



A better and fairer world for all of us

Peace SOS

Annual Report 2022

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Bussum, March 21, 2023

Dear reader,

The previous year, 2022, was the year of the Russian invasion in Ukraine. This war which can lead to WW III and a nuclear war continues to the moment I am writing this preface. The Doomsday Clock is, mainly because of the war in Ukraine, set to 90 seconds to midnight, where midnight stands for the end of human life. Together with all peace activists and diplomats of good will, we do whatever we can to contribute to halt this war. In addition, we continue to support the nuclear ban, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

In 2022 Peace SOS continued to provide food to people in need. With our angels in Gaza, we helped the local people in Gaza who suffer so much. In addition, people in need in Bangladesh are asking to help with food. We provided food to the people in need in Bangladesh, but we also ended our project in Bangladesh. You can read more about it in the section about Bangladesh in this report.

Also vulnerable people in Pakistan working in the brick kilns (brick making factories) reached out for help. We set families free who worked in modern slavery in the brick kilns and we also supported vulnerable families with food. In addition, we helped families in Sindh, Pakistan who suffered from the floodings. In 2022, 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 Peace SOS Yemen.

In 2022 we asked the notary to record in the statutes of Peace SOS that the mission of Peace SOS is to strive towards peace and human rights via *peaceful means* and that we want to contribute to combat poverty. We want to contribute to a better and fairer world for the most vulnerable and all of us, in which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is an important guideline to us. At Peace SOS we are a small team of volunteers and we would like to co-operate with everyone who has the same vision, please feel free to reach out and join us. Hoping to see soon: see soon: A world in which all children can play.

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 said he sometimes feels unsafe. That is why he asked 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. We always advocate the importance of the child to stay with their parent(s), family based care. In previous years we worked with a local monitor who was assigned by the peaceful children's mission itself. In 2022, we found via an Bangladesh expat in the Netherlands, monitors in Bangladesh who were willing to visit him. But, the owner of the peaceful children's mission did not want to share his address details with Peace SOS so that the monitor could visit the peaceful children's mission. That was an important reason why Peace SOS decided to end the project of the peaceful children's mission in Bangladesh in 2022.

BURUNDI

In 2021, Peace SOS still kept her partnership with Burundian Women for Peace and Development (BWPD). BWPD supported many peace initiatives of Peace SOS for peace in Ukraine, you can read more about it in the section about Ukraine.

GAZA

Also in 2022, Walaa and her husband Salama provided vegetables 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: Faluja, Beach Camp, Rafah, Nuseirat area etc. Peace SOS sponsors vegetables. We don't want to sponsor meat, but if anyone has solutions for more nutritious food, be welcome to advise our team!



Photo: Vegetables for the people in Sheikh Radwan

Walaa and Salama report to us via photo's and videos. 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.

PAKISTAN

In Pakistan many children and people work hard in the brick kilns (brick factories). Is a form of modern slavery.

Food is provided to widows via Sajad, a 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 the spiritual care taker are being monitored via photo's and video calls.

In addition, Rihanna (a widow) and her young children were set free from slavery in the brick making factories. Our contact person (a spiritual care taker, in blue clothes) in Pakistan paid their debt to the employees of the brick kiln owner.



Photo: Rihanna and Sajad, and men of the brick kiln factory

Sajad made a video of the release of the family which can be found on the YouTube channel of Peace SOS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiHO139e64w>

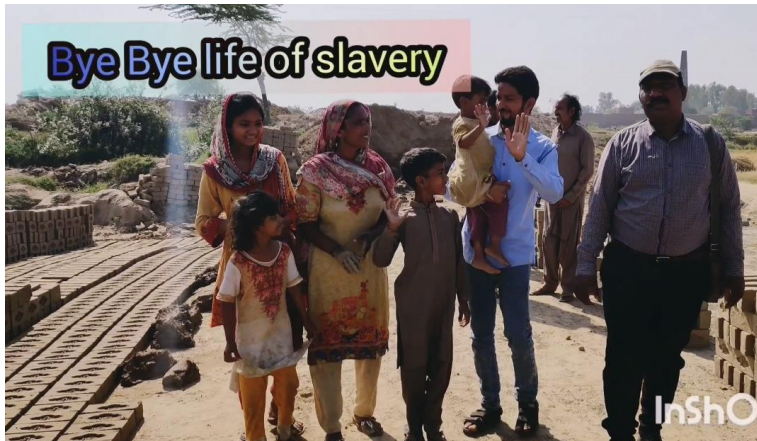


Photo: still out of the video of the release of Rihanna and her family

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). The project seeks to improve 150 farmers agricultural production skills by training farmers on modern and climate smart farming skills and providing farmers with improved technologies (passion seeds and seedlings) to support food security, income generation and peace building activities.



