



PROJECT REQUEST
FINANCING RUNNING COSTS
OF LOTUS CLINIC 2020, YANGON, MYANMAR





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Project

The Lotus Clinic, build in 2014 by SANNI Foundation and MAM, focuses particularly on women and children in the areas of HIV, tuberculosis and malnutrition. With this project the operation of the Lotus Clinic can be secured for another year. In addition, Lotus Clinic is the logistical basis for the execution of our children sponsoring program where we support currently approx. 350 children and their families.

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Financing

Budget for 2020 Total US\$ 357'200

Still open for 2020: US\$ 250'000 / CHF 242'800

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1. Introduction SANNI Foundation

The SANNI Foundation is a charitable foundation with a focus on Southern India and Myanmar, actively helping in the areas of education and medical care for children and women.

The SANNI Foundation supports as many children in India and Myanmar as possible in the long term by means of a fund, in order to give them a better life and positive future prospects.

True to our motto "help for self-help" the children stay in their families of origin but are cared for by the SANNI Foundation. The aim is that the children get a good education, because a good education is the key to the way out of poverty. But on the one hand many families cannot afford the costs of the school.



Furthermore, many children are forced to work to ensure the survival of the family. Often the children and their parents are also sick and need medical care. Therefore, our focus is not only on the financing of school and education, but also on supplementary food supply, medical care, distribution of clothing and hygiene packages and above all loving care and intensive welfare. Not only the children benefit from these activities, but the situation of the whole family is stabilized so that the children can attend school. This is essential so that the many impoverished and sick people can have a future perspective again.

Susanne Schroff was involved in her parents' foundation before founding the SANNI Foundation in Switzerland in 2010, where she has been living for many years. The Schroff Foundation, founded in 1989, supported a mobile diabetes ward of St. John Health Services in Trivandrum, India for 20 years. With the help of the head of St. John, a dedicated priest, the SANNI Foundation significantly expanded its activities in Trivandrum (including foundation of a clinic, Health care and education center for children and women etc.).

Since 2014, the SANNI Foundation has also been active in Myanmar and is committed to providing services to underprivileged people, especially women and children. Referring to the principle of implementing projects with local confidants, the SANNI Foundation supports a relief organization (MAM = Medical Action Myanmar). This organization operates a network of clinics and children's homes to freely treat patients from the baseline. The SANNI Foundation has built an orphanage with MAM in 2016, where today especially HIV+ children find a safe and loving home.

All administrative costs are borne by SchroffInvest. The entire foundation council and all ambassadors are active as volunteers. One hundred percent of the donations are used for the needy.



2. Activities in Myanmar

2.1 Our local partner: Medical Action Myanmar (MAM)

Since many years, SANNI Foundation works in close partnership with a medical aid organisation called Medical Action Myanmar (MAM) which has been founded by the Dutch doctor Dr. Frank Smithuis together with his Burmese wife, Dr. NiNi Tun in 2009 with the mission to improve access to quality health care for the poorest people in Myanmar. Dr. Frank Smithuis worked since 1988 in South East Asia first for Medecins sans Frontieres. In 2009, he founded MAM. MAM targets the most vulnerable populations in very remote areas and in urban slums, where most people cannot access nor afford to pay for adequate health care services. MAM established a network of 10 clinics and several children's homes.

Together, we have two missions:

- To support children living in these slum areas by assuring education and
- To provide free health care services to some of the poorest communities in the country.



Both missions focus on Hlaingthayar township, an industrial slum zone in the north west of Yangon. With extremely poor living conditions, unstable employment and lack of development, the population living here suffer and urgently need support. The jointly established Lotus Clinic provides free health care to this population with a strict non-discriminatory policy to treat anyone with medical services such as HIV and tuberculosis treatment, family planning, malnutrition care and blindness prevention.

2.2 What SANNI Foundation has achieved so far in Myanmar:

- Over 350 children living in one of the biggest slums in the country are sponsored to receive food, health, education and household support and are part of the SANNI's Child Sponsorship program
- By financing the construction and operation of an orphanage in Yangon ("Motherhouse"), destitute orphans are given a peaceful and safe home. The children are provided with medical care, food and clothing. Dedicated teachers teach the children English. Currently we have 10 children in our home
- Over 50 families were given solar panels, bringing electricity to their homes for the first time
- Many families have had their houses repaired in preparation for rainy and hot seasons
- Vocational training, academic tuition and business support investment are also available
- Annually, more than 64,000 consultations are conducted at the Lotus Clinic in the poorest slum of Yangon. There are also over 500 patients receiving HIV treatment, over 8,000 children are treated against malnutrition; over 4,5700 family planning consultations for empowerment of



women and 10 HIV+ mothers were treated for their infection and all gave birth to HIV- negative babies.

3. Project description

One clinic run by MAM is the Lotus Clinic in the Hlaingthayar district of Yangon. The SANNI Foundation renovated it in 2014 and financed the operation for the last 5 years. The clinic offers a wide range of medical services for the poor. A team of about 20 local doctors and health workers take care of the patients 7 days a week.



