
PEDIATRIC CARE AFRICA

Annual Report

2020



Table of Contents

	PAGE
1. BOARD REPORT	3
1.1 Activities 2020	4
1.1.1 1000 Surgeries for 1000 Children campaign -#helpmyop	5
1.1.2 Doctor visits	6
1.1.3 Baby Care Pack campaign - #babycarepack	7
1.1.4 Medical outreach	8
1.1.5 Disaster relief	9/10/11
2. GOALS	12
2.1 Our goals and hopes for the year to come	12
3. OUR ORGANISATION	13
3.1 General information Pediatric Care Africa	13
3.2 Board and Employees	14
3.3 Our partner in The Netherlands: Stichting Support Pediatric Care Africa	15/16
4. BUDGET	17
4.1 Estimated Budget	17
5. SOCIAL MEDIA	18
6. CONCLUSION	19



All children have the absolute right to a healthy life

Children must thrive so they can develop to their full potential and become useful members of society when adults.

All of South African children must at all times have access to the best possible medical care. A sick child must be able to see a top class doctor or a specialist when needed, receive their vaccinations, receive medical treatment and surgeries if they are sick without exception.

The right to a healthy life includes food security and clean drinking water.

Pediatric care Africa delivers on our promise we made to children to give them a chance to live and flourish.

Pediatric Care Africa and their partner in The Netherlands Stichting Support Pediatric Care Africa consist of a team of like minded individuals with the same goal: "Changing children's lives for the better and give them access to quality health care."

Our focus is making a difference to children in need.
No child should die or suffer simply because his parents are poor...!



1. Board report

We would like to share with you this annual report for the year 2020.

In 2020 Pediatric Care Africa had planned 70 to 100 surgeries with the expectation to provide surgery for 70 to 100 children and planned to help at least 400 children with medical treatment.

Unfortunately, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 reached South Africa in March of 2020. The government enforced an immediate lockdown effecting the entire country. A curfew was activated, all public transportation was suspended and only stores that were supplying essential goods were allowed to open up. Eventually, as the crisis developed nobody was allowed to leave their homes and everybody was obligated to wear a protective mask. It quickly became apparent that these new measures had many negative consequences. Many people lost their jobs. This forced loss of income caused hunger among many families and the consequences for families with children and elderly family members were devastating.

The Covid-19 pandemic was recognized and perceived by PCA as a national disaster and we responded to it as indicated and required in our Constitution. As a essential organization we were able to continue operating, but had to change our focus from surgeries to feeding hundreds of families totaling about 2500 persons without access to food. Over the period March 2020 to March 2021 we handed out and distributed 137 tons of food which is the equivalent of 500 000 meals to families in distress.

In the meantime we continued, whenever possible to provide medical assistance to less fortunate children in our local communities. In collaboration with local pediatricians and general practitioners we were able to help our little patient's with medical conditions big or small. Unfortunately elective surgeries were put on hold as the Government only allowed emergency surgeries to take place. Lastly, we were be able to conduct only 5 medical outreaches to isolated areas due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

1.1 Activities 2020

The results we as Pediatric care Africa achieved in 2020 were nevertheless great, which we would proudly share with you:

We organized food distribution outreaches twice a month to residents of informal settlements and persons in our communities and handed out food parcels to 500 individuals and families every 2 weeks. Over the period March 2020 – December 2020 we handed out 112 tons of food which is the equivalent of 320 000 meals.

- 3 Children received life changing surgery.
- 3 Children was admitted to hospital to receive urgent medical treatment.
- 46 Children were referred to Medical specialists receiving the best private medical care possible.
- 42 Children visited a private general practitioner and got the help and medicines required and prescribed.
- 5 medical outreaches were held reaching over 1000 patients bringing the total of persons receiving medical treatment to 1094 for 2020.





1.1.1 1000 surgeries for 1000 children #helpmyop

In 2019 we launched the “#helpmyop” campaign.

In South Africa, children often times do not receive the surgeries they need and require due to a number of reasons, such as lack of money and transport to go to a Government Hospital that may have the facilities and staff to conduct a required surgery. Such a “referral” Hospital may be a long distance away and parents have no accommodation to stay at once their child is admitted to a Hospital, or taxi money to get there. Very frequently children are referred to far away Hospitals only for them to discover and be told that there is no electricity, or a surgeon is not available or the equipment is faulty or the surgical list is so long that surgery is planned for an unknown future date, which may or may not happen. Sadly, many children simply never receive the treatment they deserve or at a level of care they deserve, If parents do not have a medical aid or money.

