

Firefighters without Borders factsheet

The foundation is an organization of volunteers. We work with fire departments in development countries. Local fire departments receive training and equipment that should enable them to improve their fire safety.

We work with fire departments for at least 3 to 5 years to gain a substantial improvement in the capacity of the fire department. The first year we focus on the basic fire training. We do not force our methods on to the fire departments but we implement our experience, material and training in their firefighting system. The second year we repeat the first year of training. By repeating, we believe the firefighters will grow. The next years, the exercises will become more complex and we will focus more on command and control. After that, we will start training local trainers who will be able to continue the learning curve for the years to come. This will prepare the fire department for our exit. The foundation has obtained very good experiences following these guidelines over the past years.

The foundation was founded in 2007. Over the years we have been active in

- Bosnia
- The Ukraine
- The Philippines
- Benin
- Sri Lanka
- Kyrgyzstan
- Guatemala



Next to these projects we have given our support to projects in Ghana, Madagascar, Poland and Hungary.

We work with 15 instructors who are specialized in different fields of expertise. We train the fire departments in basic and advanced firefighting, extrication techniques, hazardous materials, command and control in we provide train the trainer courses. With an average of 5 missions every year, our instructors have trained over 500 firefighters around in the world.

In total we have donated the following material to the different fire departments.

- 5 Fire trucks
- 1 aerial platform worker
- 1 rescue vehicle
- 30 extrication rescue sets (Holmatro)
- over 500 breathing apparatus, masks and bottles
- over 1500 firefighting protective overalls.

Firefighters without Borders receives no form of government support and is depending on donations form companies and friends. Over the years we have effectively spend more than 80% of our money directly on missions.

Over the years we have received donations form more than 50 companies. The total sum of donations is approximately 130.000 Euro's.

The foundation has a 100% transparency rate and is credited with the ANBI certification by the Dutch Government.