Photo: passion fruits

The monitor for the project who was found via a partner organization of Peace SOS, Global Harmonization Initiative wanted to serve as a monitor as well in 2022. This project started in 2021 and TEYAPI for Peace received funding again for another project in 2022.

YEMEN

The war in Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the Arab world, is a humanitarian tragedy. To help vulnerable displaced families in different areas in Taiz Governorate, Yemen, Peace SOS donated food baskets to 270 people, including 98 children, 63 women, 70 men, 29 elderly, and 19 people with special needs. The distribution took place in late March 2022 so that the food baskets were received during the holy month of Ramadan as well as providing food during the war that has affected everyone.



Photo: food baskets provided to vulnerable families

These are some of the quotes from recipients of the gifts:

- “Thank you, I feel like I can go home and make my kids happy with these items in the holy month of Ramadan”.

- “May God bless your heart as you have made my heart and the hearts of my children happy”.
- “At the right time! Thank you, may God protect you”.
- “Your sense of our suffering, this is the pinnacle of humanity, thank you”.
- “My kids will be happy tonight with this basket, I can feed my kids”.
- “My children will not feel hungry during Ramadan. Thank you”.

Another project was the providing of food and clothes to children of a juvenile home in Taiz.



Photo: Food for the children and staff of the juvenile home Yemen



Photo: clothes for the children of the juvenile home

Furthermore, clothes were being provided to homeless children.



Photo: Clothes for homeless children in Yemen

Some children are bullied because they wear torn clothes. They received new clothes for Eid al-Adha on 8 July 2022. They can wear the clothes after Eid. The clothes were made by tailors to support their small projects so that they can expand their activity and help them under these harsh economic conditions.



Photo: Clothes for a vulnerable child in Yemen

LETTERS TO HEADS OF STATE AND DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS

Before the invasion of Russia into Ukraine, an open letter, a call for peace, was sent to amongst others: HE Zelensky, HE Biden and HE Putin. The letter was signed by many peace organizations from all over the world, including Ukraine and Russia and the United

States. In addition, scientists, journalists (amongst others of Novaja Gazeta in Russia) and retired army staff signed the letter. See:

<https://peacesos.nl/let-all-children-play-in-ukraine-and-the-rest-of-the-world-a-call-for-peace/>

After the Russian invasion, 24th of February we send a second letter, in which we reiterated our call to:

- Respect life
- De-escalate the situation
- Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

The second letter was also signed by many peace organizations and can be found here:

<https://peacesos.nl/letter-let-all-children-play-in-ukraine-and-the-rest-of-the-world-a-call-for-peace/>

The letters were sent via the embassies of Ukraine, the embassy of the United States of America, the embassy of the Russian Federation. After the first letter, there were two phone calls between the Ukrainian embassy and Peace SOS.

A meeting was proposed with the embassy of the Russian Federation, but Peace SOS didn't get a reply this time.

Yemen

In 2022 a letter was sent to the Prime Minister, the minister of Foreign Affairs of Yemen and to the leader of Ansar Allah, to call for an extension of the truce in Yemen. This letter can be found here:

<https://peacesos.nl/open-letter-please-extend-the-truce-let-all-children-play-in-yemen/>

The contact with the Yemeni embassy in the Hague was continued via email and by phone.

Iran

In 2022, there was contact between Peace SOS and the Iranian embassy in the Netherlands. We discussed the sad situation in Iran and the need to respect the right of protest following

the death of Mahsa Amini. In addition, a letter was sent to president Raisi, since the Iranian embassy asked for a reaction concerning his speech at the UN General assembly.

