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We hope that you will enjoy reading this Newsletter, illustrating the life in and around the Magbenteh Community Hospital. Many outstanding achievements have been made possible through the donations of our Friends and Sponsors – Thank You!

Visit from the Rotary Club Nyon-la-Côte



February began with a visit from two members of the Swiss Rotary Club of Nyon-la-Côte, Sébastien Botteron, orthodontist and Olivier Bachelard, gynaecologist-obstetrician. Their main mission was to assess 1. The state of the hospital; 2. The possibility of setting

up a dental practice and the possibility of strengthening obstetrical capacities. Both projects plan to use teams of foreign doctors coming once or twice a year to operate on previously identified cases. Sébastien and Olivier also proposed funding for a complete renovation of the operating theatre and a new ECG machine funded by their Rotary Club and private donations.

A hospital without drugs can hardly fulfil its function



Empty shelves were partially filled with the arrival of the two suitcases full of medicines. Patrick and Unisa had a big smile when they opened the suitcases brought by the ASSL team during their visit in January and by Sébastien and Olivier in February. Medications and supplies such as bandages and suture equipment are vital to the proper functioning of the hospital.



We need your help!



Magbenteh Community Hospital exists thanks to your generous donations. We need you to ensure the sustainability of the hospital and thus continue to save lives in Sierra Leone!



HOW TO HELP US?

You can support us by making a matching donation to:

Admission for 1 day	CHF 40
Medicines/medical supplies for 1 day	CHF 30
One day's salary*	CHF 750
One month's salary*	CHF 22'500

*for all hospital staff

Spanish gynaecologists



A team of Spanish gynaecologists from the University of San Pablo offered free cervical cancer screening. This is their second visit. Two doctors, Silvia and Alicia, screened 285 women for 4 days. 10 patients were also treated to prevent cervical cancer. We are happy to announce that the University of San Pablo will return this year to continue this ongoing project, which contributes to the sustainability efforts of the SSLDF team and hospital staff.

A happy and committed staff



Amputee Clinic

Faith Okrafo-Smart, the founder and CEO of Melqosh Mission International, a non-profit organization, visited us with a project to create a free clinical workshop for amputee civil war victims.



Qualifications are tough to get into the football team. Players must be missing at least one leg and the goalkeeper one arm!



A member of our hospital staff

Halimatuh Bah is from Ivory Coast/Guinea and joined the SSLDF team in 2016. Her roles at SSLDF are vast and have grown over the years due to her outstanding work ethic and the relationships she has established with staff and patients.



"I like working here because there are so many interesting things going on here, like how we help people. I feel empowered when I come to work knowing that I am changing lives."

A Visit From ASSL

In January, a delegation from Action Suisse Sierra Leone with the President Christian Skroeder and the Accountant Jean Louis Oehen visited SSLDF and the hospital.



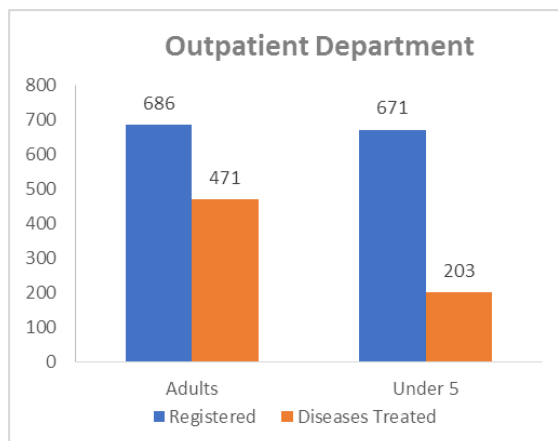
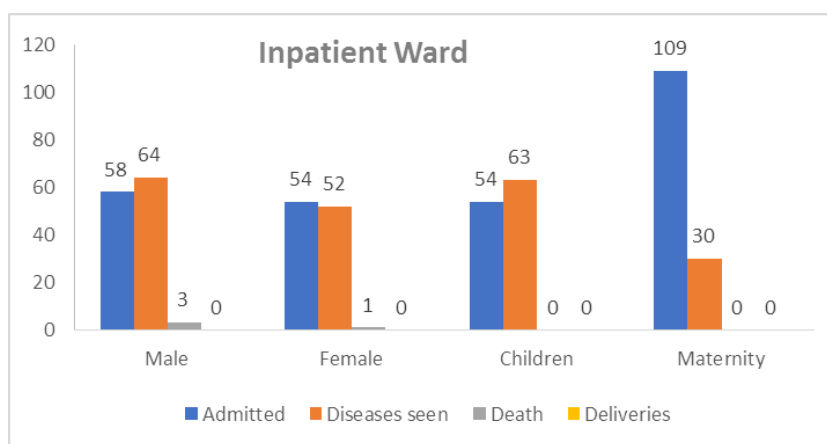
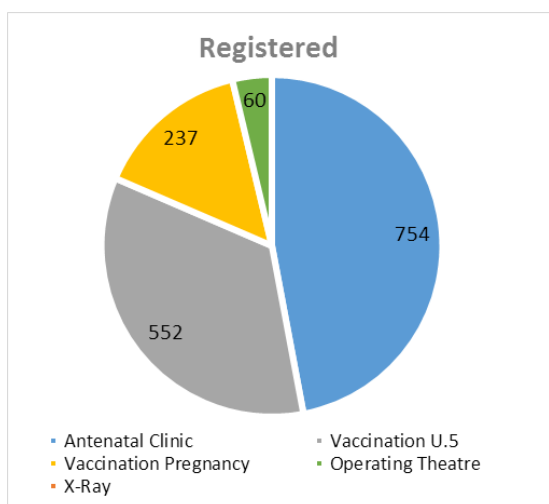
They discussed the current challenges of SSLDF and Magbenteh Community Hospital. The Honorary Consul General, Noemi Schramm, the SSLDF management team and members of ASSL worked together to find financial solutions to ensure a peaceful future for the hospital and its 15,000 annual patients.

Congratulations !

Congratulations to **Mr. Jacques Gaillard**, our lucky winner of the draw for Friends and Donors of the Year 2018! The artist of this magnificent painting is Mabel Iron Sky Turay, 1993. For Mabel, painting is a way to express her own experiences, fears, inspirations and convictions.



The Quarter in Numbers



Ways to Donate

All donations, big or small, are always welcome. We appreciate all gestures which will allow our action in Sierra Leone to succeed.

We accept donations in several currencies.

In Switzerland, the donations are tax deductible.

For bank transfers:

Beneficiary: Action Swiss Sierra Leone
Bank: UBS SA, 1260 Nyon, Suisse. CCP 80-2-2
BIC (Swift): UBSWCHZH80A

For the hospital:

IBAN for donations in **CHF**: CH30 0022 8228 5536 2701J
IBAN for donations in **EUR**: CH84 0022 8228 5536 2761V
IBAN for donations in **USD**: CH53 0022 8228 5536 2760A

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Visit our website : www.assl-ch.org

Set up a standing order with your bank:

IBAN: CH41 0022 8228 5536 27M3 U
Account «Action Swiss Sierra Leone»
Monthly standing order of CHF 50.00

For the school sponsorship:

IBAN for donations in **CHF**: CH85 0022 8228 5536 27M1k

A big thank you to your generosity. Thanks to your contribution, we can continue our action in Sierra Leone and therefore, support the most in need.