

# Annual Report 2022



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## 1. About Pediatric Care Africa

Pediatric Care Africa was founded in 2017 by Dr J. Andre Hattingh a retired neurosurgeon, specifically to assist sick children in South Africa that have no fair and adequate access to professional medical care and surgeries due to either the lack of medical facilities or the lack of access to appropriate medical facilities. Children have the right to the best possible healthcare. We aim to improve the health situation of vulnerable children in communities in South Africa.

## 2. Board report; the year 2022 in short

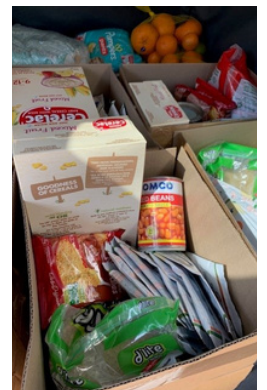
The year 2022 will be remembered as the year when thousands of South Africans lost their job due to dramatic increase in loadshedding in South Africa, a lack of investor confidence, bad governance and Government regulated minimum wages.

This picture is set to worsen and not improve in the coming years. The seasonal climate projection "El Nino" will definitely increase the food insecurity in South Africa and loss of crops. Due to the above starvation, growth stunting amongst children in South Africa is real and a ongoing medical and social crisis. With the dramatic reduction in money available to poor people very few can afford to take their children to a hospital or medical doctor. The solution is that we at Pediatric Care Africa must go to them and bring medical treatment and nutrition to underprivileged children.



## The results and activities 2022

- 11 Children was admitted to hospital to receive urgent medical treatment and/or received life changing surgery.
- 83 children visited a private general practitioner/medical specialist receiving the best private medical care and medicines prescribed.
- 3 medical outreaches were held reaching over 378+ patients (children and adults) receiving medical treatment and medication.
- 45 mothers received every two weeks a baby care packet (baby food, vegetables, nappies, toiletries etc) for their children. This comes down to an average of 144 children we help on a two weekly basis.
- We organized food distribution outreaches to residents of informal settlements and persons in our communities. Over the period January 2022 – December 2022 we handed out 16 tons of food which is the equivalent to more or less 400 000 meals.
- We were involved in the opening of the new Pediatric Surgical Ward of the Rob Ferreira Hospital in Nelspruit.



### 3. Our projects

#### Doctor's visits

We provide medical assistance to sick children who's parents are poor, by taking them to Private General practitioners, Medical specialists or clinics.

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

To ensure 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.

If required we will collect the sick child and his/her parents/legal 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.

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## 1000 Surgeries for 1000 children #helpmyop

In South Africa, children do not always 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 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.

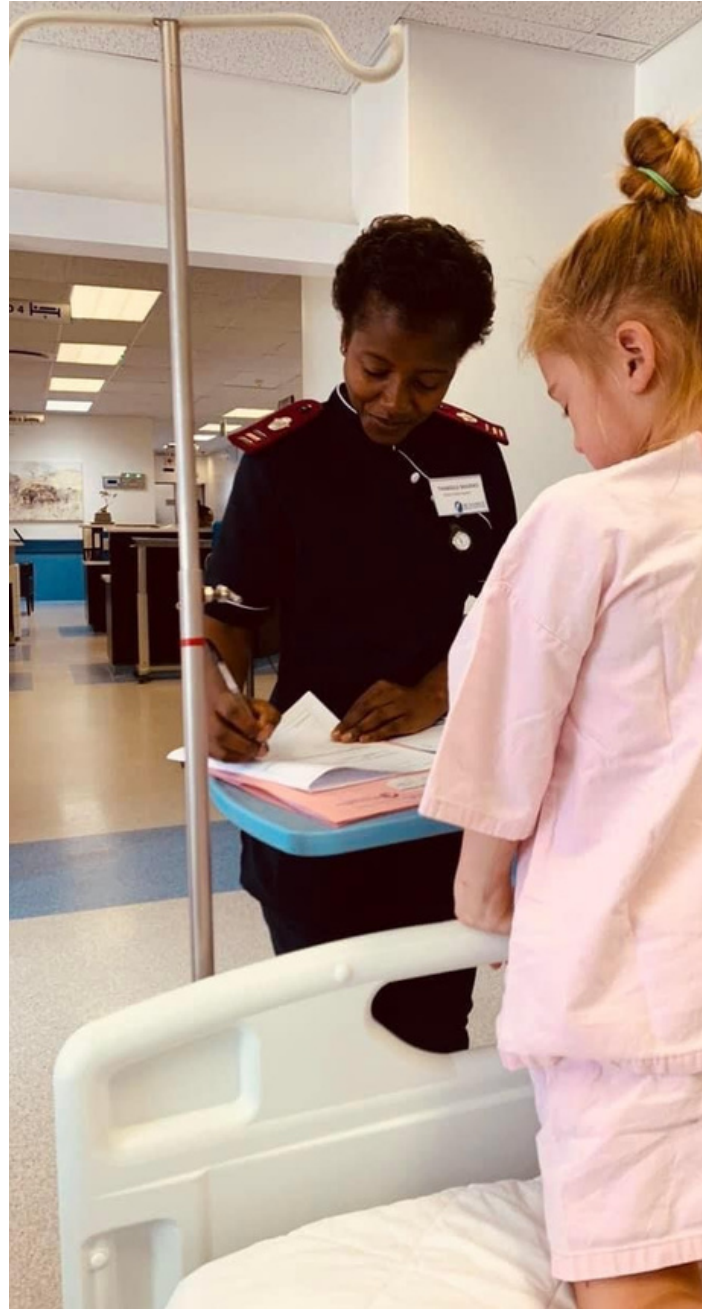
We are fully committed to these children and try to arrange surgeries for them through our network of private specialists and Hospitals wherever possible.

