

Annual report 2010

The Faridpur Foundation

Oentsjerk, The Netherlands



Helps to build a future in Bangladesh and Nigeria for orphans
and handicapped by

CORRECTIVE SURGERY AND REHABILITATION

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HOUSING AND EDUCATION



PREFACE

The Faridpur foundation was founded in 2001 after dr. C.A. Spronk, a plastic surgeon at the Medisch Centrum Leeuwarden, visited his brother-in-law Shamim Haque who lives in the village of Faridpur in Bangladesh. On that occasion Cees Spronk proposed to operate upon children free of charge. The number of patients was enormous and more than 30 children were operated upon. Unfortunately many other patients had to be disappointed, so dr. Spronk promised to return every year. From 2004 a team of doctors has accompanied him. By now the "Plastic Surgery Camps" are well known. For these camps the hospital in Faridpur offers personnel, beds and an operation theatre for free. In 2002 our sister foundation The Faridpur Welfare Foundation (FWF) was founded. It is governed by local doctors with Shamim Haque as chairman. He pays for the lodging during the "Plastic Surgery Camps.

Faridpur has many displaced children. Thus the plan originated to build a children's home in Faridpur, which was realised in 2008. Its name is "Holland Children House". Now one hundred children have a home ten kilometres outside the city of Faridpur, where they are also educated. There are still many children who need accommodation. That is why building an extra wing to the children's home will presently be started so as to be able to house 130 children in the near future. Then older boys and girls will be housed separately. Attempts are made to generate income for the home locally, but the revenues are insufficient so support from the Netherlands is still necessary. Dr. Spronk's wife, Mrs Neeltje Spronk, is responsible for supporting the children's home.

From 2005 our foundation has also been active in Mangu in North Nigeria, where dr. Spronk used to work as a doctor treating leprosy patients in the Cocin Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre. Here medical attendance is offered in cooperation with Interplast-Holland.

Apart from supporting dr. Spronk's work in the Cocin Hospital we also support the medical work of dr. van de Venis from Leuvenheim, who also used to work as a leprosy doctor. Once in every eighteen months he operates upon children with deformations. These (young) patients mainly suffer from clog-feet, with extreme O- en X-positions of the legs and from fixed positions of the legs as a result of polio.

In 2010 a pavilion for 50 patients was added to the hospital. This was necessary because there was a lack of beds, so that patients had to lie on mattresses on the floor. The pavilion was partly financed by a subsidy from Impulsis. The rest was raised by the foundation.

We also support non-medical projects related to the Cocin hospital in Mangu, such as the rehabilitation centre and boarding school for handicapped children. Dr. van de Venis' wife, Mrs Annemiek van de Venis and Mrs Neeltje Spronk support the Mangu projects.

In 2010 Cees Spronk and his medical teams performed 194 operations in Faridpur and 152 operations in Mangu. Since the beginning of the Faridpur foundation a total of 1554 patients have been operated upon free of charge. These are mainly children and adults with harelips or severe burns.

Our foundation consists of volunteers who do their work without any financial reward. With your permanent support we will be able to offer people a better life and give children a bright future. Our aim is to spend the money that you donate for nearly 100% on the project you choose.

In this tenth annual report you will find a summary of the activities and we also render account of the money that we received in 2010. We like to continue offering help in Bangladesh.

Oentsjerk, May 2010.

P.K.A. Poortenga, chairman Faridpur Foundation.

Aims of the Faridpur Foundation

The aim of the Faridpur foundation is to offer help to the very poor in this world by means of medical and non-medical projects. The foundation particularly supports direct medical and plastic reconstructive care in Faridpur (Bangladesh) and in Mangu (Nigeria) given by plastic surgeon dr. Cees Spronk and his medical team. The foundation also supports the medical work of dr. Arend van de Venis in Mangu. In Faridpur and Mangu it also supports projects for housing, educating, and rehabilitating children. This means to teach children to accept their handicap and to cope with it in society.

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For our local work the sister foundation Faridpur Welfare Foundation (FWF) was founded in Faridpur in 2002, governed by local doctors and local governors. Its chairman is Mr Shamim Haque.

Website

The website of our foundation is www.stichtingfaridpur.nl, where you can find the annual reports and detailed reports about our work and projects in Dutch and English. The webmaster is Johan de Wagt from the Dutch village of Zuidhorn.

