



December 2018 Newsletter

Dear members, friends and donors of SAREPTA Suisse,

Soon we will say good-bye to 2018!

This newsletter explains where we are in the activities of the association since the last letter sent in January 2018. This year was marked by four significant events as detailed below:

1. Campaign of financial participation

The period from March 4th through April 30th was dedicated to the financial participation campaign organized by SAREPTA Suisse. Many among you took an active part in this campaign and gave through Fengarion or directly to the postfinance account of the association. The committee of SAREPTA would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU! Your contributions permitted us to move forward with the project.

2. Agreement of the Ministry of Health with the SAREPTA project

Signed the 16th of April 2018, an agreement for the construction of a medical center SAREPTA in Tangafila was delivered to SAREPTA by the direction of health establishments and professions (DEPS), a branch of the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. It is valid for one year as they would like to see the construction of the main building completed within that year. We hope that other donors will come along side of us to help us realize this dream. This agreement is palpable proof that we work in close collaboration with the Ivorian authorities. We hope other foundations will support the project as well so that together we can offer the 17,000 inhabitants of the rural area of Tangafila a medical facility of proximity, which they have been waiting for already for several years. Help us to transform their dream into a reality by the end of 2019.

3. Fundraising dinner

The 8th of September we invited you to an evening meal to support the association. SAREPTA organized the evening at the "Maison communal du Verger" in Penthalaz. Many of you participated. And once again, we witnessed your commitment in helping us take another step forward in the project. THANK YOU for your support and the confidence you have in SAREPTA. The African saying goes: "It is by rubbing each other that the two hands become clean!" Otherwise said, it is in working together that the task is accomplished...one hand alone cannot clean itself. This said, we are thankful to see your vision for our association and to witness your engagement with us as we seek together to offer the populations of Tangafila and the 17 surrounding villages the SAREPTA medical center for which they wait with impatience.

We would like to take this occasion as well to thank the commune of Penthalaz which has helped us many times and in many ways with our projects. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped us that day for without you, the event would not have been possible. You made it a success!

4. Toilets and showers for patients finished in 2018

One of the objectives of 2018 was to construct four toilets (2 for women and 2 for men) and two showers (1 for women and 1 for men) for our future patients. The committee of SAREPTA Suisse has the pleasure of informing you that this objective has been met (see the photos below).

We thank the local committee of SAREPTA in Côte d'Ivoire for their supervision of the work from the

beginning to the end. They kept us informed with photos of the progress and comments on their vision of the situation and the local realities of the place. THANK YOU to all the members of this local committee for their engagement.

Cost of the construction

	CFA	CHF
Toilets and showers	2'500'000	
Total		4'522.50.-

Conclusion

Even if the year began with a difficulty marked by the death of the mother of the Secretary General in Côte d'Ivoire, it ended with more encouraging news of success:

1. **The realization of the participative fundraising campaign**
2. **The securing of the construction agreement with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Côte d'Ivoire**
3. **The success of the evening fundraising meal.**
4. **The construction of the four toilets and two showers on the site of the SAREPTA medical center in Tangafila**

We thank the "Fondation Saint-Paul" of Fribourg, "Fondation Pierre Demazure", "Fondation Bernard" our partners without whom, the drilling and installation of the water pump, the construction of the storage house and the WC and showers would not have been possible in a short time. THANK YOU!

Objectives for 2019

1. Fundraising
2. Beginning of the work on the main building of the SAREPTA Medical Center in Tangafila
3. Topographic study of the site of the medical center in preparation of the documents necessary for the land title
4. Follow-up of the administrative steps toward the obtaining of an agreement of tax deductible status for SAREPTA Suisse from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Penthalaz, December 5th, 2018
 Navigué Pierre SORO
 General Secretary of SAREPTA Suisse



Building with 4 toilets and 2 showers of the medical center SAREPTA of Tangafila



Toilets



Shower



The three constructions on the site of the SAREPTA Medical Center of Tangafila:
Storehouse (right); toilets and showers (left); well with hydraulic pump!

