



Annual Report 2024

PEDIATRIC CARE AFRICA



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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 2024 in short

In mid-2024 we permanently moved Pediatric Care Africa to De Rust, in the Western Cape after a few years of planning. The reason for our permanent relocation to the Western Cape is partly due to the very high crime rate in Mpumalanga and increased danger of home invasions and violent crime to us as persons. 2024 was a very busy and a good 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 markedly increase the number of children that received medical assistance and surgeries in one form or another due to our assistance.

We successfully managed to break a World record during our annual 7000km motorcycle ride around South Africa to collect funds for children's medical treatment and surgeries, and had 2616 motorcycles riding in tandem as one single group between Storms River and Jefferys bay in the Eastern Cape.

2024 was a year of breaking records for us with our fundraising efforts and completed a record breaking 3500km on a tractor riding through 6 provinces.

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 percent 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 life-threatening 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 namely climate change. 2024 was a very hot year with several large floods hitting Limpopo and KwaZulu Natal resulting in hundreds of persons being left homeless and with no drinking water for a few months. KwaZulu natal had three large storms with unprecedented flooding. 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.

A big concern to us and an issue that we must urgently address is Malaria that has become much more common and frequent in the last 2 years.

In 2021, the WHO recommended the RTS,S/AS01 (RTS,S) vaccine to prevent malaria among children living in regions with moderate-to-high *P. falciparum* malaria transmission. More than 2 million children were reached with at least one dose of the vaccine through the WHO-coordinated Malaria Vaccine Implementation Program in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi. A rigorous evaluation has shown a substantial reduction of severe malaria and a 13% drop in early childhood deaths in the areas where RTS,S been administered compared with areas where the vaccine was not introduced. In October 2023, WHO recommended a second safe and effective malaria vaccine, R21/Matrix-M. The availability of 2 malaria vaccines is expected to increase supply and make broad-scale deployment across Africa possible. Neither Malaria vaccine is available in South Africa.

How can we as a medical NGO help to prevent persons dying from malaria, which is a very preventable disease? Pediatric Care Africa will fully follow the WHO and the South African ministry of health recommendations and regulations, in our fight to prevent people in remote villages and informal settlements in malaria pandemic areas from contracting malaria.

In large areas of South Africa especially in more remote areas and informal settlements there are often zero Government assistance or intervention, to prevent people from getting and dying from malaria, with malaria also fast returning to areas that was malaria free for the last few decades due to the non-spraying of DDT products allowed and recommended by the WHO. Climate change and the availability of breeding places for mosquitos for example in discarded tyres and waste products in and around informal settlements also seem to play a definite role in the increase in malaria cases.

In the spring and summer of 2025/6 starting in September 2025, we aim to distribute no less than 2000 malaria preventative care packs to the most vulnerable persons in remote areas of Mpumalanga and Limpopo in South Africa.



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

The results and activities 2024

We achieved wonderful results in 2024, which we would like to share:

- 17 children was admitted to hospital to receive urgent medical treatment and 9 of these children received a life changing surgery, including to major surgeries
- 80 children visited a private general practitioner/medical specialist receiving the best private medical care and medicines prescribed.
- 2 medical outreaches were held reaching over 224 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 2024 – May 2024 we handed out 5 000kg of food parcels.
- In May we developed a state-of-art burns unit incorporated in the Pediatric Surgical ward at Rob Ferreira Hospital in Nelspruit, complete with Isolation facilities, stainless steel bath etc. and it also has its own self-contained and separate occupational therapy and physio therapy unit for the rehabilitation of severely burned children.



3. Our 5 programs



Clinical program

We provide free medical treatment to sick children on a daily basis, by arranging for them to be seen by private GP's, specialists and clinics free of cost to them and furthermore provide all prescribed medication and medical procedures such as Lab work or X Rays requested by their Doctor.

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.

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“1000 Surgeries for 1000 children” program

We arrange and provide free surgeries to impoverished children nationwide at zero cost to them.

