

Annual report 2025



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1. Preface

In 2025, we were introduced to **Inspire2Care**, a structured approach that gradually transfers responsibility for healthcare to central and local government, both organisationally and financially. For the Kufambatose Foundation, this provides a potential exit strategy following a successful transformation process. It may also open opportunities for collaboration with major international funds.

This annual report therefore covers the two projects that ran in parallel in 2025:

- Chapter 3: Rehabilitation Care Project
- Chapter 4: Inspire2Care Project

Throughout this report, we clearly distinguish between the contributions of the Kufambatose Foundation in the Netherlands and those of our partner organisation, Trust Kufamba Tose in Zimbabwe.

In 2025, another project visit took place, covering both the Rehabilitation Care Project and the Inspire2Care Project. The Rehabilitation Care Project continued as planned, although this required flexibility because Inspire2Care emerged as an important new opportunity that had not been anticipated in advance. As chairman and key figure within Trust Kufamba Tose, Samson had to divide his time and delegate more responsibilities to others. The management and financial training provided in 2023 and 2024 are now clearly bearing fruit: in 2025, the Trust took on significantly greater financial responsibility, which will be formalised in 2026 through a Memorandum of Understanding. Thanks to our donors, we have enough funding to continue supporting the children currently in the programme throughout 2026.

1.1 Political and Economic Situation in Zimbabwe in 2025

Political Situation

In 2025, Zimbabwe remained stable under the leadership of President Emmerson Mnangagwa and the ruling ZANU-PF party, which has been in power since 1980. The government focussed on reform and cooperation with NGOs, although the opposition remained divided. According to the Freedom House index, the classification remained "Not Free" (score 26/100), but there were positive steps in governance and stability.

During the project visit, we observed greater government oversight than in previous years. Government representatives regularly accompanied project activities to see what the Trust was doing and how it was operating. This also had a positive side: it gave the authorities a clearer understanding of the Trust's work on the ground. Although working in this context remains challenging, the Trust is experienced in engaging with the authorities. This reflects the broader

governance environment in which NGOs such as the Trust must navigate registration processes, including the PVO process, while continuing to cooperate with government bodies.

Economic Situation

Economically, Zimbabwe recovered in 2025 after the 2024 drought, with GDP growth projected at 6.6%, driven mainly by agriculture, mining and services. Inflation eased as monetary policy tightened. The Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG) currency showed greater stability during the year, although public confidence remained fragile and the US dollar continued to dominate many transactions.

Major challenges nevertheless remained. High public debt and external arrears continued to limit access to affordable financing, while poverty, unemployment and corruption remained persistent concerns, especially in rural areas. Poverty declined only gradually and remained highly vulnerable to weather shocks and weak social protection. At the same time, the government continued to promote reforms aimed at improving the investment climate.



Impact on the Kufambatose Foundation and the Kufamba Tose Trust

In this context, the Trust operates in an economically fragile and politically sensitive environment, with support from the Kufambatose Foundation. Poverty reinforces stigma around disability, including harmful cultural beliefs and discrimination, while limited government support and scarce local funding increase reliance on foreign donors. At the same time, the Trust is working to strengthen community ownership and expand its approach through Inspire2Care, despite ongoing risks such as economic shocks and future health crises. Sector growth and greater economic stability may also create opportunities for partnerships and increased local fundraising.

Overall, Zimbabwe showed signs of recovery in 2025, but deep structural challenges continued to require the Trust to work in adaptive and sustainable ways.

This is why we have such deep respect for the commitment of our local Trust members. They work with great dedication to improve the quality of life of children with motor disabilities, their caregivers and their communities in Zaka district, despite the many challenges they face.

With the support of our sponsors in Europe, we will continue to stand alongside them for as long as we can, in the interests of the children.

1.2 Sustainable development

Through our work, we also contributed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals adopted in 2015.



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to which we contributed in 2025 are:

1. No Poverty
3. Good Health and Well-being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality

- 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
- 10. Reduced Inequalities
- 17. Partnerships for the Goals

1.3 Origins of the Kufambatose Foundation

The Kufambatose Foundation – Progressing Together was established to improve the quality of life and care of children with motor disabilities and their families in Zaka district, Zimbabwe.

Our project coordinator, Willemijn Simons-Rüttimann, launched an earlier project with the same aim in 2015–2016. The Kufambatose Foundation built on that work to stabilise and expand the project.

Willemijn worked for nearly three years as a physiotherapist at Musiso Mission Hospital and in collaboration with Ndanga District Hospital in Zaka district, Masvingo province, Zimbabwe. She and her partner were sent by Comundo, a Swiss NGO active in human development cooperation. On 7 March 2018, Stichting Kufambatose – Samen op pad was founded. Since then, we have worked hard to build a small but effective organisation that meets the standards applicable to foundations. We were granted ANBI status and continue to meet all requirements. Our board is stable and capable and is supported by committed volunteers.

