

Our 5th SHARE Newsletter comes along our continuous developments, as it keeps you posted of the latest news, as a token of appreciation for your generous support to our mission, i.e. have more patients from Sub-Saharan countries presenting with cardiovascular disease receive a fair diagnostic, and when the case justifies it, an equally valid treatment. As a SHARE donors and benefactors, be thanked for your generous support, be it financial, philosophical or humanitarian, whilst we all strive to respect the commitment from our partners in Africa.



1. EDUCATION

Two Malian nurses from CHME *Le Luxembourg* Bamako spend one full week in Monaco early April in order to complement and hopefully complete their education as cath-lab nurses, in order to be ready when the cath-lab opens in Bamako towards the latter part of Q2 2019.



The objective: get acquainted with the essentials in the cathlab, and be sensitive to the necessity and importance of running a cathlab in an environment of asepsis, to prevent the risks of hospital-acquired diseases. A cathlab process booklet must be put in place to ensure that the processes are respected and documented, with a necessary discipline; the well-running of the cathlab depends on it. Furthermore, the need to manage inventory of consumables and medical devices –such as implantable stents– is part of the training as well.

2. MISSION IN AFRICA

Three duly empowered people, representing respectively the firm overseeing the construction of the cathlab, the Direction of the International Cooperation in Monaco and SHARE, went to Bamako in February 2019.

Despite some delays vs. plan, the construction of the cathlab moves forward. The building and the parking lot are completed. The equipment, coming from Europe, are on their way to Bamako. The company ILAH's ATIDE, in charge of the construction works, moves on with full commitment.

The next mission in Bamako should be the good one, i.e. meant to acknowledge receipt of the cathlab, after three years made of passion and emotion, of doubts and reassurance, with enthusiastic partners all aligned to the SHARE mission. As they say in Mali: Inch Allah!

3. EQUIPMENT



SHARE financially supported the shipment of 3 containers, full of medical equipment, to Bamako and the CHME *Le Luxembourg*. The equipment was donated by the **Cardiothoracic center of Monaco**. We could actually experience the good usage of the equipment by the local teams during our February onsite mission.

For example, the cardiac echocardiography piece of equipment (see picture) is used every day during the consultation by the echo-cardiographers of the hospital, as one of one member of our Board at SHARE, Dr Fernandez, cardiac surgeon, could see. Dr Fernandez is actually committed beyond SHARE to Mali, since he offers his time and skills to another famous French NGO, **La Chaîne de l'Espoir**, by operating in a cardiac operating room in Bamako, next to the future cathlab.

EDITORIAL FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JEAN-FRANÇOIS ROBILLON

The principality of Monaco meets Mali at state levels -

A state-level meeting between Mali and Monaco gave us the opportunity to speak with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mali, Ms. Camara. She has been invited to visit the facilities at Cardiothoracic center of Monaco and could gauge their value, in light of the benefits for the patients, diagnosed and treated.

We pulled her attention – and beyond, the attention of all Malian people in charge – on the absolute necessity to provide a fair remuneration for all the coronarographies and angioplasties that would be done in Mali: this has to be addressed by the official nomenclature of the Ministry of Health, as it directly impacts the remuneration of the practitioners and the sustainability of the financial balance of the hospital institution.

This is critical to the sustainability of the whole structure, as it also provides the possibility to welcome patients, without any discrimination of revenues/wealth. Indeed, these medical procedures are quite costly, both in terms of equipment and consumables, but they are truly highly beneficial for the patients.

Our only concern is that the construction of the catheter laboratory (cath-lab) is financially self sufficient at the start, so that the generous contributions by our donors and benefactors is not vain. This is the condition of its sustainability on the long run.



J-F. ROBILLON MD, accompanied by Mrs. Kamissaka CAMARA.



A SPECIAL MENTION TO A MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANY BBRAUN, AS THE COMPANY DONATED IMPLANTABLE DEVICES (CORONARY STENTS) TO SHARE. THESE PROSTHESES ARE KEY DEVICES TO TREAT SPECIFIC CORONARY ARTERY NARROWING.

SHARE HANDED OVER THESE STENTS TO THE CATHLAB IN BAMAKO TO IGNITE THEIR PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTIONS ACTIVITY.

MAY BBRAUN BE PUBLICLY THANKED AND RECOGNISED FOR THEIR GENEROUS GIFT TO SHARE, AND MAY IT SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION FOR OTHER MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANIES, WHOSE GENEROSITY WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP FOR COUNTRIES WITH LIMITED RESOURCES IN SO FAR AS EXPENSIVE DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT ARE NECESSARY TO PERFORM ANGIOGRAPHIES AND ANGIOPLASTIES.

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