



Activity Report 2018

Moral Report

Editorial

The year 2018 was once again a good one for SAREPTA. The drilling of the well and construction of the storage house and guard's studio at the end of 2017 caused us to begin 2018 with much enthusiasm and energy. The fund-raising was intensive so as to permit us to continue the work. The responses have been ambivalent and not all our attempts have been met with success. Nevertheless, all these new experiences and contacts will work to our advantage in the coming years.

The meal for support on the 8th of September 2018 was a blazing success, permitting us to promote our project and provide a unique Ivorian cultural experience to our Swiss friends and supporters.

The construction continued with the exterior WC and showers for future use of patients.

Our list of donors, particularly foundations, grew.

Thanks to each one for their contribution and enthusiasm:

- To the members of the committee for their engagement, perseverance and competences.
- To the newspaper of Cossonay, le newspapers "Clin d'œil" and the "Cancanier" for their various publications, which allowed a greater audience to know about our initiative.
- To the commune of Penthalaz for their continuing engagement and much-appreciated support.
- To all our members and volunteers, who helped with our meal of support on the 8th of September. Their courage and determination helped us present a magnificent evening.
- And a special thanks to all our contributors and friends, whose names are too numerous to list and who continue to accord their support and encouragement to the project.

It is by bringing our competences together for a common vision which makes SAREPTA what it is. The result of this second year witnesses once again the destiny of the association. Let's continue together to form and design the future of our wonderful association!

Dr. Marie-Aimée Päivi SORO



A portrait of the association

SAREPTA Suisse is an association, non-lucrative and tax-exempt in Switzerland. It was created the 18th of December 2015 and has as a mission to promote rural health and development in Côte d'Ivoire, primarily by:

- Constructing modern health centers in rural areas
- Equipping these centers with quality material
- Insuring the good functioning of these centers with qualified staff who are interested in the problems encountered in the rural setting
- Promoting good health by campaigns conducted by the center's staff to develop awareness of measures to prevent illness and maintain good health
- Initiating or joining in any other area which would correspond to her mission.

The executive committee is composed of:

- The president: Mrs. Marie-Aimée Päivi Soro, Medical Doctor.
- The general secretary: Mr. Navigué Pierre Soro graduated with a Bachelor of Sciences in international business and human resources management, with a Master of Arts in Biblical Exegesis and Linguistics; taught English and economics in private schools in Switzerland.
- The treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Seri, special education teacher at the Foundation EBEN_EZER.

Activities

The year 2018 was noted for the following:

1. Fund-raising to meet the objectives of 2018
2. The recruitment of new members
3. The construction of four WC and two showers for use of future patients of the medical center
4. The written approval to create the medical center obtained from the direction of health establishments and personnel (DEPS) of the ministry of health and public hygiene of Côte d'Ivoire.

The year 2018 ended with four new members, giving us a total of 16 members.

The perspectives for the continuing activities in 2019 are the following:

- The **beginning construction of the main building of the SAREPTA Health Center of Tangafila.**
- The **recruitment of new members, both in Switzerland and in Côte d'Ivoire**
- The **collaboration with other Swiss associations and their organizations.**
- The **continuing of fund-raising.**
- The **continuing progress in obtaining an official land title (ACD) for the property.**

The difficulties encountered in 2018

Like all other organizations, SAREPTA Suisse encountered these three difficulties:

- 1) **The acquisition of new funding partners:** being a young association, it is not easy for funding organizations to have confidence in us. Many submitted proposals were sent out and the results were the following:

1. No response at all.
2. Negative response.
3. Negative response but with a possibility of resubmission next year.
4. Positive Response: donations from one foundation, from the commune de Penthalaz and from numerous individuals.

These were very encouraging and we offer our sincere thanks to each of these institutions and individuals, who believe in us and our project: THANK YOU!

2) The acquisition of new members: the humanitarian work of an association depends especially upon the work of volunteers. These people give of their free time. Thus the difficulty of recruiting a large number of members.

However, we did successfully gain four new members in 2018.

3) The supervision at distance of the work on the WC and showers: This part of the construction was fairly minor in size and complexity and so our general secretary did not travel to the site for supervision. The work was followed at distance by telephone, which was complicated by poor quality connections and limited telephone network in Côte d'Ivoire. This inhibited good and frequent connections with the builder. The local committee, being volunteer, also slowed the supervision process. The importance of the presence of a member of the Suisse committee during the construction was reinforced.

Despite these obstacles, the 4 WC and 2 showers were built, thanks to the general secretary and the local committee for their patience and perseverance!

