

**STICHTING  
FARIDPUR**  
BANGLADESH - NIGERIA

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

**ANNUAL REPORT 2011  
THE FARIDPUR FOUNDATION**

# PREFACE

## BANGLADESH

### Medical work

The Faridpur foundation was founded after dr. C.A. Spronk visited Faridpur in Bangladesh in 2001, the village where his brother-in-law Shamim Haque was born. During that visit he performed free operations upon patients with, among other things, split lips. The demand for medical help was enormous. Since then Cees Spronk has returned every year, from 2004 accompanied by a team of medical specialists. They work together with the Bangladesh doctors of the "Bangladesh Medical Association". The Plastic Surgery Camps have become well known by now.

### Children's home

Faridpur knows many displaced children, so the plan originated to build a children's home in the village, which was realised in 2008. Ten kilometres outside Faridpur 100 children have found a beautiful home where they are also taught. Its name is "Holland Children House".

In 2010 it was clear that a separation between the ageing boys and girls was necessary. The need to house children living in the streets and orphans was also substantial, so it was decided to have a fourth building for boys, financed by our foundation.

Towards the end of 2011 the construction was started and in the course of 2012 the boys will be able to move to their new home. Attempts are made to generate income for the home locally. So far these revenues have been limited which means that the home depends on Dutch support. Dr. Spronk's wife, Mrs Neeltje Spronk, is responsible for the financial support of the children's home.

### Faridpur Welfare Foundation

Very important for our work in Bangladesh is our sister organisation in Faridpur, the Faridpur Welfare Foundation (FWF), founded in 2002. The AKH Group, a textile company of which Shamim Haque is a co-owner, and Shamim Haque himself sponsor this foundation. Shamim Haque is the chairman of FWF. The foundation helps to organise and finance the Plastic Surgery Camps. The FWF is also in charge of the organisation of the children's home and if necessary supports it financially.

## NIGERIA

### Medical work and hospital

From 2006 our foundation has also been active in Mangu in Nigeria, where Cees Spronk used to work as a leprosy doctor in the Cocin Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre. Cocin means Church of Christ in Nigeria.

Twice a year Cees Spronk and a medical team operate here, mainly upon patients with burns and split lips. From January 2007 Interplast Holland, an aid-organisation of Dutch plastic surgeons, has supported these missions in Nigeria financially.

Apart from Cees Spronk's work the foundation also supports the medical work of dr. Arend van de Venis from Leuvenheim in the Cocin Hospital. Arend van de Venis also used to work here a leprosy doctor. Each year he goes to Nigeria to operate upon children and young adults with deformities to their legs.

In 2011 a beautiful new pavilion was built for 50 patients with money of the foundation, Impulsis and Cocin. The furnishing (including the beds) was paid for by the Dutch Embassy. It was officially opened during the medical team's visit in October.

### Rehabilitation centre and boarding school

We also support the rehabilitation centre and boarding school related to the Cocin hospital and the boarding school for handicapped boys and girls. Neeltje Spronk and Annemiek van de Venis are responsible for the financial support of a number of projects of the boarding school.

### To conclude

The foundation would like to thank all those who have generously donated money in 2011. Due to this support we can offer people a better life and can offer children a better future again. In order to be able to realise our ideals we hope that we can count on your support and possibly on the new support of others.

Our foundation consists of volunteers who do their work without any financial reward. We aim at spending your donations entirely on the project for which you have donated it. In 2010 we spent 0.4 % of the money that we received on costs. (Source: CBF-Report 2010 (Central Fundraising Bureau).

In this eleventh annual report you will find a summary of the activities and we also render account of the money that we received in 2011.

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# THE 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 supports the plastic reconstructive care in Faridpur (Bangladesh) and in Mangu (Nigeria) given by plastic surgeon dr. Cees Spronk and his medical team and 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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## **Website**

The website of our foundation is [www.stichtingfaridpur.nl](http://www.stichtingfaridpur.nl), where you can find the annual reports and detailed reports about our work and projects in Dutch and English. The website is administrator is Basticom en Fraaicommunicatie in Gytsjerk, the Netherlands.

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 (no. 9) in Faridpur 8 -22 January 2011

The medical team that performed the operations in 2011 consisted of dr. Cees Spronk, professor dr. P.H.M. Spauwen, plastic surgeon, dr. Corien van Rijswijk, anaesthesiologist and Mrs Rita Witteveen, assistant anaesthetist. The last two are from Leeuwarden. For the first time dr. Alex Salomon, an eye doctor from Vienna, accompanied the team. Professor Spauwen, who lives in Vienna, told him about our medical missions to Faridpur. His specialisation is cataract. He intends to join our medical missions from now on to operate in the eye hospital in Faridpur. This "Eye Camp" is financed by Austria.

As usual the operations were performed in the General Hospital in Faridpur. In close cooperation with the local doctors and nurses 200 operations in total were performed, mainly upon (young) patients with split lips and serious deformities by burns.

The number of burns in Bangladesh is so large because people mainly cook on open fires resulting in many accidents. Serious deformities are often the result of wrong treatment so that several operations are necessary.

