

Annual report 2025



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1. Management report

In 2025, we decided to pause construction projects for a while and spend a full year focusing entirely on our existing projects. This also gave us the time to carefully consider how we want to use the piece of land next to the hospital in the future.

Despite this, 2025 has been an incredibly successful year, during which we were able to help more than 1,500 children through our various projects. We are extremely proud that, together with our team, we continue to make this possible year after year.

This year, we also reached a special milestone: as many as 35% of all surgeries were performed by our own local surgeons. We have now built a team of five local specialists.

While our local surgeons operated on a total of 34 children in 2024, that number increased to an impressive 160 children this year. A wonderful development that we are incredibly proud of.



1.1 Results from 2025

- ☺ 462 children received surgery.
- ☺ 278 baby's zaten in ons melkproject.
- ☺ 717 children received speech therapy. We are currently working with 11 speech therapists, all of whom were trained by Tess Unlimited.
- ☺ 291 children visited our dentists. Most children required an average of five appointments to achieve fully healthy and clean teeth. This amounts to more than 1,450 dental appointments in total. In 2024, we worked with five local dentists. This year, that number doubled to ten local dentists across Guatemala.
- ☺ 94 patients took part in our orthodontic program. These children will continue their treatment in 2026. Orthodontics helps prepare children for jaw surgery, and thanks to this program, we were once again able to operate on 17 children this year.
- ☺ 574 hearing tests were conducted, of which 65 children required surgery or ear tubes. These procedures have now been scheduled for 2026.



1.2 About the foundation

1.2.1 Introduction

The Tess Unlimited Foundation was established after Tessa de Goede traveled to Guatemala in January 2008 and was confronted with the challenges surrounding cleft lip and palate. At that time, there was no holistic care for children with clefts in Guatemala, and many of them had never undergone surgery. That same year, Tessa founded Tess Unlimited with the goal of creating a professional organization to help these children and offer them a meaningful life.



1.2.2 Mission

Tess Unlimited is a non-profit organization focused on providing medical care to underprivileged children, youth, and adults with cleft lip and palate in Guatemala. We take a comprehensive approach to ensure that our patients can lead meaningful lives after completing

1.2.3 Vision

The Tess Unlimited Foundation provides access to medical care and all necessary pre- and post-operative support to over 1,500 vulnerable children, youth, and adults with cleft lip and palate each year. Our goal is to give them the opportunity to fully participate in Guatemalan society and to prevent them from falling into a life of isolation and neglect due to their cleft condition.

1.2.4 Strategy

Our strategy is focused on a comprehensive approach, in which we identify patients as early as possible in their lives, provide medical support throughout all stages of recovery, and continue to follow up with them. Our approach includes the following projects:

Promotion: To identify children with cleft conditions at an early stage, our local promoters are active throughout the country and serve as the first point of contact in their regions. Through these promoters, we also reach youth and adults with clefts who are in need of medical care. We have alliances with both government agencies and local hospitals and health centers that refer children directly to us. Additionally, we collaborate with various local and international foundations in Guatemala. At present, we have partnerships with more than 150 organizations across the country.

Milk project: Malnutrition poses a major challenge for children with cleft conditions. They are enrolled in the milk project to ensure they reach a healthy weight before undergoing surgery. Collaboration with a local dietitian is essential. As we treat more and more newborns, we also promote breastfeeding and use hand pumps and special Haberman bottles to ensure these children can drink breast milk.

Surgeries: Since 2022, we have opened our own hospital, Tulipanes, which is equipped with two operating rooms. We also continue our collaboration with Hermano Pedro Hospital, where we organize surgical weeks for adolescents and young adults in need of nose surgeries.

In 2022, we started training local surgeons in Guatemala. Since then, we have built an incredible team of five local surgeons who now independently perform all palate surgeries and are currently receiving further training in cleft lip surgeries.

We are incredibly proud of Bruno, Fredy, Francisco, Michel, and Mercedes. Together, we are building sustainable healthcare in Guatemala, so that more and more children can be treated by local specialists in their own country.



Speech therapy: Our eleven speech therapists work throughout the country to support children in developing their speech skills. All of these therapists are local professionals trained by Tess Unlimited in collaboration with the international organization Smile Train.

Dental care: Before and after the repair of the lip and/or palate, children need dental care. We collaborate with ten local dentists and also place great emphasis on education and prevention.

Orthodontics: Almost all children born with a cleft need to visit an orthodontist, and the first visit usually takes place around the age of six, when the first teeth begin to change. The orthodontist focuses on the position of the teeth and the development of the jaws. To assess this, they take X-rays of the teeth and jaws, and also make impressions or scans of the teeth. Prior to the jaw closure surgery, the orthodontist typically places a brace on the upper jaw. This is necessary to widen and shape the upper jaw. We work together with three local orthodontists.

Psychologie: We often see that children are regularly bullied and experience social isolation, making it difficult for them to connect with others. Many mothers are also blamed by their own partners and families for their child being born with a cleft. For these reasons, we work with a local psychologist who addresses these issues and provides support when needed.



