



Activity Report 2017

Moral report

A word from the President

We set three objectives for the year 2017 (fund raising, drilling a well and building a storage facility/guard's apartment) and we have worked hard to complete these.

I want, in this editorial, to express my thanks to each one for his/her contribution:

- To our general secretary, Mr. Navigué Pierre Soro whose vision is the foundation of our association and who guides us into the different steps of its realization.
- To Mr. Eloge Seri for his work on the internet site, the roll-up and the business cards.
- To Mrs. Sarah Seri for her regular maintaining of the financial records.
- To Mrs. Anne-Catherine Gay and Mr. Hartmut Mühlberg for their up-dating of the architectural plans for the center.
- To those responsible for the newspapers: "*Terre & Nature*", the local news for the Cossonay region; "*Clind'œil*" and "*Le Cancanier*". Their free publications permitted us to make known our existence and activities to those living in our region of Switzerland.
- And especially to each of our members, donors and friends whose names are too numerous to mention but who supported us and encouraged us during this year.

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

Marie-Aimée Päivi SORO

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, qualified at a Bachelor's level in management and human resources, in Biblical Exegesis and Linguistics at a Master's level; having taught English and economics in private schools in Switzerland.
- The treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Seri, special education teacher at the Foundation EBEN_EZER.

Activities

The principle activities of the year 2017 were the following:

1. Research of funding to meet the objectives of 2017
2. Recruitment of new members
3. The drilling of a deep well and installation of an hydraulic pump on the project site
4. Repair of the two hydraulic pumps in Tangafla village
5. Construction of a storage room to stock building materials for building of the medical center
6. Construction of an apartment for an on-site security guard

This year of 2017 closed with an addition of 5 new members bringing the total to 12.

The plan for the center, created and gifted to SAREPTA by an architect, was revised.

The general secretary made a trip to Côte d'Ivoire from November 28th to January 10th in order to:

- supervise the drilling of the well and installation of the pump.
- supervise the construction of the storage room and guard's apartment.
- follow up of the process of obtaining written permission from the Ministry of Health to construct the center and partner with that Ministry in the area of rural health.
- follow up on the steps toward obtaining a tax-exempt status in Côte d'Ivoire from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This trip enabled the Association to meet its objectives for the year 2017.

The repair of the hydraulic pumps in the village of Tangafila was an urgent need!

During the trip to Côte d'Ivoire, it was noted by the secretary general that both water pumps in the village were non functional due to technical problems which surpassed the competence of the villagers. The population was forced to go a distance of 2 km to the dam of the neighbouring village to obtain the water for all their personal/family needs. This amounted to a health emergency and the association decided to finance and supervise the needed repairs.



The first pump was repaired the 22nd and 23rd of December and the second one the 2nd and 3rd of January. We are grateful to the SAREPTA committee for their cooperation and support in this urgent affair which needed to be attended to at the same time that the SAREPTA's well was being drilled. The repair of the two pumps was greatly appreciated by the population and their thanks was expressed publicly during a meeting on the 30th of December in Tangafila.

Financial Report

Table of Revenues and Expenses

Categories	2017	2016	Variation
REVENUES			
Beginning Amount as of 31/12/2016	2'729.60	0	
Member dues	1'140.00	760	
Gifts	5'183.30	5'732	
Sale of pastries	3'172.90	0	
Contribution of Foundation Saint-Paul	20'000.00	0	
Total of revenues	32'225.80	6'492.28	396%

EXPENSES	2017	2016	Variation
Communication	362.10	924.45	
Training "Ethika"	250.00	0	
Administration (office supplies, mail ...)	568.15	0	
Bank charges	95.60	5.95	
Projects (1+2+3)	15'655.64	0	
Well (1) 9'866.99			
Pump repair (2) 538.65			
Storage house (3) 5'250.00			
Expenses of trip	2'777.45	2'832.28	
Total expenses	19'708.94	3'762.68	424%
Remaining amount as of 31/12/2017	12'516.86	2'729.60	

The revenues for the year 2017 show an increase from CHF 6'492.28 in 2016 to CHF 32'225.80 in 2017: an increase of 396%. This increase is explained principally by:

- the one-time donation of the Foundation Saint-Paul of CHF 20'000.-
- the pastry sale of CHF 3'172.-
- and the increased membership dues by the addition of new members.

The expenses for the year 2017 are increased from CHF 3'762.68 in 2016 to CHF 19'708.94 in 2017: an increase of 424% and are explained principally by:

- The beginning of the projects (well, storehouse, repair of village pumps)
- And additional administrative and fund-raising costs.

Problems encountered in 2017

Like all other organizations, SAREPTA Suisse had its problems, namely two:

1)The acquisition of new funding agencies: being a young association, it is hard to instil confidence in those who could contribute. Many applications for funding were sent and the results were the following:

- 1.no response at all
- 2.negative response
- 3.negative response with a possibility of resubmitting in 2018

Never the less we also received several positive responses: a foundation in Fribourg, the municipality of Penthaz, where our business office is located, and some individuals said YES !This was a big encouragement and we sincerely thank all these groups and persons who believed in us and our project. THANK YOU!

2)The acquisition of new members :humanitarian work done as an association depends especially on donated time and talent. People must commit their free time to the effort and that poses problems in recruiting large numbers of people at one time. We did, however, gain 5 new members this past year and are hoping to double that number in 2018.

What to do?

We plan to continue our search for funding by contacting new foundations, and above all by using our internet and social networks to do a participative financial campaign beginning in early March 2018. We are planning for a fund-raising dinner to be held on the 8th of September at the Communal Center in Penthaz. With these measures, we remain confident of our ability to reach our 2018 objectives by beginning phase #2 of the project (see action plan).

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	starting 2022
Well drilled and hydraulic pump installed	completed					
Construction of storage house	completed					
Construction of the medical center						
Equipping of the center						
Beginning function of the center						
Equipping the center with solar energy						
Funds raising						

Perspectives for the years 2018 and 2019

- the beginning of the construction of the medical center
- the recruitment of new members in Switzerland and in Côte d'Ivoire
- the collaboration with other Swiss associations and their organization (**la FEDEVACO**)

Now that the association has been able to prepare the site for construction (insure an adequate water supply and a place to store materials on site), the years 2018 and 2019 will be consecrated to the construction of the SAREPTA Medical Center in the village of Tangafla. We hope to begin this second phase no later than the beginning of October and finish it no later than the end of December 2019.

Budget 2018

EXPENSES			
Category	Description	€	CHF
Communication	<i>Hostinger</i>	12.99	15.00
Internet site	<i>WiX</i>	160.92	182.12
Publicity			500.00
Training, FEDEVACO			750.00
Office supplies			400.00
Transportation			200.00
Bank charges	Jan-Dec 2018		65.00
Construction			
	<i>Medical Center</i>	54 697.05	66 764.76
	<i>WC for the patients</i>	2 410.68	2 942.54
Administration and travel		3 300	4 028.07
Total			75 847.49

REVENUES	
Source	CHF
Balance as of 31/12/2017	12 516.86
Foundations	70 000.00
Individual donations for the project	5 000.00
Sale of pastries	2 000.00
Fund-raising meal	3 000.00
Member Dues	2 000.00
Total	94 516.86