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 9 surgeries due to LMACS & SUN PHARMA financial contributions and funds from Dutch Foundations:

- 1 teenage boy who was born with Spina Bifida Myelomeningocele and suffered from a number of right femur fractures underwent a major surgery.
- 1 teenage boy with a fractured hand as a result of a skateboard accident underwent a reconstructive surgery.
- 1 little boy received a Myringotomy.

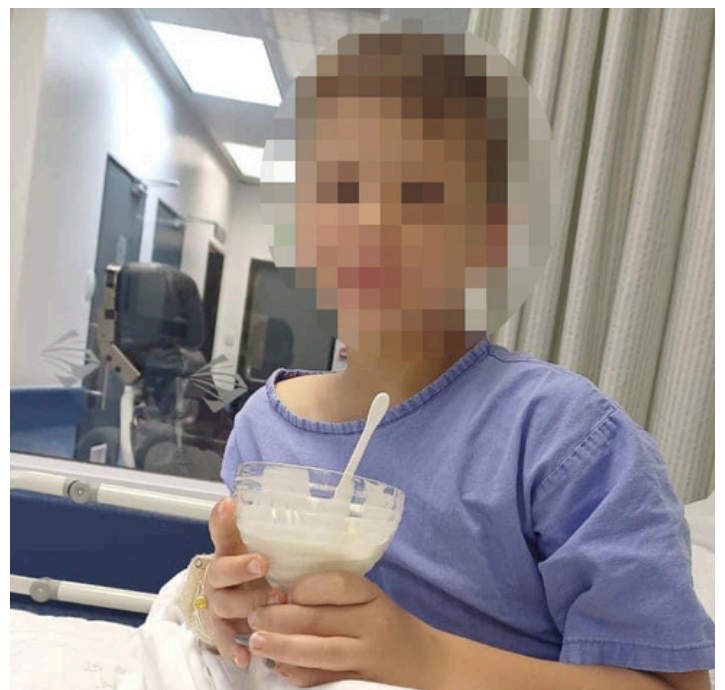




- A little girl received a Tonsillectomy and a Adenoidectomy.
- A 5yr boy received a Adenoidectomy and a Myringotomy.
- A 2yr old little boy with a severe squint (Strabismus) in his left eye received corrective surgery to his eye muscle.
- A teenage boy received a Tonsillectomy and a Adenoidectomy.
- A 8yr old girl received mayor surgery to both her legs (Bilateral Proximal Tibial Osteotomy).
- A 12yr old boy suffering from chronic tonsillitis received both a Tonsillectomy and a Adenoidectomy.

8 children had to be admitted to hospital for non surgical treatment.

- A little boy with suspected epileptic seizures was admitted to hospital for stabilization and referral for further examination.
- 4 Toddlers with high fever and signs of dehydration were admitted.
- A teenage girl with diabetes who's medication was given incorrectly was admitted to hospital to stabilise her blood sugar.
- 2 severe malnourished, dehydrated and underweight baby twin boys were admitted to hospital.



Outreach program

We conduct regular medical outreaches during which we supply medical treatment to all children their mothers and all sick persons in a community such as an informal settlement.

