



## **REPORT**

Annual report 2019 of Stichting  
Institute for War & Peace Reporting / NL  
Amsterdam



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To the board of directors of  
Stichting Institute for War & Peace Reporting / NL  
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Reference: 2262809

Contact: YtH

Naaldwijk, October 6, 2020

Subject: Annual Report 2019

Dear directors of the board,

We hereby send you the report regarding the financial statements for the year 2019 of your company.

### **SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT**

In accordance with your instructions we have compiled the financial statements 2019 of your company, which includes the balance sheet totalling € 212,637 and, the profit and loss account with a negative result of € 20,219 and the notes.

For the accountant's compilation report we refer you to page 15.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Foundation**

The objectives of Stichting Institute for War & Peace Reporting / NL , having its legal seat in Amsterdam, consist of:

1. The advancement of education and training in public-interest journalism and in the causes, conduct, effects and resolution of international, ethnic and group conflict and civil war for the public benefit, especially of the courts having their seats in The Hague.
2. The provision of an international platform for local journalism, and training, analysis and direct support to strengthen independent media and other democratic voices in crisis zones.

The foundation is registered with the trade register of the Chamber of Commerce under filenumber 27307022.

We are willing to provide further explanations.

Yours sincerely,  
DRV Accountants & Adviseurs

drs. M.C. Vijverberg RA

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD 2019**

### **2019 IWPR-NL ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW**

#### ***IWPR-NL Mission***

Giving Voice, Driving Change. IWPR supports local reporters, citizen journalists and civil society activists in three dozen countries in conflict, crisis and transition around the world. We contribute to peace and good governance by strengthening the ability of media and civil society to speak out. We do this by training, mentoring and providing platforms for professional and citizen reporters; building up the institutional capacity of media and civic groups; and working with independent and official partners to remove barriers to free expression, robust public debate and citizen engagement.

#### ***IWPR-NL structure***

IWPR Netherlands is a Dutch foundation (stichting) registered as a public benefit organisation (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling, ANBI). IWPR-NL is an integral part of the IWPR Global Network, regulated by the International Network Agreement of IWPR. The governance committees for the US, UK and NL work closely together and hold two meetings annually as the International Board, with additional joint committee meetings regularly throughout the year.

The offices in London, Washington and the Netherlands are together responsible for implementing strategic plans, projects, programmes and fundraising. They provide management oversight, guidance and administrative support to the field offices.

Field offices around the world oversee and manage projects in more than 30 countries where IWPR is active. In 2019 IWPR had a staff of around 130, the majority based in the field.

IWPR-NL contributes to the development of the international network, tapping into European partners and expertise, contributing to programme development and promotion, and accessing European funding opportunities.

#### ***IWPR-NL Governance***

The Dutch Board of Trustees ensures the legal and financial oversight of the proper functioning of NL operations, while participating fully in the International Board and supporting coordinated operations under the global management team.

The board consists of Adrienne van Heteren (chair), Simon Hersom (treasurer) and Sir David Bell (member). Further places are under recruitment.

The advisory council advise the Board and the management of IWPR-NL, sharing their insights and knowledge of Dutch society. They work on voluntary base. In 2019 the advisory council consisted of Frits Barend, Max Christern, Andree van Es, Geert Glimmerveen, Erik Hallers, Otto van der Harst, Carine de Meyere en Veronique Swinkels. The advisory council met once in 2019 to discuss progress and plans for the year.

Steven Assies, who joined IWPR in September 2018, served in the year as Country Director Netherlands, responsible for day-to-day management and development of the Netherlands office and operations. Anthony Borden, Executive Director of IWPR globally, also served as Executive Director of the Netherlands foundation.

### ***IWPR-NL 2019 activity report***

Institutional development. In 2019, thanks to generous support from the Dutch Postcode Lottery, IWPR continued to invest in strengthening its network, review its strategic focus, improve its communication and outreach activities and invest more systematically in monitoring and evaluation.