This annual report describes our activities in 2025, the projects we worked on, the results achieved, and how we used the funds received. The financial accountability section appears at the end of the report.

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

Board of the Kufambatose Foundation

- Marcel Boosten, Chairman
- Corita Boons, Secretary
- Anne-Miek Simons, Treasurer
- Willemijn Simons-Rüttimann, Project Coordinator
- Janita Ebeke, General Board Member

2. Organization

Objective

The Kufambatose Foundation aims to improve the quality of life and care of children with motor disabilities and their families in Zaka District, Zimbabwe, by working with local healthcare professionals embedded in local organisations and communities.

Vision

The name of the foundation, Kufambatose, means “Progressing together”. It was chosen collaboratively and reflects the vision that guides our work.

Volunteers from the foundation in the Netherlands and Switzerland, together with local professionals, volunteers, children and parents in Zimbabwe, work side by side to support children with motor disabilities in Zaka District and to achieve our shared goals.



Mission

Our goal is for ongoing projects eventually to be carried out independently by local authorities, healthcare professionals and communities, so that external support is no longer needed. In doing so, we are guided by the culture, context and needs of Zimbabwe, as the basis for lasting and widely supported results.

Making the best possible use of local resources is essential. Strengthening the knowledge and skills of local healthcare professionals, volunteers, parents, caregivers and community members is therefore a priority. Together, they can improve care and living conditions for children with motor disabilities while also promoting understanding and acceptance within the community.

Local networks and strong relationships with local and national authorities are key to this approach. In the long term, we hope that this care will be fully funded by government bodies or other organisations in Zimbabwe.

Method

The foundation cannot operate, pursue its objectives or launch initiatives without sufficient financial resources. Fundraising and donations are therefore essential.

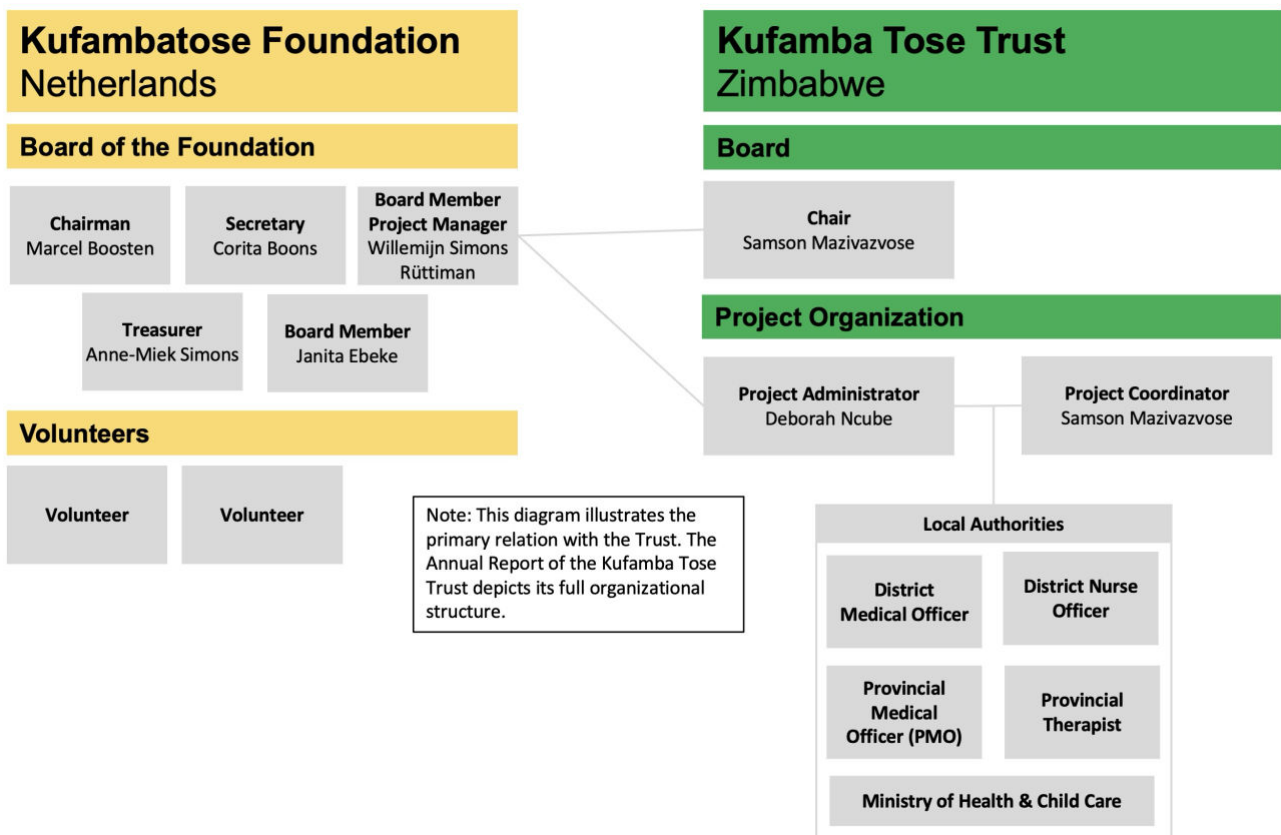
During this planning period, our main aim is to build awareness among donors and grant-making bodies so that long-term partnerships can be established to provide a stronger foundation for our work, ideally through multi-year commitments.

