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June 2020 SAREPTA NEWSLETTER

We are now at the end of the month of June 2020. Half of the year has already passed, and it is time to give you some news of the activities in Côte d'Ivoire and here in Switzerland.

1- The activities of the SAREPTA Health Center in Tangafla

Since the 29th of April, the first half of the center, having been finished and inaugurated in December of 2019, the first government qualified nurse began seeing patients at the SAREPTA Center. He is being helped in his daily tasks by a nurse-aid.

The 6th of May, the overseeing health official from the Rural Health Services in Korhogo made an official visit and opened the center officially. (see the photos on the following websites: www.sareptasuisse.org or www.centremedicaltangafla.com)

Between the 6th of May and the 6th of June the center **consulted one hundred and twenty two (122) patients of all ages and delivered three (3) babies**. We are certain that the numbers will rise with more consultations during the last three weeks of June.

2- COVID-19 prevention campaign

During the months of May and June SAREPTA employed a health promoter to bring to the population some understanding and awareness of the covid-19 pandemic. It is going well! The villagers received the teaching well and bought masks, which were presented by the promoter. We only have the mid-campaign results at this time but it shows that, although the people received the message well, the respect of the hygienic measures is more difficult to obtain...similar to all countries in that respect. The promoter continues the campaign to complete the entire two months.





This campaign is important since the numbers of COVID-19 cases are actually rising exponentially in Côte d'Ivoire. To date they have registered **9,214 confirmed cases, 3,996 cases successfully treated and 66 deaths**. Most of the cases are localized in Abidjan but some have also now been detected in several interior towns in the last few weeks.

3- Future activities

The SAREPTA Association continues to search for the funding necessary to construct the second part of the health center in Tangafla. We are estimating a resumption of building in January 2021. This depends in part of the global situation of the current pandemic.

We count on your involvement in the realization of this second phase of construction. **Informative flyers are available for your personal use and for distribution to your acquaintances.** Just write to us and we will send them on! In the meantime we continue to follow the current functioning of the health center, which will soon welcome its new government trained mid-wife. This will assure the services of the maternity part of the first half of the building (following pregnancies from conception to delivery and then post-natal visits).

You are encouraged to participate in the fund-raising via our internet sites: www.sareptasuisse.org

- Support the salaries of the medical personnel of the center
- Support the acquisition of the solar panels for the second part of the construction

4- A Fund-raising dinner

Please reserve the date of October 3rd for our Association's fund-raising dinner. Flyers will soon be available and you can use them to invite your friends and acquaintances to join us at the Salle du Verger de Penthalaz at 6:30 PM to enjoy an Ivorian meal.

It will be our pleasure to see you soon and, until then accept our greetings and wishes for you to have a wonderful summer vacation!

For the association SAREPTA Suisse

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Päivi SORO".

Päivi SORO
President
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