Every single child deserves access to appropriate surgical and medical treatment.

We are fully committed to these children and try to arrange surgeries for them through our network of private specialists and Hospitals wherever possible.

Our aim is to offer 1000 surgeries to 1000 vulnerable children over a period of 15 years, of which 800 surgeries is intended for children in South Africa and 200 children in neighboring Countries. For this campaign we ask donors to pledge a financial or skills donation to our program to enable us to give babies and children ages 0-18 years access to life changing pediatric surgery.

We receive awesome assistance from both Busamed Lowveld Private Hospital and Kiaat Private Hospital with our #helpmyop campaign.

Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 pandemic a lot of our planned surgeries were put on hold. However we managed to organize the following surgeries during lockdown.

- A cataract surgery
- Removal of papilloma growth in the throat
- Pyloric Stenosis

1.1.2 Doctors visits

Children have the right to the best possible healthcare. We aim to improve the health situation of vulnerable children in communities in South Africa.

We provide medical assistance to children when they are sick who's parents are poor, by taking them to Private General practitioners, Medical specialists or clinics daily. By ensuring that a sick child is seen by a private doctor or specialist and receiving the treatment and medication they need, is one of our main daily activities as we assist around 400 children per year to see a private Doctor and receive treatment.

If required we will collect the sick child and his/her parents/guardian and take them to their medical appointments, and should the child require any medicines, lab tests or any further form of investigation such as X rays it will also be supplied free of charge by us to the patient and his parents/guardian. Follow up check ups are arranged if required.

Children that are identified as in need of OT/Physiotherapy such as children with Cerebral Palsy for example, are assisted by qualified registered therapists. The therapy received are case specific.

Children receive medical treatment, medication & care from private medical practitioners and specialists varying from ENT 's and Urologists to Pediatricians and more.



1.1.3 #baby care pack feeding program

Every child has the right to a healthy life. This right to a healthy life also includes food security and clean drinking water.

Malnutrition is a huge problem among children living in poverty stricken communities and areas. The relationship between nutrition, health and learning is undeniably strong: nutrition is one of the three major factors that impact a child's development. Today many mothers and their children live in very severe poverty. With this in mind in 2019 we started a monthly food parcel campaign **#babycarepack**. We look after an average of 350 children in our local communities every month by providing the mothers with baby food and food for their children and themselves, as well as baby care products such as diapers, OTC medicines and everything else that babies and small children need for a healthy start to their lives.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused many people to lose their jobs and therefor many families simply no longer have money to buy food for their families. Pediatric care Africa views Covid 19 as a disaster and we have organized a feeding program during the national lockdown period whereby we handed out hundreds of thousands of meals and from March 2020 until March 2021 we distributed 137 tons of food to people with food insecurity.





1.1.4 Medical outreach

We regularly organize medical outreach programs in our local communities to improve the health situation of the children living there.

The children are examined, diagnosed and treated by a team of highly professional and skilled group of volunteers consisting of Doctors, Physiotherapists, Occupational therapists, Dietitians, Audiologist, Speech therapists and other volunteers. Malnutrition, cerebral palsy and growth disorders are a few examples of diagnosis made in children attending a medical outreach.

After the children have been examined and treated and if necessary are referred to a specialist or hospital for further medical treatment, we ensure that each and every child receives his/her prescribed medications or special diets.

In winter months, flu vaccination programs are also organized as we believe prevention is better than cure.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we could only organize 5 medical outreaches to the residents of Safari camp in Hazyview, an informal settlement in Hazyview, Magalela, an informal settlement on route to Hazyview, Soli-Deo-Gloria care Centre in Lydenburg and Katoen settlement in White River.

A total of approximately 4000 people live in the above mentioned settlements.

Patients were seen and attended to by a highly professional group of volunteers consisting of Doctors, Physiotherapists, Occupational therapists, Dietitians, Audiologist, Speech therapists and nursing sisters.

Examples of diagnoses of children in these squatter camps or settlements includes Cerebral Palsy and malnutrition etc.



1.1.5 Disaster relief

In the event of humanitarian disasters both natural or manmade – we respond immediately and offer our help to communities not only in South Africa but to all our Neighboring Countries as well.

Covid-19 pandemic

The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 reached South Africa in March of 2020. The government applied an immediate lockdown for the whole country. A curfew was enforced, all public transportation was suspended and only stores that were supplying essential goods were allowed to open. Eventually, as the crisis developed nobody was allowed to leave their homes and everybody was obligated to stay at home. Within days it became apparent that these strict measures had deadly consequences. Many people lost their jobs and children that would normally receive a meal at school, no longer receive even the one meal a day at school. The loss of income caused starvation in many families and severely affected especially smaller children. The consequences were devastating.

