

# Wouter Nolet Scholarship Fund

(project of the Wouter Nolet Foundation)



## Annual Report

### 2021

## Message from the Board

We are proud to offer you our first annual report. Looking back on 2021, we can determine that we have achieved what we had in mind: a reliable system and organization for the issuance of scholarships to medical students in Sierra Leone who want to follow the Surgical Training Program (STP) of Capacare to become an assistant surgeon or midwife.

The motive for this was the ideal of continuing the beautiful work that Wouter Nolet has left behind. Wouter was more than just a tropical doctor. In addition to his clinical work as a tropical doctor at the Masanga hospital, he was coordinator of the CapaCare STP. In that position he has made an outstanding effort to get the training recognized in Sierra Leone. With our scholarships for medical students we want to continue his work and contribute to the improvement of the health care system in Sierra Leone.

Two important elements have contributed to the success of last year. On the one hand, the volunteers who were prepared to make time -in addition to their normal work- to come and help us. Thank you very much to them.

On the other hand, the huge number of donors who have generously shown their appreciation for the charity work that we have undertaken. If we have not already done so personally, we herewith express our great gratitude to them.

We are determined to keep our 'founding donors' regularly informed of our activities.

In this Annual Report you will find more about:

- Looking back at 2021
- Students
- Annual financial report
- Looking ahead to 2022

We look back on a successful first six months of the Foundation's existence and would like to thank you for the trust you put in us.

Pim Nolet  
Chairman

## Looking back at 2021

For the Wouter Nolet Scholarship Fund (WNSF), 2021 was dedicated to the establishment of the Foundation, the definition of its mission, objectives and strategy as well as the development of a system for providing scholarships to medical students in Sierra Leone.

To achieve this, a policy plan was first drawn up containing: the concept, policy and procedures, organizational structure and (financial) planning. The implementation of this plan was carried out in the second half of 2021.

A lot of attention has been paid to the coordination of activities with CapaCare Norway, CapaCare Netherlands and CapaCare Sierra Leone. After all, CapaCare is responsible for the training of the students to whom the WNSF provides scholarships.

At the same time, a PR campaign was launched with an appealing story about the project, aimed at a number of target groups:

- (tropical) doctor colleagues and friends of Wouter
- participants in the runners event
- donors who want to support the goal of WNSF

Promotional instruments that have been used for this are:

- website: general communication of the story behind the project
- electronic brochure: explanation and background of the project
- flyer: specific communication about the CPC runners event
- Social media (WhatsApp and Instagram): communication with the (runners) community

The Runners event gave rise to various national publications in which the message behind the cause could be explained.

Fundraising has started gradually. Although the brand awareness of WNSF is still relatively low, many donors have found their way to the Foundation. Donors, unless anonymous, received an official thank you letter. In all cases, we would like to thank all generous donors.

Larger donors have often made periodic donations. From the Foundation we visited them and have shared our motivations. The Foundation values great importance to a personal relationship with its donors. Therefore, we expect to invite donors for a 'Dinner Event' in 2022.

The board met virtually 3 times in the year under review. In these conference calls, strategic issues were discussed and the board made decisions about the policy to be implemented.

## Students

In the year under review, 2 students were selected in October. Both came from partner hospitals and worked there as Clinical Health Officers (CHO). CapaCare has been instrumental in the selection of these students. They have not yet gone through the official admission procedure because it had not yet been fully implemented.

CHO's have often undergone practical training. He/she performs general and specialized medical tasks in the hospitals, such as diagnosis and treatment of illness, applying and interpreting medical tests, performing routine medical and (small) surgical procedures, referring patients to other practitioners, and managing health departments and projects. With this knowledge and experience they are very well prepared for the STP training.

The students are called Sheka and Abdulai. We have not met them personally. Communication with them is via WhatsApp and Skype. They have both submitted a motivation video in which they explain their application for a scholarship. These videos can be viewed on the WNSF website under menu item 'Scholarships' as well as through this direct link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqEtgL9NgZiOenr5a\\_ZF9Eg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqEtgL9NgZiOenr5a_ZF9Eg)

### PROFILE



Name: [Sheka Mohammed Kamara](#)  
 Age and marital status: [33, single](#)  
 Current qualification: [Community Health Officer \(CHO\)](#)  
 Current place of work: [Magburake Govern. Hospital](#)  
 Nominated by hospital: [Magburaka Govern. Hospital](#)

### PROFILE



Name: [Abdulai Moriba Lahun](#)  
 Age and marital status: [26, married](#)  
 Current qualification: [Clinical Health Officer \(CHO\)](#)  
 Current place of work: [MSF Hangha Hospital](#)  
 Nominated by hospital: [MSF Hangha Hospital](#)

## Financial Review

The Wouter Nolet Foundation, which operates the Wouter Nolet Scholarship Fund (WNSF), was established on July 19, 2021. This financial year only covers a period of 5.5 months.