The foundation is registered at the Chamber of Commerce - Friesland, number 01094054. **The bank account number of the Faridpur foundation is 292 662 610 at the Friesland Bank.**

On 1 January 2003 we received the ANBI-approval, which means that donations to our foundation can fully or partly be deducted from your taxable income.

BANGLADESH

Plastic Surgery Camp (number 8) in Faridpur: 16 - 30 January 2010

The medical team that performed the operations this year consisted of dr. Cees Spronk, professor dr. P.H.M. Spauwen, plastic surgeon from Nijmegen, dr. Corien van Rijswijk, anaesthesiologist and Mrs Aafke Lautenbach, assistant anaesthetist all from Leeuwarden. This year Mr Steven Bannink, a physio-therapist, also accompanied them.

Mainly due to the preparations made by our local sister foundation the Faridpur Welfare Foundation, the organisation of the Plastic Surgery Camp was excellent and also this year it ended successfully. As usual the operations were performed in the General Hospital in Faridpur. A total of 194 operations were performed mainly on (young) patients with harelips and/or cleft palates and burns, thereby working closely together with local doctors and nurses.

It is a rewarding job as it is beautiful to see how glad a mother of a child of eighteen months was after a nose correction on child, who was born without a nose as a result of a particular harelip abnormality. Together with his physio-therapists in the hospital Steven Bannink has made a plan for the best treatment of deformities after burns.



Holland Children House (HCH) in Faridpur

Together with the medical team Mrs Spronk and dr. Paul Spauwen's wife Elizabeth also visited Faridpur in January. At the moment 100 children live in the children's home. They live in groups as families consisting of ten to twelve children with a foster mother and an assistant foster mother.

Mrs Spronk and Mrs Spauwen visited the children's home and the school a number of times. These visits made clear that a new kitchen was needed because the old one could no longer be used satisfactorily. Already at the end of 2010 a new kitchen was built with money of the foundation, and a donation of the Rotary in Oosterbeek via Elizabeth Spauwen. In front of the kitchen there is an allotment where the mothers and the children grow vegetables. These mothers said that they would like to give their children more proteins, for which they would like to have some dairy cattle.

Mrs Spronk also had a discussion with the principal Mr Manik and the bookkeeper about the operational costs of the children's home and school, thereby using the reports sent to us each month.

Extra accommodation for HCH

During the visit in January 2010 the principal Mr Manik expressed his wish to separate the older boys and girls. Moreover, there is still a great demand for accommodation for orphans and children living in the streets. That is why we have decided to add a fourth building for 30 children to the home, with separate rooms for boys and girls.

The school, Sunflower Kindergarten, at the HCH

The school functions very well. This year for the second time a group of children passed their exams for a secondary modern school.



Growing vegetables and fruit

On the grounds of the HCH the growing of vegetables and fruit takes place on a small scale for consumption by the HCH itself.

Fishing ponds

The HCH has two fishing ponds. Twice a week the HCH menu has its own fish.

Farm

The mothers' request has been met: this year five cows were bought, using a donation via Elizabeth Spauwen. The children are given milk as something extra. They also learn how to look after the animals.



One of the boys with the cows

Project seed potatoes

We try to generate money locally for the children's home and the school. That is why our local sister organisation the Faridpur Welfare Foundation started a trial project in 2009 with seed potatoes. This project will last for three years. If the project is successful it hopes to obtain a licence to import and sell seed potatoes to local farmers. If there will be any profit the money will go to the children's home. Despite the projects mentioned above the children's home and the school still needs the full support of the Faridpur foundation.

NIGERIA

Introduction

The hospital in Mangu, where dr.Spronk works with his team, is the Cocin Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre. Cocin means Church of Christ in Nigeria. Cees Spronk worked here from 1974 until 1980. In those days it was a hospital for leprosy patients. At the moment it is a general hospital with a rehabilitation centre and a school for handicapped and healthy children. Twice a year Cees Spronk and his team operate here in cooperation with Interplast Holland, an aid-organisation of plastic surgeons. Arend van de Venis, who worked in Mangu as a leprosy doctor after Cees Spronk goes to Mangu every eighteen months to perform operations.

Due to the staff's dedication the Cocin hospital functions quite well. The buildings and medical devices are, however, in a poor condition. In 2010 the building of a new pavilion for 50 patients was started. The money mainly comes from Impulsis and from our own foundation. A new operation theatre and surgical equipment are still needed.

