

A group of young girls in blue and white uniforms standing outdoors in front of a playground. The girls are looking towards the camera. The background shows a swing set and trees.

**STICHTING
FARIDPUR**
BANGLADESH - NIGERIA

**HELPS TO BUILD A
FUTURE FOR ORPHANS
AND HANDICAPPED BY
CORRECTIVE SURGERY,
HOUSING AND EDUCATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2013
THE FARIDPUR FOUNDATION

PREFACE

In this annual report of 2013 of the Faridpur Foundation you will see that much happened worth mentioning. We'd like to draw your attention to:

- Matters concerning the Board;
- The opening of the fourth building of the Holland Children House (HCH) in Faridpur;
- The Vocational Training Centre in Faridpur;
- The development of the Burn Centre in Mangu;
- The missions to Faridpur and Mangu in 2013;
- The future of the Faridpur foundation;
- The acquisition of funds and the financing of the activities.

Further in this report we will give more details. We'd also like to draw your attention to our beautiful website www.faridpur.nl, where you can find more information on our work in Bangladesh and Nigeria.

In 2013 we could once again rely on the support of many people when doing our tasks. We'd like to thank all volunteers who help us.

We are also grateful for those who support us financially. We can assure you that in 2014 your money will be spent on things that are necessary: medical and social care in Mangu/Nigeria and in Faridpur/Bangladesh.

We hope that we can rely on your support again in 2014! Our IBAN-bank account number is: NL20 RABO 0131 8419 98 of Stichting Faridpur in Oentsjerk.

Board Faridpur Foundation
J.M.L. Nijkrake
Chairman

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FROM THE BOARD

In 2013 the board of the Faridpur foundation had four meetings. In October 2013 Annemiek van der Venis announced that she would like to stop as a board member as from 1 January 2014. In the meeting of 22 January 2014 her membership was officially stopped. During that meeting we thanked Annemiek for all the work she had done as a member of the board in the past years.

As from 22 January the board consists of:

- Jos Nijkrake, chairman, Cornelis Wielsmastraat 3, 9061 AN Gytsjerk
- Thea Booijink - van Raaij, secretary, Staniasingel 16, 9062 GM Oentsjerk
- Liny Roodhof - Swaagman, treasurer, Heemstrasingel 48, 9062 GH Oentsjerk
- Neeltje Spronk - Mulder, member, Wynzerdyk 43, 9062 GP Oentsjerk
- Jeltje Geense - Doeleman, member, Zevenhuizen 5, 9064 DE Aldsjerk.

By law all organizations for charities must follow certain rules to be given the so-called ANBI-status, which allows our donators to deduct their gifts when paying taxes. We conform to these rules. In 2014 you can also deduct your gifts when paying taxes.

In the past year there was some turmoil in the countries where we work: Nigeria and Bangladesh. Unfortunately due to the situation in Nigeria the mission of March 2013 had to be cancelled. Each time we have to take into account that the Dutch Embassy will not give a positive travel advice. For safety reasons we had to cancel one mission.

THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH BUILDING OF THE HOLLAND CHILDREN HOUSE (HCH) IN FARIDPUR

In 2013 the HCH was extended with a fourth building. The board of the Faridpur Welfare Foundation (FWF) – our sister organization in Bangladesh, who owns the HCH – decided to exhibit two pictures in the hall of the building showing Cees and Neeltje Spronk; whose names are given to the building. A worthy tribute, which we appreciate.

At the moment there are 100 children in the Holland Children House: 44 boys and 56 girls. In the fourth building the boys are accommodated. The first building is empty now and will be refurbished. After that the second and third building will be refurbished. After this the total number of children will be raised to approximately 130 children.

THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN FARIDPUR

During the visit of February 2013 Neeltje had a discussion with Manik, the manager of the Holland Children House about changing the old, empty cowshed into a Vocational Training Centre, which costs 20,500 euros. The Faridpur Welfare Foundation/AKH-group, the Dutch Embassy and the Saint Vitus Foundation raised this amount early 2014, so that the rebuilding can begin. The first student is expected to start a vocational education in May 2014. In this way a wide range of education can be realised for the children of the HCH in Faridpur. A result to be proud of!