<https://peacesos.nl/open-letter-reaction-to-president-raisis-speech-at-the-united-nations-general-assembly-77/>

CALLS FOR PEACE IN THE MEDIA AND SOLIDARITY FOR UKRAINE EVENT 2022

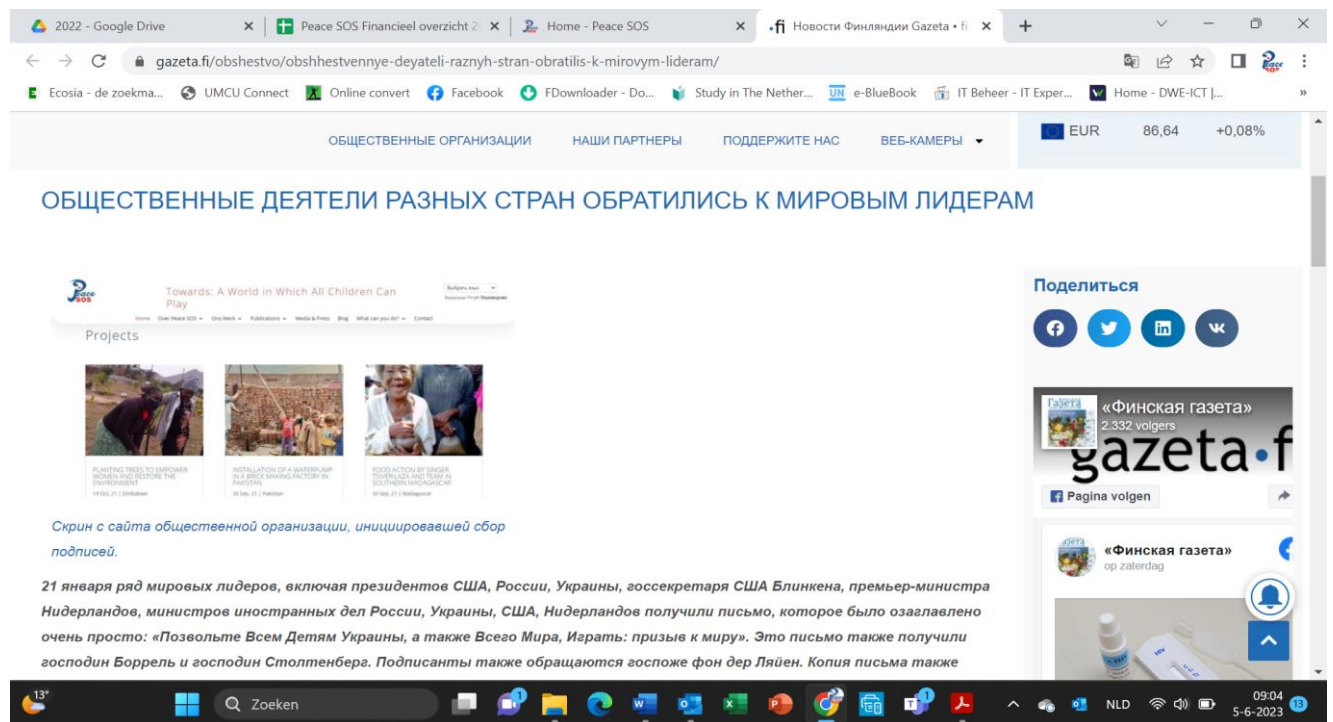
Before the invasion of Russia in Ukraine, Yurii Sheliashenko (Kyiv, World Beyond War and Ukrainian pacifist movement) and May-May of Peace SOS wrote a letter in the Dutch national newspaper *NRC Handelsblad* to call for the need of an inclusive peace dialogue.



Photo: Letter to call for an inclusive peace dialogue in Ukraine

The Finnish Novaya Gazeta wrote a post in Russian at their website about the open letter to help to prevent the war in Ukraine.

<https://gazeta.fi/obshestvo/obshhestvennye-deyateli-raznyh-stran-obratilis-k-mirovym-lideram/>



Sunday 27th February, just after the Russian invasion, Peace SOS and supporting peace organizations planned a silent peace demonstration for the people in Ukraine at Dam Square in the Netherlands. There were two other organizations who also planned a demonstration for Ukraine: Migreat and Free Russia. The police in Amsterdam proposed to merge the demonstrations into one, which has been done accordingly. Migreat arranged the podium and the speakers. The moment of silence was brought down to two minutes, which was good. Approximately 15,000 people gathered at Dam Square to show their support for the people in Ukraine. The peace organizations supporting the moment of silence were: Physicians for Peace (Artsen voor Vrede), Burundian Women for Peace and

Development, Church and Peace, Peacemission without Weapons, Universal Peace Federation, Womens Federation for World Peace.



Photo: Around 15,000 people at Dam Square to show their solidarity with the people in Ukraine



Photo left: A Russian lady demonstrating against war.



