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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 2023 in short

2023 will be remembered as a blessed year for Pediatric Care Africa as a Non-Governmental organization in Financial growth and our increased ability to assist children and persons in dire need, as a direct result of increased donations received, enabling us to more than double the number of children that received medical assistance in one form or another due to our assistance, with 2023 being the first year that a dental service was available during our medical outreaches, resulting in the volunteer dentists that accompanied us on outreaches doing 152 teeth extractions.

In 2022 we were able to assist in the development of a first world standard paediatric surgical ward at Rob Ferreira Hospital specialising in Minimally invasive surgeries, giving access to specialised surgery to children across Mpumalanga province. Pediatric Care Africa is still very much involved and we assist where needed to make sure this Paediatric Ward runs smoothly.

On a sadder note, we have witnessed a very noticeable increase and growth in the number of persons requiring assistance from us, as a direct result of increased poverty due to several factors such as fast population growth, a stagnating economy, corruption, and mismanagement of certain Government institutions coupled with massive increase in food prices to name a few reasons. The results of the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) indicate that the number of employed persons increased by 399 000 to 16,7 million in the third quarter of 2023

Approximately 55.5 percent (30.3 million people) of the population is living in poverty at the national upper poverty line (~ZAR 992) while a total of 13.8 million people (25 percent) are experiencing food poverty.

A new UNICEF report reveals that South Africa is one of 20 countries that account for 65 per cent of all children living in severe child food poverty globally. Of particular concern, is that 23 percent of children in South Africa are classified in that category and are at risk of lifethreatening malnutrition and related health complications.

"Malnutrition in all its forms weakens immune systems and increases children's risk of dying from common childhood diseases. Children's brain development is also impacted in the early years of life, affecting their ability to learn, and leading to lifelong development challenges that can perpetuate the cycle of poverty,"

Studies and scientific evidence have pointed to one significant factor contributing to the occurrence of severe flooding: climate change. 2023 was the hottest year ever recorded. The concentration of carbon emissions in the atmosphere has resulted in drastic shifts in weather patterns, leading to increased rainfall in places and subsequent floods.

Lacking a "crystal ball" we are preparing for and expecting more frequent disastrous weather events such as floods affecting large numbers of people, and an increase in people that will continue to become so poor that they simply will not be able to access medical help for themselves and their children as the poorest tend to reside furthest from the nearest clinic, and an inability to bear travel costs constrains them to lower quality health care facilities or no medical facility at all.

As sustainability and growth is of the outmost importance to us at Pediatric Care Africa, we will continue to engage in numerous fundraising events and to foster good relationships with our existing benefactors and to sustain their trust placed in us, by being totally transparent and to deserve the trust placed in us by people and organizations that support us.



"All Children have the absolute right to a healthy life"

The results and activities 2023

We achieved wonderful results in 2023, which we would like to share:

- 21 children was admitted to hospital to receive urgent medical treatment and 13 of these children received a life changing surgery.
- 90 children visited a private general practitioner/medical specialist receiving the best private medical care and medicines prescribed.
- 5 medical outreaches were held reaching over 417+ 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 2023 – December 2023 we handed out 101 000kg of food parcels.
- We were involved in the preparations of the opening of the new Burn Ward in the 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 13 surgeries due to LMACS & SUN PHARMA financial contributions and funds from Dutch Foundations:

- 1 x little boy underwent a Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy.
- 1 x teenage boy was diagnosed with a rare genetic defect Prone Belly Syndrome and underwent surgery.
- 1 x little boy had a pellet removed from his ear.
- 1 x little boy was diagnosed with Celiac disease and had two surgeries including a Colonoscopy
- 1 x little girl underwent a Bilateral Myringotomy.



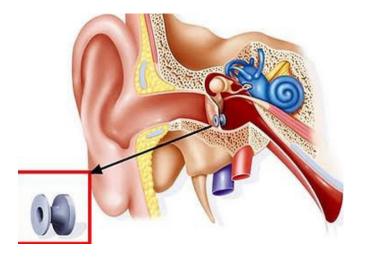




- 1 x little boy underwent a Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy.
- 1 x baby boy had complications to his genitals and underwent a foreskin removal.
- 1 x little baby girl underwent a Cleft Palate Repair surgery; Palatoplasty.
- 1 x teenage girl with a marked difference in length between her left and right leg and received surgery; a Growth plate fusion or Epiphysiodesis.
- 1 x teenage boy with a deformed hand received reconstructive surgery.
- 1 x boy received a Tonsillectomy, Adenoidectomy and a Myringotomy.
- 1 x little boy was born with a severe clubfoot and received 2 surgeries.

7 children had to be admitted to hospital for nonsurgical treatment:

- A teenage boy was admitted after complications after an Appendectomy performed in Gauteng.
- A severe malnourished and underweight boy was admitted to hospital with bronchial pneumonia and malnutrition.
- A little two-year-old boy was diagnosed with Hirschsprung disease and was severely malnourished and was admitted to hospital.
- A two-year-old girl with a severe cough and high fever was admitted to hospital for treatment
- A quadriplegic girl with cerebral palsy was admitted to hospital and received medical treatment and pain control.
- A boy with Hirschsprung disease was severely malnourished and was admitted to Kiaat before being transported to Steve Biko Hospital and received Genesis for 6 months from PCA.
- A 1 year old girl with cortical blindness, macrocephaly and clinical CP was admitted to hospital.