In 2025, we secured the funding needed through grants and private donations.

Board and volunteers

The board consists of five members: a chairman, a treasurer, a secretary and two general board members. All board members serve the foundation on a voluntary basis.

The Kufambatose Foundation works closely with Trust Kufamba Tose in Zimbabwe, which implements the projects and maintains relationships with local authorities. The Trust consists of a Board, responsible for strategic decisions, and a Project Organisation, responsible for implementation within the frameworks set by the Board. The Kufambatose Foundation remains in close contact with key people in both parts of the Trust, as shown in the diagram below.



3. Rehabilitation Care Project 2025

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

Problem definition

Children with motor disabilities in Zimbabwe often live with their families in conditions of severe poverty, especially in rural areas. The underlying causes of their disabilities are often not understood, and knowledge of their rights and development opportunities, including access to education, is frequently limited.

Disability is also often heavily stigmatised. Some people believe that these children are possessed by evil spirits or bewitched by their ancestors. As a result, mothers are often left to care for the child alone, or the child is placed in the care of a grandmother. This leaves many children isolated from their communities.

For many families of children with disabilities, medical, paramedical and social care is difficult or impossible to access. Distance to a clinic or hospital is a major barrier, especially when transport costs are involved. As a result, many of these children have never been seen by a healthcare professional.

Target group

Children with primary motor disabilities and their parents or caregivers.

Activities

- Support and guide support groups in rural areas, where children and their parents or caregivers meet several times a year at one of the children's homes.
- Support and supervise home visits to children with motor disabilities.
- Facilitate income-generating projects to improve families' economic situation.
- Promote early identification of children at risk of developing a disability in Zaka District through the AT-RISK sticker programme.



- Provide on-site training for healthcare professionals, including rehabilitation technicians, therapists and Village Health Workers (VHWs).
- Increase awareness in the region through the involvement of village chiefs and councillors in support groups, information provided by Village Health Workers and clinic nurses, information sessions for teachers, and participation in the annual International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) on 3 December. This helps strengthen awareness of the rights and needs of people with disabilities among local communities and healthcare providers.
- The treatment team consists of three local professional caregivers (rehabilitation technicians). In addition, Village Health Workers (VHWs) and Child Community Workers (CCWs) are trained to monitor and support families at home and within their communities.



3.1 Results - Forms of *collaboration* in 2025

In The Netherlands:

This year as well, the Foundation and the Trust were able to work with Wilde Ganzen.

- **Wilde Week.**
Wilde Week, the Wilde Ganzen fundraising campaign, was an important fundraising moment in 2025. In February and March, we prepared activities for April, when donations would be matched up to a maximum of €10,000. These activities included presentations in churches in Eindhoven, participation in the Ekiden Marathon in Zwolle to support the groups, crowdfunding through a QR code for home visits, and a mailing to regular donors. In May, we reviewed the campaign. Although implementation required considerable time, it generated substantial donations and raised awareness through word of mouth and a newspaper article.
- **Information Day Wilde Ganzen**
In December 2025, board members attended Wilde Ganzen Day on 13 December, themed “Transformative Partnerships for Global Challenges”. The event provided an opportunity to

network around Inspire2Care and to learn more about the extent to which Wilde Ganzen is supporting DPRP.

- **Partin membership**

Partin is a Dutch umbrella organisation that represents private initiatives in development cooperation. Through our membership, we connect with other private initiatives and continue to strengthen the foundation through webinars and other learning opportunities organised by Partin.

- **Platform Zimbabwe Membership**

This platform aims to connect Dutch private initiatives active in Zimbabwe and to encourage the sharing of knowledge and experience.

On 8 November 2025, three board members attended the annual Zimbabwe Platform Day. The programme included discussion of political and social developments in Zimbabwe, exchange of experiences among private initiatives working in the country, and a Zimbabwean musical and cultural activity.

3.2 Results – Forms of *cooperation* in Zimbabwe

- **Trust Development**

In 2025, we continued to strengthen the development of the local Trust Kufamba Tose.

- **Contacts**

The Trust maintains close contact with Village Health Workers (VHWs), the Department of Social Welfare, the District Medical Officer (DMO), the District Nursing Officer (DNO), schools, and Cure Children’s Hospital in Bulawayo.