THE BURN CENTRE IN MANGU

In Nigeria much cooking takes place on open fires, which results in many accidents, causing burns. In 2011 we started an ambitious project in Mangu: realizing a new burn centre, which is to have a leading role in the region for treating patients with burns. A programme for prevention will be developed. The first part of the centre is ready: the operation theatre, which was officially opened in October 2013. In 2013 we unfortunately saw that shipping all the necessary materials for the operation theatres had a serious delay because of much bureaucracy. We hope that all the materials will arrive in Mangu in April or May 2014.

THE MISSION IN 2013 - BANGLADESH

In February 2013 we had the annual mission to Faridpur. Our delegation consisted of: Cees Spronk (plastic surgeon and leader of the team), Paul Spauwen (plastic surgeon), Chantal Moues, (plastic surgeon), Rob Niemeijer (anaesthesiologist), Geke Hoeksma (assistant anaesthesiologist), Johanna de Vries (Doctors of the World) and Neeltje Spronk (Faridpur foundation, for HCH).



We quote from the beautiful report by Paul Spauwen on our website www.faridpur.nl:

191 operations were performed: 64 patients with schisms, 65 corrections of burns contractures and 62 other operations without any complications. Striking is the number of 103 operations on children younger than ten, for which we compliment Rob and Geke. Chantal had to work much: a prelude for the future where the young will have to take over from those a bit older.

Special about this mission was that for the first time Doctors of the World, and especially Johanna de Vries, were involved in organising this mission. Doctors of the World indicated that they were impressed by the organisation of our mission and our results.



THE MISSION IN 2013 - MANGU

In October 2013 there was a mission to Mangu, which was also supported financially and organisationally by the Interplast Holland foundation. We'd like to quote from the report by plastic surgeon Eddy Verschuur:

Contrary to previous years this was the first mission of this year. Too much disquiet in Nigeria was the reason to cancel the mission in March so this was the only mission to Mangu in 2013. The team consisted of the usual delegation of the Medical Centre Leeuwarden (Cees Spronk, Eddy Verschuur, Annet Brouwer, Femke Annema and Geke Hoekstra) and trainee plastic surgeon from the UMC Groningen (Marijn Huijting) and an anaesthesiologist for children from the UMC Utrecht (Allard Reijnvaan). An exceptional addition was technician-electrician Rob Verschuur. Neeltje Spronk accompanied us for the Faridpur Foundation.



The atmosphere in the operation theatres was extremely good, also because of the help of local operation assistants. We often made long working days and performed extra operations after the scheduled ones, but nobody complained. The operation days followed each other quickly so that the two weeks also passed quickly, resulting in 98 patients that were operated upon. This year the Faridpur Foundation also supports each patient financially, so that all the patients could be operated upon almost for free.

During this mission Neeltje Spronk visited the school and the boarding house. She spoke to Bitrus, the principal. In 2012 the school in Mangu appointed a special-need-teacher for the children with learning disorders. Due to this remedial teaching these children do much better. The hospital in Leeuwarden (the MCL) donated six laptops. We also try to raise money for a new school bus.



WHAT THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE

Cees and Neeltje Spronk announced that in due time they will end their activities in Faridpur and Mangu. Cees's licence for plastic surgeon expires in 2014. For the next years he is prepared to remain team leader and organiser of the missions. Neeltje considers ending her tasks gradually in the next two years.

That is why we had a discussion with members of the partnership for Plastic Surgery of the MCL in Leeuwarden in 2013. They are willing to continue the medical activities.

Concerning the medical missions to Mangu/Nigeria: for many years we have done these missions in good cooperation with Interplast Holland and, as far as we can see now, this will be continued.

