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Christmas is a celebration of light and warmth, a party of compassion.

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In this context we ask for your attention.

The Matata Children's Hospital is located in Oyugis, Rachuonyo district, about 50 km from Lake Victoria. It is one of the poorest regions of Kenya with a high mortality rate. The main causes of death are HIV / AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

The Matata Children's Hospital here is trying to address this problem, by:

- Providing information on HIV / Aids prevention and family planning,
- Visiting the rural areas with mobile clinics,
- Providing antiretroviral drugs and other medicines,
- Building local clinics in the rural areas.



These activities are not subsidized and are completely dependent on donations from our Foundation.

In 2012 we want to continue our assistance. Here, your financial support to us is indispensable. Therefore we ask you to make a contribution to the Matata Children's Hospital Kenya Foundation, Rabobank Twente Oost, Lossersestraat 2, 7574 EA Oldenzaal, The Netherlands. Account number: 1385.72.585. Swift code: RABONL2U. Iban code: NL82RABO138572585
You can also donate to the Foundation a bequest in your will.

The funds we receive are well spent. Since the start in 2007, 95% was spent directly on projects in the hospital and we had an overhead of only 5%, so there is no rake-off.

The Dutch ambassador in Nairobi, Mr J. Reintjes, recently said about our Foundation:

"It is impressive to see how the Matata Children's Hospital Kenya Foundation -with relatively few resources and great personal commitment and enthusiasm- improves the health care at the local level in western Kenya. The foundation provides the infrastructure of clinics, which are transferred to the local community and the Kenyan government. The Kenyan government will then ensure that drugs and personnel are available. This is a good example of public-private partnership."

Prof. Dr. Ruthie C. Rono, Ambassador of Kenya, The Hague, also positively declared:

"It was a great pleasure to meet you and learn about your work in Oyugis. I was very happy to see the degree of commitment and energy you have for your work. Your work is greatly appreciated; it puts a smile and satisfies basic medical needs of many residents of the Matata area."

The children and their mothers will be deeply grateful for your help.

Also on their behalf, we wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2012.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline van Hoorn,
chairwoman

Hanne Hulshuisen-Verdonk,
public relations and fundraising

Ad Festen,
treasurer

The Matata Children's Hospital Kenya Foundation was awarded the ANBI status (charitable status), and is registered with the Tax Administration. Donations to the Matata Foundation allow for tax exemption.
Visit our website www.stichtingmatata.nl to see what we have achieved in 2011.