Pediatric Care Africa recognized the Covid-19 pandemic as a disaster and responded to the disaster as is enforced in our Constitution. Over the period March 2020 – March 2021 we handed out 137 tons of food to families in distress which is the equivalent of 500 000 meals.

Considering we are a medical NGO and not equipped to transport, package and distribute the vast amount of food required to help starving people, we had to rapidly adapt and adjust to meet this dire need.



The severity and extend of Covid-19 caught most people by surprise and our mandate stipulates that in the event of national disaster, we no longer only assist children but must assist adults as well.

With the help of many donors as GB2C, HCI Foundation, IDC (Industrial Development Corporation), SuperSpar Crossing Nelspruit and many more local companies we were able to deliver food relief parcels to communities in need. The food parcels consisted of maize meal, rice, coffee, tinned food, porridge, vegetables eggs, fruit etc.





Cyclone Eloise

We travelled 16 hours from our base in White River to Tshedza and Vuvha villages in the north of Limpopo to assist the persons effected by Cyclone Eloise which caused damage to these villages leaving people in distress and in need of assistance.

With roads finally dry enough to travel on, the road between Tshedza and Vuvha villages was a challenge for our vehicle to transverse in places due to the 1.65 tons of food we were carrying to the people worst affected by the Cyclone. Entering Tshedza the damage to infrastructure, roads and some houses was evident quickly with one lady standing in a gaping hole in her wall, with a piece of her roof hanging down precariously. Amazingly she greeted us with a smile, and was very grateful to receive a food parcel, maize meal and eggs from us. As she only speaks Venda, we couldn't ask her about what happened and how she was planning to fix her house again.

Our aim was to seek out persons that have extensive damage to their houses or are infirm and the elderly.

Many persons told stories of how their vegetable gardens were fully or partially destroyed and houses flooded and one "Granny" told me in perfect Afrikaans, that all her food for the month got wet as it was standing on the floor in her kitchen.

Cyclone Eloise uprooted trees, blocked roads, and destroyed buildings in affected areas, with at least two deaths reported.

2. Goals for 2021

Our goals for the coming year of 2021 are as follows:

- Arrange 70 surgeries for children in need ranging from heart valve replacement to grommets.
- Ongoing supply of appropriate nutritional food parcels to 350 children on a monthly basis.
- 450+ children taken to visit private doctors, specialists and all therapies.
- To conduct 6 large scale medical outreaches to informal settlements and care centers.

REACHING OUR GOALS:

Pediatric Care Africa means to achieve our goals through the following fundraising events:

- Gala dinner Events, Golf Days, Sports Days, Women's Events, Auctions, "Ride for a Child" Campaign whereby Dr. Andre and a team ride their motorbikes for a distance of 7000km around South Africa in order to raise funds for children.

"One man – One Tractor" 2500km tractor ride; Dr Andre rides 2500km on a tractor through 5 provinces to raise funds for medical treatment and surgeries for children, raise awareness of child abuse in South Africa and show support to 911 Riders and their fight against Farm Attacks and Murders.

- Ongoing goods donation support from local businesses.

- Monthly food donations from local communities, schools, Companies and NGO's. - Partnerships with other foundations as well as established business to offer financial support to Pediatric care Africa.

- Support from International foundations/funds that have the same mission - to help children to have hope for the future.



3. Our organisation

3.1 General information

Physical Address : Valley View, Plaston Road,
White River, 1240, Mpumalanga, South Africa
Postal Address : PostNet Suite 421, P. Bag X9910
White River, 1240, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Offices: +27(0)76 229 5663

E-mail: info@pediatriccareafrika.org

Website: www.pediatriccareafrika.org

NPO Reg. nr. 214-711 Date of registration: 21st
July 2018 - Founded in February 2017

PBO Reg nr. 930064552 – 18A Tax benefits
Current Tax Clearance Certificate and Yearly
Financials – Request from
treasurer@pediatriccareafrika.org

ANBI Reg nr. 862 52 291

On 30 July 2020 Pediatric care Africa has been
recognized in The Netherlands as a Algemene
Nut Beogende Instelling (ANBI). This means that
you can deduct your contributions from the
Income Tax return in accordance with the rules
laid down by the Dutch Tax Authorities. All
information can be found on the website of the
Belastingdienst.