In October IWPR held its first-ever international retreat in The Hague to discuss current challenges and future opportunities. Around 40 staff from IWPR programmes in Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa, Central Asia and the Caucasus met for the four-day event, made possible with the support of the Dutch Postcode Lottery Fund. The event was hosted by Adrienne Van Heteren, chair of the IWPR-NL Board and NL Country Director Steven Assies. Outside attendees included representatives of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the investigative network Bellingcat and longstanding IWPR partner Hivos. Representatives of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as some of IWPR's partner organisations in the Netherlands took part in the closing session.

Public Awareness & Outreach. IWPR aims to increase the awareness of the public of the role of local journalists and activists play in areas of conflict. In 2019 in the Netherlands held a number of public activities. On the occasion of International Women's Day, March 3, IWPR published on its website and various social media a number of interviews with female human rights activists from across the world as well as frontline reports from IWPR correspondents around the world.

IWPR-NL continued the cooperation with Human Rights Watch in the Netherlands, contributed to the Human Rights Weekend, February 8-10. Nabil Khoury, IWPR Programme Director Iraq, participated in a panel discussion on press freedom and security for journalists in the face of rising disinformation and increasing threats against journalists. The event was widely covered in the Dutch media.

IWPR-NL on behalf of the IWPR International Network joined Wo=men - the Dutch gender platform. WO=men strives for worldwide gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. IWPR is a signatory of the 1325 National Action Plan. IWPR is a member of the working group on Women, Peace and Security.

IWPR-NL took steps to further extend outreach and partnership in the Netherlands. This resulted amongst others in the invitation to participate in the World Press Freedom Conference 2020 to be held in The Hague in April 2020, hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNESCO and to present programme ideas to the 2020 celebration of 75 years of Peace, to be held in The Hague in October 2020.

Fundraising. Thanks to the Dutch Postcode Lottery grant, IWPR-NL continued to support the Cyber Arabs project, its digital security training and advice project to journalists and citizen activists, and to provide continuing programme support for investigative reporting in Afghanistan.

IWPR-NL acts as liaison and first contact with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. IWPR-NL maintains regular contacts with the various country desks at the Ministry. In 2019 IWPR-NL organized several visits for IWPR programme staff to the Ministry to discuss IWPR programmes and activities in their respective countries. Meetings were held on Mexico and Cuba, Syria and Iraq, Tunisia, Libya, Myanmar.

IWPR-NL serves as project lead for the European Union, coordinating project development and channelling applications, and submitting several in the year.

***IWPR-NL Challenges, Opportunities & Plans 2020***

In 2020, IWPR-NL will continue to invest in developing the Dutch presence, participating in public events, building programmatic partnerships and identifying funding opportunities as possible. This will include the hiring of a full-time specialist in monitoring and evaluation in the Netherlands, a critical function that will inform and support IWPR's programme operations internationally.

In light of global uncertainties arising from the coronavirus pandemic across the many countries in which IWPR operates, IWPR is responding by continuing and increasing its support for journalists and activists in challenging environments, while increasing the use of online and virtual tools to maintain and enhance its training, mentoring and other frontline support programmes.





	December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018	
	€	€	€	€
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Reserves and funds</b>				
General reserves		169,054		169,054
Allocation fund		4,005		24,224
		173,059		193,278
<b>Short-term liabilities</b>				
	(4)			
IWPR UK		27,799		468,311
Other liabilities and accruals		11,779		502,226
		39,578		970,537
		212,637		1,163,815