As usual a medical symposium was organised at the end of the Plastic Surgery Camp, where the Dutch doctors delivered speeches about better methods of treatment regarding burns, operations on split lips and about anaesthetics.



## Holland Children House (HCH)

Neeltje Spronk, Jeltje Doeleman (also a member of the board of the foundation) and Paul Spauwen's wife Elizabeth accompanied the medical team in Faridpur. A number of times they visited the school and the children's home of which Mr Manik is the principal. At the moment there are 100 children in the children's home, which consists of three buildings with each three floors. Each floor has a living unit with ten to twelve children and their foster mother and assistant foster mother. Neeltje, Jeltje and Elizabeth had a look at the new kitchen building, for which the Rotary of Oosterbeek donated money. In front of this kitchen there is a small field where the mothers and children grow vegetables.

## Extension to the HCH

In 2010 it was decided to extend the children's home with a fourth building as it was necessary to separate the ageing boys and girls. Moreover, there is still a great demand for housing street children and orphans. At the end of 2011 the construction started and in the course of 2012 the boys will be able to go to the new home. This fourth building is financed by the foundation.



**The school, Sunflower Kindergarten, at the HCH**

The school functions very well. This year there was again a group of children who passed their exams to go to secondary modern school.

It is not necessary to make the school even larger: the new pupils will go to the lower classes. As the older children go to secondary modern schools there is enough capacity at school for the younger children, who enjoy the play sets in the school yard very much.



**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**

In front of and next to the children's home there is a large and a small fishing pond. The fish of the small pond is used to feed the children; the large pond can be hired.

**Farm**

Here you find a number of cows whose milk is used for the children's home. The children are taught here to look after the animals.

**Project seed potatoes**

In 2009 our local foundation, the Faridpur Welfare Foundation, started a project with seed potatoes.

It is a trial project of three years. In 2013 we hope to receive a permit to import and sell seed potatoes. Any profits will go to the children's home.

# NIGERIA

NIGERIA, medical work

## The hospital in Mangu

The Cocin hospital in Mangu, where Cees Spronk with his medical team and Arend van de Venis operate, functions well due to the dedication of the staff, but the building and the devices are in a poor condition: there is too little money for the necessary improvements. That is why the Faridpur foundation gives financial support.

In 2011 a beautiful new pavilion was realised for 50 patients with money of the foundation, of Impulsis and of Cocin (the Nigerian Christian Church). The furnishing was paid for by the Dutch Embassy.

During the Plastic Surgery Camp in October 2011 it was opened officially. On this occasion two members of the Dutch Embassy, the main board of Cocin, the Minister of Health of the Plateau State and the mayor of Mangu were present.

In 2011 we started with the plans for a centre to treat burns. The first project is a new operation theatre as the old one is too small and does not meet modern demands.



## Working visit by Arend and Annemiek van de Venis 15 - 28 February

In cooperation with two doctors of the Cocin hospital 81 operations were performed upon children and adults suffering from deformities of the legs. A number of these patients suffer from deformities caused by poliomyelitis. In new cases of polio many deformities can be prevented by means of physiotherapy. The prevention of polio has also improved considerably.

## Plastic Surgery Camp in March

Because of the instable political situation this Plastic Surgery Camp was not organised.

## Plastic Surgery Camp of 8 October until 21 October

The medical team consisted of Cees Spronk, Jan Hochtritt, plastic surgeon, Rob Niemeijer, anaesthesiologist, Geek Hoeksma, assistant anaesthesiologist and Fatima van Klaveren, operation assistant, all working in Leeuwarden. Marijn Huijng, who studies in Groningen to become a plastic surgeon, was also member of the team.

Neeltje Spronk and Jennifer Niemeijer were also part of the group. There was no political turmoil and also because of that there were many patients. Eighty-six operations were performed upon patients with burns, split lips and other deformities. The new pavilion with a ward for men and women with 25 beds each was immediately used to its full capacity. The difference with the old situation was enormous!



### **Nursing costs**

The operations are free of charge but the hospital costs related to them are not. That is why the Faridpur foundation pays € 50, - per patient. For children, who need rehabilitation and medical aids after the operation we pay € 200, -.

### **The boarding school for handicapped girls and boys**

The boarding school for girls and boys houses handicapped children. Some of them need corrective surgery, orthopaedic aids and physiotherapy.

About 220 children attend the school, of whom 30 to 40 are handicapped and stay in the boarding school. The other children are from the hospital's staff or come from the neighbourhood.

Neeltje Spronk and Annemiek van de Venis are responsible for the financial support of a number of projects for the boarding school.



During the visit in October Neeltje and Jennifer Niemeijer visited the school. Jennifer started an expertise centre in Friesland for underdeveloped children. At the school there is an increasing number of children with a mental handicap, who need special attention.

Together with the principal of the school, Mr Bitrus, they had a talk about this. A plan was made to employ an extra teacher, who has been taught to deal with these children. Due to a yearly donation for the school the Faridpur foundation can offer a financial contribution.