Medical consultation at Lotus Clinic

This paper contains the project description for the entire financing of the Lotus Clinic during 12 months. With a total of US\$ 357'200, the yearly needed medicine, food for the patients and salaries of the staff can be covered. With this money about 60'000 consultations can be carried out for the following areas:

3.1 Treatment of children

Most diseases in children are respiratory infections (including tuberculosis), diarrhea, skin infections or HIV. All children who come to the clinic are examined for malnutrition. In case of malnutrition (where there is a 50% mortality rate if not treated) they are treated and cared for according to international guidelines. Therapies include rehydration, habituation to 6 meals a day and treatment of underlying diseases (mostly TB or HIV). In addition to treatment, attention is also paid to the children's living situation, especially in the case of orphans or children with single parents.



Children in treatment



In the nutrition centre, malnourished children receive six meals a day. First, they are given rehydrating fluid in the form of a specially diluted milk formula (F75). This is followed by a richly enriched milk (F100) and then "plumpy nut" - a nutritious mash containing all the necessary nutrients. Thanks to this treatment, the chance of survival increases to over 90%.



Sick child in Lotus Clinic

3.2 Family planning

Many women have more children than they wanted and / or for which they can provide sufficiently. This leads to poor health of mothers and children. In addition, illegal and non-sterile abortions lead to dangerous infections, which can even lead to death. This is mainly due to a lack of access to affordable family planning methods. MAM advises the mothers and provides free medication.



Family planing consultation

3.3 HIV-Prevention and treatment

The Lotus Clinic offers comprehensive HIV care for families and sex workers. HIV care covers all aspects of HIV care from testing and counselling to diagnosis, opportunistic infection treatment and antiretroviral therapy. For patients who undergo regular treatment but cannot afford the travel costs, food and transport costs are reimbursed.

The aim is to have a location where all services are available, in order to increase the awareness of the project. The patients should be able to lead a normal life, so that they are able to work and earn their own income again as soon as possible. In other hospitals only a certain part of the treatments is available, and the patients must be referred to other hospitals for further treatments. In 2019, 532 of our HIV patients receiving ART treatment; we conducted 3,314 HIV tests.



A special group of patients are HIV-positive pregnant women: HIV-positive women who visit the hospital receive preferential treatment. They are immediately offered antiretroviral therapy to treat their HIV infection. This treatment not only saves their lives, but also allows them to continue to care for their children. The treatment is very effective and protects your unborn children from HIV infection. The mothers will continue to be cared for in the program for 1 ½ years after the birth of the child.

4. Laboratory testing

Laboratory tests are performed to examine blood, stool, urine, spinal fluid, lymph nodes and skin in more detail. This is necessary for an accurate diagnosis (including HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, syphilis, anaemia, meningitis, penicilliosis, kryptococcosis, etc.). In 2019, we performed 35,441 laboratory tests.



Ma Thu is six years old; HIV positive and completely malnourished. Her mother has died and the father cannot feed the family. Ma Thu was nursed up in the nutrition centre for several months and supplied with the necessary HIV medication.

(Picture left before treatment / Picture right after treatment)



5. Budget of Lotus Clinic 2020

Description	Budget	US\$
Personnel expenses	120'400	
Stationary	10'800	
Medical treatment / nutrition	188'100	
Training / local support	2'500	
Transportation / storage	13'600	
Other costs	20'200	
Health Education	1'600	
Total costs Lotus Klinik 2020	357'200	
Minus expected donations MOH/WFP Spenden 1)	-107'200	
Still to be financed (in US\$)	250'000	
Still to be financed (in CHF; Status: 31.01.2020)	242'800	



1) Die Lotus Klinik empfängt Sachspenden Ministry of Health (MOH) and World Food Programm (WFP)

6. Costs per treatment per patient

The average cost of a patient consultation at the Lotus Klinik is between CHF 6-7 MAM keeps its overheads at a minimum, offers young local doctors a job opportunity and works as efficiently as possible. Therefore every donation is used exclusively for the clinic and its patients.

7. Impressions from the Lotus Clinic



8. Control of implementation

MAM will send detailed reports on the status of implementation to the SANNI Foundation twice a year. Some of the foundation board travels annually to the spots to monitor the implementation of the projects. Intensive discussions are held with the project managers while they are visited. By inspecting the books, it is checked whether our funds are used according to the purpose. MAM is audited by a local and an international audit firm, which guarantees careful bookkeeping. The last visit took place in November 2019.



9. Annex

9.1 Objectives of the Foundation

The purpose of the foundation is to promote the education of children and adolescents, to combat poverty and to promote health. The geographic focus is on developing and emerging economies because there, with modest means by European standards, the living conditions of many people can be improved.

9.2 Vision

Based on personal commitment, SANNI Foundation gives hope for a better future to people in need.

9.3 Mission

Integral projects are supported and accompanied in the long term, with respectful, direct and effective implementation being important. A local confidant, with an existing organization, implements the projects on site. The donations reach the needy one hundred percent. This is possible because the board members are working on an honorary basis and the administrative costs are taken over by SchroffInvest.

9.4 Principle

Our actions are based on the following principles:
Transparency, authenticity, effectiveness, efficiency

9.5 Values

Our actions are characterized by the following values:
Respect, joy, openness, honesty.

9.6 Administration Cost

100% of all donations are in favor of the needy. The administration costs are financed by the SchroffInvest. All board members of the foundation are volunteers.