child was celebrated with the theme 'rights of the child in this digital world'. After participating in this theme at the Kumba Prison, the young prisoners gave presentations. At the end, they all got a bag containing a bowl, rice, garri, soap, maggi, slippers, peanuts and sugar.



163 000 cfa = € 248,85



5) Teenage Pregnant Girls project

It is a project to provide assistance to teenage girls who are pregnant and unable to attend prenatal care. In this project, in collaboration with Ejed Medical Foundation Kumba, we are responsible for prenatal medication, lab tests, delivery costs, postnatal medication and the baby's first items. Since we started this project in 2019, we see more women giving birth with us every year. We now also have a permanent midwife in the maternity ward who is employed by the foundation.



Mbanwei Happiness

Age: 15 years

Situation: Raped by an old man who was a friend of her father.

Expected Due Date: 22 September 2023

Delivery Date: Cesarean section, 12 September 2023

She gave birth to a baby boy: Miracle. Weight: 2.8 kg.

244 150 cfa = € 372,75



Mangola Comfort

Age: 11 years

Situation: Raped by her 40 year old neighbor. The man has been captured. Considering her age, we had to get her treated at the government hospital. We supported her with all costs incurred.

Expected Due Date: ?

Delivery Date: Cesarean section, 19 December 2023

She gave birth to a baby girl: Clara. Weight: 3 kg.

208 500 cfa = € 318,32



Akem Lydia

Age: 17 years

Situation: She was more than 5 months pregnant when a nurse from the Ejed Clinic met her in a village. Without any help. It was decided to let her participate in our project.

Expected Due Date: ?

Delivery Date: 20 July 2023

She gave birth to a baby boy: ?. Weight: 3.1 kg.

133 000 cfa = € 203,05



Aben Christabel

Age: 17 years

Situation: she was already 5 months pregnant when a colleague brought her to us. The boy she is pregnant with accepted the pregnancy but later did nothing for it.

Expected Due Date: 8 July 2023

Delivery Date: 11 July 2023

She gave birth to a baby girl: Favour.

Weight: 3.2 kg.

123 500 cfa = € 188,55



Magha Odocia

Age: 21 years

Situation: She is from Bamenda and traveled to Kumba. This is where she found out she was pregnant when she was already 4 months pregnant. We have been familiar with her since 2022. Research also showed that she was HIV positive.

Expected Due Date: 14 February 2023

Delivery Date: 28 January 2023

She gave birth to a baby boy: ?. Weight: ? kg.

90 000 cfa = € 137,40



Mokube Rebecca

Age: 17 years

Situation: The family of the boy who is responsible for the pregnancy wanted nothing to do with the pregnancy. So the girl was on her own. That's why she came to us seeking help. She was already 8 months pregnant when she came to us.

Expected Due Date: ?

Delivery Date: 9 april 2023

She gave birth to 2 girls, 1 of them unfortunately died shortly after giving birth. The other girl was named Kim. Rebecca gave birth in our delivery room, but was referred to the General Hospital because Kim needed further examination and because she had lost a lot of blood herself. She

received a blood transfusion but unfortunately she died the next morning at 5 o'clock.

148 450 cfa = € 226,64



6) Partners

Needs For Children works closely with other local organizations and ministries. This is to achieve more goals and more projects. So the team in Cameroon makes sure they attend meetings, parties and keep contacts warm by visiting them often

23-05-2023 Visiting new born babies of our KPP partners Chef Keju & IP Marius 35 000 cfa = € 53,44
26-09-2023 Visit to Dr Michael and Dr Orock in the KPP 17 000 cfa = € 25,95

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.

22 250 cfa = € 950

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.

2 280 000 cfa = € 3480,92
Labourday: 49 000 cfa = € 74,81

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Finances

INCOME 2023

Private donations:	€ 1 157,-
Compagny donations:	€ 3 000,-
Fairs en Flea markets:	€ 2 430,-
Money boxes Supermarket:	€ 96,25
Clothes actions:	€ 892,45
	<u>€ 7 575,70</u>

EXPENSES 2023

Projects in Cameroon:	€ 10 000,-
Tranfer Costs:	€ 200,-
Sending of package:	€ 77,-
Costs Rabobank:	<u>€ 173,70</u>
	€ 10 450,70

INCOME	– EXPENSES	= <i>BALANCE 2023</i>
€ 7 575,70	– € 10 450,70	= - € 2 875,-

START 2023	+ BALANCE 2023	= START 2024
€ 17 225,-	- € 2 875,-	= € 14 350,-



Preview 2024

1. Expected projects

* Medical support to children:

Focus 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 2024 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.

* Naast deze projecten geeft Stichting Needs For Children ook spullen aan kinderen die het nodig hebben. Dit varieert van kleding tot speelgoed etc. De spullen die we van mensen uit Nederland krijgen proberen we dan ook zo veel mogelijk op te sturen naar Kameroen.

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
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	Fix amount every year	
Maternity	€ 3 000 ,- = 1 965 000 cfa	Complete follow up of one girl is approx.: 150 000 cfa (229 euro)	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	€ 3 500,- = 2 292 500 cfa	Monthly reward (3 pers.): 12x180000= 2 160 000 cfa Extra: 132 500 cfa	
TOTAL	€ 14 625 ,- = 9 579 375 cfa		



Epilogue

On behalf of the entire team, thank you for your interest in our Needs For Children foundation. We are a small foundation so we can provide immediate assistance and continue to monitor them. We find it important that we are an open foundation and where 100% of the money goes to the project. Hopefully this annual report has given you a good idea of how we work. For more detailed information about the projects, children or financial situations, send an email to needsforchildren@hotmail.com

