

Peace SOS

Annual Report 2021

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Bussum, January 24, 2022

Dear reader,

A big change for Peace SOS in 2021, was that Peace SOS decided to empower local people who want to provide food to people in need. We read about the violent situation between Israel and Gaza. We wanted to help the local people in Gaza who suffer so much. In addition, people in need in Bangladesh are asking to help with food. We learned in this year, that it is important that children stay with their parent, and that often they end up in an orphanage because their parent can't buy them food. An orphanage isn't an ideal surrounding for children. That is why we insist on keeping the child with their parent(s). You can read more about this in this annual report. At Peace SOS we like to support family based care.

Also vulnerable people in Pakistan working in the brick kilns (brick factories) reached out for help. We also supported them. The climate change in South Madagascar caused enormous draught and starvation. Our friends who lived in Madagascar and live in France now, set up food actions. It is a great help that David is born in Madagascar and a well-known artist there. In 2021, the situation in Yemen was still disastrous. Due to the war, which causes starvation. That is why we also supported a food and peace project in Yemen via the local NGO Yemen Renaissance. We also spoke with the Yemeni Foreign Minister to call for peace and humanitarian aid in Yemen.

At Peace SOS we have a lot of challenges and many new projects! That is why we have vacancies for people who want to monitor our projects, want to take part in our meetings, or come up with their own topic of interest. We are a small team of volunteers striving to see soon: A world in which all children can play. Please feel free to reach out and join us.

Greetings from the heart,

May-May Meijer
Chairperson Peace SOS

COUNTRIES AND PROJECTS

BANGLADESH

The peaceful children's mission in Khulna Bangladesh takes care of children and their parent. The owner of the peaceful mission is very shy with outside contacts. As a member of a minority (he is Christian) he sometimes feel unsafe. That is why he asks us not to share photos via the internet on in our annual report. We share videos and photos of the peaceful children's mission with members of Peace SOS. He found a local monitor to visit him. We always advocate the importance of the child to stay with their parent(s), family based care.

BURUNDI

Our partner Burundian Women for Peace and Development (BWPD) opened in July 2021 community radio in Kirundo. The opening was attended by the Burundi minister of Communication. Peace SOS sponsored three microphones for the journalists. The funding was provided thanks to an award from PricewaterhouseCoopers.



Photo: Opening of the community radio in Kirundo by the Minister of Communication (in green) and others.



Photo: the studio in the community centre in Kirundo

In addition, Burundian Women for Peace and Development provided solar lamps to the people in Burundi. This was done in cooperation with World Solar Fund.



Photo: a lady with solar charger

ISRAEL-PALESTINE

In June 2021, Peace SOS held an online webinar with Sefi Donner, chairman of Sipur-Hikaya. Sipur-Hikaya is an Israeli-Palestinian organization. Sefi sketched the recent events in Israel and he told us about the book "Side by Side: Parallel Histories of Israel-Palestine".

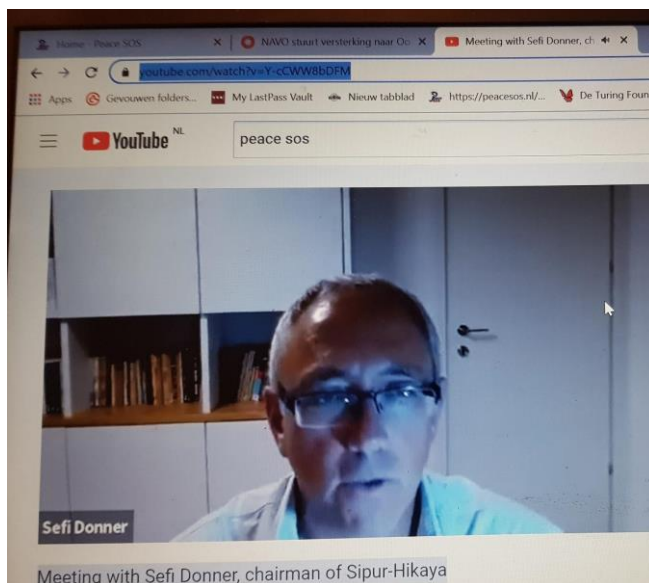


Photo: Sefi Donner of Sipur-Hikaya via an online-meeting

Sipur-Hikaya was founded in 2017 by entrepreneurs, academics, and teachers who took part in writing the book "Side by Side: Parallel Histories of Israel-Palestine". The name of their non-profit organization consists of the hebrew word for story, "Sipur," and "Hikaya," which means story in Arabic. Two stories = two narratives. Sipur Hikaya wants each side of the conflict, to study the narrative of the other side.