If a receipt of your donation is required from
Pediatric care Africa, email your proof of
payment to treasurer@pediatriccareafrika.org as
well as the details that should be included on the
receipt.

Banking details:

Standard Bank of South Africa

Account number - 131 953 044

Branch code - 053052

SWIFT/BIC - SBZAJJ





3.2. Our board

Board Members Pediatric Care Africa –

Chairman/Founder : Dr J. André Hattingh MD. Ph.D. DTM&H (Ret.)

Vice Chairman: Ben van der Merwe ~ BSc

Treasurer: Joyce Cromptvoets ~mr. (Netherlands)

Secretary: Surika van der Merwe ~ B.Iuris. LLB

Board member: Adele Marais ~ RD Registered Dietician

Board member: L.J.A Cromptvoets ~ mr. (Netherlands)

We employ two full time corporate fundraisers that assist us with raising funds and awareness for the cause and also have general staff that assist us with daily duties; packing of food parcels, loading and offloading of parcels and donations, etc. Furthermore we have over more than 200 volunteers to assist us with everything from medical outreaches, food deliveries to writing grant proposals.

3.3 Our partner in The Netherlands

Stichting Support Pediatric Care Africa

In January 2021 the Dutch charity foundation Stichting Support Pediatric Care Africa was founded. The Dutch foundation was established to support Pediatric care Africa in South Africa. Stichting Support Pediatric care Africa's main purpose is to draw attention in The Netherlands to the work Pediatric care Africa does in South Africa and raise funds to ensure that Pediatric care Africa can continue to help underprivileged children in need.

Physical Address / Postal Address :

De Breid 5, 5823AA Maashees, The Netherlands

E-mail: info@stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl

Website: www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl

Kamer van Koophandel: Reg nr. 81656424

ANBI-status: On 22 January 2021 Stichting Support Pediatric care Africa has been recognized in The Netherlands as a Algemene Nut Beogende Instelling (ANBI) with Registration nr.: 862172111. This means that you can deduct your contributions from the Income Tax return in accordance with the rules laid down by the Dutch Tax Authorities. All information can be found on the website of the Belastingdienst. If a receipt of your donation is required from Pediatric care Africa, email your proof of payment to info@stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl as well as the details that should be included on the receipt.

Yearly Financials – Request from
info@stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl

Banking details:

NL04 RABO 0364 9504 55 (Rabobank)



Board Members Stichting Support Pediatric Care Africa –

Founder: Dr J. André Hattingh MD. Ph.D. DTM&H (Ret.)

Chairman: mr. L.J.A Cromptvoets

Treasurer: Drs. A.L.M. van Rooij

Secretary: mr. Joyce Cromptvoets

Board member: Drs. B.G.C.M. Ruyten





4. Our budget

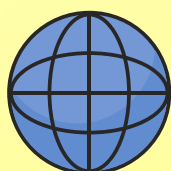
4.1 Estimated budget for 2020

Expenses	Rand	US Dollar	Euro	Pound
Advertising	80 000-00	5655-00	4738-00	4074-00
Bank Charges	2000-00	141-00	118-00	101-00
Fuel/Transport	65 000-00	4596-00	3850-00	3311-00
Accounting	10 000-00	707-00	592-00	509-00
Staff Salaries	700 000-00	49497-00	41471-00	35657-00
Fuel Costs for patients	28 000-00	1979-00	1658-00	1426-00
Consumables & Stationery	22 000-00	1555-00	1303-00	1120-00
Telephone & IT	20 000-00	1414-00	1184-00	1018-00
Doctors Visits (GP's)	340 000-00	24041-00	20143-00	17319-00
Specialist Visits & Therapies	700 000-00	49497-00	41471-00	35657-00
Care packs-350 children	7560 000-00	534575-00	447891-00	385101-00
Monthly Subscriptions	10 000-00	707-00	592-00	509-00
70 Surgeries @ basic cost	4130 000-00	292036-00	244681-00	210379-00
70 Surgeries Aux Cost	3100 000-00	219245-00	183696-00	157936-00
Auxiliary costs including lab fees, x-rays, ICU costs etc.				
Feeding - 300 families	54 000-00	3819-00	3199-00	2751-00

Above exchange rates calculated as of 27 June 2021



5. Social media



Please have a look at our website - www.pediatriccareafrika.org and www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl You will find all our latest stories as well as further information regarding news articles, radio appearances etc.