In 2011 a number of things could be bought with money of the foundation:

- beautiful play sets for the schoolchildren
- a photo copier for the school
- lighting by means of solar energy for the boarding school of the girls and boys.

# FUNDRAISING

## Governing Board of the Faridpur Foundation

In 2011 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. An accountant of the KH group checks the finances of the children's home.

Every three months Mr Manik, principal of the children's home, sends us a report on the progress of the construction of the fourth building.

Each year the hospital in Mangu sends an annual report. In April 2011 a new information bulletin with pictures was published.

## Fundraising

Also in 2011 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.

The Rotary Club of Dokkum donated € 4000,- for Faridpur and Mangu as a contribution for the operations of patients with split lips.

### For the children's home in Faridpur:

The Foundation for holidays in the province of Friesland donated € 25,000,- for the foundation which we spent on the children's home.

The missionary department of the Protestant Church of Stiens donated € 3000,-.

The missionary department of the Reformed Church of Harkema donated € 2033,- and the missionary department of the Protestant church of Trynwalden donated € 1617,-.

Together with other members of the foundation Neeltje and Cees gave a number of presentations in 2011, raising € 2200,- in total.

### For medical help in Mangu

Interplast Holland pays for the travelling expenses and accommodation of the medical team for the visits they make.

The second-hand goods shop "De Zutphense Hand" donated € 2250,-

The Leuvenheimse Beekloop, organised by a Group of runners in Leuvenheim raised € 2500,- .

The Protestant Church in Brummen organised a winter fair in November raising € 4000,- .



### For the new project burn centre in Mangu

Auntie, a foundation in Dongen for adoptive children in Nigeria donated € 1000,-.

In August the soccer club V.S.C.O. in Oosterwolde organised a charity match, raising € 4172,-.

The Lions Club Leeuwarden organised "Ljouwert Culinair", raising € 6000,-.

The Christian primary school de Korenaar in Oude Bildtzijsil donated € 1000,- because of their 125th anniversary.

Christmas and garden fair for the Children's home in Faridpur:

### Garden fair 2011

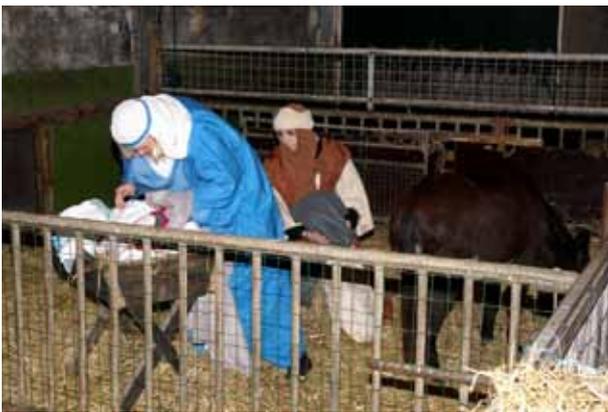
The garden fair that was organised on Saturday 28 May raised € 3690,-, somewhat less than last year. Because of the cold and windy weather fewer people went to Neeltje and Cees Spronk's garden, but nevertheless this amount can also heal many wounds and can stimulate children. During this fair many volunteers have contributed to achieve this beautiful result.



**Christmas market 2011**

The Christmas market, which was organised on Friday 9 December in care farm It Aventoer in Oentsjerk, was a great success. Responsible for the organisation were the Faridpur foundation and the three care farms in Oentsjerk: It Aventoer, Moai Seldsum and It Lijsket. The proceeds were for two-thirds for the Faridpur foundation, amounting to € 6631,-. The remaining part went to the three care-farms.

Due to the enormous support of many volunteers and the ample contribution of the shopkeepers' association of the Trynwâlden these results have been achieved.



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2011

## Income:

Donations children's home Faridpur	€	66.421,98
Donations medical work Faridpur	€	2.500,00
Advance travelling expenses Faridpur	€	698,00
Donations school Mangu	€	1.845,22
Donations medical work Mangu	€	16.424,74
Donations burn centre Mangu	€	24.828,15
Interest Current Account	€	1.322,94
Interest Internet Savings Account	€	1.772,19

**Total revenues 2011** € **115.813,22**

## Expenditures:

Costs Children's Home Faridpur for 2012 *	€	35.000,00
Medical work Faridpur	€	11.185,73
Seed potatoes Faridpur	€	3.041,58
School Mangu	€	2.700,00
Medical work Mangu	€	9.550,00
Chamber of Commerce and admin. Costs	€	1.152,98
Bank costs	€	277,76

**Total expenditures 2011** € **62.908,05**

\* *Real expenses children's home Faridpur for 2011:*

Children's home € 28.554,07

School € 3.921,68

Closing balance 1 January 2011	€	129.168,33
Current Account	€	26.915,88
Internet savings account	€	102.252,45

Closing balance 31 December 2011	€	182.073,50
Current account	€	78.048,86
Internet saving account	€	104.024,64

**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 coming year the ample balance that we possess will be used for the extension of the children's home and burn centre.

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](http://www.stichtingfaridpur.nl)

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