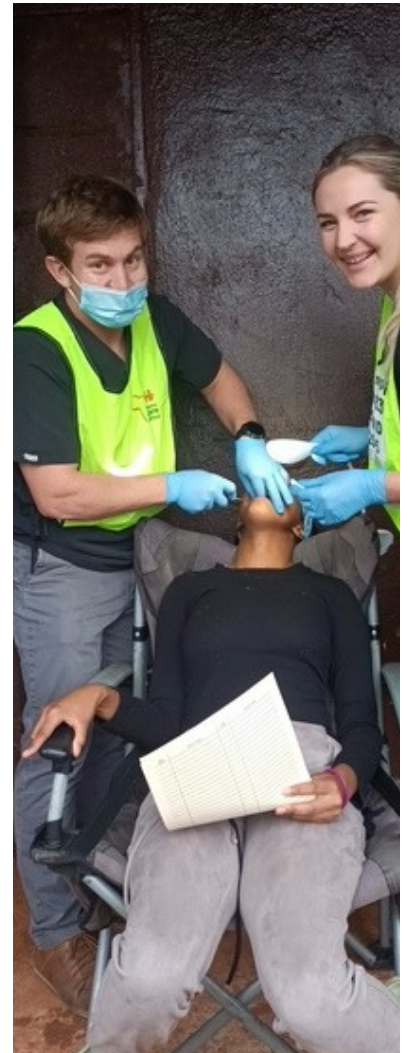
We regularly organize medical outreach programs in our local communities to improve the health situation of the children living there. The children are examined, diagnosed and treated by a team of highly professional and skilled group of volunteers consisting of Doctors, Physiotherapists, Occupational 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 2 medical outreaches in 2024 reaching over 300+ patients (children and adults) receiving medical treatment and medication:

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

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

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.



Nutritional program



We supply free baby milk, baby food and nutrition to children who is in danger of suffering from malnutrition or whose parents cannot afford baby formula or the appropriate food.

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 nutritional program 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 2024 until May 2024 we distributed approx. 5 000kg of food parcels to people with food insecurity.

Disaster Program

We respond and provide emergency medical services, emergency surgeries, medical treatment, medication and provide food and water in case of a disaster in South Africa and neighbouring countries.

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 2024 until May 2024, we continued to hand out and distribute approx. 5 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.



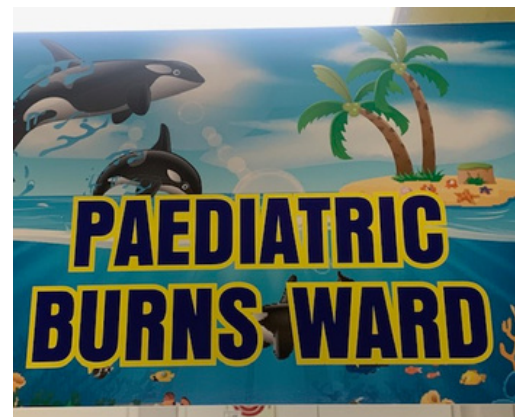
Physionet, United Kingdom, donation

Initiated and orchestrated by the Rotary Club of White River in Mpumalanga, we received in February 2024 a 40ft container full of walkers, wheelchairs, buggies, disposables, AFO's and tons of other goods as a donation from PhysioNet in the United Kingdom. Pediatric Care Africa paid for the transport shipping costs from the United Kingdom to South Africa and from Durban harbour to White River. The medical equipment, disposables and hospital furniture we donated to the new Burn unit that we established in the Pediatric Surgical Ward at Rob Ferreira Hospital in Nelspruit. Wheelchairs etc. were handed out to persons in need and shared with other local registered NGO's such as The Meyer Beukes warriors on wheels Foundation and Hospice White River. Furthermore buggies for children with for example Cerebral Palsy, were fitted to each child by an occupational therapist, as the correct fit and posture support is crucial. AFO's and splints was distributed to Neil Taljaard, an Orthotist at Kiaat private Hospital in Nelspruit that has assisted us so many times over the years, we have lost count. Children and adults from as far as Bushbuckridge and Waterval Boven in Mpumalanga, Upington in North West Province and Durban also benefitted from the goods we received.



Opening Burn Ward at Rob Ferreira Hospital, Nelspruit

In May 2024 we developed a state-of-the-art burns unit incorporated in the Pediatric Surgical ward at Rob Ferreira Hospital in Nelspruit, complete with isolation facilities, stainless steel bath etc. and it also has its own self-contained and separate occupational therapy and physio therapy unit for the rehabilitation of severely burned children.