- **Contact with Trust Kufamba Tose**

The Kufambatose Foundation remains in close contact with local project coordinator Samson Mazivavose and project officer Deborah Ncube through WhatsApp, email, online meetings and phone calls. They also submit a quarterly progress report. In addition, monthly meetings are held with Deborah Ncube, Samson Mazivavose and Willemijn Simons-Rüttimann to review completed activities, organisational progress and any challenges.



3.3 Results – Project activities in the Netherlands

PR:

- **Newsletter**

In July 2025, a newsletter in Dutch and English was distributed to interested parties, donors and potential donors. In December 2025, our private donors received a Christmas card with a message of thanks.

- **Website**

The annual report and financial statements were published on it. The donation button has been removed: the benefits did not justify the costs.

- **Facebook and Instagram**

Trust Kufamba Tose’s Facebook page in Zimbabwe remained active. In addition, we used Instagram for public outreach.

- **Presentations**

We gave a presentation at the Jacobuskerk in Eindhoven and, during the project visit in Zimbabwe, at the Rotary Club of Harare.



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary Club of Avondale (Harare)

KUFAMBATOSE'S IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES

TOPIC: WALKING HAND IN HAND FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ZAKA

GUEST SPEAKER: MAI ANNA WILLEMIJIN SIMONS

- A Physiotherapist specialized in children with Disabilities.
- Lived and worked in Musiso Mission Hospital, Zaka from 2014-2016.
- Co-founder and Project Manager of the Kufambatose program.
- Currently working in Kenya in the area Rehabilitation and disability inclusion.
- Originally from the Netherlands, but also lived and worked in Switzerland for more than 15 years.

ONLINE MEETING

Details to be provided.

JOIN US ON TUESDAY
13 MAY 2025
1800HRS -1900HRS

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Finance:

- **Donations**
See the financial report in Chapter 6.
- **Local fundraising**
In 2025, Trust Kufamba Tose explored opportunities for local fundraising in Zimbabwe, but this proved challenging.
- **Money in US dollars to Zimbabwe**
In 2025, we initially transferred funds to Zimbabwe every two months and later moved to quarterly transfers. These are now made through Trust Kufamba Tose's local bank account, with Stonex as intermediary. Part of the funding is also transferred directly by Wilde Ganzen to the Trust's local bank account in Zimbabwe. Although a bank account is more expensive than WorldRemit, it is necessary for working with partners such as Wilde Ganzen and supports the Trust's position as an independent organisation in Zimbabwe, particularly in relation to Inspire2Care and closer cooperation with government.

Process improvements:

- **Cloud Access for Trust Kufamba Tose in Zimbabwe**
In 2025, we explored whether Trust Kufamba Tose could access the Foundation's Microsoft cloud in the Netherlands or whether a separate cloud solution would be needed. Trust Kufamba Tose now uses the Kufambatose Foundation's Microsoft cloud environment at no additional cost. The documents and access rights of both organisations remain strictly separated.
- **Cashbook Trust**

In 2025, the Trust's cashbook was further improved and partially automated to increase transparency and reduce administrative workload in both Zimbabwe and the Netherlands.



3.4 Results – Project visit 2025

From 18 April to 2 May 2025, two board members, Willemijn and Anne-Miek, visited Zimbabwe. The main purpose of the visit was to support Trust Kufamba Tose in strategic planning, practical fieldwork, capacity building and network development.

Willemijn led a one-day Strategic Plan Workshop for Trust members, during which the Trust's mission, vision and values were discussed openly.

After this management-focused day, the team visited the project in Zaka. They also joined a support group attended by 10 children and their mothers. It was clear that the Trust members had built strong relationships with the mothers. Alongside therapy for the children, meaningful conversations took place about acceptance, stigma and income opportunities.

A home visit was also made to a 17-year-old boy living in a remote rural area who had sustained a spinal cord injury in a mining accident. During the visit, possible support options were explored, including housing adaptations and training, in collaboration with other organisations.

The team also visited Cure Children’s Hospital, where children from the project are referred for orthopaedic surgery. During the visit, agreements were made on how to strengthen the Trust’s cooperation with the hospital. In addition, a visit was made to King George VI School for children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or physically impaired.

The visit also highlighted the difficult economic context. Daily life was largely dollarised, supermarkets were well stocked but prices were high, poverty was visible, and confidence in the local currency remained weak. Government oversight was also more noticeable, with officials regularly monitoring project activities. Although this creates challenges, it also helps the government better understand the Trust’s work on the ground. Despite these conditions, the Trust team showed strong motivation and clear growth, reflected in improved structure and greater emphasis on local ownership as the basis for sustainable impact in the years ahead.

The visit was intensive and included many unexpected encounters, but it gave a strong boost to collaboration and to the Trust’s long-term vision.