## INCOME AND EXPENSES 2019

	Balance 2019	Budgetted 2019	Balance 2018
	€	€	€
<b>Income:</b>			
Donations	(5) 500,000	500,000	500,000
Other operating income	(6) -	-	77
<b>Total income</b>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,077</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
<b>Spent on the objective</b> (7)			
Big data	1,422	-	36,820
Afghanistan	-	-	59,891
Digital Security	13,367	-	45,323
Grants made	356,000	356,000	250,000
Communications and outreach	57,837	62,000	-
	<u>428,626</u>	<u>418,000</u>	<u>392,034</u>
<b>Costs of management and accounting</b>			
Wages and salaries	(8) 68,543	67,500	-
Management fees	(9) 5,390	5,000	58,353
Other personnel costs	(10) 2,538	2,500	17,203
Other operating expenses	(11) 15,122	7,000	8,263
	<u>91,593</u>	<u>82,000</u>	<u>83,819</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>520,219</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>475,853</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>-20,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,224</u>
<b>Appropriation of the results</b>			
Allocation fund		Balance 2019 €	Balance 2018 €
		<u>-20,219</u>	<u>24,224</u>

**MODEL EXPLANATION OF EXPENDITURE 2019**

	Spent on the objective		Acquisition costs	Management & administration	Total actuals 2019	Budgetted
	Projects	Institutional development	Communication & outreach			
Big Data	1,422	-	-	-	1,422	-
Digital Security	13,367	-	-	-	13,367	-
Grants made	-	356,000	-	-	356,000	356,000
Events & meetings	-	-	57,837	-	57,837	62,000
	14,789	356,000	57,837	-	428,626	418,000
Staff costs	-	-	-	68,543	68,543	67,500
Management fees	-	-	-	5,390	5,390	5,000
Other personnel costs	-	-	-	2,538	2,538	2,500
Other operating expenses	-	-	-	15,122	15,122	7,000
	14,789	356,000	57,837	91,593	520,219	500,000



## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Activities**

The objectives of Stichting Institute for War & Peace Reporting / the Netherlands, having its legal seat in Amsterdam, consist of:

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### **GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES USED FOR THE COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Dutch Accounting Standard for Fundraising Institutions (RJ 650) published by the Dutch Accounting Standards Board.

Valuation of assets and liabilities and determination of the result takes place under the historical cost convention. Unless presented otherwise at the relevant principle for the specific balance sheet item, assets and liabilities are presented at nominal value.

Income and expenses are accounted for on accrual basis. Profit is only included when realised on balance sheet date. Losses originating before the end of the financial year are taken into account if they have become known before preparation of the financial statements.

#### **Going concern**

The accounting principles applied in this annual report are based on the assumption that Stichting Institute for War & Peace Reporting / NL will be able to continue as a going concern.

### **PRINCIPLES OF VALUATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and banks consist of actual cash in hand and balance at banks with maturity date of less than twelve months from balance sheet date.

#### **Liabilities**

Interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing loans are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently valued at amortised cost. When no premium, discounts or transaction costs are applicable, the amortised cost is equal to the nominal value.

## **ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE RESULT**

### **Determination of the result**

With due consideration to the accounting policies for the valuation of assets and liabilities outlined above, net income is defined as the difference between (i) income from direct fundraising, the share in revenues from joint campaigns and third-party campaigns, government grants, income from affiliated non-profit organizations, income from other nonprofit organizations, and other income, and (ii) expenditure in the context of the objectives of IWPR, the costs of generating income, and the management and administration costs. Income and expenditure are attributed to the year to which they relate, and expenditure is recorded at historical cost unless indicated otherwise.

### **Operational restricted subsidies (government)**

Government grants are recognised as income over the periods in which the related costs/loss of revenue/loss are realised.

### **Foreign currency translation**

Amounts in foreign currency are translated into euros at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the time of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken to the statement of income and expenditure.

**NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

**1. Receivables**

	12/31/2019	12/31/2018
<b>Receivables</b>	€	€
Prepayments	2,186	-

**2. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand	210,451	1,163,815
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The cash and bank balances per December 31, 2019 are at free disposal of the entity.