4. Goals for 2025

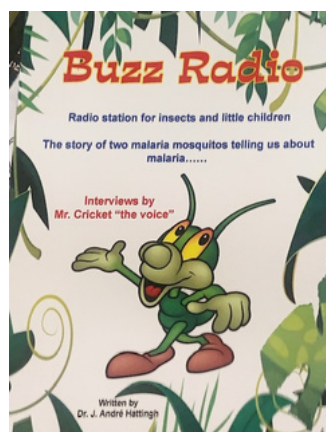
Our goals for the coming year of 2025 are as follows:

- Arrange 12+ surgeries for children in need ranging from tonsillectomy to grommets.
- 95+ children taken to visit private doctors, specialists etc. for medical treatment and receive medication.
- To conduct medical outreaches to informal settlements and care centers to reach underprivileged 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.
- 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.
- Donkeys Delivering Dreams 500km by donkey cart through the Klein Karoo to raise funds for buggies for children in the Klein Karoo with cerebral palsy.
- The "Cooking with Doc" cookbook and "Buzz Radio" (informative colour in story book for Moms and Children about malaria), both written by Dr J. André Hattingh; 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 2024 from a number of organisations such as:

Lowveld Medical Arts and Culture Society, Nelspruit, South Africa

Dischem, 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

Collaboration with Food Forward

5.1 Overview of expenses 2024

Expenses	Rand
• Surgeries (9)	R 232.452,61
• Doctor / Specialist / Clinic Visits / Auxiliary costs (80 children)	R 11.108,65
• Medication (OTC medication / Prescription medication)	R 229.915,15
• Medical Equipment and development Burn Ward Rob Ferreira Hospital	R 138.728,02
• Medical Outreach x 2 (reaching over 300+ patients)	R 38.335,83
- OTC medication / Prescription medication / Sanitary Pads etc	
- Hand out; Genesis high protein meals/ Porridge, Baby Food	
• Food parcels / Baby Care Packs (Baby Milk/Nappies/Baby hygiene products etc) towards 35 families in local communities on a two weekly basis	R 29.689,74
• Medical Transport Costs (fuel)	R 52.430,79
• General Administration / Accounting costs	R 36.475,50
• Personnel	R 74.317,20
• Donation PhysioNet UK (medical equipment Burn Ward Rob Ferreira Hospital, wheelchairs, buggies, walkers etc to the value of R 1.240.000,--. Transport costs paid by Pediatric Care Africa:	
-Harbour Durban	R 15.295,--
-Harbour Durban to White River	R 25.760,--
• Rent storerooms, including 4 months rent storeroom for goods PhysioNet donation	R 62.240,--
• Courier costs wheelchairs, walkers, buggies throughout South Africa	R 7.646,83

5.2 Estimated expenses for 2025

	Rand
• Surgeries	R210.000-00
• Doctor / Specialist / Clinic Visits / Auxiliary costs	R 20 000-00
• Medication (OTC medication / Prescription medication)	R 110.000-00
• Medical Outreach x 2	R 35.000-00
- OTC medication / Prescription medication / Sanitary Pads etc	
- Hand out; Genesis high protein meals/ Porridge, Baby Food	
• Medical Transport Costs (fuel)	R 60.000-00
• General Administration / Accounting costs / Courier / Website	R 35 000-00
• Rent storerooms	R 20.000-00
• Personnel	R 50.000-00

6. Our organisation - Pediatric Care Africa

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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

Board Members Pediatric Care Africa –

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Vice Chairman: Ben van der Merwe ~ BSc

Treasurer: Joyce Cromptvoets ~mr. (Netherlands)

Secretary: Adele Marais - RD Registered Dietician

Board member: Surika van der Merwe ~ B.Iuris. LLB

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

We employ one part 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 :

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E-mail: info@stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.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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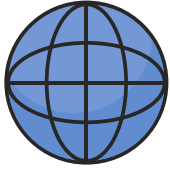
Treasurer: Drs. A.L.M. van Rooij

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 and www.stichtingsupportpediatriccareafrika.nl
You will find all our latest news, interesting stories as well as more 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/>



**“All a child needs to flourish
is a fair chance and a bit of love!”
-Dr. J. André Hattingh-**



We sincerely thank you for taking time to look at our Annual Report 2024 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!