Photo middle: May-May Meijer (Peace SOS) introducing the moment of silence.



Photo right: A lady demonstrating for Peace in Ukraine

NRC Handelsblad wrote an article about the solidarity with Ukraine event. In addition, the event was in the prime time television news of the Dutch national broadcaster NOS.

The ninth of April, 2022, Yurii Sheliashenko (Kyiv, World Beyond War) and May-May Meijer (Peace SOS) wrote an op-ed in *Nederlands Dagblad* to call for peace via peaceful means in Ukraine.

YURI SHELIAZHENKO EN MAY-MAY MEIJER • Sheliashenko woont te Kyiv, secretaris van de Oekraïense Pacifistische Beweging, bestuurslid van World BEYOND War en onderzoeker aan KROK University in Kyiv; Meijer is voorzitter van Peace SOS. rd.nijoplinie BILD EPA / ATEP SAFADI

PLEIT VOOR VREDE DOOR VREEDZAME MIDDELEN

...Nog meer wapens brengen de vrede in Oekraïne niet dichterbij. Blijf in plaats daarvan inzetten op vrede door onderhandelingen.

We zijn diep geschokt door de tragedie in Boesja, Sary Bykiv en ander Oekraïense dorpen waar vreedzame burgers op gruwelijke wijze zijn vermoord. Het Russische leger is Oekraïne binnengevallen, bombardeert ziekenhuizen en belegert steden waardoor burgers omkomen van hongersnood en dorst. De Russische agressie moet onmiddellijk worden gestopt.

We prijzen de Oekraïense inspanningen om vrede te bereiken door middel van vredesbesprekingen. Inmiddels zijn er al meer dan vier miljoen mensen Oekraïne ontvlucht. Ook in het binnenland zijn er meer dan zes miljoen mensen op de vlucht. Er is dan ook hard humanitaire hulp nodig.

In een toespraak tot de Tweede Kamer vroeg de Oekraïense president Zelensky Nederland onder andere om meer wapens te leveren en oorlogsmisdadigers ter verantwoording te roepen. Deze oorlog duurt inderdaad voort vanwege de straffeloosheid voor misdaden tegen de menselijkheid.

schendingen
In alle acht jaar van de oorlog tussen Rusland en Oekraïne zijn er reeds meerdere misdaden gepleegd, na de gewelddadige opstanden in Kiev, de Donbas en de Krim in 2014. Beide partijen hielden zich niet aan de afspraken van Minsk, de internationaal erkende vredesovereenkomst van 2015. Het staakt-het-vuren werd aan beide kanten geschonden. Duizenden burgerdoden zijn al jaren niet geloofwaardig onderzocht. Zowel Rusland als Oekraïne heeft het Statuut van Rome inzake het Internationaal Strafhof niet geratificeerd. We dringen er bij beide landen op aan het te ratificeren. Hoewel duidelijk is dat Rusland de grote agressor is, gaat ook Oekraïne niet vrijuit. Daarom dringen we er ook op aan te zorgen voor onderzoek naar alle oorlogsmisdaden, ongeacht de loyaliteit van de daders.

vreedzaam
Kortom, graag stellen we president Zelensky, maar vooral ook president Poetin en de internationale gemeenschap de vraag wat er nog meer gedaan kan worden om vrede via vreedzame middelen te creëren in Oekraïne. Zeker met het oog op het

feit dat president Poetin aangeeft om eventueel kernwapens in te zetten, is het zoals paus Franciscus aangaf tijd om te waarschuwen voor zelfvernietiging: 'Het moment is gekomen om oorlog wereldwijd uit te bannen uit de geschiedenis van de mensen, voordat de mensen uit de geschiedenis worden verbannen.' Daarom zouden alle landen het Verdrag op het Verbod van Kernwapens moeten ondertekenen en de wapenwedloop een halt toe moeten roepen.

verantwoordelijkheid
We blijven dan ook pleiten voor vrede via vreedzame middelen, zoals door vredesonderhandelingen. Het Kremlin dient ertoe bewogen te worden om vredesonderhandelingen een eerlijke kans te geven teneinde meer slachtoffers te voorkomen. Landen die goede betrekkingen hebben met zowel Oekraïne als Rusland dienen hierin hun verantwoordelijkheid te nemen. Ook paus Franciscus en Russische geestelijken zouden hierin een rol kunnen spelen. We hopen vooral dat het leven weer wordt gerespecteerd en dat mensen in nood humanitaire hulp zullen ontvangen. Dat wereldleiders zich moeten verenigen voor vrede, om een einde te maken aan hongersnood en klimaatopwarming tegen te gaan. Mogen liefde en waarheid de grootste krachten zijn die Oost en West verenigen. <

President Zelensky vroeg om meer wapens. We vragen ons af of de Russen met meer wapens kunnen worden verdreven.