3.5 Results – Project activities in Zimbabwe



Activities supporting independence

In 2023 and 2024, we invested substantially in strengthening the independence of Trust Kufamba Tose. This included management training for local project coordinator *Samson Mazivavose* at the University of Great Zimbabwe; a week-long *Young Africa* training for Trust members on organisational structure, conflict management and gender-related issues; a *Management Training* for the five Trust board members covering financial management, team building, communication, leadership, internal control systems and risk analysis; and *financial consultancy* for Deborah Ncube, the Trust's Project Officer, provided by a Zimbabwean financial consultant.

Building on this foundation, Trust Kufamba Tose took on greater independence and responsibility in financial management in 2025:

- *Quarterly planning and reporting:* The Trust now prepares quarterly plans and submits quarterly reports.
- *Bank account:* The Trust now has its own bank account, providing a stronger basis for transparent financial administration.
- *Quarterly financing:* Sponsorship funds were transferred monthly in 2024 and quarterly in 2025.
- *Cashbook:* Income and expenditure were reported quarterly and clearly linked to the 2025 objectives.

Trust Kufamba Tose also maintained its relationship with Wilde Ganzen largely independently and took its own steps in local fundraising and partnership development, including:

- *Wilde Ganzen report:* The Trust provided evaluation data for reporting to Wilde Ganzen.
- *Wilde Week:* The Trust prepared and submitted a project application to participate in Wilde Week, held from 19 to 26 April 2025.
- *Local foundation donation:* In January 2025, a local foundation donated US \$1,000 to the Trust. This was a welcome addition to other income and helped sustain project activities.
- *Motorcycle:* The motorcycle continued to be used to reach families living in remote areas far from accessible roads.
- *PVO registration:* Registration as a Private Voluntary Organisation (PVO) remained an important focus in 2025.
- *Rotary Club Harare:* In May 2025, the Trust met with Rotary Club Harare and gave a presentation. The club expressed interest, and participants from Zaka indicated that they would assess where support might be most useful. Contact has been maintained, although no concrete commitment has yet been made.
- *MoU with Zaka District:* In November 2025, the Memorandum of Understanding between Trust Kufamba Tose and Zaka District was renewed for a further five years.



Specific activities

- *Workshops and neuromuscular clinics:* Fourteen neuromuscular clinics were held at Musiso Hospital.
- *Home visits:* Home visits continued in 2025 and increased insight into families' living situations, visibility in communities, and engagement from village and district leaders. Most visits were carried out using the car or motorcycle purchased in 2021. In total, 69 home visits were made.
- *Support groups:* The support groups launched in 2021 continued in 2025. These groups meet at a parent's home and are regularly visited by the rehabilitation team. By the end of 2025, 10 support groups were active.

- *Specialised treatments:* Twenty children were seen or treated at Cure Hospital and the rehabilitation centre in Bulawayo.



- *Clubfoot clinics:* In 2025, 47 clubfoot treatments were provided. Most children were seen monthly. These treatments help improve future mobility, including access to school, which is often far from home.
- *Farewell:* Sadly, two children in the project died in 2025 following illness, partly as a result of poor or delayed medical care.
- *VHW training days:* In 2025, four training days were held for Village Health Workers (VHWs) across two clinics, reaching 54 VHWs. Topics included types of disability, early identification and referral of children with disabilities. Through these trainings, VHWs can identify new children and support the start of rehabilitation. Over the past five years, 247 VHWs have been trained.
- *School visits:* Regional schools were visited in 2025. Twenty-five children in the project were attending school, and the rehabilitation assistant made 21 school visits.
- *School uniforms:* Twelve school uniforms were donated.
- *Income-generating projects:* The 'give forward' model continued in 2025. By the end of the year, 30 income-generating projects were active, involving chickens, goats or pigs. This work was also supported by the CBR programme and funded by Lilianefonds.

- *Wheelchair committee:* In November 2025, a wheelchair committee was established with community members to organise wheelchair maintenance and management. This was seen as a positive step in restarting and strengthening local activities.
- Adjustments to increase independence:
 - Four children received a wheelchair.
 - Twenty children received treatment at Cure Hospital, the orthopaedic hospital in Bulawayo.
- *Christmas meal and token of appreciation:* During the CP workshop, a Christmas meal was organised for participants and others involved in the project. The Trust also received clothing and other equipment through donations. In December 2025, mothers and caregivers received an additional token of appreciation from Harare in the form of a donation, separate from the earlier Christmas meal during the workshop.