For the future of the medical missions to Faridpur/Bangladesh we started discussions with Doctors of the World, which is an internationally working organisation prepared to take over the responsibility for the missions. We had a discussion with the Board of Doctors of the World to see how we can cooperate. The mission of February 2013 to Faridpur was accompanied by someone of Doctors of the World. She reported on her experiences, which made us decide to cooperate more with Doctors of the World with their project Operation Smile.

The commitments of these organisations make us conclude that the missions to Mangu/Nigeria (with Interplast Holland) and to Faridpur/Bangladesh (with Doctors of the World) is guaranteed for the next years.

This development led Arend and Annemiek van der Venis to the conclusion to continue their activities in Mangu separate from the Faridpur foundation. They announced this in the spring of 2013, which implies that Annemiek stopped as a board member on 22 January 2014.

The board likes to emphasize its appreciation for the work that Arend and Annemiek did in Mangu and still do. We hope that they will be able to continue their work and we trust that we can support and reinforce each other in the years to come.

FUND RAISING AND FINANCING THE ACTIVITIES

Here you find the results of 2013:

Income:

Donations Children's Home Faridpur	€	39.077,87
Travelling expenses Faridpur Feb. 2013	€	3.178,17
Donations medical work Faridpur	€	1.475,00
Donations medical work Mangu	€	17.068,72
Donations burn centre Mangu	€	30.741,70
Interest Current Account	€	93,12
Interest Internet Savings Account	€	1.740,25
Total income 2013	€	93.374,83

Expenditures:

Costs Children's Home Faridpur 2014	€	35.000,00
Extension Children's Home Faridpur + wall	€	41.000,00
Medical work Faridpur	€	922,20
Medical work Mangu	€	5.171,36
Burn centre Mangu	€	32.601,69
Chamber of Commerce and administration costs	€	1.135,13
Bank costs	€	235,33
Total expenditures 2013	€	116.065,71

Current account	€	10.778,28
Internet savings account	€	105.996,84
Balance 1 January 2013	€	116.775,12

Current account	€	21.347,15
Internet savings account	€	72.737,09
Balance 31 December 2013	€	94.084,24

A SHORT COMMENT ON THE FIGURES

In the year 2013 the income remained in line with recent years: € 93,374.83. This is an excellent achievement for which we thank all donators and volunteers very much. In 2013 the next organisations gave us 1000 euros or more: PKN Church in Stiens € 1,500, Foundation True Blue € 2,500, Vitus Foundation Leeuwarden € 4,000, Rotary Dokkum € 2,650, Foundation Tineke Hut Eerbeek € 5,000, Foundation Slach om e Mar € 12.250, (main sponsor Law Firm Rotshuizen Geense), Soccer club Birdaard € 1,221, Foundation Paul and Leny Funds € 12,500, PKN Church in Oudwoude (advance) € 2,500.

We also gave many presentations about our work in the province, which raised € 3661.50.

The garden fair in the spring of 2013 raised € 4144.83.

The Christmas fair raised € 5265.61.

The real expenses for the HCH and the school in Faridpur are € 35.573,28 for the Children's Home and € 6,660.17 for the school. The amount exceeding € 35,000.00 – € 7233.45 euro - was donated by the Faridpur Welfare Foundation. The extension of the Holland Children House (HCH) in Faridpur and the construction of a wall around the HCH cost € 41,000. A reasonable sum was invested in the construction and furnishing of the burn centre in Mangu: € 32,601.69.

Because of these investments the balance on 31 December 2013 went down to € 94,084.24. On 31 December 2012 it was € 116,775.12. We have to add that the costs for the exploitation of the Children's Home for 2014 were already paid in 2013: € 35,000. Probably this amount will have to be increased in 2014, because of a planned extension.

On behalf of the government the Central Office Fundraising (CBF) supervises charity organisation in the Netherlands. We are pleased to say that in 2012 the CBF stated that we spent 99.3% of the money that we received on the projects for which the Faridpur Foundation was founded, a result to be proud of!

The financial report was made by F.T.Bangma-Wander of Afion Administraties B.V. in Snakkerburen.

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