1.2.5 Ambition

Our goal in the Netherlands is to raise awareness about the Tess Unlimited Foundation and bring attention to the challenges surrounding cleft conditions in Guatemala. Through this awareness, we aim to raise more funds to help make our mission a success. In Guatemala, our ambition is to help as many children born with clefts as possible and provide them with a complete medical treatment journey, so they can lead meaningful lives after their recovery.

Target audience: Our target audience in Guatemala consists of children, youth, and adults of all ages, backgrounds, and religions. Every child born with a cleft has the right to access appropriate healthcare. Together, we stand up for the right to health.

1.2.6 Milk project

Our milk project is the most crucial initiative of our entire foundation. If children are malnourished or haven't yet reached the right weight, they simply cannot undergo surgery. In Guatemala, nearly 50% of all children under five are malnourished, which is also evident within our foundation. Because these children cannot breastfeed or drink from a regular bottle, and parents often cannot afford formula, they sometimes resort to giving water with sugar or coffee out of desperation. We want to give these children a chance and ease the worries of their parents.

Cleft conditions are not treated in the large government and regional hospitals. When a mother has her baby, there is no cleft team to support her. Over the past 17 years, we have built our own and only cleft team, and we hope to help many children. Every year, we provide nearly 11,000 cans of formula to help all these babies reach the proper weight.



1.2.7 Training

Tess Unlimited has been a proud partner of Smile Train for 13 years, the world's largest organization focused on cleft care and active in nearly all developing countries. We share the same vision: it is more effective to educate and train local professionals than to continuously rely on collaboration with foreign organizations.

Each year, several members of our team are invited to attend courses and conferences. In 2025, part of our team traveled to Mexico and Brazil for training programs and conferences. This allows us to stay up to date with the latest developments in cleft care and continue receiving ongoing training.

1.2.8 Patient residence AFAS

At the end of 2023, the construction of the AFAS patient residence was completed. We have created a beautiful home for our beloved families who come from far away. It is a warm and cozy house where everyone immediately feels at home, a true home away from home. Features of the residence:

- 🕒 Bedrooms: There are a total of 16 bedrooms with 35 beds, all handcrafted by four furniture makers from the Netherlands, giving each room a unique layout.
- 🕒 Facilities:
 - A spacious kitchen
 - A dining area
 - A comfortable sofa with plenty of cushions for mothers to relax while feeding their babies
- 🕒 Decoration: Each room is decorated with beautiful murals by the renowned artist Carin Steen.
- 🕒 Additional spaces: We also have spacious bathrooms, separate toilets, and a laundry room.

In February 2024, we held the official opening, and since then, we have welcomed hundreds of families. The land, construction, and full furnishing were generously donated by the AFAS Foundation in the Netherlands, and we are extremely grateful to them. In November 2024, three representatives from the AFAS Foundation traveled to Guatemala to see the patient residence with their own eyes, and they were very impressed.

1.4 Results between 2008 and 2025

- ☺ 4,494 children operated on
- ☺ 4,136 children brought to a healthy weight through our milk project
- ☺ More than 52,000 speech therapy sessions provided
- ☺ More than 4,250 psychological sessions conducted
- ☺ 1,691 children visited the dentist
- ☺ 94 children are receiving orthodontic treatment
- ☺ 574 hearing tests conducted

2. Set goals for 2026

Our goals for the coming year are as follows:

- ☺ We aim to operate on 500 children
- ☺ We hope to add two new orthodontists to our program
- ☺ We will celebrate our 18th anniversary
- ☺ Hopefully, we will obtain the permits for the extension on the piece of land next to the hospital

3. Future plans

We have big dreams for the future. Our goal for the piece of land next to the hospital is to further expand the hospital. We have already sat down with the architect and the first plans have been drawn up. Now we hope to obtain the necessary permits in 2026 and raise sufficient financial resources to actually start construction.

An exciting next step, which will allow us to help even more children and families in the future.

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3.1 Foundation data

Legal Form: Foundation
Date of establishment: 11-18-2008

3.2 Foundation goals

Raising resources, both financial and human (volunteers), to support selected charities in developing countries, particularly to support the activities of Asociación Tess sin Límites and Asociación Tulipanes in Guatemala.

3.3 The foundation means to achieve these goals through

Organizing activities to raise funds and resources and recruiting sponsors.

3.4 ANBI/tax exemption

On the 1st of January 2009 the tax department of the Netherlands designated Tess Unlimited as a society for public welfare and all beneficial tax exemption are applied.

