

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT 2020**

### **1. Activities carried out in 2020**

In many ways, 2020 has been a bizarre year. The pandemic covid-19 shuts down daily life to a large extent. The Netherlands has a lockdown twice.

Cambodia has the same experience. There too, economic, social, and tourist life is restricted. For a short time, it is world news that the Dutch cruise ship Westerdam will sail around the China Sea for two weeks, while no country has permitted to moor.

Ultimately, the cruise ship is allowed to enter the Cambodian port city of Sihanoukville. Prime Minister Hun Sen will personally welcome the 1,455 passengers, 91 of whom have Dutch nationality. Official statistics show that Cambodia had more than 950 infections in 2020. That approximately 600 people have recovered and that no one has died.

How is it possible that the Southeast Asian country, which has almost the same number of inhabitants as the Netherlands, did not experience a single death in 2020? "That is actually a great mystery," says Southeast Asia correspondent Jeroen Visser. "Of course, it has to do with the deficient number of infections in the country. Until recently, there were just very few cases of corona in Cambodia. "

In the autumn of 2020, Visser wrote a report for de Volkskrant about the question of how that can be done again. Visser: "What certainly plays a role is that the borders with neighboring countries Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos have been closed since the start of the corona crisis. Anyone who does want to enter the country must submit to strict controls. First, you will be tested for the coronavirus anyway. A two-week mandatory quarantine follows this in a hotel. "

#### **1.1 Projects in Cambodia**

In line with the multi-year policy plan of the Tree for Hope foundation that was adopted in 2018, the focus in 2020 will be on two projects: (A) the Medical Consultant (MC) for HIV patients and (B) the renovation of student housing. As part of the EPYC project. EPYC stands for Education of the Poor Youth of Cambodia.

##### **1.1.1 Medical Consultant**

The Cambodian counterpart of the Tree for Hope (TfH) foundation for projects focusing on HIV is PWHO. In 2019 Tree for Hope facilitated the realization of a partnership between the Cambodian non-governmental organizations' WOMAN and PWHO.

From 1 January 2020, PWHO / TfH has been motivated and intensively committed to optimally performing the partnership tasks.

The housing of this partnership is the Kien Svay Referral Hospital in Kandal district. During the corona pandemic, most of the Cambodian population is terrified of going to a hospital. For fear of contracting a Covid-19 infection there.

It is a difficult start to this project, but gradually a relationship of trust is built up with the HIV patients.

An unexpected development thwarts Tree for Hope's plans. Not only are patients fearful of visiting a hospital, but doctors are also no longer on the shop floor every day. This puts enormous pressure on the partnership between WOMAN and PWHO. Regular tasks that are the responsibility of the physician should be performed.

At the end of 2020, much is still unclear about the continuation of this project.

### **1.1.2. Education of the Poor Youth of Cambodia (EPYC)**

EPYC is a project that offers young people from remote, difficult-to-reach areas, the so-called Poor Youth of the poorest regions, the opportunity to learn a trade in the capital Phnom Penh. The condition for participating in the EPYC project is that the students promise that, after graduating, they will use their knowledge and skills in their home town.

The students are housed on the top (attic) floor of a neighborhood hospital in a poor Phnom Penh suburb. Housing was horribly bad, even for Cambodian standards. Two donors in the Netherlands, Wilde Ganzen and Stichting Scholenproject Cambodja Rotterdam (SSCR), have made sufficient financial resources to make the necessary renovation possible.

The renovation has been delayed considerably due to the corona pandemic. Many workers who normally live in Phnom Penh had fled the capital and returned to the village where they were born. The original home offered them more security than the hectic and chaotic life in a big city.

### **1.2. Fundraising in the Netherlands**

Due to the corona measures announced by the cabinet in 2020, it is almost impossible to organize fundraising activities. Very sporadically, "Friends of Tree for Hope" have initiated activities that have generated money.

Compared to previous years, this is only a fraction.

## **2. Finances 2020**

consisting of the Balance Sheet and the Loss & Profit Account.

The Loss & Profit Account shows that the Income in 2020 was € 2,382. Against € 12,706 in 2019.

In 2020 the Expenditure was approximately 400% higher than the income, namely € 11,739. Because of this, it is

shareholders' equity decreased by € 9,357. The Tree for Hope board has accepted such a loss because covid-19 is a factor beyond its control.

The two projects in Cambodia received the following amounts in 2020:

PWHO: € 2,165

EPYC: € 9,574

The Balance sheet shows that the cash and cash equivalents (i.e., checking and savings account) are € 13,634 amounted to. Shareholders' equity was reduced to € 13,634 in 2020.

## **3. Remuneration policy 2020**

The Tree for Hope Foundation is a volunteer organization pur sang. There are no persons in its salaried employment; there is a cooperating board that carries out the work pro bono, there is none Rented office space and the foundation does not own any property or real estate. The overhead is nil.