

# Newsletter

## November 2020

### Events to come

**Due to COVID-19 no events are planned at the moment.**



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### Message from the president



Dear friends

The corona crisis has slowed down the express train of our daily life and forces us to reflect on our personal values and those of our society.

In India there are many COVID-19 victims. The large amount of deceased persons is remarkable compared to the small percentage of the Indian population that is being tested. The disfavored rural villages – where SCAD Nirman operates and that we support with SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India - are very heavily struck. In order to earn their living, many men work as guest workers in larger cities, where the virus first broke out. Due to the overall lockdown there was no more work or food and the public transport stopped. So they were forced to go back home, on foot or on bike, whereby they spread the contamination in their villages in no time. Moreover, the health care there is restricted to a minimum.

SCAD Nirman immediately started to support the population of the 596 villages that they empower with advice and assistance. More about this you will find in this news letter!

Some of us are equally struck by corona : got ill themselves, maybe lost a beloved one, got a smaller monthly salary or lost their job in the worst case. These are difficult times for all of us.

And yet, we dare ask you, if possible, to keep supporting SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India/SCAD Nirman, and if feasible donate a little extra. Due to the corona measures none of our fundraising activities that were planned could take place. Last year was an outstanding year, 2020 is unfortunately a difficult year... but we remain positive!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your valuable support!

**Take good care of yourself and let us contaminate each other with compassion, love and faith.**

Marjolijn Vergote

President SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India

### COVID-19

We cannot ignore it : corona has thoroughly undermined all our vzw plans for 2020. It took only a short time before we realised that SCAD Nirman needed our help especially now to support the victims of this pandemic.



We quote what SCAD Nirman says about the situation : <https://www.scad.org.in/>

'The COVID-19 pandemic marks an unseen period in modern history, that requires the best in mankind to transcend all of this.

The poor and the people who live on the street, suffer the most : gypsies, snake catchers, lepers ... SCAD Nirman immediately started emergency relief : distribution of food: amongst others vegetables, oil, rice and protection materials such as mouth caps, soap, hand gel, etc. However, the need is very huge and even with an extreme effort, we can only support a small part of our target area because we lack financial means. We have identified about 5000 destitute families in our district, who urgently need help in this critical period.'

We want to thank the province West Vlaanderen, the Annuntiata institute Veurne and DIS Koksijde for the nice amount that we have been able to transfer for this emergency relief.

Equally important : also our government makes an effort to support the work of organisations like ours that commit themselves to a general social interest, now that most of the income fades away due to the pandemic.(Indeed : no film, quiz, meal walk with lights, etc. this year)

**Anyone who donated an amount in 2020 that was fiscally deductible, will receive a fiscal deduction of 60% instead of 45%.**

**An example : if you donate € 40, you will recover € 24 through your tax declaration 2021.  
We invite you strongly to do so urgently!**

## Projects realised during the past year

### With the support of the Province of West-Vlaanderen:

- employment of underprivileged single women;
- deepening, enlargement and repair of 4 water reservoirs : a water committee checks the maintenance, each villager gives a small amount. Erosion of the waterside is prevented by planting trees that also provide fruit. Fish is cultivated in the water : extra food for the villagers.



### Project 'integral village development' of SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India/SCAD Belgium's Women to Women (Koning Boudewijnstichting):

We are glad to announce that this project, that we elaborately informed about and that benefits 30 underprivileged villages, will almost reach full realisation by the end of this year.

This year our support went to:

- employment of 100 women (goat rearing)
- mobility and other orthopedic devices for 82 children/adults with a disability.
- renovation of 2 oranies and adjoining water wells
- renovation of 4 schools and school supplies and furniture for 12 schools : to be realised still this year.

We are also happy to mention some special efforts by DIS Koksijde (2 school renovations have been realised), TROSSO Torhout (renovation water wells in progress), Soroptimisten Antwerpen (employment of women, City Counsel Roeselare and the community of Hooglede).

## SCAD Belgium's Women to Women

In these difficult times our Antwerp female SCAD sympathisers succeeded again in gathering a valuable support, used by SCAD Nirman to empower women.

## Activities in 2020

Due to the circumstances there is not much to be mentioned.



Yet, the start of the year was positive : just before the pandemic hit us, our president was in India where she checked the projects of SCAD Nirman and worked herself, among other things with dr. Van den Daelen, who again did several surgeries. Groep Gidts took care of the hospital costs. Mieke and Myriam, doctor and nurse of Groep Gidts, reinforced the team. We communicated about this in our digital news flash.

In this period 3 enthusiastic Vives students in education, amongst whom Marieke, daughter of Myriam went to SCAD Nirman. Unfortunately their apprenticeship ended abruptly due to corona.

We are pleased to share a short testimony by Myriam.



An apprenticeship abroad was an ultimate dream that became true for Marieke. Being a mother, I was very glad to be able to share this dream a bit, in the fine company of dr Mieke Demeestere and her daughter Marie. These days were unforgettable : enjoy Marieke who had the time of her life there and was able to do very nice things in the school and being able to support the post operative consultations myself. We shared our experience by providing training in the hospital



and to students who will become teachers. Marjolijn took us to the salt pans, projects of SCAD Nirman, temples, Madurai ... We were immersed in the beautiful culture, met lovely people and enjoyed the wonderful colours of the country. The adventure was unforgettable and we even dream of more of this!