3.5 Chamber of commerce number

08181442

4.6 Promotion



Our website contains a lot of information and videos about our activities in Guatemala: <http://www.tessunlimited.com>



We are also active on Facebook and Instagram, where, through daily updates and posts, you will be kept informed of our various activities and events:



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TESSUnlimited>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/tessunlimitedguatemala/>

We also have a wide variety of videos on our own YouTube channel:

4.7 General information Tess Unlimited

The Tess Unlimited team in Guatemala consists of:

- 11 local speech therapists who also serve as promoters
- 4 pediatricians
- 1 nutritionist
- 3 health promoters
- 1 psychologist
- 6 full-time office staff
- 10 dentists
- 3 orthodontists
- 3 anesthesiologists
- 1 technician
- 5 local surgeons in training
- 15 nurses

Two of the team members were born with cleft conditions themselves, and five have a child with a cleft. Since 2021, we have been collecting data to research the causes of cleft conditions in Guatemala. We do this by conducting interviews with all families participating in our project. We aim to expand this research further in 2026.

4.8 Board structure

Starting date	Description	Name board member	Date of birth	Function
18-9-2008	Board member	Tessa de Goede de Ordoñez	09-04-1983	Founder & Director in Guatemala
9-1-2018	Board member	Christina Tinselboer	18-11-1979	Chairman
1-3-2018	Board member	Paul de Goede	03-06-1956	Treasurer
4-11-2019	Board member	Paula van de Kamp	06-08-1996	PR/Design
01-10-2024	Board member	Ine van Bakel	23-09-1967	Vice chairperson
01-10-2024	Board member	Ilse Taken	12-05-1991	Board member

None of the board members receive compensation for their board duties.

4.9 Employment

Tess Unlimited does not employ any staff in the Netherlands, and the board in the Netherlands does not receive a salary

5. Balance sheet

Foundation T.E.S.S. Unlimited (NL) - Tess Sinlimites (GUA) - Tulipanes (clinic GUA) - Patient residence

Balance per 31 december 2025		
Starting capital as of December 31, 2024		€ 399.953
ABN Amro checking account NL	€ 4.818	NL95ABNA0619717688
ABN Amro account NL	€ 260.396	NL90ABNA0810803607
ASN Crisis account NL	€ 105.996	NL19ASNB0635348977
BAM Tess Sin Limites bank account in Guatemala	€ 73.526	Q 30-2008727-3
BAM Tess Sin Limites bank account in Guatemala in \$	€ 1.288	
BAM Tulipanes (clinic) bank account in \$	€ 1.544	
BAM Tulipanes (clinic) bank account	€ 63.187	Q 30-4024447-7
URA platform	€ 19.591	
BAM Tess Sin Limites & Tulipanes bank account	€ 4.857	
	€ 535.204	
Income and expenses 2025		
Donations and sponsorship from the Netherlands		€ 645.161
Donations and sponsorship received in Guatemala		€ 188.544
Interest received in the Netherlands		€ 2.873
Costs Tess Sin Limites & Tulipanes Guatemala	€ 676.755	
Bank fees NL	€ 1.161	
Travel expenses, insurance, etc. NL	€ 5.965	
Expenses via PayPal	€ 4.081	
Maintenance of website and software	€ 5.114	
Miscellaneous expenses	€ 7.971	
Currency differences NL/GUA/CA/USA	€ 281	
	€ 701.327	
		€ 836.578
Total increase in capital		€ 135.251
Capital comparison		
Capital per 01-01-2025		€ 399.953
Capital per 31-12-2025		€ 535.204
Total increase capital in 2025		€ 135.251

The balance sheet above only relates to TESS Unlimited in the Netherlands. This is the foundation that has the ANBI status. The auditor's report is for TESS Unlimited in the Netherlands. There are a limited number of expenses in the Netherlands. The bulk of the funds are transferred to TESS Sin Limites in Guatemala. This foundation is responsible for the implementation of the activities under the management of Tessa de Goede de Ordoñez.

6. Expenses in Guatemala

The following overview gives more insight into the expenses of the various projects in Guatemala.

Milk project	GTQ	767.268,24
Promotion	GTQ	74.305,30
Speech therapy	GTQ	362.690,30
Evaluations	GTQ	97.596,45
Dental	GTQ	81.357,31
Surgeries Tulipanes	GTQ	2.319.475,48
Staff	GTQ	770.536,34
Training and attending conferences	GTQ	70.412,68
Orthodontics	GTQ	167.123,91
Casa de AFAS (patient home)	GTQ	56.357,46
One-time purchase of solar panels for the AFAS patient accommodation	GTQ	81.832,85
One-time purchase of other second-hand car (sponsored by AFAS Foundation)	GTQ	143.300,00
Transportation costs	GTQ	18.883,69
Maintenance, service costs, and furnishings (office and hospital)	GTQ	42.348,60
Office & administration (Tess Unlimited & Tulipanes)	GTQ	105.625,96
General costs	GTQ	16.831,85
Legal costs / accounting / insurances / licenses / bank fees, etc. (Tess Unlimited office and Tulipanes hospital)	GTQ	408.118,77
Marketing / photo / video	GTQ	4.332,87
Total costs Tess Sin Limites / Tulipanes in Quetzales	GTQ	5.588.398,06
Total costs Tess Sin Limites / Tulipanes in Euros	€	676.755