



Project code 005

MOBILE CLINIC PROJECT – CAR

THE "SAINT MICHEL" CARE CENTER

The "Saint Michel" Care Center, inaugurated on 19 June 2010, coordinates, within the Diocese of Bouar, the prevention and treatment of people suffering from sexually transmitted infections, who are positive for the HIV virus or affected by AIDS.

The aim and ambition of the Center is to ensure all round care for the patient.

Currently The "Saint Michel" Care Center has over 1000 patients in its care.

The assistance isn't limited to the administering of anti-retroviral drugs but it's attentive to the basic needs of the patients: nutrition, rest, hygiene, work, social life, psychology.

These are patients who need security, familiarity, stability, information and protection.

In addition to the normal prevention and treatment activities the Center, ensures a comprehensive care of the patient; nutritional support, home visits and possible hospitalizations in specialized health centers.

It is managed by Fr. Angelo Sala, originally from Desio, assisted by a nun, local technicians, nurses and volunteers.

THE PROJECT

The project's main purpose is to improve the management of patients with health problems, and in particular, those related to HIV infection (secondly to malaria and tuberculosis), in a large population located in the brousse/ savannah around the city of Bouar.

That part of the population's health situation is unknown as they are unable to reach even the nearest peripheral health center.

The Center also welcomes patients sent from the peripheral Health Centers of the Diocese of Bouar, more or less distant from the regional capital: Wantiguera, Maigaro, Niem, Baoro, Bossempaté, Ndim, Bohong, up to Ngaoundai on the northern border with Chad and distant 230 Km from Bouar.

The main problem is in fact the unknown spread of HIV infection among the population living in the villages of the brousse (savannah), far from the health centers of the towns and larger villages, which is not reached by early diagnosis and taking care of HIV infection.

The needs are those of health of a population completely abandoned to itself, in which mortality among infants, children and young adults is high, probably also due to the spread of HIV infection, of which there is no data prevalence in the field.

The Center is not currently able to make home visits at these distances.

It's therefore possible that a part of this population dies too young from HIV infection, without having been screened.



To come to the aid of the needs of the most distant and disadvantaged people, the "Saint Michel" Care Center, supported by the AMICI association, has thought of creating a mobile unit that can go every month to the villages of the patients that the center has in charge.

The project involves the creation of a "mobile unit"

- to monitor and help people who haven't access to health centers
- make home visits for people with HIV infection
- to do preventive work at the same time
- to collect statistical data on almost unknown sections of the population.

To realize this project, it's essential to equip the Center with a "Land Cruiser" car, to be set up as a mobile laboratory.

It's therefore necessary purchase all the material necessary for the realization of the project (consumables, medical examination machines, tents to be used as consultation and treatment rooms).

In addition, the project involves the hiring and training of specialized personnel for this task.

IN SUMMARY

The "Mobile CAR Unit" project involves the purchase of:

- Jeep that can have the ability to travel the savannah roads to reach the most remote villages in any weather
- The vehicle must be large enough to accommodate a bed for visits and equipment to perform blood tests and the CDA + profile, as well as a generator for the production of electricity
- Devices and equipment necessary for the diagnosis of HIV / AIDS, but also malaria, tuberculosis and opportunistic infections
- Electric generator
- Tents and field equipment to be used once you arrive at your destination for visits and consultations
- Medicines and consumables Inoltre il progetto prevede:
 - Recruitment and training of specialized personnel:
 - Driver
 - N. 2 qualified laboratory technicians
 - N. 2 IDA State Graduated Nurses
 - Social worker
 - Health care assistant