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 Medical specialists at both Busamed Lowveld Private Hospital and Kiaat Private Hospital

We managed to organize the following surgeries:

- 1 x Tonsillectomy.
- 1 x Bilateral Myringotomy.
- A little boy underwent surgery after diagnosed with portal hypertension.
- A little boy underwent surgery after diagnosed with Hirschprung's disease; abdominal surgery and stoma reversal.
- A little baby girl was diagnosed with a umbilical hernia and received surgery.
- A teenage girl received surgery after she was diagnosed with a ruptured appendix.
- A teenage boy was diagnosed with Prone Belly Syndrome and received surgery.
- 4 children were admitted to hospital with illnesses vary from dehydration to pneumonia.



## Medical Outreach program

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, Dentists 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.

We organized 3 medical outreaches in 2022:

Magalela, an informal settlement on route to Hazyview, Mpumalanga.

Brondal, an informal settlement outside Nelspruit, Mpumalanga.

Katoen Care Centre, White River, Mpumalanga, where we organized a flu vaccination project for the children living there.

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

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## #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 we started a two weekly food parcel campaign #babycarepack in 2019. We look after an average of 45 families with children in our local communities every two weeks 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. This comes down to an average of 144 children we help on a two weekly basis.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused many people to lose their jobs and therefore many families simply no longer have money to buy food for their families. We handed out hundreds of thousands of meals and from January 2022 until December 2022 we distributed 16 tons of food to people with food insecurity.



## Disaster Relief

### Aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic

The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 reached South Africa in March of 2020. The government enforced an immediate lockdown effecting the entire country. Even though the lockdown was lifted in September 2021 the economy of South Africa did not bounce back in 2022. On the contrary the severely weakened economy and the fact that the country faces very frequent rolling electricity black outs resulted in many people still losing their jobs. Almost 50% of the South African population is jobless and there is no indication that this situation will improve. On the contrary all indications are that the economy will continue to worsen.

The demand of our services has increased by over 600 % and at the same time our donations from the public and businesses has decreased by 70%. We anticipate that the demand for our services will increase by as much as 10% per month.

This forced loss of income caused hunger among many families and the consequences for families with children and elderly family members were devastating.

Over the period January 2022 to December 2022, we continued to hand out and distribute 16 tons food which is the equivalent of 400 000 meals to families in distress.

With the help of many donors as GB2C, Spar DC Nelspruit, Crossing Shopping Centre Nelspruit and many more local companies we were able to continue to deliver food relief parcels to communities in need.





## 5. Our estimated budget for 2023

Expenses	Rand
Advertising	160 000-00
Bank charges	2 500-00
Fuel / Transport	160 000-00
Accounting	10 000-00
Staff salaries	700 000-00
Consumables & Stationary	22 000-00
Telephone & IT	30 000-00
Doctor Visits (GP's)	1 000 000-00
Specialist Visits & Therapies	800 000-00
Care Packs 350 children	800 000-00
Monthly Subscriptions	10 000-00
70 Surgeries @ Basic Cost	3 500 000-00
70 Surgeries Auxiliary Costs including x-rays, ICU costs etc	2 200 000-00
 Disaster response estimation	 2 500 000-00



## 6. Our organisation - Pediatric Care Africa

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Website: [www.pediatriccareafrika.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - SBZAZAJJ

**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.Juris. LLB

Board member: Adele Marais ~ RD Registered Dietician

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



We employ one full time corporate fundraiser 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.

## 7. 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 of Pediatric care Africa 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](mailto:info@stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl)

Website: [www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl](http://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.

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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



## 8. Social media



Please have a look at our website - [www.pediatriccareafrika.org](http://www.pediatriccareafrika.org) and [www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl](http://www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl)  
You will find all our latest stories as well as further information regarding newspaper 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/>



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



We sincerely thank you for taking time to look at our Annual Report 2022 and for your interest in assisting the beautiful children of South Africa & surrounding countries.

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 give these children a future - you can be someone's hero!