Nursing costs

Patients must pay € 60,- to the hospital for nursing costs after an operation. For many patients this amount is often a reason not to have an operation as they do not have the money. That is why the foundation has decided to contribute € 50, - per patient. Children who require nursing, rehabilitation and crutches after an operation need € 200,-. Our foundation also pays this amount.

Visit of the plastic surgical team 6 - 21 March 2010

The team consisted of plastic surgeon Cees Spronk and Chantal Moues, trainee plastic surgeon at the Erasmus MC Rotterdam, Rob Niemeijer, anaesthesiologist, Geke Hoeksma, assistant anaesthetist, Fatima van Klaveren, operating assistant, the last three working in the MCL in Leeuwarden. They were assisted by dr.Thomas, plastic surgeon, in the village of Keffi in Nigeria.

When we were in Nigeria the political situation was unstable. That is why the Dutch embassy offered to meet the team at the airport. As the situation in Mangu was calm, it was decided to stay. The team operated upon 77 patients in total, 50 of whom with burns, 8 with harelips and 19 with other deformations. Because of the large number of burns dr.Spronk is considering to build a centre for patients with burns.

One of the problems in the hospital is the large numbers of doctors leaving the hospital as their income is lower than that of doctors in hospitals elsewhere. Perhaps better equipment of the hospital might reduce this problem.



Boy with harelip before and after the operation

Visit of the plastic surgeon team 9 - 23 October

This time the team consisted of Cees Spronk, Maarten Schulein anaesthesiologist, Jan Eenling assistant anaesthetist, all working in the MCI hospital in Leeuwarden and Anneke Visser, operating assistant, working in the Sionsberg hospital in Dokkum. Neeltje Spronk also accompanied them. In total 75 patients were operated upon: 40 patients with burns, 6 with a harelip and 29 with other problems. A skin-graft machine was bought for patients with burns who need skin transplantation. This was made possible by a gift of the foundation the Kootje Fundatiën. The team also visited the building site of the new pavilion.



Building the new pavilion



The new pavilion

As the Dutch Ambassador, Mr Bert Ronhaar, had planned a visit in the week following 23 October, Cees and Neeltje Spronk stayed longer than the rest of the team. The Ambassador was very positive about the achievements and said that in the future we could rely on his support again. On behalf of the Embassy he donated money for a sterilization device suitable for the local conditions. This autoclave has arrived and is working well.

The boarding school for handicapped girls and boys

Mrs. Spronk and Mrs. van de Venis spent much time on the boarding school for handicapped children. In 2007 this school was refurbished and extended. A school bus to transport the children was also bought. In 2009 the school introduced a new teaching method. There is also access to the Internet via the Internet connection installed in the buildings. The boarding school for the girls was also refurbished, which was paid for by the foundation.



Children in their uniforms at their desks

During her stay Neeltje visited the boarding school for the boys and girls. Now 250 children attend the school, 35 of whom are handicapped children living in the boarding school. The other children come from neighbouring places. This year 18 children went to secondary modern school. A new meeting room was built with money from the federal government. In the boarding school for the boys new toilets were built in 2010 with money from the foundation.

Governing Board of the Faridpur Foundation

In 2010 the governing board met four times. Apart from that some members have personally contacted Shamim Haque, chairman of the Faridpur Welfare Foundation. Each month we receive emails from Faridpur with a financial report about the children's home, giving us a good idea of the income and expenses. Each year the hospital in Mangu sends an annual report. In April 2010 a new information bulletin with pictures was published.

Fundraising

Also in 2010 the foundation is very grateful for all the donations from churches, schools and foundations. Ample donations were given by private persons. We are grateful for each donation, regardless of the amount, because it is an expression of cordial support. Here we list the major donations of foundations or organisations.

For medical help in Mangu:

From Impulsis, an initiative, cooperating with Edukans, ICCO and Kerk in Actie, we received a donation of € 31.650, - specially intended for a new pavilion for 50 patients.

Interplast Holland covers the travelling expenses and accommodation of the medical team for all visits.

The Kootje Fundatiën gave € 4.861,- for the skin-graft machine.

We received € 3077, - for an autoclave from the Embassy via Interplast.