Activities in figures

Core number	Number	Explanation
<u>Children</u>		
Total	284	Total in the program
▪ In Support Group	99	
▪ At school	25	
▪ Deceased	2	
<u>Paramedic Care</u>		
CP Workshops	14	
Visits to Support Groups	10	
Home Visits	69	
Hospital Treatments	20	In Cure Hospital, Bulawayo
Clubfoot treatments	47	
Trained Village Health Workers	54	
Wheelchair Repair & Maintenance	18	People trained
<u>Development</u>		
School visits	21	
School uniforms	12	
Income Generating	30	

Project costs

See chapter **6. Financial accountability.**

4. Inspire2Care Project 2025

In 2025, together with Trust Kufamba Tose, we explored how its Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) activities could become more sustainable and more strongly owned by local communities and government.

In that context, Willemijn was introduced to the Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Programme (DPRP). This programme is based on the Inspire2Care model developed by the Karuna Foundation in Nepal and is now being implemented in several African countries, especially in East Africa.



Inspire2Care is a structured transition model that gradually transfers responsibility for healthcare to central and local government, both organisationally and financially. DPRP applies this approach specifically to disability prevention and rehabilitation, an area that largely overlaps with our Rehabilitation Care Project. In practice, Inspire2Care adds a clear pathway towards long-term government ownership and financing.

DPRP focuses on both the prevention and rehabilitation of disabilities, with a strong emphasis on community-based rehabilitation (CBR). It supports government implementation of disability policy in close collaboration with local communities and is based on a cost-sharing model.

The main DPRP target groups are:

- Children and young people with disabilities and their families.
- Women of reproductive age (15–49), with particular attention to pregnant women.
- Children under 10 years of age, especially those under 2, reflecting the critical first 1,000 days from conception to age two.

In May, we decided to invest in building knowledge of the DPRP approach. This work was funded by the Kufambatose Foundation, with one third of the costs covered by Wilde Ganzen.

At the end of June, representatives of Trust Kufamba Tose in Zimbabwe — Samson Mazivazvose, Deborah Ncube and Willemijn — took part in a week-long training in Kagera, Tanzania. The training focused on strengthening capacities for inclusive, participatory and sustainable rehabilitation strategies for people with disabilities. Samson Mazivazvose then completed an additional nine-week DPRP Training of Trainers programme. The training included interactive workshops, case studies, discussions, demonstrations and role play, with pre- and post-assessments to measure learning progress.

The training resulted in a roadmap for action built around themes such as cost-sharing, “leave no one behind” and “treat every child like your own”. As part of the course, Trust Kufamba Tose further refined its strategy and developed action plans.

This led to a project plan for the DPRP pre-preparation phase, intended to assess whether and how the Trust can implement DPRP. The plan has been submitted to other DPRP donors in the Netherlands. The pre-preparation phase will take place in 2026.

This project plan includes, among other things, establishing a baseline of the national and district-level structures and policies in Zimbabwe relating to persons with disabilities. Willemijn supported the Trust as Technical Advisor in preparing and implementing this plan and, in that role, sought cooperation with other Dutch organisations that have already been working with DPRP for several years.

After the pre-preparation phase, an evaluation will be carried out. Based on the results, the next steps for DPRP implementation and for the involvement of local communities and government will be determined.

Together, these steps mark a structured move towards sustainability and lay the foundation for meaningful implementation in the years ahead.

5. Public Relations

The Kufambatose Foundation directs its communication activities towards organisations and individuals interested in the project. We share information through our website and newsletter, which is distributed to a broad group of interested parties. A brochure developed in 2019 continues to be distributed where possible, and a bookmark created in 2024 is used when appropriate. In 2025, we also gave several presentations about the project. Participation in Wilde Ganzen's Wilde Week campaign further helped raise awareness of the foundation's activities.



6. Financial Accountability

Subject: annual financial report 2025

Financial year: 2025 (all amounts in euros)

Assets		BALANCE 31-12-2025	Liabilities	
Cash	1,643		Reserve payment guarantee	1,502
Bank	60,818		Reserve funds	45,806
			Operating funds	14,673
	<u>60,981</u>			<u>60,981</u>

INCOME STATEMENT

Proceeds	Restricted donations: Medical devices, VHW training, Clubfeet, Workshops, Support groups	5,629	
	Charity collections	6,300	
	Other Donations and Gifts	8,250	
	Interest	671	
			<u>20,850</u>
Costs	Project costs	50,121	
	Recruitment costs: leaflets, website	498	
	Management and administration	556	
			<u>51,175</u>
Difference between proceeds and costs			-30,325

General

Financial year 2025 was positive, both because of the generous donations received and because of the support we were able to provide in Zimbabwe.

Key fundraising activities included participation in Wilde Ganzen's Wilde Week, the Ekiden sponsorship event, church collections and crowdfunding. We also continued to benefit from multi-year support from organisations such as Isala Worldwide and Kiwanis Roermond, and received additional donations from capital funds including the Salem Ermelo Foundation and the Johanna Donk-Grote Foundation. We did not need to draw on our reserves, although working capital in the current account decreased significantly. For that reason, we will need to continue generating income through sponsors and donors in 2026.