We believe that the solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will come from a long process which requires the people of both nationalities, Israeli and Palestinian, to truly believe in peace as a moral obligation and push their political leaders to reach historical agreements.

The video of the online meeting with Sefi Donner can be found on the local YouTube channel of Peace SOS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-cCWW8bDFM>

GAZA

Personally, May-May gave a lot of gifts to people in Gaza, via Facebook. However, numerous requests came in and it became hard to track whether people were reliable. It seemed that requests for money were copied sometimes. In addition, it caused a lot of stress. Nevertheless, one person seemed to be different than the others. Walaa provides food, together with her husband Salama, to vulnerable people in Gaza. It was discussed in a board meeting to support the couple. They visited different refugee camps and areas in Gaza: Victory Area, Nuseirat, Jabalia, Beach Camp, Rafah area etc. Peace SOS sponsors vegetables. Two board members of Peace SOS are vegetarian, that is why we found it hard to sponsor meat. However, we are aware of the fact that we have more alternatives for vegetarian food in the Western world than the people in Gaza. So if anyone has a solution for more nutritious food, be welcome to advise our team!



Photo: Vegetables for the people in Victory zone



Photos: two children and a lady with vegetables.

Walaa and Salama report to us via photo's and videos. We asked via a contact in the Netherlands for a monitor in Gaza. The monitor in Gaza didn't write a report however. We asked Walaa and Salama for a monitor in Gaza. He monitored, but he seems to be a friend. At Peace SOS we think that Walaa and Salama are working with great dedication, but, the monitoring and reporting of this project can be improved perhaps.

MADAGASCAR

The Malagasy singer Tsiverliza, his wife Saskia, a team of dedicated volunteers in Madagascar and Peace SOS teamed up to offer help to the poorest people in the southern region of the country, where drought, hunger, and poverty leads to a worrisome struggle for survival since June this year. Four food actions were organized to help people get some food. In total app. 2,000 people received help around the village Ambovombe.

The people have been selected in cooperation with the chief of the village (people without income such as single mothers with children, homeless, handicapped or ill people). The local organization's leader David Ratsaralaza, known in the village under his artist name Tsiverilaza, is a famous singer in Madagascar and a well respected person in the area. The

village of Ambovombe is also the place where he grew up and where the volunteers are eager to work for him, organizing himself the action from France where he actually lives with his Dutch wife Saskia. They lived for many years in Madagascar. Their knowledge of local culture, highly contributed to make sure the most vulnerable people received help. The volunteers in Madagascar did a wonderful job. Obviously, without their help this food action couldn't have been realized.



Photo: a local Malagasy lady receives a bag with rice

PAKISTAN

In Pakistan many children and people work hard in the brick kilns (brick factories). Is a form of modern slavery. Our partner CARE foundation in Faisalabad received funding for the distribution of school materials.



Photo: Distribution of school materials by CARE foundation

Another project of CARE was the celebration of 12th June Anti child labour day. The brick kiln factories children were invited to come forward and play together. Awareness sessions with parents for importance of education and skills were organized as well. In addition, government labour officers were invited to request them to provide maximum facilities of education and skills on these factories.



Photo: recreation day organized by CARE foundation in Pakistan

Apart from the projects of CARE foundation, a Christian man in Pakistan helps the vulnerable people of the brick kilns. He is the spiritual care taker of the people in the brick kilns and helps them with water pumps, and food.

Peace SOS funded amongst others the installation of two water pumps.



Photo: children and a man with the new installed water pump

In addition, food is provided to widows via the spiritual care taker, so that the widows can save money to pay school fees for their children.



Photo: food provided to the women by the spiritual care taker

The projects in Pakistan of CARE foundation are being monitored by photo's, video's and reports. The project of the spiritual care taker are being monitored via photo's and video calls.