Financial review		Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Budget 2022
<b>Income</b>				
	Periodic donations	45.500	20.000	45.000
	Donations from Runner Event	5.560	4.000	4.000
	One-time donations	37.420	25.000	15.000
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>88.480</b>	<b>49.000</b>	<b>64.000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Provision periodic donations	36.400	16.000	36.400
	Costs of incorporation	664	700	0
	Costs of development	1.314	1.500	0
	Costs of control	354	500	1.500
	<b>Total charges</b>	<b>38.732</b>	<b>18.700</b>	<b>37.900</b>
<b>Operating results</b>		<b>49.748</b>	<b>30.300</b>	<b>26.100</b>

### Income

The foundation has received a total of more than € 88,000 in donations. A provision has been taken of € 36,400 for 4 periodic ANBI contracts in which a suspensive condition for payment is included. The periodic donations make the income more predictable and ensure that it can be better estimated how many scholarships can be guaranteed.

An amount of € 5,560 in income is entirely attributable to the virtual Running Event of September. There were no direct costs related to that. The Income from one-time donations of (€ 37,420) comes from 137 donors. Of these, 9 donors (including 1 Foundation) gave more than € 500. The average amount of the one-time donations is € 273.



### Expenses

The costs could be kept well under control. Thanks to the help of 5 volunteers, the work could be carried out for a minimum of management costs. The cost of development relates to the website that could be built for a reduced rate.

In total, the overhead costs amount to 2.6% of the income, which has remained well within the ANBI requirement of 10%. This means that 97.4% of the donations benefits the students.

### Operating results

All this has led to a positive operating result of more than € 49,500. That is € 19,000 more than budgeted. This is mainly due to the higher income from donations.

## Balance sheet

With regard to the balance sheet, it can be noted that the Foundation in the year under review has built up an equity of more than € 45,000.

<b>Balance sheet</b>			
		31-12-2021	1-7-2021
<b>Assets</b>			
	CapaCare account	0	24.632
	Unpaid periodic donations	36.400	
	ING account	49.748	0
	<b>Total assets</b>	<b>86.148</b>	<b>24.632</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
	Equity	45.688	23.968
	Provision periodic donations	36.400	
	Creditors	4.060	664
	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>86.148</b>	<b>24.632</b>

### Assets/Liabilities

Again, the unpaid amounts of the periodic donations of € 36,400 have been booked on the assets side of the balance sheet and the same amount has been booked against on the liabilities side of the balance sheet.

The item Creditors represents the scholarships of the first 2 students for the first year that have not yet been paid out.

## Accountability

At the end of the financial year (December 31, 2021), the Treasurer closed the books.

Thereafter, the Financial Report was drawn up consisting of the Statement of Income and Expenses and the Balance Sheet. An explanation has been drawn up for both.

On 19-2-2022, the Financial Report with accompanying financial administration was audited by the Audit Committee, consisting of Mrs R. S. Sprenkeling and Mrs Drs. A. Hulzebosch. They have approved and signed the Financial Report. Subsequently, in its meeting of 03-03-2022, the Board granted the treasurer discharge for the financial policy pursued in 2021.

## Looking ahead to 2022

In the coming year, the Wouter Nolet Scholarship Fund (WNSF) will optimize the application process for the students. We are going to strengthen our relationships with the 15 partner hospitals as we are completely dependent on them for the inflow of good and reliable candidates. These partner hospitals provide a letter of recommendation in which background information about the candidate is given.

For the candidates, we want to open up an electronic application platform on the website where they can fill in the application form and upload their CV and Motivation letter within a secure environment. In addition, students can also enter their progress and study results here. More information about the selection process can be found on the website:

[www.wnsf.nl/scholarships](http://www.wnsf.nl/scholarships).

The plan is to select 4 new students in April 2022. These students will again follow the 3-year STP course. The registration is expected to take place entirely electronically. This year will also be used to test the effectiveness of the system.

The Hague CPC runners event of March this year has been postponed again to September where we will participate again. The Social Media team will keep the community of runners and interested parties in the WhatsApp group and Instagram informed of the (latest) developments.

In 2022, we will investigate the impact of the intended integration between CapaCare and MSCS. MSCS is a government institute for tertiary education of healthcare workers. Integrating with MSCS is intended to increase sustainability of the STP training in Sierra Leone. The integration means that the CapaCare 3-year STP training will be added to a 2-year basic medical education at MSCS. Students will graduate with a bachelor's degree and are better positioned to get placed in (governmental) hospitals. It was Wouter's great wish to make this upgrading of the STP training possible.

In addition, we will explore how we can be more intensively involved in Outreach projects of the Masanga hospital. These projects are focused on rural communities that are often face multiple barriers in reaching the hospital, including poverty, lack of transport, poor infrastructure and sanitary conditions. Specific services provided include general and pregnancy related diagnostics, maternal care and minor surgical treatments. This also is an opportunity to convey crucial messages about when to seek medical care and general recommendations on hygiene, nutrition and health related behavior.

As training of health care workers is at the center of WNSF mission, this kind of services fits nicely with the education of our students who, in return learning from Outreach projects, will increase their understanding of rural health care challenges. And rural health care will ultimately lead to greater prosperity for the communities and indirectly support their economies.