



New Chair Quina Care Ecuador

Chair Carolien Bouwman makes way for Louisa Spaans.

As we're nearing the opening of the hospital, this means that Carolien Bouwman will naturally spend more of her time on her activities as an international doctor. For this reason it has been decided that she will take a step back as chair of the Quina Care Ecuador foundation.

We're very happy to announce that Louisa Spaans is willing to take over this role. Louisa would like to [introduce](#) herself to you all.

Access to Ambulance Boat for Rivers San Miguel and Putumayo

Important step in improving hospital accessibility.

In collaboration with, among others, a German organisation, the Puerto el Carmen municipality, a health post in Puerto el Carmen and Quina Care the region where the hospital is located will gain access to an ambulance boat. A beautiful example of collaboration: the



German organisation donates the boat itself, the Puerto el Carmen municipality pays for the maintenance costs and the boatman, the health post will take care of the crew and assesses whether patients can be treated in the hospital of Quina Care or instead have to be redirected to the bigger

hospitals in Lago Agrio, Quina Care will take care of the incoming patients. As many of the small villages are located near the water and are difficult to reach via the road (if at all), an ambulance boat is incredibly important to reach the communities living there to offer support in case of emergencies.

Start Construction Staff Housing



The building that served as storage at the time of the boarding school is being converted into living space.

Quina Care aims to take on as much local staff from Puerto el Carmen and the surrounding area Cuyabeno. We believe it to be very important for staff from

other areas within the district to have safe housing close to the hospital. The hospital grounds include a suitable building, however, it will need to be

renovated into living space. By now, the renovations have started. We expect to complete this project in approximately 6 months.

Donation for elevator

Two large donations received for the installation of an elevator.

The hospital has a ground floor where, among other things, the outpatient care and radiology examinations will take place. In addition, there is an upper floor which should house all the nursing units. If someone needs to be submitted from the outpatient clinic to one of the nursing units and the bed needs to be moved, or, if someone admitted to the nursing unit needs to be brought down for an x-ray, it goes without saying that an elevator is crucial. The costs for the construction of an elevator shaft are considerable, over €40.000. Therefore, we are incredibly happy with the donation of the Den Brinker Foundation. With their gift of



€5.000 together with another €10.000 donated by a different

foundation, our elevator is getting nearer and nearer!

Offer Volunteers

Volunteers know where to find Quina Care and offer their services.

Regularly Quina Care is approached by people from within The Netherlands who would like to offer their services and in this way contribute to the hospital. For example, medical doctors and nurses inquiring after an unpaid internship in the hospital for a certain duration. But also people from outside

The Netherlands are keen to contribute. For example Hans Wilke, who has worked as a medical analyst in various laboratories, both in The Netherlands and in the jungle. Given his wealth of experience we have gratefully accepted his offer to provide advice and to help out. Already he has

contributed enormously with formulating our laboratory protocols and thanks to him, Quina Care has found and purchased appropriate equipment for our laboratory. At some point we hope to welcome him in our hospital to be able to, for example, train staff on site.

Advanced Equipment for Laboratory



Initial instructions for installing new laboratory equipment.

Continuing with the laboratory equipment. A hospital in the jungle needs to at least have access to equipment for carrying out the most important basic diagnostics. This includes equipment for hematology blood tests, where for example, the hemoglobin, the number of white blood cells (and the different types) and platelets of a blood sample can be established. Partly thanks to donations of, among others, the De Wisselbeker foundation, the Filadelfia Foundation and the Struan Foundation we have managed

to purchase the appropriate equipment already. Equipment for clinical chemical blood examinations is also essential. This measures the kidney function, liver function and glucose. With fine foundations of the Filadelfia foundation and a second foundation we managed to purchase this apparatus as well. At the same time we purchased equipment using the donation of the Jong foundation and a second donor which allows us to carry out blood tests on a foetus during delivery. This helps reduce the number of complications during childbirth.

Another form of diagnostics that has become well-known since the COVID-19 crisis is the PCR. In addition to COVID-19 the PCR can diagnose a number of other infectious diseases, such as Human papillomavirus infection, a sexually transmitted virus that can cause cervical cancer but also dengue fever (breakbone fever) which is very common in Putumayo. Now that the two pieces of equipment necessary for PCR diagnostics have been recently donated to us the possibilities for diagnostics for our patients have been extended enormously.

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the people of Putumayo so desperately need. To donate, press the button on the left.

