

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mission participants covered themselves all the expenses resulted from the mission (eg. tickets, hotels, food etc.). The expenses resulting from buying the medicines, were covered by all the members of the organization. However, at this point we should thank all the pharmaceutical companies for their donations of medicines throughout the year.

NORTH CAMEROON

DURATION OF MISSION: 16.1.2001 – 6.2.2001

PURPOSE: Free medical assistance to the population living in Katrang, North Cameroon, 1500 km from the capital- Yaounde.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS EXAMINED: 11,000

Katrang is situated 1500 km far from the capital and 4 km from Tchad borders. The closest airport is in Garoua which is 300 km far from Katrang. We stayed at small traditional huts, named Bukaru and examined patients at a small room, next to the Greek Orthodox Church. For more than three weeks we examined patients, from sunrise to sunset non stop giving to patients not only free medical treatment, but also courage and hope. Living in Katrang wasn't the easiest thing to do. The huts were built with mud and straws and had a cover from straw. An other smallest Bukaru with windows was used as a kitchen. Outside the Bukaru compound, under the wonderful, full of stars African sky, was an open space where we ate at night. We had traditional toilets that were constructed at open space surrounded by straws and in order to have a shower we used the plastic bucket with water from a local pond.

It was the second time visiting the area. The first was with MEDECINS DU MONDE-GREECE one year ago. The population living in that area suffered from many illnesses. Some of them were very sick and unfortunately there is no chance for them to be treated as there are no medical clinics properly functioning in this area. That's the reason we decided to visit that area at regular time intervals.

Most common diseases were: malaria, worms, skin problems, hyperthyroid, bilharzias, respiratory problems, filariasis, diarrhoeas and eye problems. The cause of most of their illnesses was the non pure water they were using.



GHANA

DURATION OF MISSION: 7 – 14.2.2001

PURPOSE: Free medical assistance to the population living in the surrounding area of Accra.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS EXAMINED: 3,000

The “HEART DOCTORS” team visited and examined patients at the following villages of the capital: Larteh, Gomoa-Fomena, Abukyekwa, Afransis, Jamra-Adandan. Most common diseases were: Malaria, worms, skin problems, and high blood pressure.

“HEART DOCTORS” with the surveillance of the Bishop of Ghana, His Grace Panteleimon, are constructing one nursery and two primary schools in the area of Jamra-Adandan and Akropong. Also one bigger primary school is being built in the area of Gomoa-Fomena.



INDIA-GUJARAT

DURATION OF MISSION: February 2001

After the earthquake of 7.7 Rixter in West India, on January 26th, HEART DOCTORS have succeeded in building four schools and four health stations, in Gujarat.



NIGERIA

DURATION OF MISSION: 21.3.2001 – 3.4.2001

PURPOSE: To explore and assess the needs in order to perform future medical missions. Also free medical assistance to the population living in Lagos and in East Nigeria (Biafra).

NUMBER OF PATIENTS EXAMINED: 3,000

The five member “HAERT DOCTORS” team visited the following areas in Lagos: the fish village at Ilasu that has 5,000 inhabitants, a clinic at Ikoyi and a health center at Ajengunle. Many patients came to us for treatment and most of them suffered from malaria, skin problems, high blood pressure, worms and gastroenteritis.

In East Nigeria (Biafra) our base was the city of Onitsa, where we found accommodation. We offered our medical services through the orthodox parishes. We visited the parish of St. Peter in Ihiala, St. Ignatius in Ukpok, St. Gregory in Uga and St. Mary’s in Nanka. Most common diseases were: malaria, worms, high blood pressure, eye problems, joint and bone pains.

“HEART DOCTORS” decided to make a donation in order to complete the construction of the roof of St. Ignatius in Ukpok.



NIGERIA

DURATION OF MISSION: 24.4.2001 – 5.5.2001

PURPOSE: Free medical assistance to the population living in Northern Nigeria.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS EXAMINED: 7,000

The team offered medical services to the people living at Fuka, Kuta, Gurmana, Gussoro and Kangara. Before visiting the above-mentioned towns the team had to greet the local kings and the local authorities that facilitated the team's stay and granted the relevant permission to work. Most of the population examined suffered from: malaria, worms, and skin problems.



