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Message from the president



Greatfully we look back on a year with marvellous realizations that do make a difference.... thanks to the support, efforts and encouragement of people like you.

Dr. Cletus Babu was once more entitled to receive an important award. This is again a proof of how he uses our financial support in an optimal land efficient way to offer "opportunities" in life to the very poorest in the adopted SCAD regions – particularly to children and women. .

Bearing in mind the great needs, we keep looking for ways to increase the SCAD-provision of services.

That is why we now offer the possibility of a (dual) legacy donation. Are you interested? More information on www.zoutmijnkinderen.be or by mail info@zoutmijnkinderen.be.

SCAD Belgium's Women to Women has also assured its further existence. At the beginning of this year the sisters Kiki and Kiane Braet (founders)) passed on the torch to Marie Ooms. Thank you Kiki/Stany and Kiane for your spirited, tireless and inspired efforts.

Also 'Merci beaucoup' to Fabienne Hopchet, who has brought our association with the name "SOS Enfants des Salines" to the attention of the french speaking population for many years and has thus given an important financial support. We wish you all the best Fabienne.

To you, dear sympathiser, we wish from the bottom of our heart a lot of luck and all the best in 2017. Please let children in Tamil Nadu share your love and warmth in the new year too, in order to give them the possibility to grow up to become "special people".

Marjolijn Vergote

President SOS Zoutmijnkinderen India

on behalf of the entire Board of Directors

This year too some of you have probably met at the film, during summer, at the flee market in Gits, at the world market Dunia in Koksijde or recently at the light promenade, all of these activities were successful and enabled us to **sponsor SCAD additionally.**

SCAD again wins an award



The Capital Foundation of India New Delhi has awarded to dr. Cletus Babu the prestigious 'Education and Social Work National Award 2016.

This is again a proof of the huge appreciation for what he realizes with the help of SCAD fellow workers and the financial support of partners abroad – like us.

Familiarisation trip



Just before midnight a plane of Lufthansa lands in Chennai with nine enthusiast sponsors of Zoutmijnkinderen. An eighteen days trip with our friends of SCAD turns into a captivating story.

We visit people in the smallest villages : poor farmers, snake catchers, people working in the salt pans and their children, gypsies, lepers, women groups, children and young adults with restrictions, ...

Special attention is given to the nutritional project for young girls, pregnant and breast feeding women (more info to be found further in

this newsletter). What a power, what an energetic and concrete action!

The start of the ArnEvaproject is a special and emotional moment (more info further in this letter).

We start our action of planting trees with children and women. Later during the monsoon they will plant another hundreds of trees (more info further in this letter).

Enriched and feeling good we say goodbye to our friends in India – always a difficult moment. We have witnessed engaged, happy, hard working, warm people who try to make the world a better place for everybody with values like respect, dignity, justice and equality!

(Lieve Desmedt)

Realizations of SCAD

We are pleased to remind you of the following impressive figures:

1. There are 1500 children with special needs in the 586 villages in which SCAD works.
2. In the villages adopted by SCAD there are 287 village schools that offer education possibilities to 18 000 children.
3. SCAD now empowers ± 600 000 people in the Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Ramnad and Kanyakumari-district.

Projects realized during the last year

Emergency relief



The emergency call by dr. Cletus was responded to by many people. The Province of West Vlaanderen has immediately provided money. The Koning Boudewijnstichting was also immediately ready to give a special code to this project.

Moreover SCAD Belgium's Women to Women and Rotary club Antwerpen supported this action.



The poorest and most severely struck families were given medical treatment, food, clothes, medication, cooking supplies and a temporary or new shelter.

Medical Center – Surgical quarter



Surgical supplies are very expensive, also in India. This year we were able to finance with the support that we received – through the Koning Boudewijnstichting (project 1282518) and an anonymous donor a system to hang anaesthetical and surgical instruments, a Boyls device, an electro coagulation system, a heart monitor, a sterilization device, a pulse oxymeter, an electronic pinch off device and drug licensed narcotics.

Nutritional program for heavy undernourished pregnant/breast feeding rural women and young children

40 to 42% of the pregnant and breast feeding women who live in Tamil Nadu on the countryside, are badly nourished which results in a lack of iron, anaemia, arthritis, problems of the skin, stomatitis, ... Severe anaemia increases the risk of premature birth and a low birth weight and is the cause of 23% of the maternal mortality.



Many babies are also severely undernourished and that results in an extremely high amount of children with a mental or multiple restriction. In the Tirunelveli District there are 42.1 deaths on 1000 children born alive.

SCAD wants to empower 1500 women (that met the standards) in 82 rural villages in the Tirunelveli and Tuticorin District for a healthy diet by offering them a specific training.

This SCAD project is financially supported by the Province West Vlaanderen, Wereldraad Hooglede-Gits, Stad Roeselare, Stad Torhout, Rotary Club Diksmuide and Torhout and sponsoring by the people who joined the familiarisation trip.



Goat project

With the financial support of SCAD Belgium's Women to women – through the Koning Boudewijnstichting

(project 1282519) – 65 women groups were trained to raise goats. They each received one unit of goats (1 male and 6 female goats) and the veterinary costs are also paid for.



Moreover SCAD Belgium's Women to Women has transferred 15.000€ to SCAD to be used specifically to empower women.

Project ArnEva



In the salt pans – the hell of the south – men and women already start to work at 5 o'clock in the morning. Small children are left alone at home, since they can not afford a nanny. Thanks to the 'Project ArnEva' of Gerda and Roland and the many friends of Arne en Eva 50 toddlers and minnows are no longer left abandoned. A darecare programm was started. Children receive the care that they need, a warm meal and game support.



During the familiarisation trip a banner with a picture of Arne and Eva was divulged. The children were sitting on the ground in their brand new uniform. A moment of silence when Roland and Gerda served their lunch on the new metal plates : a boiled egg, rice, spicy sauce and a banana. Happy children and emotional collaborators. A tree was planted at each side of the gate : Arne and Eva now also cotinue to live (their dream!) in India.

Renovation of the Keelavilathikulam School in Vilathikulam Block



This is how the school looks now. There is supply of water, a sanitary block has been built and the kitchen has been renovated.



This has been realized by the Department International Collaboration of Koksijde and a donor who wants to remain anonymous.



Plant a tree action



Thanks to the support of the VBS De Ark in Koksijde and Sint-Benedictus in Poperinge hundreds of trees (papaya, mango, sapota, tamarind and the 'village pharmacy' the take away tree) could be planted during the monsoon. The fruits give extra vitamins. Some of the trees are planted around huge water wells to protect the edges from erosion. They also offer shadow for the animals. Later on they will become fuel wood. A project with many purposes.

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'GIFT kinderen met beperking'

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Info on the website

Moreover SOS Zoutmijnkinderen/Enfants des Salines-India has also transferred 30.000€ to SCAD with the specific purpose to create education possibilities for children who would otherwise never have had this opportunity.

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wishes a warm and peaceful 2017 to all of you!

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