

Annual report 2019



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1. Preface

Kufambatose Foundation - Samen op pad has been established with the aim of improving the quality of life and care for children with motor disabilities and their families in the district of Zaka, Zimbabwe.

To this end, our project coordinator Willemijn Simons-Rüttimann has already set up a project in 2015-2016, which we as the Kufambatose Foundation have adopted as a whole, in order to be able to perpetuate and expand that project.

Willemijn worked for almost 3 years as a physiotherapist at Musiso Mission Hospital and in collaboration with Ndanga District Hospital, in Zaka District, Masvingo Province, Zimbabwe. She was sent with her partner by Comundo, a Swiss NGO in the field of development cooperation. She now lives and works in Switzerland again.

On March 7, 2018, the Kufambatose Foundation - Samen op pad was founded. We have worked hard to set up a small but powerful organization, in accordance with the rules and standards applicable to foundations. This was successful. We have been granted the ANBI ordination and meet all conditions to keep it. Our board is stable and competent and is supported by enthusiastic volunteers.

In this annual report you can read what we did in 2019, with what project we were (and still are) active in 2019, what the results are, and how we spent the money received. The financial statements can be found at the back of this annual report.

We thank all our donors, our family and friends for the support we have received over the past year.

Board Kufambatose Foundation

Anne-Miek Simons, chairman
Judith de Greef, secretary
Jacques Cloin, treasurer
Willemijn Simons, project coordinator
Marcel Boosten, general board member

2. Organisation

Objective

The main goal of the Kufambatose Foundation is to improve the quality of life and care for children with motor disabilities and their families in Zaka District, Zimbabwe, by working with local health care professionals embedded in local organizations and communities.

Vision

The name of the foundation, Kufambatose- Samen op pad, which means “Progressing together” in Dutch, has been developed in collaboration and expresses the vision from which the foundation wants to work.

Volunteers from the foundation here and in Switzerland as well as the people on the spot in Zimbabwe (professionals and possible volunteers) and the children with their parents all work together to support children with a motor handicap in the Zaka district and to achieve our goals.

The ultimate goal is that ongoing projects can be carried out by the local authorities, the healthcare professionals and the local population completely independently. This in order to make external support no longer necessary.

Leading in this is the individuality and culture of Zimbabwe. This is the basis to achieve lasting and widely supported results.

Optimal use of the possibilities on site is essential. Increasing knowledge and skills among local healthcare professionals, volunteers, parents / carers of the children and the local population is of the utmost importance. With this, they can jointly improve the care and living conditions for children with a motor disability as well as promote the understanding and acceptance within the community. Local networks and contact with local and national authorities are essential in this. In the long term, this care will hopefully be fully funded by these governments or other agencies in Zimbabwe.

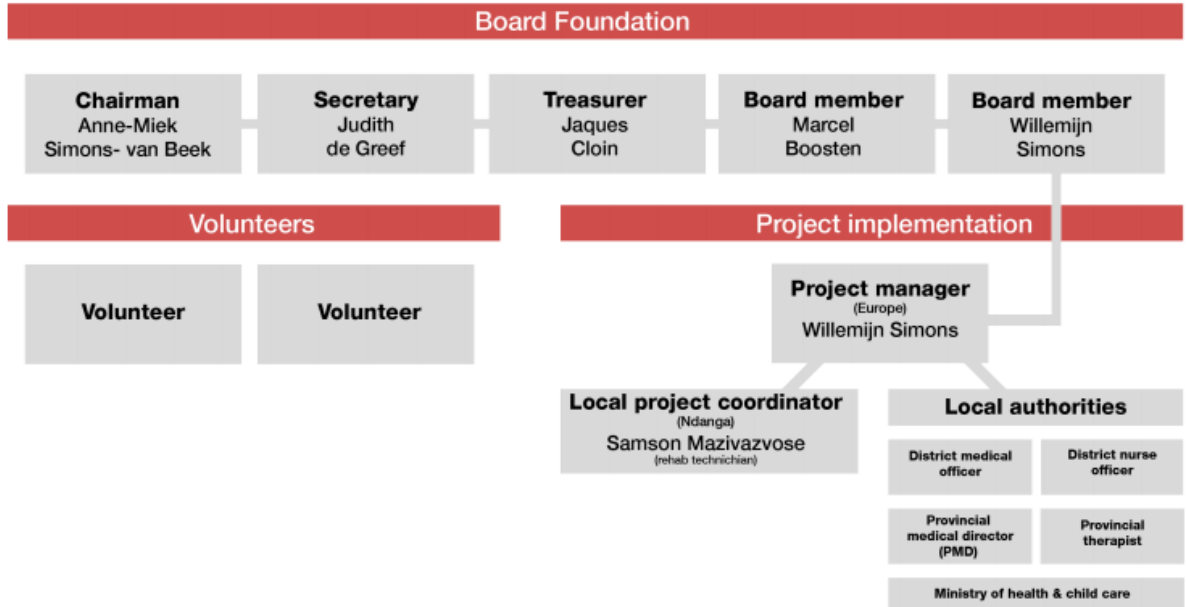
Method

The foundation cannot exist, achieve the objectives or initiate facilities if there are no, or insufficient funds available. Raising funds and donations is therefore critical. In 2019, a plan was created to obtain the necessary finances for 2020 and beyond, which are necessary to achieve the objectives.