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 5 medical outreaches in 2023 reaching over 417+ patients (children and adults) receiving medical treatment and medication:

1 medical outreach in Magalela, an informal settlement on route to Hazyview, Mpumalanga.

2 medical outreaches in Brondal, an informal settlement outside Nelspruit, Mpumalanga.

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

1 medical outreach in Msholozi, an area in between Nelspruit and White River.

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.

Since 2017 we have supplied free medical care to 7849 children and adults during medical outreaches.











#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 therefor many families simply no longer have money to buy food for their families. We handed out hundreds of thousands of meals and from January 2023 until December 2023 we distributed 110 000kg of food parcels to people with food insecurity.

Since 2017 we handed out 511 000kg of food parcels, 7243 tins of baby formula and 9098 packets of baby porridge.

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 2023 to December 2023, we continued to hand out and distribute 110 000kg of food parcels 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.











4. Goals for 2024

Our goals for the coming year of 2024 are as follows:

- Arrange 20 surgeries for children in need ranging from tonsillectomy to grommets.
- 125 children taken to visit private doctors, specialists etc. for medical treatment and receive medication.
- Ongoing supply of appropriate nutritional food parcels to 45+ families with children (which will be an average of 144 children) on a two weekly basis.
- To conduct 5 large scale medical and food outreaches to informal settlements and care centers to reach over 700+ under privileged patients.

REACHING OUR GOALS:

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

- Gala Events, Golf Days, Sports Days, Women's Events, Auctions etc.
- The annual "Ride for a Child" charity motorbike ride whereby Dr. Andre and a team ride their motorbikes for a distance of 7000km around South Africa in order to raise funds for children. In 2024 we are trying to break a World Record; most motorbikes riding in staggered formation.
- The annual "On Trac Tor for Charity" 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. In 2024 we are trying to break a World Record; dr Hattingh will ride 3500km unaccompanied on a tractor through 6 provinces.
- The "Cooking with Doc" cookbook sale; all proceeds go directly to Pediatric Care Africa.
- Ongoing goods and food donation support from local businesses, NGO's and community members.
- Partnerships with other foundations as well as established businesses 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.







5. Expenditure

Pediatric Care Africa received direct contributions (monetary as well as non-monetary) in 2023 from a number of organisations such as:

Lowveld Medical Arts and Culture Society, Nelspruit, South Africa

Crossing Shopping Centre Nelspruit, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Private donations, (mostly) The Netherlands

Physionet, United Kingdom

Local sponsors in South Africa; Genesis Nutritional Products/OUTsurance, Spar Lowveld

5.1 Overview of expenses 2023

Wheelchair mrs Tracy Todd-Heine R65.000	00-00
 MediPost Pharmacy S.S. van Wijk (1 year supply Diabetes medicine) R60.000 	00-0
• Surgeries (13) R242.114	l-00
 Doctor / Specialist / Clinic Visits / Auxiliary costs (90 children) R31.805 	-00
 Medication (OTC medication / Prescription medication) R87.120- 	-00
Medical Outreach x 5	
- OTC medication / Prescription medication / Sanitary Pads etc R101.221	1-00
- Hand out; Genesis high protein meals/ Porridge, Baby Food R75 020	-00
 Food parcels / Baby Care Packs (Baby Milk/Nappies/Baby hygiene 	
products etc towards 35 families in local communities on a two weekly	
basis R47.237-	-00
Medical Transport Costs (fuel) R34 000	00-0
General Administration / Accounting costs R15.275-	.00
• Rent storerooms (storage food and donation PhysioNet) R21.004	-80
Donation from PhysioNet UK (medical equipment burn ward Rob	
Ferreira hospital / wheelchairs / buggies to the value of R 1 240 000-00	
Transport costs paid by Pediatric Care Africa:	
-Harbour Durban R 15 29	5-00
-Transport Durban – White River R 25.76	00-00
• Personnel R 40.00	0-00

5.2 Estimated expenses for 2024

Rand
R300.000-00
R40 000-00
R 110.000-00
R127.000-00
R95.000-00
R60.000-00
R42 500-00
R20.000-00
R27.000-00
R50.000-00

6. Our organisation - Pediatric Care Africa

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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@pediatriccareafrica.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@pediatriccareafrica.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 Crompvoets ~mr. (Netherlands) Secretary: Surika van der Merwe ~ B.Iuris. LLB

Board member: Adele Marais ~ RD Registered Dietician Board member: L.J.A Crompvoets ~ mr. (Netherlands)

We employ one full time event planner 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@stichtingsupportpediatricccareafrica.nl Website: www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrica.nl

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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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Yearly Financials – Request from info@stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrica.nl

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8. Social media



Please have a look at our website - www.pediatriccareafrica.org and www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrica.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/pediatriccareafrica



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



All children need is a little bit of love and a chance!



We sincerely thank you for taking time to look at our Annual Report 2023 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!