Finally, we want to put some activities that could be organised in a corona proof way in the picture : a sponsored walk, organised by Wim Deheegher and daughter Odile, sewing mouth caps and making jam, selling pralines and marzipan. All profits of course went to SCAD Nirman.

Once more an amount was donated for vision research and treatment, so that this project can be continued.

**Beside the huge projects mentioned above, the support of individual sponsors obviously remains very valuable**

## **Cancelled**

Beside our normal activities, the familiarisation trip of the Annuntiata Instituut Veurne was also cancelled due to COVID-19.

Fingers crossed that this trip can still be organised in 2021...

## **Our plans for the future : new as from the 1st of December 2020 onwards**

Unfortunately a number of our regular activities have to be put on hold : apprenticeships, familiarisation trips, exchanges, our classic fund raising activities, etc. But this doesn't mean that we just sat back and relaxed.

**For the years ahead, we abundantly want to go for large projects that create sustainable development in underprivileged villages in the Tuticorin and Tirunelveli District, focusing on improving the nutritional conditions, employment of underprivileged women, qualitative education, support of people with a disability and (drinking)water supplies.**

**On proposal of the Koning Boudewijnstichting a Fund Friends of SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India is raised, in view of a more continual and flexible support of this integral project.**

We looked for and found two persons who were willing to raise this Fund (no members of the board were allowed) : Rev. Pierre BREYNE and dr. Luc VAN DEN DAELEN – indeed on page 3 we informed you about how he did surgery for SCAD Nirman before COVID-19 hit. Both are SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India sympathisers since many years and are good friends of dr. Cletus Babu (SCAD Nirman). We are very pleased with their engagement, not only because they have visited the projects of SCAD Nirman on the spot and know these well, but also because of their expertise that they are willing to share with our VZW. We look forward to the opportunities that are created by this Fund for what we do!

Our goals for 2021 are :

- dealing, together with SCAD-Nirman, with the famine in 10 villages, by planting fruit trees, creating vegetable gardens and cultivating fish in the oranies, in order to provide the villagers with healthier food. The food is sold at a low price and the profits are used to realise comparable initiatives in other villages.
- working with women self-help groups and the CBR team : selection of 150 women and 10 persons with a disability for empowerment by means of employment (goat and chicken raising, mobile tea or snack shops or mobile repair shops). They receive whatever is necessary for the start-up. They get an income, become noticed and get respected. They give up some of their profits in order to create jobs for other people.

**The KBS continues to give tax certificates for donations of 40€ minimum.**

**The account number remains the same: BE10 0000 0000 0404**

**Attention: NEW structural message: \*\*\*020/1740/00079\*\*\***

**PLEASE DO NO USE ANY OTHER MESSAGE !**

**This structural message will not change any more!!!**

**Online donations are also possible : <https://donate.kbs-frb.be/FVVSOSZoutmijnkinderen/~mijn-donatie>**

All gifts that reach us **after** December 1st with the old structural message (\*\*128/3000/00012\*\*) are consigned to the Fund, by means of transitional measure.

On December 31st our current account Koning Boudewijnstichting PROJECT-rekening will be closed.

People from France, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Denmark who donate, can also receive a tax certificate.

**Gifs that were transferred to the Koning Boudewijnstichting SOS Zoutmijnkinderen project account and the Fund Friends of SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India account will be brought together for your fiscal attestation! Donate preferably before December 20th and enjoy your extra fiscal reduction!**

**Despite of the pandemic we will continue our efforts for the new projects in 2021!**



**PLEASE PAY ATTENTION :**

**Fund Friends of SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India  
(KBS) only valuable message: 020/1740/00079**

SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India supports the SDG's

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Where all people are treated with dignity and respect,  
where anyone gets equal chances,  
rights and recognition.**

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## DONATE

### 1. WITH FISCAL ATTESTATION

The Koning Boudewijnstichting manages the Fund Friends of SOS Zoutmijnkinderen-India. For gifts to the Fund of 40 € and more per year the Koning Boudewijnstichting makes a fiscal attestation. This means a tax reduction of 45% (**this year 60%**) on the total donated amount (art. 145/33 WIB).

Payment on the Fund Friends of SOS Zoutmijnkinderen, managed by the Koning Boudewijnstichting:

**BE10 0000 0000 0404** - BPOTBEB1

Name and address beneficiary:

Koning Boudewijnstichting

Structural message:

**\*\*\*020/1740/00079\*\*\***

OR

By online donation:

<https://donate.kbs-frb.be/FVVSOSZoutmijnkinderen/~mijn-donatie>

### 2. WITHOUT FISCAL ATTESTATION:

Account and BIC beneficiary:

**BE02.4748.1823.4140** - KREDBEBB

Name and address beneficiary

SOS Zoutmijnkinderen Roeselare

**Message:**

'GIFT zoutmijnkinderen' or  
'GIFT children with a restriction'

**Donate by (dual)legacy**

Info on the website

### A REASON TO CELEBRATE?

Let SCAD Nirman share your joy of celebrating and pass on the account numbers above as a gift idea.

**Redaction :** Irena Vanderjeugt, Marjolijn Vergote, Marijke Ven

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**'SOS ZOUTMIJNKINDEREN'  
wishes you a healthy and heart warming 2021!**

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