



Annual Report 2024

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, projects were carried out as usual. As for the team in Holland they are having it more and more difficult to raise money. Money goes out more than it comes in. Which makes the future of Needs For Children not so sure.

What still complicates the lives of everyone in Kumba is the 'Angelophone 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. Needs For Children is also a known name in Best and the surrounding villages. People used to bring a lot of clothes and toys for us to send to Cameroon and to sell what is left. But this year the team hasn't been active on markets due to the much work that it involves. But everything we earn 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 2025. 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 material.



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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 2024, 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 2024	Total spend in 2024
Medical Help	€ 5 000,- = 3 275 000 cfa	€ 2 476,95 = 1 622 400 cfa
Prison	€ 750,- = 491 000 cfa	€ 732,82 = 480 000 cfa
Orphanages	€ 1 000,- = 655 000 cfa	€ 806,11 = 528 000 cfa
Day of the African Child	€ 250,- = 163 750 cfa	€ 282,98 = 185 350 cfa
Labourday	€ 75,- = 49 125 cfa	€ 0 = 0 cfa
Maternity	€ 3 000 ,- = 1 965 000 cfa	€ 1 457,21 = 954 475 cfa
Partners	€ 300,- = 196 500 cfa	€ 152,67 = 100 000 cfa
Office costs	€ 750,- = 491 250	€ 301,76 = 197 650 cfa
Team in Cameroon Allowance	€ 3 500,- = 2 292 500 cfa	€ 3 789,50 = 2 482 125 cfa
TOTAL	€ 14 625 ,- = 9 579 375 cfa	€ 10 000,- = 6 550 000 cfa

Needs For Children stayed within budget.



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.

Destiny Cyril

We helped him last year at the general Hospital. Marie stumbled on the mother who complained that he had problems with his ear. He was consulted at Ejed Clinic. But when the lab results came out, the mother never came back for drugs.

17 200 cfa = € 26,26

Twin boys Meboka Regina

These twins were delivered on 2 different days and dates. One was delivered at the village and the 2nd at the general hospital. Their mother died few days after. They suffered from Neonatal infection due to poor hygiene condition. They were placed at the treatment room. The NGO took care of their medications, lab tests and bought basic needs for them. The NGO also supplied them milk since they were not breastfeeding. We were to supply them milk for 6 months. The aunty who decided to take care of the twin went with them to the village and never came back. We gave them in total 4 times milk.



291 500 cfa = € 445,04



Twins Nokwa Emmaculate

18 year old Nokwa Emmaculate was pregnant for the first time and never attended any ANC. She delivered triplets but the first one died few minutes after delivery. She delivered them at a local medicine store at the village. She was later rushed to the Kumba Regional Hospital Annex for further medical attention. We helped with lab tests, medications, incubator fee, milk and blood transfusion. After an admission of 42 days the little boys were finally discharged.



267 850 cfa = € 408,93

Bb Sophia Okatoke

Bb Sophia is a baby that was delivered at Kang Barombi's health centre with a weight of 1.1 kg. The baby was below weight and suffered from neonatal infections, jaundice and shortage of blood. His saturation lever was always low. The case was referred to the General Hospital. The mother has been unable to neither go to the lab nor buy medications. It was at this juncture that the hospital called for the NGO on Saturday the 24th of August 2024, for assistance. This case has been one of our toughest cases, but God saw us through it. After staying at the incubator and on permanent oxygen for almost 2 months the baby girl survived. We helped her with incubator fee, medications and lab test.



414 350 cfa = € 632,60



Leke Peter

He is 3 years old and has eye problem. He can't see well. This situation was from birth. We consulted him at Manna eye clinic when they came to kumba. He was diagnosed with Nystagmus. He was advised to go either to Kongsamba or Baffoussam to do retraction on mydriasis and retinoscopy under general anesthesia. He was placed on some eye drops. The case couldn't be followed up since the both places are very far from Kumba.

5 000 cfa = € 7,63

Nkide Ramson

He is 14 years old and suffering from Otitis media. This has affected his sight, hearing and stability. He was discharged from the Kumba regional hospital annex and referred to Buea to see a specialist but somebody directed him to Ejed Clinic. Here the doctor tried his best and he was fine. We paid for his lab tests and medication.

The team visited his house and saw their desperate condition and decided to buy him a mattress.

146 300 cfa = € 223,36



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.

275 000 cfa = € 419,85



Nsoh Clovert

He is 19 years old and is an epileptic patient. He was brought in by the manager of Ejed Clinic. He was diagnosed of malaria and typhoid but was not able to pay his bills. The NGO took care of the bills and bought him medication. The treatment helped him.

11 500 cfa = € 17,56



Atutu Serah

The Kumba Regional Hospital Annex called us for this case. Bb Atutu was 3 days old and suffering from suspected congenital cardiopathy. He also suffered for neonatal sepsis for 13 days. The NGO tried to assist the parents financially to take the baby to Buea to see the specialists but the parents were not willing. Rather, they preferred going to see a prophet. Living on oxygen, the parents said they should remove the child so that they can take him home. We tried on our level to assist them with 2nd line treatment, lab tests and incubator fee. We don't know how it ended. They left without our notice.



2 000 cfa = € 3,05

In Memoriam

Anwei Helen

This case was brought to us by the manager of Ejed Clinic. Bb Helen was 1 year 7 month old, suffering from watery stool, severe Malaria, cough, malnutrition, vomiting, general body weakness. The mother explained that the child has been sick since she was 3 months. Up till now the child was not walking. After being admitted for a week, we were called to assist. We helped in the areas of lab tests, medications and bed fee. She was later on showing signs of meningitis, but unfortunately, she died.