**EQUITY AND LIABILITIES**

**3. Allocation fund**

***Allocation fund***

Stand per January 1	24,224	-
Result allocation	-20,219	24,224
Stand per December 31	4,005	24,224

**4. SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES**

**Creditors**

Current account IWPR UK	27,799	468,311
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**Other liabilities and accruals**

Reservation holiday money and other staff costs	4,780	-
Other creditors and accrued liabilities	6,999	2,226
Deferred income Dutch Postcode Lottery	-	500,000
	11,779	502,226

**NOTES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2019**

	Balance 2019	Balance 2018
	€	€
<b>5. Donations</b>		
Income from own fundraising	500,000	500,000
<b>6. Other operating income</b>		
Other operating income	-	77
<b>7. Spent on objectives</b>		
<b>Grants made</b>		
Grants made to IWPR UK	356,000	250,000
<b>Employee expenses</b>		
<b>8. Wages and salaries</b>		
Staff costs	68,543	-
<b>9. Management fees</b>		
Contractors	5,390	58,353
<b>10. Other personnel costs</b>		
Consultancy & advisory fees	-	11,514
IWPR UK staff costs	-	5,689
Other personnel costs	2,538	-
	2,538	17,203
<b>Staff</b>		
During the 2019 financial year the average number of employees in the company, converted into full-time equivalents, amounted to 1 (2018: -).		
<b>11. Other operating expenses</b>		
General expenses	15,122	8,263
<b>General expenses</b>		
Accounting fees	11,547	4,375
Advisory fees	-	1,839
Other general expenses	3,575	2,049
	15,122	8,263

## **OTHER NOTES**

### **Main events after the balance sheet date**

Impact of coronavirus pandemic

Like most organisations, the IWPR network has been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, in particular:

- some grants have been shortened and other potential grants deferred;
- having to adapt to new requirements in the countries IWPR works in, and;
- with many staff having to work from home for long periods of time, or in difficult operating environments.

Despite this, IWPR has been awarded several new substantial grants, and IWPR NL will continue to contribute as appropriate.

### **Staff**

During the 2019 financial year the average number of employees in the company, converted into full-time equivalents, amounted to 1 (2018: -).

### **Statement of absence of an independent auditor's report**

The company has utilized the exemption from an audit by virtue of article 2:396, paragraph 7 of the Dutch Civil Code. Therefore an independent auditor's report is absent.



## Signing of the financial statements

### *Adoption of the financial statements*

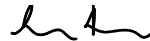
The financial statements have been drafted and adopted by the managing Board of Directors.

Amsterdam, October 6, 2020

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A.M.M. van Heteren

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S J Hersom (Oct 18, 2020 20:22 GMT+1)

S.J. Hersom

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David Bell (Oct 19, 2020 14:14 GMT+1)

D.C.M. Bell

## **ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

To: the board of directors of Stichting Institute for War & Peace Reporting / NL registered at Amsterdam

We have compiled the accompanying 2019 financial statements of Stichting Institute for War & Peace Reporting / NL at Amsterdam using the information provided by you. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2019 and the profit and loss account for the year 2019 with the accompanying explanatory notes. These notes include a summary of the accounting policies which have been applied.


This compilation engagement has been performed by us in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standard 4410, "Compilation engagements", which is applicable to accountants. The standard requires us to assist you in the preparation and presentation of the accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands, in particular RJ650 Fundraising Institutions. To this end we have applied our professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting.

In a compilation engagement, you are responsible for ensuring that you provide us with all relevant information and that this information is correct. Therefore, we have conducted our work, in accordance with the applicable regulations, on the assumption that you have fulfilled your responsibility. To conclude our work, we have read the financial statements as a whole to consider whether the financial statements as presented correspond with our understanding of Stichting Institute for War & Peace Reporting / NL . We have not performed any audit or review procedures which would enable us to express an opinion or a conclusion as to the fair presentation of the financial statements.

During this engagement we have complied with the relevant ethical requirements prescribed by the "Verordening Gedrags- en Beroepsregels Accountants" (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics). You and other users of these financial statements may therefore assume that we have conducted the engagement in a professional, competent and objective manner and with due care and integrity and that we will treat all information provided to us as confidential.

Naaldwijk, October 6, 2020

DRV Accountants & Adviseurs

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drs. M.C. Vijverberg RA











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