



Activity Report 2016



Editorial

The year 2016 is remarkable in that it was the real beginning of our young association. We were able to establish the foundations of our work. Our steps were sometimes a bit hesitant but the final work is one of quality. In this editorial I would like to express my gratitude to each of you for your contributions:

- To our general secretary, M. Navigué Pierre Soro, for the fundamental vision of our association and for the guidance he supplies as we reach our various goals.
- To Eloge Seri for the brochures, the Website and the business cards; the work of a professional which is necessary for a good presentation before our donors, members and authorities.
- To Sarah Seri for the accurate and regular accounting as she follows our accounts.
- To Anne-Catherine Gay who revised our building plan.
- To the house of the Faverges and the evangelical church of Cossonay for the use of their facilities for our meetings.
- And especially to each of our members, donors and friends, whose names are too numerous to list here, for their support and encouragement.

It is the union of our competences and a common vision which make SAREPTA what she is. This first year is but the beginning of the work for which SAREPTA was designed to become. Let's continue to work together to form and design the future of our magnificent association.

Marie-Aimée Päivi SORO



Portrait of the Association

SAREPTA Suisse is an association which is non-lucrative and is exempt from taxes in Switzerland. She was created on the 18th of December 2015. Her mission is to contribute for the improvement of rural health and development in Côte d'Ivoire. She does this through:

- The construction of health centers which meet modern standards
- The furnishing of top-quality material for these centers
- The staffing of these centers with qualified professionals who are interested in the problems of rural health
- The promotion of good health by the health teaching done by the center's staff that will inform and stimulate better health and prevent health problems for the local populations.

The committee is composed of:

- The president: Mme Marie-Aimée Päivi Soro, medical doctor. She is actually serving in the internal medicine department at the hospital of Yverdon.
- The general secretary: M. Navigué Pierre Soro, BS in management of human resources, Master's in Biblical Exegesis and Linguistics, English and economics teacher in various private schools.
- The treasurer: Mme Sarah Seri, special education employee at the Foundation EBEN-EZER
- M. Eloge Seri, Interactive Media Designer at the Center for Digital Education, EPFL.

Activities

The objectives for 2016 were:

1. The recruitment of new members
2. The establishment of administrative recognition for the association in both Switzerland and in Côte d'Ivoire
3. The creation of a building plan for the medical center
4. The establishment of the budgets for constructing and equipping of the center
5. The search for funding agencies

The year 2016 ends with 3 members added to the four on the committee.

A building plan has been created with the appreciable help of a qualified architect.

The secretary general made a trip to Côte d'Ivoire from June 16 to July 28 and obtained the following results:

- The creation of a local representation. This committee is composed of a president, Karime Anderson, a general secretary, Mme Robin Hampton, a treasurer, M. Moussa Silué. The local representation rapidly increased its numbers to a total of 12 at the end of the year.
- The establishment of a constitution and internal working document for the local representation before the proper authorities
- The beginning steps with the Ministry of the State to obtain the necessary permission for the association through its local representation to carry out its activities within the country.

- The initial meeting and information necessary for the village chief of Tangafla and his advisors and the population in order to obtain their approval and support of the project and to obtain from them a parcel of land on which to build the center.
- The request of local administrative authorities to use the land donated...insure that a clear title will be possible for the parcel and that there are no other claims to the property.
- The securing of 3 different construction estimates by qualified builders.

Following this trip, the construction budget was established. The permission sought from the Ministry of State was granted on January 2, 2017. The local representation obtained the official letter from the administrative authorities giving clear right to the land as well as a letter signed by the village chief and his advisors ceding the land officially.

At the end of the year we were still waiting for the administrative authorities in Switzerland to declare the association an "organization of public utility and therefore exempt of taxes." It was finally obtained February 28, 2017.



Committee of the local representation (from left to right):
Karime Soro, Robin Hampton,
Moussa Silué.

The village chief of Tangafla, his advisors and Karime Soro



Delimitation of the property

Meeting with the head administrator "Sous-Préfet" of Niofoin



The Perspectives for 2017

The objectives for the continuing activities of 2017 are the following:

- the establishment of a folder to present the project for funding agencies as we look for the resources to construct the center,
- the recruitment of new members both in Switzerland and in Côte d'Ivoire,
- the drilling of a deep well on the building site,
- the construction of a storehouse for building materials on site.

The Financial Picture for 2016

Expenses:	Amounts (CHF)
Publicity (website, brochures, Informational meetings)	1'228.25
Office supplies	55.-
Bank charges	5.95
Mission trip to Côte d'Ivoire	2'832.30
Total expenses	4'121.50

Receipts:	
Membership dues	760.-
Gifts	4'876.50
Total expenses	5'636.50

Statement of Accounts Dec 31.12.2016	1'515.- CHF
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