

# Policy plan

## Stichting Little Smile Foundation

### 2020-2021

#### Introduction

In 2016-2017 we (as private persons) realized three projects in Peru:

1. Educational institution Leoncio Prado, Karina, Chucuito, Puno, Peru – we helped equip the school with furniture and computers.
2. Educational institution Capi Cruz Grande, Uros Chulluni, Puno, Peru – we helped rebuild the school after it was destroyed by fire, equipped the school with furniture, and provided a boat with motor so that the school children, who live with their parents on self-build thatched islands on Lake Titicaca in Peru, could be transported safely to school and back.
3. Educational institution Capi Cruz Grande, Uros Tribuna, Puno, Peru – we provided a boat with motor so that the school children, who live with their parents on self-build thatched islands on Lake Titicaca in Peru, could be transported safely to school and back.

The project evaluation showed that we made a significant positive difference in all three cases. This made us decide to continue our work and opt for a fundamental basis: a foundation with official Dutch ANBI status. The establishment of the foundation took place on June 27, 2018.

#### Mission

Together we make children's lives more promising by supporting small-scale projects in developing countries.

#### Objective

The objective of the Little Smile Foundation (LSF) is to make the lives of children more promising and furthermore everything that is related in the broadest sense, that belongs to it and / or can be conducive to it. LSF tries to achieve its goal by, among other things, raising funds and thereby supporting small-scale projects in mainly developing countries.

The board searches for projects within its international network and then approaches donors on the basis of specific project applications. Once the required budget has been collected, implementation is coordinated by the board, with or without the help of local volunteers.

We intend to realize 1 to 3 projects annually.

## 2018 - 2019

We realized four projects in 2018 and 2019 and disengaged in one:

4. Professional training for former child soldiers, Monrovia, Liberia - in 2017 Wouter (LSF secretary) met a group of former child soldiers in Liberia. In the spring of 2018, LSF submitted a budget request to a donor for a project with the aim to give nine young people a vocational boarding school training of one year. After it was honored, we started to work. We are now two years further and we have to conclude that, despite the efforts of many (in particular Colinda Janssen and René Heupink), hardly any progress could be made, due to the severe drug addiction of the former child soldiers. Therefore, we decided with pain in our hearts, to stop supporting this project financially.
5. Educational institution of Suana, Suana Island, Peru - we have provided this school with furniture, computers and musical instruments.
6. Educational institution of Anapia, Anapia Island, Peru - we have provided this school with furniture, computers and a boat with motor for transport of school children and teachers.
7. Healthcare institution House of Peace, July, Peru - we have ensured that this care institution has the necessary equipment and materials to improve the quality of life of disabled people.
8. Educational institution of Conima, Conima, Moho, Puno, Peru - we have provided this school with furniture and computers.

## 2020 - 2021

This policy plan covers the period 2020 - 2021. We have the ambition to realize 1 to 3 projects per year, also in the coming two years. Currently we are in conversation with several organizations in need of help in Nepal, Uganda and India. Meanwhile, we have received two concrete and appropriate applications.

### Children from Dahding, Nepal

In Nepal we have contact with Stichting Veldwerk (SVN). The mission of SVN is: *"Working to improve living conditions and position within the Nepalese society of marginalized women & children through education, awareness, vocational training and income generation"*. SVN is convinced that its initiatives can only succeed if there is cooperation with the local community. Hence the collaboration with the local organization Education First Foundation (EFF).

EFF is a Nepalese foundation established in 2008. This foundation offers scholarships to around 150 children. EFF ensures that at least half of the enrolled students are girls and EFF gives priority to disabled children who are a marginalized group in Nepal.

Little Smile Foundation has been approached to sponsor 12 school children in the Dhading region to ensure a better future for them. The necessary support for the coming years was lacking for these children. This meant that, without further support, they would have to leave the school in April 2020. EFF is in close contact with the children and the families in which they grow up. In all 12 cases, it is a home situation that is financially distressing but stable. All 12 children are greatly motivated and make good progress. That is why EFF and SVN want to give these children the opportunity to develop further at school and thus lay the foundation for a promising future.

Thanks to a donor, Little Smile Foundation will make education for these 12 children possible for the next three years, starting in April 2020.

#### St. Francis Training Institute, Mbarara, Uganda

Wouter (secretary LSF) has met Sister Christine Ntibarutaye and Mary Carmel Moran in Mbarara, Uganda. Both women lead the St. Francis Family Helper Programme (SFFHP), “a charity organization registered in Uganda, the UK, and in Ireland”. SFFHP started in 1984 with a Child Sponsorship Project. In 1986 a Tailoring School was added and in 1999 a Counsellor Training. Since 2019, it operates under the name ‘St. Francis Training Institute’.

St. Francis Training Institute is a vocational school where young people are vocationally trained and educated, to become a tailor or a counselor. The Institute trains around 100 young people a year, often coming from disadvantaged families.

St. Francis Training Institute is in need to upgrade her computer room, as without a good, functioning computer room, adequate education is hardly possible anymore, also in Uganda. For example, the young people graduating from the tailoring school often go to find work in Kampala. But without computer skills they still have little chance of getting a job nowadays. Little Smile Foundation has been approached for financial support, so that 30 new laptops can be purchased.

We have found a donor for this project too. 30 New laptops will be purchased and installed in the first half of 2020.

As indicated, we are also in conversation with a number of organizations in India. We expect to receive another concrete, appropriate application in the course of 2020.

## Board

The unpaid board consists of Maarten Verhoeven (chair), Wouter Verhoeven (secretary) and Rianne Vermeulen (treasurer). Thanks to our contributors we are able to do this beautiful work.

## Employees

The Foundation has no employees and makes use of volunteers, both in the Netherlands and on location, in the places where the projects are realized.

## Finance

The financial year of the Foundation is equal to the calendar year. At the end of each financial year, the treasurer draws up a balance sheet and a statement of income and expenditure. This takes place within six months after the end of each financial year. Our first financial report will cover the period from June 2018 to December 2019 (extended financial year), and will be ready before 1 July 2020.

## The raising of funds

Donations mainly come from foundations, companies and private persons.



## Management and spending of assets

The Foundation does not have the objective of making profit. The assets of the Foundation will be formed by:

1. grants and other contributions;
2. donations and legacies;
3. all other acquisitions and benefits.

The Foundation can only accept legacies under the privilege of inventory.

At least 95% of the Foundation's income is spent on making children's lives more promising in developing countries mainly.

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