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Dear friends,

After my recent stay, I like to share some impressions of SCAD achievements (January-March 2020), made possible thanks to your donations received through the King Baudouin Foundation and the subsidy support from the Province of West Flanders. I would also like to bring to your attention some realizations in collaboration with Groep Gidts and Hogeschool VIVES.

Marjolijn Vergote

Job creation for underprivileged women

Many underprivileged women are empowered through job creation. This time we will zoom in on three BEAUTIFUL women, who are full of energy and persistent courage for life. A young widow and a woman with polio were pre-financed a mobile grocery stand. A third woman was given a machine to make rice flour and sell this product within her village. In addition, she stitches clothes and also sells saris, the widow goes to work at a farm and the woman with a disability breeds rabbits in her house, under the bed. Every month they repay an amount of the profit made to their women's group, which uses these resources to provide other underprivileged women with an additional source of income.



Playground equipment in a village school to the delight of the 74 students



A renovated ooranie and water well



In November 2019, heavy monsoon rains fell for two weeks. The just deepened and widened ooranie was full and the water level in the well from which drinking water is drawn is still very high. For example, there is now a water supply for almost eight months. This is a BLESSING for the village: WATER for human consumption, animal breeding, agriculture, household chores, professions requiring water,

Their gratitude cannot be expressed in words. A water committee has been formed to look after the maintenance of the water basin. The villagers pay a small contribution for maintenance. Trees have been planted all around to combat the erosion of the basin banks, which will offer fruit. Fish is cultivated in the water... an additional source of nutrition for the villagers.

Early February: fifteen children / adults with disabilities became orthopedic treatment

Dr Luc Van den Daelen operated a voluntary base thirteen children and two adults. Groep Gidts' SCAD fund financially supported the anesthesia and hospital costs.



Two Dominiek Savio staff members assisted during the postoperative consultation day. In addition, they shared their expertise on 'spina bifida', 'epileptic attacks' and 'first aid' with parents, teachers and SCAD staff.



Empowerment of the SCAD therapy team

Practice-oriented knowledge sharing with the SCAD therapist and CBR team



Continuation APT (Appropriate Paper-based Technology) training

To the SCAD APT team, that was trained last year in making cheap (material: waste paper, old cardboard, water and flour) seating aids, this year I gave a refresher course as well as training in making lying and standing aids for children with disabilities.

The parents help as much as possible. In addition, four pupils with a mild to moderate mental disability participate in the lesson 'learning professional skills'. They deserve praise... they do this very well and with great enthusiasm!



VIVES Foreign internship in SCAD

Marieke, Hanna and Jine - three last year VIVES Bruges-Kortrijk EDUCATION students - are doing their abroad internship at SCAD Anbu Illam Special School. An enrichment for all involved: the pupils, the teachers and themselves. Very unfortunate that their training period was very short: they are later than planned to leave because of visa problems and need to return sooner because the coronavirus pandemic.



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