The primary aim during this planning period is to gain such awareness among potential donors and subsidizers that a cooperation is established that can create a stronger base for the foundation’s objectives. Possibly with commitments and agreements for several years.

Board and volunteers

The board consists of five members; a chairman, treasurer and secretary, and two general board members.



3. Project 2019

Project: **Rehabilitation care for children with motor disabilities in Zaka District, Masvingo Province, Zimbabwe.**

Problemdefinition:

Children in Zimbabwe with a motor handicap often live with their families in very poor conditions. Especially in the rural areas of Zimbabwe. Insight into the underlying cause of the disability is often absent. Knowledge about the development opportunities and rights of these children, such as access to education, is usually lacking.

Moreover, having a disability often comes with a stigma: it is often thought that an evil spirit has taken possession of these children, or that they have been bewitched by one of the ancestors. As a result, mothers are often left alone with the child, or the child is simply left with the grandmother. This makes these children outsiders, isolated from their living and residential communities.

For many of these families with children with disabilities, medical, paramedical and / or social care is not or hardly accessible. The distance to a health centre or a hospital is a major limiting factor, especially if transport costs are involved. Therefore, the majority of these children have never been seen by a healthcare provider.

Target audience:

Children with primary motor disabilities and their parents.

Activities:

Supporting and guiding the monthly three-day workshops and community-based rehabilitation (rehabilitation involving the community) for children with motor disabilities and their caregivers in the Zaka district, Zimbabwe. With this a holistic treatment program is offered.

Early identification of children at risk of developing disabilities in Zaka District through implementation of the so-called AT-RISK sticker program.

Training of healthcare professionals on the spot. Supporting and guiding the organization of community meetings in order to increase the knowledge and understanding of disabilities among the local population and care providers.

The treatment team consists of 4 local professional care providers (Rehab Technicians). Furthermore, VHW (Village Health Workers) are trained to follow and support families in the home situation and in the communities.

Results:

- Forms of collaboration that emerged in 2019:
 - In 2019, Ndanga Hospital became for our project a partner organization (PO) of the Leonard Cheshire Disability Zimbabwe (LCDZ), a strategic partner organization (SPO) of the Lilianefonds. The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is supported from this.
 - Contacts were made with “Wilde Ganzen”; a 2-year collaboration has been promised, which will be further developed in 2020.
- Donations were received from individuals and some small organizations.
- A folder has been developed to bring the Foundation to the attention more clearly.

- in January and December 2019, 2 newsletters were distributed to interested parties, donors and potential donors.
- We were able to make an additional donation to affected families from our project after Cyclone Idai. In order to do this we have made an extra appeal to interested parties and well-known donors of our project.
- September 31 - October 16, 2019 project visit in Zimbabwe:
 - We participated in a 3-day workshop and were very satisfied with the expertise and the guidance of parents and children.
 - We talked about
 - Possibilities of registration of our Foundation in Zimbabwe by starting the establishment of a Trust Kufambatose on the spot.
 - The development of the CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation):
 - The wish for a Rehab Village, for which an application for permission was now submitted to the local authorities.
 - The wish for an Income Generating Project: on own initiative a start was made for a chicken project.
 - The problems with integration of the children in the schools
 - The major social problems in families and communities
 - The wish to involve fathers in the program
 - We had contact with some local authorities, such as the District Medical Officer (DMO) and the Provincial Therapist (PT).
 - We visited the Australian Embassy, our largest donor in 2019.
 - With our local project coordinator we discussed his daily work, analysed problems and looked at possible solutions and adjustments to the approach. For example we looked again at the programs on his laptop and adjusted these. Moreover we discussed the collaboration with us as the Kufambatose Foundation in Europe; we were very satisfied from both sides.
- In 2019, there were 3 groups which means about 60-70 children were seen every 2 months. There is a request for a 4th group, but currently we do not have a guaranteed stable financing for this yet.
- Our local project coordinator in Zimbabwe is in contact with several local schools. In collaboration with the School Psychological Service of Zaka district, 3 children could be admitted to the local school (inclusive education). About 7 children go to school. At one school there is now a class for "special need" children, led by a specialized teacher, in which at least 2 of our children participate.
- In 2019, there was the option to transfer US dollar cash to Zimbabwe and keep it in a safe place. This to make sure our project coordinator was not exposed to any risk of not getting money through the bank due to the unreliability of the banking options in Zimbabwe.

