

## Annual Report Foundation Netherlands Sri Lanka 2023

The foundation's board met four times in 2023. Three newsletters were sent to donors and other interested parties.

These newsletters can be found on our website.

In January we welcomed our new board member: Eljo Gubbels. She has taken over various tasks in 2023.

Due to the economic crisis, we were again, unfortunately, not able to make a working visit. We did travel to Italy, where Sister Amatha stayed for a short time due to medical examinations. It was there that Eljo was acquainted with Sister Amatha, Sister Michelle and Sister Maria. We were able to discuss everything concerning the children and the homes with each other, which was quite pleasant.

Unfortunately, the economic crisis in Sri Lanka is far from over. Everything is still very pricey and foods and medicines are in short supply. Electricity, gas and petrol are still extremely expensive. Fortunately, the children were able to go to school every day. Although some school supplies are also very expensive or even unavailable.

The sisters and children have been busy maintaining their vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Unfortunately, the vegetable gardens were completely destroyed in October/November by heavy, prolonged rainfall. We are pleased to say that Sister Amatha keeps us informed about the goings-on in the homes on a regular basis. Fortunately, she has always been able to buy enough food for the children and sisters.

We have decided to maintain the increased quarterly contribution for another year. After that year we will, again, see if we can continue the increased amount.

We made an extra contribution in December so that Christmas presents could be purchased for the children and school supplies could be bought for the new school year. They celebrated Christmas together in Kelaniya.

One new girl has been admitted to our care. Occasionally there are also children who are admitted on a temporary basis. The Child Protection Authorities are in close contact Sister Amatha regarding this.

Necessary maintenance needs to be carried out at some of the homes. Unfortunately, the repairs are far more expensive than before the crisis, due to extremely expensive materials. It is also difficult to find people who want to carry out the repairs. Therefore, not all the repair work has been carried out yet.

This year our sales booth was present at the Mother's Day Fair in Kloetinge, the Pentecost Fair in Ouwerkerk, the fair in Colijnsplaat, 10 weeks at the tourist market in Oostkapelle and at the Christmas market in Colijnsplaat. These markets generated quite a decent amount of money for the foundation.

We held 2 PowerPoint presentations that also yielded income. Churches regularly collected for us and we were allowed to share information regarding the foundation and Sri Lanka, or they projected photos of the children and the homes on a screen.

As in previous years, we will continue our fundraising. We do this, among other things, by giving Power Point Presentations and attending markets where we sell (often handmade) merchandise and where we also hand out flyers.


The number of donators has decreased slightly. Mainly due to the demise of elder donors and donors who have chosen to donate to other charity organisations.

As of December 31, 2023, the board consists of:

Chairman:	Treasurer:	Secretary:	Board member:
E. Sanderse-van den Berg	J.B. Uitterhoeve	T. Uitterhoeve-Geene	E. J. Gubbels-Heijnsdijk

Established in Kloetinge on: 09-01-2024

Chairman:



Secretary:

