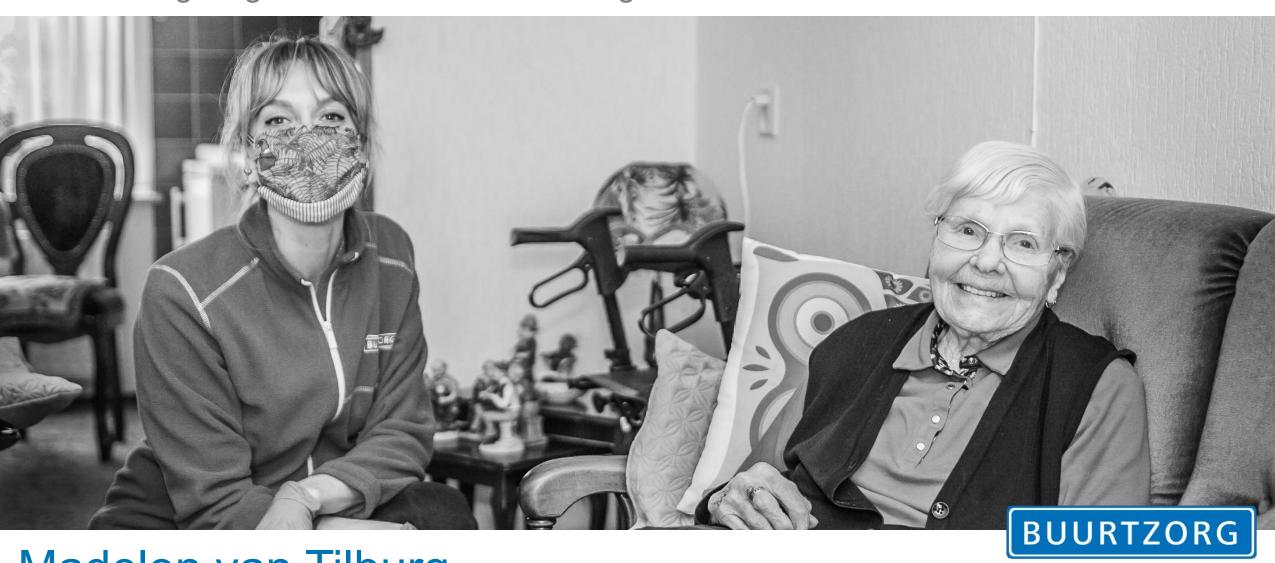
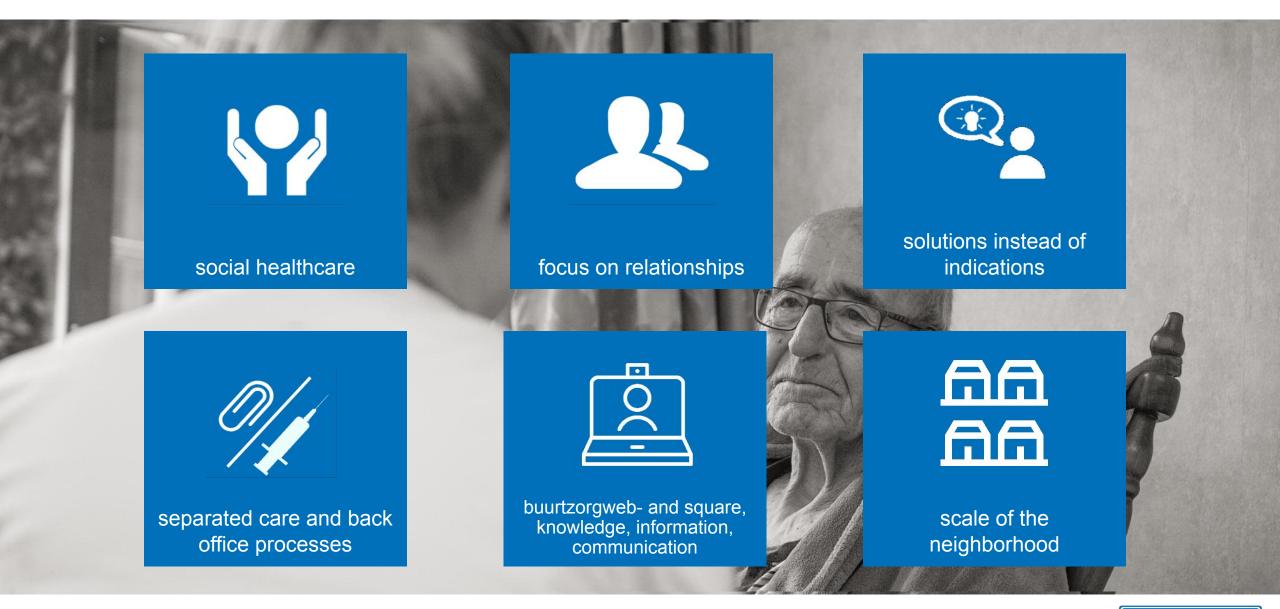
# KEEP IT SMALL, KEEP IT SIMPLE

transforming neighborhood care - Buurtzorg Overview



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# **BUURTZORG QUICKSCAN**



#### **RESULTS POLICY ON HOMECARE 2006**

- Fragmentation of cure, care, prevention
- Standardization of care-activities
- Lower quality / higher costs and wrong incentives:
   delivering much care against low cost is profitable
- Big capacity problems due to demographic developments
- Information on costs per client/outcomes: none!
- Clients confronted with many caregivers
- Professionals were very unhappy



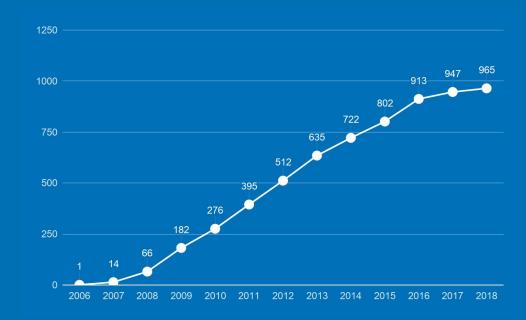
#### **START 2007**

- Starting an organization and care delivery model for community care with:
- independent teams up to 12 nurses
- Working in a neighborhood of 5.000-10.000 people
- Teams responsible for the organization and the complete process



## **BUURTZORG 2007 - NOW**

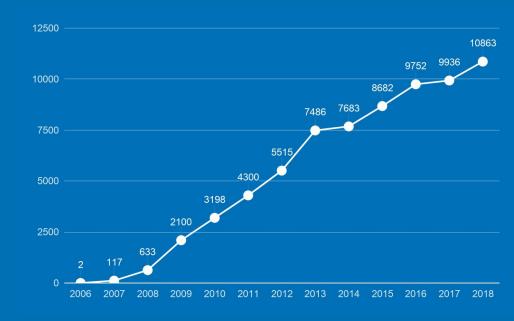
#### **TEAMS**



50 - 100 new nurses a month

80.000+ patients a year

#### **NURSES**







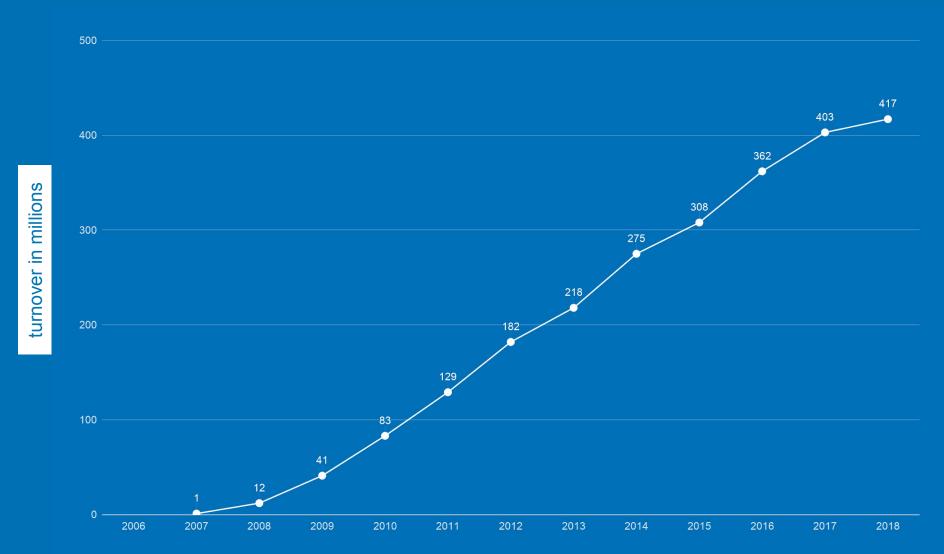


# AN EXTRA EXISTING ORGANIZATION...





# **TURNOVER GROWTH**







# **EMPLOYEES**





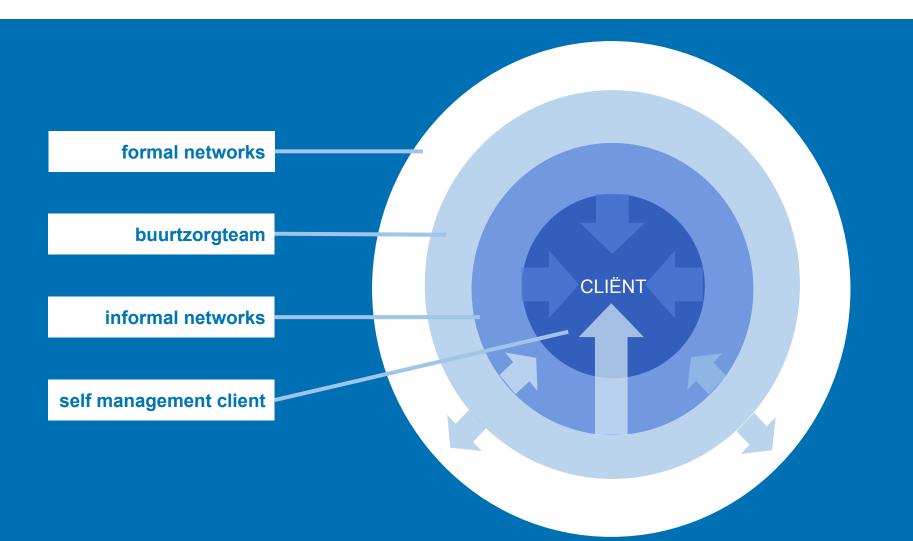
#### AND MORE...

- Patient satisfaction: 9
- Employee satisfaction: 9
- 5 times best employer of the year
- overhead 8%
- 1200 new colleagues a year





## **ONION MODEL**







inside out | empowering and adaptive | network creating | supporting | additional | replacement



# (SELF)ORGANIZATION

- Optimal autonomy and no hierarchy: TRUST
- Reduction of complexity (also by means of use of ICT)
- Generalists: taking care for all type of patients
- 70% registered nurses / 40% bachelor degree
- Own education budget
- Informal networks are much more important than formal organizational structures



#### SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT TEAMS

- 50 people in 1 back office; 21 coaches, managers 0!
- Back office taking care of inevitable bureaucracy, so the nurses won't be bothered with it!
- Tasks of back office:
  - The care is charged
  - The employees are paid
  - Making financial statements

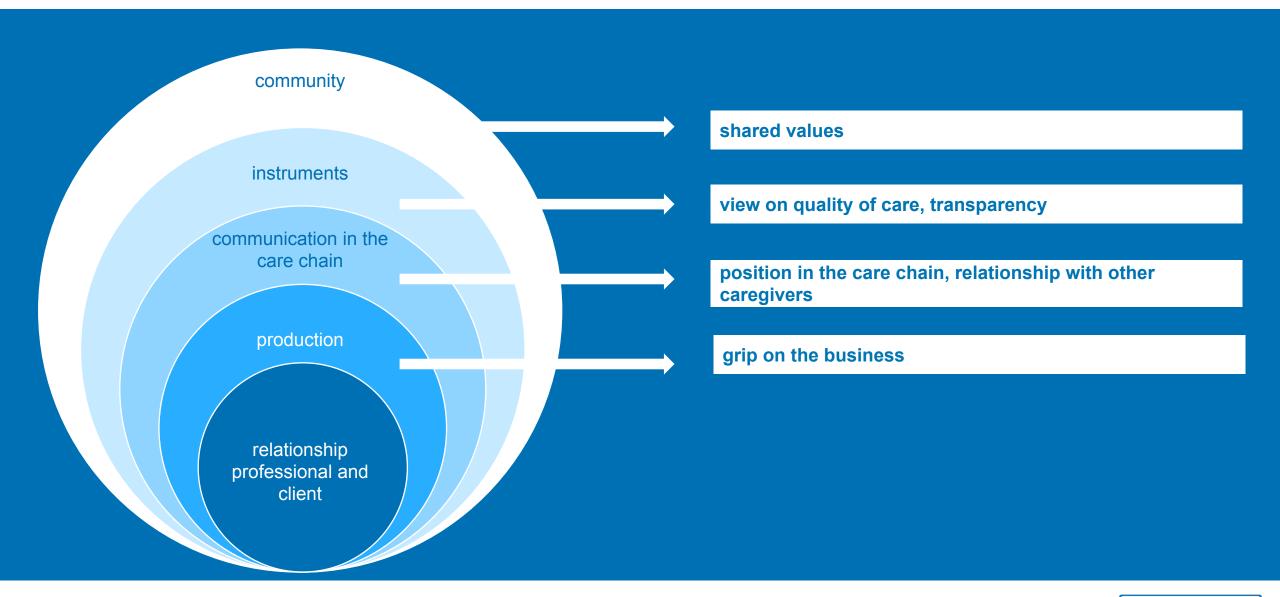






## **BUURTZORGWEB**







## COST EFFECTIVENESS FOR THE ORGANIZATION

- Overhead costs: 8% (average 25%)
  - more money for the care and innovation
- Financially sustainable



#### **COST BENEFITS FOR THE CARE!**

- Cost savings up to 40 % (Buurtzorg model leads to more prevention, a shorter period of care and less spending on overhead)
- More satisfied employees and clients



- The government and all political parties are stimulating other care organizations to work like Buurtzorg
- Other sectors are interested in the organization model





#### **COVID-19 - THE GOVERNMENT APPROACH**

- Government policy aimed at scarcity
  - lack of protective equipment
  - lack of tests
- Focus on hospitals, no protection for nursing home and homecare staff
- Setting up a central distribution system



# **COVID-19 - THE BUURTZORG APPROACH**

- Buurtzorg policy aimed at protection of employees and clients
  - setting up an airlift for protective equipment
  - advice to all colleagues to wear homemade masks at every home visit where there is no question of Covid
  - setting up own test facilities
- Explaining in the media that there are no shortages at all. Not in protective equipment, not in testing capacity









#### **COVID-19 - BUURTZORG MODEL PROVES ITSELF**

- A crisis team was formed quickly in an organic way
- Consisting of the board, an epidemiologist, an IT advisor and experienced nurses
- No orders or obligations for employees, but advice and safe frameworks
- Advices based on a preventive basic attitude, best practices, safety, wellbeing and solidarity







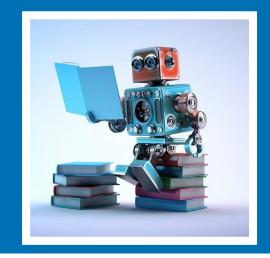
## **INNOVATIONS**













# **BUURTZORG INTERNATIONAL**





## **BUURTZORG INTERNATIONAL**

more and more interest in

COMMUNITY CARE MODEL



giving the best care at home, wherever you live

ORGANIZATION MODEL



teal the Buurtzorg way



#### **BUURTZORG INTERNATIONAL**

- Creating a movement and change of mindset
- Considering local situation
- (License) agreements with different partners
  - UK, Germany, Sweden, India, Australia, Japan



#### 10 LESSONS ON IMPLEMENTING BUURTZORG

- 1. Leadership. C-level commitment
- 2. Just start. No blueprints. A pathway is created by walking
- 3. Don't try to convince. Seduce!
- 4. It's all about the relationship between professional and client. Everything else is less important
- 5. Full freedom within the framework. Be strict when things happen outside the framework
- 6. Give it some time. Dare to sit on your hands
- 7. Don't start if you haven't got a positive mindset about 'people'
- 8. Only demand-oriented service from mid- en backoffice
- 9. Strong belief in self-cleaning ability from teams.
- 10. Invite everyone to come up with answers and suggestions



#### **OFTEN HEARD...**

- Our people aren't suited for self organizing, we've got the wrong ones...
- We want best of both worlds.
- Easy job. Just fire the managers and tell the teams they are in charge now.
- It can be done without restructuring the back office.
- It won't work, it's just a hype.



#### **EXPERIENCE BUURTZORG!**

VISIT one of our International Days

BOOK an Inspirational visit

COME to us for a Study visit

JOIN a Webinar

FOLLOW a Masterclass

**INVITE** us for a Keynote





## **BOOKS**

Frederic Laloux: 
'Reinventing organizations'

Sharda Nandram:
'Organizational Innovation by Integrating
Simplification'

Ben Wenting en Astrid Vermeer: 'Self-management, How it Does Work'