What to do?

We plan to continue looking for needed funding through a multidimensional campaign: « Operation 2000X30 » via internet, social networks and other methods of communication. We will continue to contact new foundations and hunt for new funding agencies. A new web site is envisioned in order to keep current with the various association activities. The showing of an Ivorian film in local theaters is being planned. We hope that this strategy will permit us to gain some funding through the selling of the tickets for the viewing of the selected film. Two pastry sales are also being organized in the area. With these measures, we remain confident that our objectives for 2019-2020 will be met as we begin phase #3 of our project plan of action.

Project plan of action

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 -
Well	done					
Construction of the storeroom	done					
Construction of the WC and showers		Done				
Construction of the medical center						
Furnishing of the center						
Beginning offer of service						
Furnishing of solar energy						
Funding raising						

Perspectives for 2019 and 2020

The preliminary projects having been realized in 2017 and 2018 (storage area, well, WC and showers), the years 2019 and 2020 will be consecrated to the construction and equipping of the main building of the SAREPTA medical center in the village of Tangafila.

We anticipated beginning the work on the foundation of the main building in October 2018. Unfortunately, we were obliged to push the date back till beginning June 2019. We sincerely hope that the funding will come in so that we can finish the construction of the center by December 2019 at the latest. Failing to obtain the necessary funding, we will be obliged to build only as much of the building as the funds, received by the end of May 2019, might permit.

Financial Report

Table of Revenues and Expenses

Categories	2018	2017	Variation
Revenue			
Beginning amount as of 31.12.2017		2'729.60	
Member dues	1467.67	1'140.00	
Individual gifts	3658.14	5'183.30	
Campaign Fengarion	3061.21	-	
Sale of pastries	-	3'172.90	
Support meal	2'945	-	
Foundation funding	5'000.00	20'000.00	
Total of resources	16'132.02	32'225.80	-49,94%
Expenses			
Communication (site internet)	117.20	362.10	
Formation "Ethika"	-	250.00	
Administrative expenses (Paper, mailings, ...)	334.00	568.15	
Support meal	143.40	-	
Bank expenses (postfinance)	130.10	95.60	
Projects (Well + Repair of pumps + Storage house)	-	15'655.64	
Project WC and showers	4'522.50		
Expenses of trip	-	2'777.45	
Mileage Robin-Mission Dec. 2017	400	-	
Total of expenses	5'647.20	19'708.94	-71.35%
Remaining amount as of 31.12.2018/2017	23'001.68	12'516.86	83.77%

The revenue obtained in 2018 amounted to **CHF 16'132.02** compared with **CHF 32'225.80** for 2017, showing a decrease of 49.94%. This is explained mainly by the difference between:

- The one-time gift of the Foundation Saint-Paul of CHF 20'000 in 2017 compared with the one-time gift of the Foundation Pierre Demaurex in 2018 of CHF 5000.
- The support meal in 2018 realized a benefit of CHF 2945, compared with the pastry sales in 2017 which netted CHF 3'172.
- And the slight hike in member dues paid by the new members.

The expenses of 2018 reached a total of CHF 5'647.20 compared with the CHF 19'708.94 of 2017, a decrease of 71.35%, which is explained below:

- The beginning of projects (well, storage house, repair of village pumps), which cost in 2017 CHF 15'655.64 compared with the cost of the WC and showers in 2018 of CHF 4'522.50.
- The training Ethika of 2017, which is concerned with fund raising, and which was not repeated in 2018.
- The travel expenses of 2017, which was also not repeated in 2018.

Budget 2019

EXPENSES			
Category	Description	€	CHF
Expense of web site internet	<i>Infomaniak wordpress</i>		1000
Publicity			500.00
Training			750.00
Administration			400.00
Transportation			200.00
Bank expenses	<i>Jan-Dec 2019</i>		100.00
Construction	<i>Medical Center</i>	54 697.05	66 764.76
Supervisory trip to CI	<i>Travel and administrative expenses</i>	3 300	4 028.07
Total			73 742.83

REVENUES		
Source	Reason	CHF
Beginning amount 31.12.2018		23 001.68
Foundations		38 741.15
Individuals	<i>Gifts for the project</i>	5 000.00
Pastry sales		3 000.00
Projection of Ivorian film	<i>Tickets sales</i>	2 000.00
Members	<i>Dues</i>	2 000.00
Total		73 742.83

Our accomplishments so far!



WC and showers (above and to the left)

Storage house and guard studio (above and to the right behind the trees)

Well and hydraulic water pump (center)