Just before the meeting of State Parties which signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, May-May wrote an opinion article for *Nederlands Dagblad* in which she called upon the Netherlands, and all countries in the world to sign the nuclear ban.



17 October 2022 May-May Meijer (Peace SOS) and Yurii Sheliashenko (Kyiv, World Beyond War) wrote another letter to *NRC Handelsblad* to call for support for peace initiatives.



Photo: Letter to call for support of peace initiatives for Ukraine

WEBSITE PEACE SOS

There were many insightful blogs in 2022 on the website of Peace SOS. Most of the blogs are written by people originating from the country they write about.

There was a blog about everyday life during the war in Somalia, several blogs of Yurii Sheliazhenko (Kyiv) about the need for peace in Ukraine, several blogs about the suffering of the people in in Yemen, a blog about education as the key to peace in Myanmar/Birma, a blog about the need for peace between Pakistan and India, a blog about the threat of a food crisis in Niger as a result of climate change and a blog of Stefan Kistler about

representatives of indigenous organizations who call for the protection of the Amazonian rainforest.

The updating and English translation of the website still needs to be completed.

POST ADDRESS IN AMSTERDAM

Peace SOS opened in 2021 a virtual office in Amsterdam and still used the virtual office in 2022. 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 Full Time Equivalent (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 2022 May-May worked regularly at home, sometimes she visited Seats2Meet in Amersfoort.

TEAM OF PEACE SOS

The legal form of 'Stichting Peace SOS' is a foundation. Peace SOS has been active since 2015 September 21 2021 when the Peace Manifesto was presented at Nieuwspoor in the Hague. Peace SOS received its statutes on April 22, 2016. In the year 2022, the Board and advisors of Peace SOS consisted of the following persons:

Alex de Brouwer, secretary of Peace SOS since 21 November 2022.

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

Elio Lazo Lopez, secretary of Peace SOS until 21 November 2022.

Jamal Badr, advisor Yemen. Jamal is born in Yemen and works for ngo's.

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

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

Lonieke Ultee, general advisor of Peace SOS. Lonieke is owner of a language centre.

Martijn Müller, publishes the newsletters of Peace SOS.

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

Sander Glas, is treasurer of Peace SOS and financial expert.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

ASSETS	2022 EUR	2021 EUR
Material Fixed Assets	-	-
Deposits	47	47
Prepayments	87	101
Cash & Bank	237	1.010
Total	371	1.158
LIABILITIES	2022 EUR	2021 EUR
Equity	333	1.120
Provision	-	-
Accounts Payable	39	39
Total	371	1.158

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 2022

Income	2022 EUR	2021 EUR
Gifts	22.467	19.588
Total income	22.467	19.588
Expenses	2022 EUR	2021 EUR
Organization costs	1.641	1.156
Depreciation	-	81
Activities	21.614	18.975
Total expenses	23.255	20.212
Result	-787	-624
<i>Result destination:</i>		
<i>Change in equity</i>	<i>-787</i>	<i>-624</i>

Notes to the Statement of Income & Expenses

Gifts (from individuals)	EUR
Various	22,467
Organization costs	
Virtual office rent	578
Notary	343
IT	326
Insurance	216
Bank	178
Total	<u>1,285</u>
Projects	
Project Gaza	6,771
Food project Yemen	4,836
Youth Detention Center Yemen	2,676
Brick Making factories Pakistan	3,550
Peaceful children's mission in Bangladesh	2,090
Yemen Renaissance Organization	500
Peace letters	471
Peace Awareness project Yemen	369
Food Pakistan	200
TEYAPI for Peace Uganda	151
Total	<u>21,614</u>

Gifts

In 2022, the chair donated an amount of €21,265 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 2022. The chairperson works app. an average of 0.8 full time equivalent (FTE) on Peace SOS unpaid.

Statement of approval of the Annual Report 2022

The board and advisors of the Foundation Peace SOS have discussed the annual report of Peace SOS in one of her online team meetings. The annual report of 2022 was approved on July 1st, 2023.