

# Stichting DERDE HANDS

Small scale material help for projects in the developing world



## History

The Foundation was registered in 1990, however the members had already been working under the name of 'Derde Hands' (which means Third Hands in English) since 1978. They saw how goods that, according to them, could be used elsewhere were being destroyed or threatened with destruction. For these goods a suitable project was sought. It happened to be in a third world country. One thing led to another and the work-group 'Derde Hands' came into being.

## The Name

The name is derived from the words 'Third World' and 'Second Hand'. These two words state what we do, namely receiving written off, discarded or surplus goods which can still be used by people in need. Derde Hands is a sort of "go between" offering a helping hand in passing on the goods.



Applications for assistance are received from developing countries in Asia, Africa, Middle-and South America and East-European countries.

## Aims

The aim of the Foundation is to offer worldwide assistance in the widest sense of the word. Especially in the areas of medical care, education and public welfare.

## The work

The Foundation works with a solid core of volunteers. Furthermore we can call upon a number of additional volunteers if necessary to assist us. Many people are acquainted with the Foundation and make applications for goods. An inventory of the applications is made. The Foundation receives second-hand material from hospitals, industries, other aid-organisations and private persons. In our storage area the volunteers receive these goods, sort them and allocate them to the applications ready to be collected.

## The goods

The kind of goods we prefer to receive and which are in great demand are:  
bed-clothes (no pillows) / educational toys / towels needlework and sewing materials / incontinent materials / kitchen materials (pots and pans) / kitchen textile / small medical materials (bandages and so on) / clothes and shoes for baby's, children and adults / sewing machines (electric and hand) plain paper / wheelchairs (no electric), crutches, walkers / school material / dinner-sets (no glass-ware) / clothes and shoes for sports / hospital clothes and textiles.

## Budget

The Foundation works with very small subsidies. All helpers are volunteers, so that we can work cheaply. Together with other aid organisations we endeavour as much as possible to work with a "closed purse", a sort of exchange of goods.

## Applications for assistance

All applications for assistance must be made in writing with a clear specification of the desired goods, stating the required amounts and with a short description of the project.

The costs of transportation are always to be paid by the applicant.

Before we decide to grant the goods, we have to know in what way the transport will taken place and who will pay for the transport. Subsequently the application will be, as much as possible, dealt within the order in which they have been received.



The goods are given free of charge. All we ask as payment is a photo or letter which shows that the goods have arrived safely.

## In conclusion

With more goods and donations the Foundation can do even more. So if you are of the opinion that people in the developing world can be helped by:

- provision of goods on application,
- redistribution of still usable second hand goods,
- prevention of destruction of useful goods,

then support Stichting Derde Hand's in it's work!

Should you wish to know more, please write, phone or mail using our contact information below

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