



Asociación para la Rehabilitación del Infantil Excepcional

Lima, Peru



STICHTING VRIENDEN van ARIE



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Dear Friends of ARIE,

Since the foundation of ARIE 32 years ago, we have been able to report steady and significant progress. Dedication by the staff in Lima, strong involvement by the parents and your loyal financial support have made this possible. In fact so much progress had been made, that we were already planning for a financially independent organisation by 2023. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has changed all that.



So glad the children are beginning to return

As *'The Economist'* reported a few weeks ago: *"Peru has suffered grievously from the pandemic"*. Indeed, the situation in the country is grim. Even under normal circumstances health care is barely able to cope. The impact and severity of the Covid-19 pandemic has completely overwhelmed the system. At the same time the economy has suffered tremendously, meaning that millions of families, just emerging from poverty have been thrown back with no hope of any recovery soon.

In line with government instructions, ARIE went into lockdown in the middle of March. As from 1st June the facilities were allowed to re-open, but not before making some considerable investment in protective measures and personal equipment. The number of treatments performed in June was only 10% of last year June, increasing to 25% in August. A major obstacle is the understandable reluctance by parents to take their children to ARIE by public transport, a sector well known for being a prime spreader of the virus. Fortunately, 'telemedicina' (treatment-on-line) is becoming more acceptable and represented 23% of all

treatments during August. While we are encouraged by the spirit of sacrifice and commitment of the ARIE staff, who all accepted a 20% reduction in remuneration, there is no doubt that ARIE will continue to face an extremely difficult situation for quite some time.



Therapy continues - with a face mask and protective clothing

Over the past 32 years ARIE has proved to be a viable organisation, ensuring professional treatment of children with a disability who otherwise would not be treated. Luckily, there were some reserves before the pandemic started, but without outside support ARIE will not be able to survive. Of course, under current circumstances there are many organisations which make an extra call on charitable donations. That is why your gift now will be all the more appreciated. Your support can be paid directly into the ARIE account: NL78 ABNA 0470 1296 38 or contact us at info@vrienden-van-arie.nl about a five year tax friendly donation. We can also arrange for your gift will to serve a particular purpose. THANK YOU!

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