Income

Various donations were received in 2025. Collections were held in several churches in Eindhoven for the National Fasting Campaign, raising €6,300, and the Gereformeerde Jacobuskerk in Eindhoven contributed a further €257. The Evangelische Kirchengemeinde St. Gallen donated €3,182, Isala Wereldbreed donated €2,750 for 2025, and Kiwanis Roermond donated €2,100.

We also received valuable private donations, including a one-off gift of €1,000.

Wilde Ganzen also funded part of our project in 2025. During the Wilde Week campaign, we raised €10,000, which Wilde Ganzen matched in full.

Total income therefore amounted to €20,850, part of which is earmarked for 2026. For comparison, donations received totalled €62,408 in 2024 and €53,666 in 2023.

We are deeply grateful to all these donors and organisations for their commitment to the work of the Foundation and the local Trust.



Overheads

The Foundation spent €1,054 on management and administrative costs in 2025. This amount included ICT costs (€498), bank charges and exchange-rate differences (€254), memberships such as Partin, Kennisbank Filantropie and Platform Zimbabwe (€246 in total), and a small amount for miscellaneous expenses.

Project costs

Project costs totalled €50,121 in 2025. These costs relate directly to the Foundation's core purpose: supporting implementation of the project, as described elsewhere in this annual report and on the website. Most of the expenditure went to the broader Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR)

programme and the neuromuscular workshops, including transport, food and allowances for local project staff, therapy materials and equipment, disability awareness activities, and maintenance of the essential motorbike and car.

The Trust also became more visible in the region, which resulted in a small local donation. This is an encouraging step towards greater independence.

In 2025, part of the project budget was also used for capacity building for the board members of Trust Kufamba Tose. In addition, three board members took part in a training programme in Tanzania on the Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Program (DPRP), based on the Inspire2Care approach. This international programme aims to embed community-based rehabilitation more firmly in local structures and marked a further step towards full independence.

A further €4,274 was spent on a 2025 project visit by two board members, both paediatric physiotherapists.

Total costs

The Foundation's total costs in 2025 amounted to €51,175. Working capital decreased during the year, and the difference between income and costs was -€30,325. It should be noted that some 2026 costs have already been paid to Wilde Ganzen. The amount carried forward to 2026 is therefore €10,498.

For 2026, several donation pledges have already been received, including from Isala Worldwide, National Fasting Action and Wilde Ganzen. Some of these funds are restricted. We also expect additional private donations. On this basis, we expect to be able to cover the 2026 budget of €56,000, supplemented from reserves if necessary.

At the same time, we are encouraging local authorities and communities to take on a gradually larger share of the funding. The planned DPRP programme may provide further tools to support this process. In 2025, capacity-building training for the board members of Trust Kufamba Tose already contributed to a local donation of more than €1,000.

Balance

At 31 December 2025, the Foundation's assets (liquid funds) amounted to €60,981. Of this amount, €45,906 was classified as a reserve to help safeguard the continuity of the project, and €1,502 was held as a guarantee for bank transactions. The remaining working capital of €13,673 is intended primarily for foundation and project costs in 2026.

Board members do not receive remuneration for their work, although expenses incurred may be reimbursed. In practice, these costs are often not

claimed or are donated back to the Foundation. Expenses related to project visits are included under target expenditure as board travel to projects. The Foundation has no employees.

The 2025 Annual Accounts also show that more than 97% of all donations received were spent directly on the project's objectives.





7. Looking forward to 2026

There will be no major policy changes in 2026. The policy plan adopted when the Foundation was established remains in force and has been updated where necessary.

Our short-term goals for 2026

Kufambatose Foundation:

- Until the end of 2026, we expect to be able to continue treatment for the current group of children. At the same time, both the Foundation in the Netherlands and the Trust in Zimbabwe will continue to seek new sponsors and funding.
- Our collaboration with Wilde Ganzen will continue. We have submitted a new request for support and will again take part in the Wilde Week campaign in April 2026.

Trust Kufamba Tose:

- The workshops and neuromuscular clinics will continue on a monthly basis.
- Because they have proved effective, home visits and treatment in small support groups will continue.
- In 2026, the Trust will continue training Village Health Workers (VHWs) through dedicated training days.
- The Trust will continue to prepare its own budgets and reports in 2026.
- The team has developed to the point where greater financial responsibility can be transferred. This will be formalised, together with the related expectations, in a renewed Memorandum of Understanding between the Kufambatose Foundation and Trust Kufamba Tose.

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▲ Willemijn Simons (rechts) helpt een 12-jarig jongetje in een rolstoel.
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Moeder en dochter zetten zich in voor kinderen Zimbabwe

Ze zijn net weer afgereisd naar Zimbabwe, moeder en dochter Anne-Miek en Willemijn Simons. Ze gaan regelmatig naar het land om te helpen namens de stichting Kufambatose, die zich inzet voor kinderen met een motorische handicap.

