Policy Plan 2026-2029

Stichting Speranța Vie | Adopted by the board on 22 October 2026

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1. Identity and legal basis

Stichting Speranța Vie was established on 6 October 2026 and is based in the municipality of Putten. It is a Christian foundation that seeks to promote sustainable development and lasting hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its first financial year ends on 31 December 2026. The foundation is non-profit. Its articles of association govern all activities.

2. Statutory objective

The foundation's objective is to serve the public benefit by promoting the sustainable spiritual, social and economic development of vulnerable communities, particularly in Romania and, where appropriate, elsewhere, and to undertake all activities related or conducive to that objective. This objective does not include making distributions to the founder or to persons who form part of the foundation's governing bodies.

3. Mission and approach

Inspired by Christian love for our neighbours, we work with local communities to provide practical help, strengthen social connections and self-reliance, and support faith and community development. Our operating model is Support → Build → Restore → Multiply: provide immediate support, develop sustainable facilities, restore dignity and relationships, and strengthen local ownership and leadership.

4. Target groups and activities

We focus on vulnerable families, older people, people living alone or in social isolation, and local communities. The articles of association provide scope for food provision and emergency relief, agriculture and self-reliance, infrastructure, community facilities, social networks, spreading the Gospel, planting and supporting churches, and equipping local leaders and volunteers. The foundation selects projects on the basis of demonstrable public benefit, feasibility, local involvement and long-term sustainability.

5. Origins of the partnership

The foundation builds on more than 25 years of personal cooperation originating in the Dresden-Romania working group of the Plantagekerk in Harderwijk. This partnership is connected with the local church community in Stâna de Mureș. A key local contact is Ildiko Szabo, with whom the chair has worked for more than 25 years. The work of the former working group is distinguished from the activities and finances of the foundation established in 2026.

6. Multifunctional community centre in Stâna de Mureș

The foundation aims to support the development of a new community centre to replace an existing outdated building. Its primary social ambition is to combat loneliness and social isolation: an accessible meeting place where residents can meet, share meals and participate in social, educational and Christian activities. Partners intend to develop a meal delivery service (meals on wheels) from the centre for vulnerable, older and less mobile residents. Accommodation for approximately 50 people is also envisaged, for example for volunteers, school and church groups, and vulnerable children. These functions are planned and have not yet been realised. The previously mentioned amount of approximately €100,000 is a provisional fundraising target, not an approved construction budget.

7. Local foundation: ownership, management and conditions

The intention is for the community centre to be owned by a new Romanian foundation, yet to be established, arising from the local church community and to be led by, among others, Ildiko Szabo. Its official name and legal structure have not yet been determined. The intended principles are public benefit, non-profit status, an unpaid board and transparent management. Stichting Speranța Vie will not acquire the property itself. Before substantial construction funding is provided, registration, representation, ownership of the land/building, its social purpose, the budget, proof of payments, reporting, management, maintenance and safeguards in the event of a change of use or sale will be set out in writing. These arrangements will be assessed against Dutch ANBI requirements and applicable Romanian law. The Dutch foundation will retain oversight of the use of funds.

8. Other projects and volunteering

In addition to the future centre, the foundation supports projects involving water and basic facilities, sustainable food production, renovation, emergency relief and community development. Photographs of water pumps, greenhouses and work in progress show volunteers' longstanding involvement; reports will explicitly state whether an activity took place before or after the establishment of Stichting Speranța Vie. Local partnerships and projects will preferably be designed to reduce dependency.

9. Sources of income

Income may come from private and corporate donations, contributions from churches and associations, fundraising by schools and groups, regular gifts, charitable funds, grants and legacies. The foundation aims to build a broad donor base and allocate contributions to clearly defined projects wherever possible. Donations earmarked for a specific purpose are recorded accordingly.

10. Expenditure and asset management

Income is spent on the public-benefit activities set out in the articles of association and reasonable fundraising and administration costs. Wherever possible, projects have a budget, board approval and verifiable financial reporting. The foundation retains no more assets than reasonably necessary to meet its obligations, ensure continuity or fund specific projects. Funds not immediately spent are held prudently in bank and savings accounts in the foundation's name. No speculative investments are envisaged.

11. Board, remuneration and interests

According to the deed of incorporation, the first board consists of Theunis Reinder Assies (chair; known on the website as René Assies), David-Jan IJzerman (secretary) and Reinier Polinder (treasurer). Board members receive no remuneration for their work and may only be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred. Potential conflicts of interest are dealt with in accordance with the articles of association. Distributions to founders or board members are excluded.

12. Administration, accountability and publication

The foundation keeps records of income, expenditure, assets, liabilities, project expenditure, fundraising and administration costs, and expense reimbursements. It retains supporting documentation for at least seven years. The board prepares a balance sheet and a statement of income and expenditure annually. The required ANBI information, remuneration policy, policy plan, current activity report and financial report are published on the website within the statutory deadlines. The first financial year runs from 6 October to 31 December 2026 inclusive. ANBI status has been or will be applied for; recognition may only be stated after a formal decision has been issued.

13. Priorities for 2026-2029

2026: establish the foundation's organisational arrangements, adopt the policy plan and financial procedures, prepare the ANBI application and formalise partnerships. 2027: develop the donor network and project administration, verify the local partner's legal structure, substantiate the community centre's construction and operating plans, and make concrete preparations for activities to combat loneliness and provide support. 2028-2029: implementation and evaluation, subject to funding and the required approvals; report regularly on social outcomes and sustainable local operation.

14. Adoption and publication

This policy plan was adopted by the board of Stichting Speranța Vie on 22 October 2026 (board resolution 001). This public version contains no signatures. The signed adoption sheet and minutes are held in the internal board archive. The board reviews the policy plan periodically and submits material changes for renewed approval.