191 700 cfa = € 292,67



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.

The prison this year had 11 visits from February till December 2024 with the following topics:

- February: Juvenile Delinquency
- March: Dental Care "Tooth Brushing"
- April: causes and prevention of Malaria
- May: Educative Talk on starting a small business
- June: puff –puff making
- July: educative talk on Agriculture
- August: educative talk on STD
- September: selection of trade
- October: importance of obedience
- November: skin diseases
- December: end of year visit "distribution of Christmas gifts"

480 000 cfa = € 732,82

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.



528 000 cfa = € 806,11



4) Day of the African Child

As usual, this day has always been celebrated every 16th June. The team joined the government to celebrate this day. This time around, we celebrated it 2 days to the D-Day because it fell on a Sunday. We visited the pediatric ward and maternity with bowls, bathing soaps, omo, socks, kernel oil etc. The mothers as well as the administration were really happy.



185 350 cfa = € 282,98



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.



Besingi Hannah

Age: 15 years

Situation: 7 month pregnant when she came to the office with the aunt to seek for help. She doesn't speak well. She is a wanderer, moving from one place to another and she finally got pregnant. The guy who did it refused to take responsibility.

Expected Due Date: 20 June 2024

Delivery Date: Cesarean section, 06 July 2024. She gave birth to a baby boy. Weight: 4,5 kg.

361 500 cfa = € 551,91

Netongo Prudencia

Age: 15 years

Situation: Prudencia and her mother came to the office from Match village to plead for help. The man who impregnate her was nowhere to be found.

Expected Due Date: 07 September 2024

Delivery Date: Cesarean section, 14 October 2024. She gave birth to a baby boy. Weight: 3,4 kg.

223 400 cfa = € 341,07



Nkide Marie

Age: 16 years

Situation: She was rushed to Ejed Clinic where we were informed that she is going through premature labour. She came in on the 12th of July 2024 and delivered the next day 13th of July 2024 of a baby girl. We named her Kim Maria. She too benefitted from baby basic needs, medications and delivery fee.

154 625 cfa = € 236,07



Kongwe Monica

Age: 16 years

Situation: She was pregnant from another student. The boy got angry after finding out she was pregnant and wanted her to do abortion. She refused and since then she hasn't seen the guy. Monica came in and labtest showed that she had malaria. Treatment was given and she was asked for rendezvous. Unfortunately Monica never came back.

Expected Due Date: ?

Delivery date: ?

31 000 cfa = € 47,32



Mofako Precious

Age: 16 years

Situation: She came in when she was 7 months pregnant.

Expected Due Date: 23 November 2024

Delivery date: Cesarean section, 27 October 2024. She gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

183 950 cfa = € 280,84

6) Partners

On Partners this year, the NGO offered end of year feast to its partners. Our partners from S/A, KRHA, Prison < DGRE and Ejed clinic were invited and we had a nice time. We used this opportunity to thank them for the previous year and their constant support for us. We also shared our vision with them, telling them our strengths, weaknesses and challenges for the year

100 000 cfa = € 152,67

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.

197 650 cfa = € 301,76

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.

2 482 125 cfa = € 3789,50

Labourday: 49 000 cfa = € 74,81

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Finances

INCOME 2024

Private donations:	€	798,05
Rentage saving account	€	<u>150,27</u>
	€	948,32

EXPENSES 2024

Projects in Cameroon:	€	10 000,-
Transer Costs:	€	200,-
Costs NGO:	€	858,09
Costs Rabobank:	€	<u>181,68</u>
	€	11 239,77

INCOME	– EXPENSES	= <i>BALANCE 2024</i>
€ 948,32	– € 11 239,77	= - € 10 291,45

START 2024	+ BALANCE 2024	= START 2025
€ 14 350,-	- € 10 291,45	= € 4 058,55



Preview 2024

1. Expected projects

As the money is not that much anymore, we have to conclude that next year will be our last year of existence. The money left will be shared carefully as follows:

➤ Noah Henry

He is the only child that we help every month with foodstuff. We can not just stop that without any notice. So we will make an extra big parcel for him..

➤ Prison

All these years that we visited the prison on a monthly base is coming to an end. We will once more visit the prison with a heavy package. To thank them for allowing us inside and for allowing us to be there for the young inmates.

➤ Orphanages

Since the beginning of the NGO we are having close contacts with all the orphanages in Kumba. They know where to find us and we know where to find them. It has become like family. So of course we will visit them all one last time. And not with empty hands.

➤ Partners

We will make sure to end everything in a correct way with the partners. We will share the annual reports as usual and we will visit all our partners. To thank everyone for the wonderful collaboration in the past 14 years.

➤ Children

And of course we will do a last round around the children in the hospital. That is where everything started. Our love for the children. We will give them a wonderful day with for everybody a parcel to take home with.



2. Budget planning

Project	Budget
Noah Henry	100 000 cfa = € 152,67
Prison	350 000 cfa = € 534,35
Orphanages	450 000 cfa = € 687,02
Partners	60 000 cfa = € 91,60
Children	350 000 cfa = € 534,35
Team in Cameroon allowance	655 000 cfa = € 1 000
Last costs in the Netherlands	655 000 cfa = € 1 000
TOTAL	2 620 000 cfa = € 4 000



Epilogue

On behalf of the entire team, thank you for your interest in our Needs For Children foundation. 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