We are also very active on Social Media, please follow the link for our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/pediatriccareafrika>



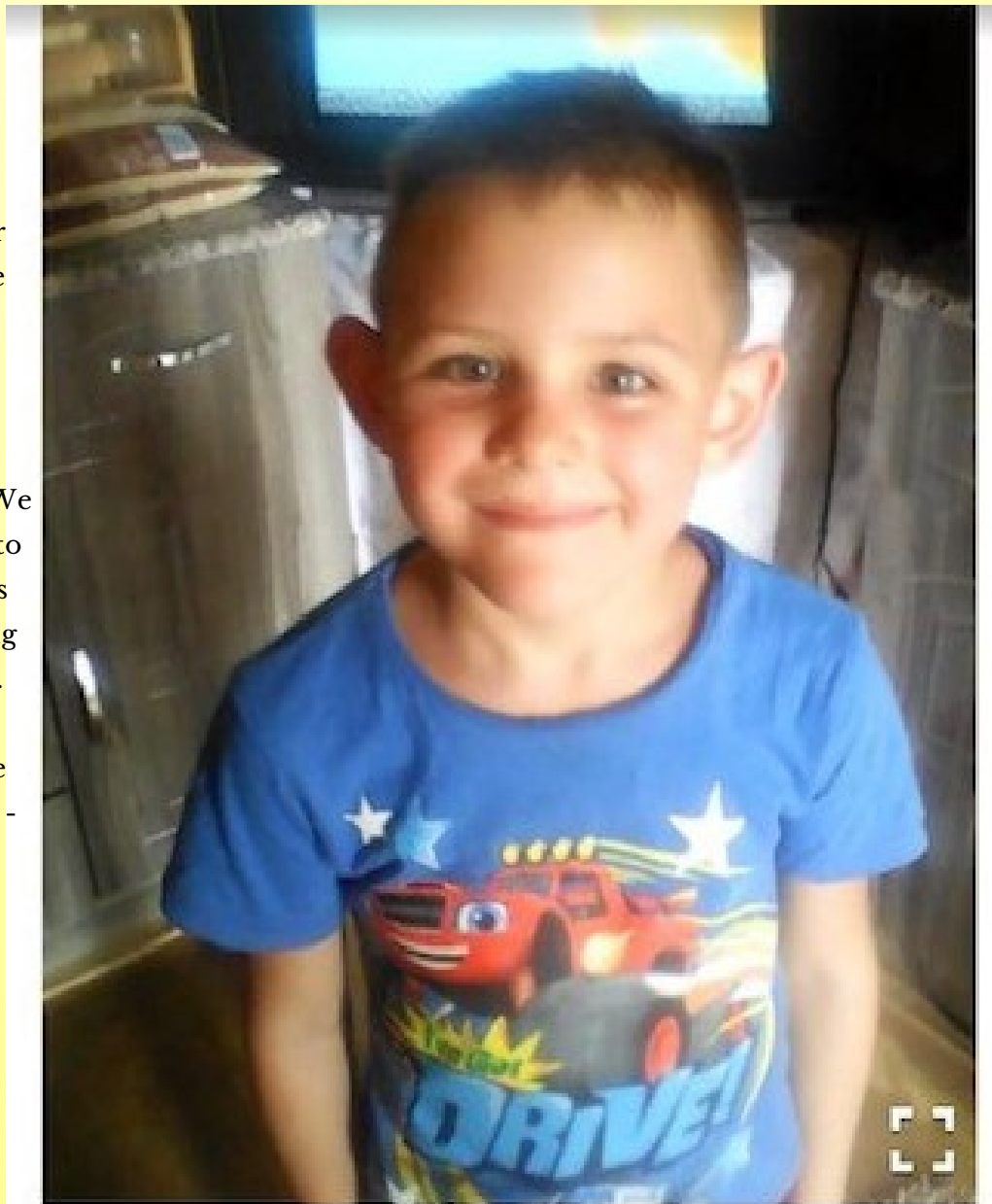
You can also have a look at our Instagram page, please follow this link <https://www.instagram.com/africapediatriccare/>

6. Conclusion

We sincerely thank you for taking time to look at our Annual Report 2020 and for your interest in assisting the beautiful children of South Africa & Africa.

Without the generosity of donors we are but a website. We need supporters and donors to fuel our cause and to help us achieve our dream - changing the lives of children in need.

Please help us to make these children's dreams come true - you can be someone's hero!



LOCAL NEWS

20 OCTOBER

Local boy receives the gift of sight

**Children are our greatest treasure.
They are our future.
- Nelson Mandela**