UGANDA

David Adengu was worried about the young people hanging around in his village and having nothing to do. He decided to grow passion fruits. The NGO David established is Teso Youth Agricultural Production Initiative for Peace (TEYAPI for Peace). With only 30% of the farmers getting the best yields due to climatic changes arising from global warming, their initiative was formed to lay the foundation to promote peace by engaging the productive youth in farming of fruit trees.



Photos: passion fruits (left) and women working on the land (right)

A monitor for the project was found via a partner organization of Peace SOS, Global Harmonization Initiative.

YEMEN

The war in Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the Arab world, is a humanitarian tragedy. Peace SOS supported Yemen Renaissance Organization to make sure that 100 poorest children in Taiz could continue their education. Food baskets were provided via a school. In addition, trainings were given to promote peaceful co-existence between the children.



Photo: food baskets provided to vulnerable families by Yemen Renaissance

OTHER REMARKS CONCERNING OTHER COUNTRIES

May-May sponsored an orphanage in Uganda on personal basis. We have been investigating if we could sponsor the orphanage via Peace SOS. Therefore May-May asked for advice from Alternative Care Initiatives (ACI) in Uganda. They support family based care. Research showed that children are often abused or neglected in orphanages.

The leader of the orphanage is an orphan himself. This means he is a peer expert. However, he didn't seem to be open for family based care. Seeing that we didn't have a monitor, Peace SOS decided not to fund this project. May-May also halted funding it on personal basis. Children belong with their parent as long as they have one. Nevertheless, it was a difficult decision for May-May to halt funding the children in need.

DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS, VISTING EMBASSIES

In 2021, May-May attend a meeting with H.E. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates dr. Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak, HE the ambassador of the Yemeni embassy in the Netherlands, Ms/ Sahar Ghanem, counselor Mr. Wadhah Hadi and several Dutch NGO's.



Photo: meeting with NGO's and the Yemeni Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

Loris and May-May had an online meeting with an political officer of the U.S. embassy in the Hague about human rights issues. It was a good conversation.



Photo: online meeting with the USA embassy and Loris and May-May of Peace SOS

MEDIA AND EVENT 2021

In 2021, Peace SOS wrote an op-ed opinion article for *Het Parool*, a quality Dutch newspaper. The article is about which five steps to take towards world peace. The first suggestion is to support local organizations who are striving towards peace via peaceful means. The second step is to spend more money to the prevention of violent conflict, combating poverty and taking climate action. The third step is that all countries should sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The fourth step is that the EU should keep in mind its peace idea, which was one of the corner stones of its foundation. Finally, spending on weapons increased, even during the COVID19 pandemic. According to World Beyond War 30 billion US dollar is need to end hunger worldwide, while at this moment 1981 billion dollar is spend on weapons.

The opinion article (in Dutch) can be found via this link:

<https://www.parool.nl/columns-opinie/opinie-zet-deze-vijf-stappen-op-de-weg-naar-vrede~b9e9bdce/>

In 2021, Peace SOS participated in a nuclear weapon demonstration in Volkel, the Netherlands. Volkel is a nuclear base. We demonstrated for signing of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and against the presence of nuclear weapons in Volkel. The event was organized by peace organization Pax and others. May-May wanted to contribute to peace and love and cited the poem of Valerie, which can be found in her book *Mission World Peace*.



Photo: Jasper van Dijk (Member of Parliament SP) and May-May at Volkel

The opinion article and the poem of Valerie is published in the magazine of *Proces Nieuws*.

WEBSITE PEACE SOS

Jason and May-May started updating the website of Peace SOS. Since diplomats at embassies said they also look at our website and the blogs are written in English, it was decided to write all the content in English.

In 2021, many inspiring blogs were written. Jacob Aluong wrote a blog about the impact of war and climate change on South Sudan, NAHID foundation wrote a blog about their support of widows and children in Afghanistan, NGO JustDiggIt wrote about its mission and its tool to regreen the planet, Women Wage Peace wrote about their efforts to bring Israeli and Palestinian women together.