Sophie Noordhoek
Eindhoven

Moeder Anne-Miek (75) woont in Eindhoven, dochter Willemijn (48) woont in Kenia. Ze hebben veel met elkaar gemeen. Beiden zijn van oorsprong fysiotherapeut. En waar de jongste de stichting Kufambatose heeft opgericht, is de oudste daar ook al vanaf het begin bij betrokken.

De stichting verzorgt revalidatiezorg aan kinderen met een handicap. Ze geven therapie-workshops aan kinderen en hun ouders, en geven uitleg aan groepen, waardoor kinderen ook thuis geholpen kunnen worden. Dit allemaal doen ze samen met Kufamba Tose Trust, de uitvoerende organisatie in Zimbabwe.

Programma nieuw leven ingeblazen

Als fysiotherapeut werkte Willemijn van 2014 tot 2016 in het Musiso Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, de plek waar de stichting nu actief is. Eerder was er in Zimbabwe al een programma voor kinderen met een beper-

king, maar dit werd door gebrek aan financiële middelen stopgezet. Dit programma is nieuw leven ingeblazen en zo is de stichting ontstaan. „Wij zijn hier in Nederland een klein landje. En we proberen goed voor onszelf te zorgen maar wij zijn onderdeel van de grote wereld”, verwijst Anne-Miek naar de motivatie om zich in te zetten voor deze doelgroep.

Kufambatose biedt niet alleen hulp maar wil ook het stigma doorbreken rondom kinderen met een handicap. In Zimbabwe worden deze kinderen soms verstoten, wat samenhangt met het geloof in heksenrij. Als een kind met een handicap wordt geboren, wordt vaak gedacht dat de moeder door kwade geesten is getroffen. Van de stichting krijgen deze moeders voorlichting, wat bij-



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– Anne-Miek Simons

draagt aan een betere acceptatie van deze kinderen in de gemeenschap.

Geld inzamelen met estafetteploeg

Terwijl Anne-Miek en Willemijn in Zimbabwe zijn, zit de stichting ook in Nederland niet stil. Corita Boons (62), een van de initiatiefnemers van de organisatie, is samen met collega's de Ekdien estafetteploeg in Zwolle gaan lopen om geld in te zamelen. Dat gebeurt via een crowdfunding-actie tijdens de zogeheten Wilde Week van Wilde Ganzen, een landelijke organisatie die zich inzet voor een wereld zonder armoede.

Tijdens de Wilde Week, die nog tot en met 26 april duurt, worden 50 particuliere initiatieven aangespoord om geld op te halen voor het goede doel. Wilde Ganzen verdubbelt dit bedrag tot een maximum van 10.000 euro.

Geld ophalen is niet het enige doel dat ze hopen te bereiken. Ze hopen bij Nederlanders ook bewustwording te creëren. „Het zogenaamde wereldburgerschap alert maken”, noemt Anne-Miek dat.

Bezuinigingen

In meerdere landen in de wereld wordt op dit moment bezuinigd op ontwikkelings samenwerking. Ook in Nederland wil het kabinet vanaf 2027 structureel 2,4 miljard euro gaan bezuinigen. De stichting gaat naar verwachting waarschijnlijk weinig merken van de bezuinigingen, maar de precieze gevolgen zijn nog niet duidelijk.

- The Trust will continue to seek local donors.
- The Trust will maintain contact with the relevant ministries, including the Department of Social Welfare, the Ministry of Health and Child Care, and the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education.
- The government plans to introduce the Private Voluntary Organisations Act (PVO Act). The Trust has applied for PVO registration and is awaiting approval.

Long-term priorities

Foundation priorities:

- Supporting income-generating projects and school fees.
- Continuing the partnership with Wilde Ganzen.
- Publishing one newsletter with current updates.

Exit strategy through Inspire2Care:

In 2026, we will continue developing Inspire2Care as a long-term exit strategy. The focus will be on the DPRP pre-preparation phase, strengthening cooperation with local and central government, and exploring how community-based rehabilitation activities can gradually transition to local ownership and financing.

Trust priorities:

- Advancing Inspire2Care in cooperation with local and central government to strengthen sustainable financing opportunities in Zimbabwe. Over time, some activities currently funded through the Rehabilitation Care Project may be integrated into Inspire2Care and supported through a different funding model involving local government and major international donors. Not all activities will be transferred, however, as Inspire2Care focuses on community-based rehabilitation rather than hospital care.
- Building connections with other international organisations through partnerships arising from Inspire2Care.
- Further exploring how parents can take concrete ownership of the programme.
- Planning a project visit for April/May 2026, with a particular focus on Inspire2Care.