Project costs:

See chapter 5. Financial accountability

4. Education

The Kufambatose Foundation focuses its information activities on all organizations and people interested in the project. PR and information takes place via the website and the newsletter. The newsletter has been sent to a wide group of interested parties. In 2019, a brochure was developed. These brochures are now located in places such as child physiotherapy practices, rehabilitation centers, etc.

5. Financial accountability

Subject: Annual financial report 2019

Financial year: 2019.

Assets		BALANCE 31-12-2019	Liabilities
Cash	4.687	Reserve payment guarantee	1.501
Bank	27.304	Reserve fees	2.500
		Operating funds	27.990
	<u>31.991</u>		<u>31.991</u>

Proceeds	Earmarked Donations	5.306	
	Unearmarked Donations	8.761	
	Gifts	<u>3.087</u>	
			17.154
Costs	Projectcosts	17.395	
	General costs	1.901	
	Emergency Aid Zimbabwe	<u>4.038</u>	
			23.234
Difference between proceeds and costs			-6.080

General:

This is the second annual financial report of the foundation and the first for a full financial year: 01-01-2019 / 31-12-2019. As a result, it gives a good indication of the financial progress and the result for 2019.

Income

Revenues in 2019 mainly came in as 'unearmarked' donations from individuals and organizations who support the work of the foundation. These amounted to € 8.761,-- (2018: € 5.692,--). In addition, funds (€ 4,806) were specifically received for emergency relief. The foundation spent this through our local project coordinator on people who suffered enormous damage to the cyclone in 2019. In addition, € 500 was received as a contribution for purchasing a means of transport for the local project coordinator, intended to visit and support children and their parents at home.

In total, € 17.154 in donations was received in 2019 (2018: € 46.910).

Overheads

The foundation has spent € 1.420 on management costs for the foundation. These funds were spent on ICT costs (€ 286), bank costs (€ 178), exchange differences, transfer and costs to other currencies (€ 495), printed matter and an amount for all kinds of small costs.

Project costs

These are the expenses (€ 17,395) for which the Foundation was established: facilitating the implementation of the project (see elsewhere in the annual report and on the website). It was mainly spent on costs for transport, food and subsidies for the local project staff (€ 14.755).

The foundation's visit to the on-site project in Zimbabwe has cost € 2.598.

Total costs

The total costs of the Foundation were: € 23.234

The Foundation closed the year with a positive balance (Available financing - / - Expenses) of € 6.500.

Of this, the Foundation adds € 2.500 to 'Reserve funds', intended for unexpectedly high expenditure or disappointing revenues.

The remaining € 4.000 was added to the financing of the costs in 2020.

To continue the project beyond 2020, the Foundation hopes to find new sponsors and donors in 2020. In addition, we encourage the local authorities and the local population to gradually take over a larger share of the funding. In this way, the Foundation will create opportunities to start other initiatives, so that the "handicapped care" can become broader and better anchored in the Ndanga

district and perhaps beyond. If sufficient funding is available in the long term, it is possible that a 4th group of disabled children can start with the workshops.

In addition, we hope for sufficient donations, so that our local project coordinator can purchase a proper means of transport. This will allow him to drive to families in the district to provide help and support to the disabled children and their parents on the spot.

Balance

as at 31-12-2019 Assets (cash and cash equivalents) = € 31.990; of which, € 2.500 has been designated as a reserve and € 1.500 as a guarantee for bank transactions. Next to that it is mainly intended for foundation- and project costs and investment in means of transport (€ 27.900) in 2020 and partly for 2021.

6. Looking forward to 2020

Nothing changes in terms of policy. The policy plan that was created at the time of the foundation's establishment will remain in effect, but will be updated.

Until mid-2020, there is sufficient sponsorship money to continue 3 groups and to offer a VHW training day. We will be looking for new sponsors / funds for 2020 and beyond. The collaboration with Wilde Ganzen will be investigated further.

Next to this, attention goes to:

- Striving for an actual registration of our Foundation in Zimbabwe through a Trust. This creates more opportunities on the spot.
- Developing own / independent (financial) options in Zimbabwe
- Research into cooperation with Lilianefonds and MIVA. This regarding the need for transport to visit the communities and schools. This will run through their SPO (Strategic Partner Organization) in Zimbabwe; the LCDZ (Leonard Cheschire Disability Zimbabwe).
- Repeating the workshop for fathers
- Continue research into the possibilities of a Rehab Village.
- Research into possibilities for continuation of a realistic Income Generating Project
- Exploring options for getting US dollars into Zimbabwe.
- Publishing a newsletter with current information (2x).

A project visit is scheduled for July 2020