TANZANIA

DURATION OF MISSION: 2 – 10.6.2001

PURPOSE: Free medical assistance to the population living in north –eastern Tanzania, around the town of Bukoba.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS EXAMINED: 5,000

A large part of the Tanzanian population lives in remote areas and has no access to any health facilities. The team offered their medical services, through the Greek Orthodox Parishes, as those were chosen by the Bishop of Bukoba, His grace Ieronimos. Patients were examined at the parish of the Holy resurrection in Bugoma, the parish of Saint Paraskevi in Kangoma, the parish of St. Mary's in Muleba and St. Eleftherios in Kyamangu. Most common diseases the team treated were: malaria, worms, skin diseases, filariasis, tuberculosis and eye problems.

The water project in St. Andrew in Rukuraijo has been finalized. HEART DOCTORS have financed the construction of a water tank in the parish of St. Andrew, which gathers the water from the roof of the church when it rains. Furthermore, another water tank is being constructed in the parish of the Archangels, which is going to be finalized in a few months time.



KENYA

DURATION OF MISSION: 11.6.2001(one day)

PURPOSE: Inauguration of the orphanage constructed by “HEART DOCTORS” in Nairobi.

The “HEART DOCTORS” orphanage has the capacity to shelter 250 children whose parents have died from AIDS. We thank the major donor that financed this project Mrs. Maria Gabriel, in memory of her late husband.

We would also like to thank the previous bishop of Kenya, His Grace Seraphim for the excellent cooperation and very good monitoring of the project. The building was constructed in an area owned by the Greek Orthodox Church in Nairobi. It is a three floor structure with all the necessary facilities.

The bishop of Kenya, His Grace Makarios, inaugurated the orphanage. After the inauguration, the orphans danced traditional dances and sang songs thanking our team for the project. We distributed sweets to all of them.



ETHIOPIA

DURATION OF MISSION: 30.09.2001 – 8.10.2001

PURPOSE: Distribution of Food Aid to the population living in the Northeastern part of Ethiopia.

The food aid was distributed to the people in need in the wide area of Omorate which is situated 900km South-East of Addis Ababa near the borders with Sudan. Even though the area is traversed by OMO River, the land is very infertile and dry. Maybe due to the prolonged period of drought and the very high temperatures that make difficult or even impossible for plants to grow. The team distributed 15 tons of corn, which was transported, with a truck given for free by Dragados J&P(Hellas) S.A.



SUDAN

DURATION OF MISSION: 22.10. 2001 – 8.10.2001

PURPOSE: Free medical assistance to the population in need

NUMBER OF PATIENTS EXAMINED: 4,00 During our stay in Khartoum the team visited Omdurman Teaching Hospital also known as Abu-Anja, which is specializing in diseases of chest, mostly Tuberculosis. Local doctors informed us that there is an outbreak of Tuberculosis in Sudan. The equipment of the hospital (such as beds, bed linens etc.) and most specifically the x-ray machine need to be replaced. Therefore, HEART DOCTORS decided to contribute by sending whatever possible, from Greece.

The team also visited the area of New Halfa, which is situated 700 km south of Khartoum towards the borders with Ethiopia and Eritrea. The population living in New Halfa area is internal refugees living in the area called Old Halfa, at North Sudan close to the borders with Egypt who were forced to leave their area due to flooding of river Nile after the construction of the Aswan dam in 1964. The most common diseases treated were: malaria, bilharzias, gastroenteritis, and worms. Malnutrition was one of many problems in the area.