In addition, book reviews were added to the website. Severine Autesserre wrote in new her book *The Frontlines of Peace* about the importance to put local actors in the drivers seat when it comes to building peace. This is what Peace SOS aims to do, to support local ngo's who are active for peace.

POST ADDRESS IN AMSTERDAM

Peace SOS opened in 2021 a virtual office in Amsterdam. The reason was, that home addresses of the board members could easily be tracked down via the website of the Chamber of Commerce.

SPONSORING AND FUNDING

With regard to funding, Peace SOS is funded by a few private individuals and not by any government or large institution. Although we regret this at first, we consider it now as an advantage. Peace SOS is independent. We can fully concentrate on our peace mission and use the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as our starting point.

As in previous years, the chairperson of Peace SOS works approximately 0.8 FTE without a salary to boost the activities of Peace SOS. Peace SOS also notes that some NGOs express opinion articles in paid publicity value. However, for us it is more important that our calls for peace are being heard. In 2021 May-May worked regularly at home due to Covid 19.

BOARD AND ADVISORS PEACE SOS

The legal form of 'Stichting Peace SOS' is a foundation. Peace SOS has been active since 2015 and was formally founded on April 22, 2016. In the year 2021, the Board and advisors of Peace SOS consisted of the following persons:

May-May Meijer, chairperson and founder of Peace SOS.

Elio Lazo Lopez, secretary of Peace SOS. Elio Lazo Lopez works as senior consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Sander Glas is treasurer of Peace SOS and financial expert

Martijn Müller publishes the newsletters of Peace SOS

Kumar Jamdagni is a Dutch-English translator at Peace SOS. He is native English speaker and professional translator. He owns the company Language Matters.

Alonie de Lange is a general advisor of Peace SOS. Alonie is a medical doctor.

Loris Cornelissen, advisor of Peace SOS

Jason Sindram, is webmaster of Peace SOS, he is also founder of DP web solutions

Karlijn Roex is a nuclear weapons specialist

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

ASSETS	2021 EUR	2020 EUR
Material Fixed Assets	-	81
Deposits	47	47
Prepayments	101	148
Cash & Bank	1,010	1,506
Total	1,158	1,782
LIABILITIES	2021 EUR	2020 EUR
Equity	1,120	1,744
Provision	-	-
Accounts Payable	39	39
Total	1,158	1,782

Notes to the Balance Sheet

Material Fixed Assets

The tangible fixed assets include the costs of developing the website of Peace SOS Foundation. These assets are depreciated equally over 5 years

Deposits

The deposit relates to office rent and will be refunded at the end of the rental period.

Prepayments

During 2021, annual costs for domain names are paid in full. The services related to this payment will partly be consumed in 2022.

Cash & Banks

Cash and cash equivalents are recognized at nominal value.

Statement of Income & Expenses 2021

Income	2021 EUR	2020 EUR
Gifts	19,588	3,811
Total income	19,588	3,811
Expenses	2021 EUR	2020 EUR
Organization costs	1,156	743
Depreciation	81	242
Activities	18,975	3,557
Total expenses	20,212	4,542
Result	-624	-731
<i>Result destination:</i>		
<i>Change in equity</i>	<i>-624</i>	<i>-731</i>

Notes to the Statement of Income & Expenses

Gifts (from individuals)	EUR
Various	19,588

Organization costs

Virtual office rent	613
IT	173
Insurance	194
Bank	176
Total	1,156

Projects

Food Aid Gaza	8,120
Peaceful children's mission in Bangladesh	3,750
Yemen Renaissance Organization	2,280
Food Action Madagascar	1,500
Battery chargers Burundian Women for peace & development	1,300
Ration food widows Pakistan	1,040
Other projects	985
Total	18,975

Depreciation

Website	81
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Gifts

In 2021, the chair donated an amount of €17,165 to Peace SOS.

Remuneration of the Board

All the staff of Peace SOS (the board members, advisors, translator and IT staff) did not receive any remuneration in 2021. The chairperson works an average of 0.8 FTE on Peace SOS unpaid.

Statement of approval of the Annual Report 2021

The Board of the Foundation Peace SOS has discussed the annual report in one of her board meetings and approved the finalized annual report of 2021 during an online meeting on June 12th, 2022. The secretary couldn't attend at that meeting.