

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 'work group 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 foundation '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 second-hand 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 to charitable organisations.



Requests for goods 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 humanitarian help in the widest sense of the word. Especially in the areas of education, public welfare and medical care.

The work

The Foundation works with a solid core of volunteers. We receive free second-hand goods from private individuals, industries, other aid organisations and hospitals. Many people are acquainted with the Foundation and make requests for goods for their projects. In our storage area the volunteers sort the available goods and allocate them to the projects ready to be collected.

The goods

The kind of goods we prefer to receive and which are in great demand are: clothes and footwear for all ages and seasons, sporting clothes, bed, bath, kitchen and household textiles, cooking/ eating utensils, kitchenware, small medical materials (bandages etc.), incontinence material, hospital uniforms and textiles, sewing machines (electric and hand), wheelchairs (no electric), crutches, walkers, zimmer frames, toys, needlework and sewing materials.

Budget

The Foundation receives limited donations. All helpers are unpaid volunteers. Together with other aid organisations we endeavour as much as possible to work with a "closed purse", a sort of exchange of goods.

Requests for goods

All requests for goods 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. Very important is that there is a contact person living in the Netherlands who we can meet before we arrange the collection of the goods.

The costs and arrangement of transportation are always the responsibility of the requestor.

Before we decide to grant the goods, we have to know in what way the transport will take place. Subsequently the requests will be, as much as possible, dealt with in 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 request.
- redistribution of still usable second hand goods,
- prevention of destruction of useful goods,

then please 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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