25 years of Hetty Denen Foundation in a nutshell The time of many expansions



We look back on 25 years of hard work to bring many projects to a realization. It is with much satisfaction and pride that we appreciate all the achievements over these years. We have gained a lot of experience and learned much, due to many ups and downs. The power what makes HDF so strong is expressed in several points:

First: Absolutely every penny donated goes directly to the projects in Zambia. Travel expenses, stamps, envelopes, etc. are all paid for by board members themselves.

Second: We support pre-selected projects with a guaranteed future, for example by working together in cooperation with the government.

Third: We always look for a way in which the projects can be monitored and controlled by us.

This way we stay involved in multiple projects and the many extensions thereof.

What could be of interest to you as a donor: our foundation is listed in the ANBI list. This means your gift is deductible under the applicable conditions of the tax authorities. Since 2009 we have a website which includes this info, among other information.

In 2010 Mientje and her daughters went to Zambia, to see with their own eyes, what has been accomplished by their foundation. Below are some quotes from the sisters. "It was a special"

experience to be able to make this trip together with mom and sisters Carin, Marga and

Suzanne. It was a journey where we experienced all kinds of emotions. Emotions of anger and grief for the loss and missing our sister Hetty. Feeling gratitude to be able to enjoy the beautiful country of Zambia together. And also a tear of joy and pride for all the wonderful progress that has been realized through the efforts of local people, donors and the HDF".

The many expansions

Because the "Hetty Denen School" is increasingly attracting people in the nearby villages, the number of students at the school is growing steadily. As a result, new plans were made in 2005 for further expansion of the school. The next project was for an extra school building and teachers' housing. In 2007 the rough construction work was completed. And in 2011, a library was built at the school. The foundation was able to ship English books to Shimabala. And we managed to provide the school with internet and laptops.

"When we arrive at the school, Mrs. Malimba and the teachers are waiting to welcome us. A strange feeling, they are so very grateful to us. Mixed feelings. Emotional and sad moments, but at the same time a beautiful continuation. Because of building this school, Hetty will live on forever and stay in our hearts"

In 1996 there only was a bare field, with an old draughty barn. There have been many changes in the past 25 years with the help of the HDF. Below is a current map of the Hetty Denen School.

First school building, completed in 2001
Second school building, completed in 2004

Third school building, completed in 2008

Library, completed in 2011

Teachers houses. The first one completed

in 2011

School auditorium, completed in 2019 Sanitary building, renovated in 2019

The new project: 4 new classrooms





The health clinic in Shimabala is also successful and continues to grow. More than 7,000 patients are now receiving medical care. There is a need for an extra building for obstetrics. Women can go here for a pregnancy check-up and childbirth. A real maternity clinic with consultation office has been realized. At the same time, with our help, electricity has been connected, a well has been dug and a pump installed.

"Unbelievable, we drive through the bush, and only very occasionally we see a hut, real 'off-road' driving, lots of green, it is rainy season. I cannot understand that you have to live with so little, so far from the inhabited world...

In 2010 the foundation was invited by the village Nega Nega. A married couple there, is working together with the local community to help get better facilities there too. They want to do this by the example of the "Hetty Denen school" in Shimabala. They hope, and they also deserve to get our support. Our experience in Shimabala has taught us to work in small and feasible steps. We start with support to build the foundation and floor for a warehouse, where the harvest and materials can be safely stored, to prevent theft of these valuables. Simultaneously the foundation also supports building the foundations and floors for the clinic and housing for a doctor.

"We receive a very warm welcome by all people in Nega Nega. Women throw themselves at us, shake hands and make celebrating noises. Mama is welcomed as if she were the queen. A very special experience. The meeting takes place under a large tree. People thanking God that this is happening to them".

Please continue to share these messages with everyone you know and encourage them to DONATE! A lot of donations are needed in order to realize the new project. On behalf of all the children in Zambia: Thank you! Next week, part 5 of the history of the HDF. www.hettydenenzambia.com