

Policy plan

Stichting Little Smile Foundation

2022-2023

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. After two years we concluded 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

Despite COVID-19, we have completed four projects in the period 2020 - 2021:

10. St. Francis Training Institute, Mbarara, Uganda
We provided this school, a training institute for young tailors and counsellors, with 30 new laptops.
11. St. Francis Training Institute, Mbarara, Uganda
After the completion of project ten, we started a second project with St. Francis Training Institute. This time we made it possible to purchase the necessary sewing machines and tailoring tools for a fully equipped new tailoring classroom.
Sister Christine Ntibarutaye and Mary Carmel Moran run St. Francis Training Institute in Mbarara (Uganda) with a lot of love and commitment. It was a privilege to help them realize these two projects!
12. Young girl, Lira, Uganda
Through our work in Uganda, we encountered a young girl who needed urgent medical attention. The treatment has been successfully completed.
13. Educational institution of Kamsontenga, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Together with AGAD (Association Graceland Action & Development), Lenie Hoegen Dijkhof, her husband Yessa Diarra and our donors, we realized the first three classrooms plus general facilities of a new school in the Kamsontenga district. We congratulate AGAD and its chairman André, for this enormous achievement. The contract was signed in March 2021, and the school opened seven months later. Chapeau! Special thanks go to our supervisors on site, Lenie and Yessa, for their enormous commitment and involvement.

Current projects

Three projects are currently underway:

9. Children from Dhading, Nepal

We made possible that 12 children, from families with no financial means, can go to school for three years (2020 – 2022). Given the COVID-19 challenges, the period may be extended.

14. Multipurpose hall, Varanasi, India

Father Abhi (DARE) runs a shelter for young girls, who were found homeless and without family in the train stations of Varanasi. The goal is to reunite the children with the parents as soon as possible. The current shelter is too small. Partly thanks to the support of the Wilde Ganzen Foundation (a Dutch NGO), we are going to build a multipurpose hall. We expect this hall will put into use at the end of 2022.

15. Burlobo Rock View Primary School, Lira, Uganda

At the request of Patrick Olwit Ogwang, school inspector in Lira district, we are going to realize water supply for this school. The contract has been signed. Preparations for the realization have been started. We expect that the school will have clean drinking water from Q2 2022, so that the children will not have to walk miles every day to fetch water for the school.

2022 - 2023

This policy plan covers the period 2022 - 2023.

As stated before, we have the ambition to realize 1 to 3 projects per year, also in the coming two years.

We are talking with our partners in India to start a second project there. There is also interest in Burkina Faso in doing a second project with the Little Smile Foundation. In both cases, we will probably continue the conversations after the current projects are at an advanced stage or have been completed (including financial reporting).

Because existing donors are satisfied with our efforts, we expect to be able to knock on their door again in the future. Thanks in part to our efforts on social media, we have found some new donors who are willing to donate for future projects. In summary: we continue with our work with confidence.

Board

The unpaid Little Smile Foundation 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. The most current report can be found on our website.

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 by supporting small-scale projects in developing countries.

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