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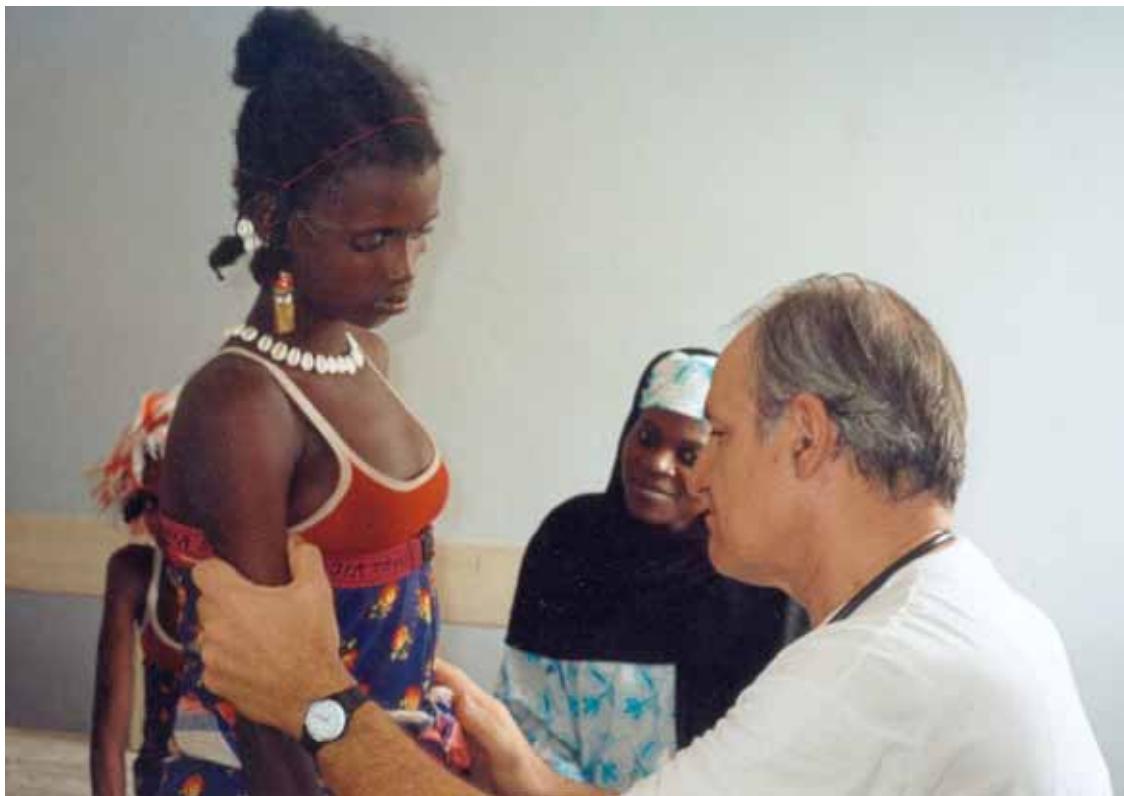
COUNTRY: NIGERIA

DURATION OF MISSION: 3-14.11.2001

PURPOSE: Free medical assistance to nomads known as Fulani that live in Central Nigeria.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS EXAMINED: 9,000

The team offered free medical assistance to the nomads known as Fulani that live in Kogi state and most specifically around the area of Lokoja. Fulani are nomadic pastoralists that live in organized camps that have constructed themselves. We cooperated with the Non-Governmental Organization "PASTORAL RESOLVE" which is primarily occupied with Fulani. They indicated the following places we offered our medical services: Ajaokuta, Kabba-Junction (Jemila clinic), Osara, Odo-Ere, Ogonicha, Wuro Haruna. Most common diseases treated were: malaria, bilharzias, gonorrhoea, skin infections, typhoid fever, tuberculosis and worms.



PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN BORDERS

DURATION OF MISSION: 19-22.11.2001

PURPOSE: Distribution of food aid and blankets to the Afghan refugees living in refugee camps at Pakistan- Afghanistan borders

The team distributed 3.000 blankets, 20 tons of rice and 10 tons of dhal to refugees that live in a handy refugee camp situated 24 km from the town of Jama. The team bought the whole load of the humanitarian aid from the capital of Pakistan, Karatsi.



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