From the Foundation "de Zutphense H.A.N.D." we received € 2000, - for a septic tank for the new building.

On 14 February a "Leuvenheimse Beekloop" was organised in Leuvenheim, which raised € 3200,-.

On Saturday 27 November a 'wintermarket' was organized again in the Grote Kerk in Brummen. This fair raised € 4000, -.

Each Tuesday morning the same church organises an "open-door morning" with coffee for anyone interested. All kinds of things are made and sold for our foundation, such as cards, marmalade, and beautiful needlework. In 2010 the proceeds were € 350, -.



For the children's home in Faridpur:

The Ronde Tafel in Leusden donated € 5000, -.

The Prins Willem Alexander School in Elburg raised € 1000, -.

The Oecumenische Werkgroep Trynwalden donated € 1000, -.

The Rotary in Oosterbeek donated € 15.000, - for the new kitchen.

From the Van der Meer-Boerema Foundation we received € 10.000, - for the extension of the children's home.

In December 2009 Neeltje gave presentations at schools in the Bildt, in the north of the Netherlands, which in 2010 resulted in fund raising activities at these schools, raising € 4095, -. Together with other members of the governing board Neeltje and Cees gave seven presentations in 2010, raising € 1818,- in total.



In the new kitchen

More fund raising

Christmas and garden fair for the children's home in Faridpur

Garden fair 2010

On Saturday 29 May a fair was organised in the beautiful garden of the Spronk family for the seventh time. Here plants flowers, shawls, cards and African objects of art were offered for sale. The African music by Apa Djembé created an appropriate atmosphere. Many volunteers were active that day thus raising € 4.483, -!



Christmas fair 2010

On Saturday 11 December the Faridpur foundation organised a Christmas fair at the school for cattle breeding (PTC+) in Oentsjerk together with three care-farms in Oentsjerk and Munein. The Christmas decorations, made by volunteers, found many buyers, who also appreciated the ornaments, shawls and cards. Many people enjoyed the stunning fashion parade. The proceeds were for two-thirds for the Faridpur foundation, amounting to € 4605, -. The rest (a third part) was for the care farms.



Campaign to find financial supporters for the children's home in Faridpur

As we have to pay for the expenses of the children's home for a longer period we try to find people who are prepared to transfer a monthly amount at their own choice to our foundation. A child in the home costs less than one euro a day including education.

Financial report 2010

Income:

Donations Children's Home Faridpur	€ 83374,76
Donations medical work Faridpur	€ 550,00
Advancetravelling expenses	€ 1246,95
Donations school Mangu	€ 1665,00
Donations Impulsis pavilion Mangu	€ 31650,00
Donations medical work Mangu	€ 27050,61
Interest Current Account	€ 1427,77
Interest InternetSavings Account	€ 1773,33

Total revenues 2010 € 148738,42

Expenditures:

Costs Children's Home Faridpur for 2011*	€ 35.000,00
Deposit building extension HCH	€ 25000,00
Building new kitchen HCH	€ 5035,04
Medical work Faridpur	€ 6065,46
School Mangu	€ 2597,59
Donation Impulsis pavilion Mangu	€ 31650,00
Donation Faridpur Foundation pavilion Mangu	€ 31650,00
Medical work Mangu	€ 19166,07
Chamber of Commerce and admin. costs	€ 327,83
Bank costs	€ 182,10

Total expenditures 2010 € 156674,09

*Real expenses children's home Faridpur for 2010:

Children's home	€ 32.563,55
School	€ 4.942,72

Closing balance 1 January 2010	€ 137104,00
Current account	€ 36624,88
Internetsavings account	€ 100479,12

Closing balance 31 December 2010	€ 129168,33
Current account	€ 26915,88
Internet savings account	€ 102252,45

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

Remark: The travelling expenses of the medical teams are covered by special donations. The non-medical participants of the trips pay their own travelling expenses.

To conclude: for the lodging and education of the children the children's home fully depends on us. That is why our policy is to keep ample financial reserves. The Faridpur foundation likes to thank everyone who contributed financially or who registered to support the children's home financially. As you can see in the financial report the money that we receive will almost solely be used for medical aid and non-medical projects. You can also transfer money to bank account 292 662 610 of Stichting Faridpur - Oenkerk, where you can also register to support us financially. Detailed information and our annual report can be found on our website: www.stichtingfaridpur.nl

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