2018 ANNUAL REPORT
The Fondation Pierre Fabre, having charitable status and recognised as working in the public interest, has been active in the Global South for 20 years, in accordance with its mission and the values and humanistic aspirations of its founder. It has an operating model that is unique in France: as a shareholder of the Pierre Fabre Group, it guarantees its independence and uses the resources it is allocated to develop robust, sustainable programmes for the world’s most vulnerable populations. In 2018, the Foundation stepped up its actions to reduce inequities in access to healthcare, always taking great care to take action as close to the field as possible in conjunction with local stakeholders that share its values. It has particularly reinforced two forms of commitment: initiatives in areas of persistent conflict as, on top of the poverty-related challenges to accessing healthcare, violence plunges people into situations of extreme distress and deprivation, as is the case in Kivu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and in the Central African Republic, where the Foundation supports the programmes of Dr Mukwege, the 2018 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The Foundation has also made eHealth issues an area of intervention in its own right, as new technologies unquestionably serve as a powerful lever in access to healthcare for communities still deprived of such essential resources.

Half the world population lacks access to essential medicines even as new pandemics come into being and old ones resurface. In the poorest countries, medications are often non-existent or of questionable quality due to insufficient controls, or even take the form of counterfeit drugs that can be fatal. We can no longer tolerate this situation."

Pierre Fabre’s summation of the health situation in the countries of the Global South was the driving force behind the creation of Fondation Pierre Fabre in 1999. Its mission is to enable communities from low and middle income countries, as well as those plunged into severe crisis by political or economic upheaval and/or natural disaster to access the quality and levels of everyday healthcare and the widely-used drugs defined by the WHO and other organisations as essential to human health. Acting disinterestedly and independently towards a strictly humanitarian goal, Fondation Pierre Fabre was recognised under French law as being of public utility on 6 April 1999. This status enables the Foundation to receive public subsidies, donations and bequests, and requires the supervision of its activities by representatives of the French State, who also sit on its Board of Directors.

A SHAREHOLDING FOUNDATION

The Fondation Pierre Fabre is the main shareholder of the Pierre Fabre Group, with an 86% share. This organisation, unique in France at this level of commitment, makes it possible to endow the Foundation with sustainable means to finance its work. The Fondation Pierre Fabre is not directly involved in the operational management of the Group, devoting itself exclusively to performing the work set forth in its statutes.
The year 2018 will remain a key year for the Fondation Pierre Fabre, marked by the development of a new 5-year strategic plan, which will drive the development of its actions in its various areas of intervention, at the same time as an increased and immediate commitment on the ground: whether it is access to healthcare with Dr. Mukwege, whose teams fight daily for the health and dignity of women victims of sexual violence in the DRC, or the training of drug professionals with the laying of the foundation stone for the future Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Antananarivo - the result of a long collaboration initiated more than 13 years ago in Madagascar.

Regarding the fight against sickle-cell disease, care and research programmes in Africa and Haiti are continuing and the Foundation has launched a vast consultation with high-prevalence countries, which will lead to extending its actions in 2019 to new countries, including Guinea Conakry, and to nurture international advocacy for a better integration of this disease into global health priorities. In dermatology, because the lack of access to diagnosis and management of skin diseases is common to all sub-Saharan African countries, we are duplicating the Malian tele-expertise programme “TéléderMali” in Togo and Mauritania. Not to mention digital health, with the organisation of a 3rd conference of the Global South E-Health Observatory, which highlighted six new innovative and bold projects and the creation in 2018 of the first inter-university diploma dedicated to e-health in West Africa, led by the University of Science, Technique and Technology of Bamako as well as the universities of Dakar and Abidjan. Its mission will be to lay the foundations for the harmonious development of practices so that they benefit the greatest number of people.

It is thanks to the relationship of trust and mutual listening with our partners and their dedication on the ground that we are able to translate into action the mission of the Pierre Foundation to improve access to healthcare for the most disadvantaged, while always striving to provide concrete solutions and a framework for sustainability.
IN 2018, 33 ACTIVE PROGRAMMES IN 17 COUNTRIES AND 5 AREAS OF INTERVENTION

**Training of drug specialists**
- **PROGRAMMES**
  - Laos: Restoration of and support for the Vientiane Faculty of Pharmacy
  - Madagascar: Support for pharmaceutical education at the University of Antananarivo
  - Togo: Support for the Pharmaceutical Department at the University of Lomé
- **STUDY**
  - Multi-country: Epilepsy drug-quality study in Southeast Asia

**Combating sickle-cell disease**
- **PROGRAMMES**
  - Mali: Development of the Sickle-Cell Disease Research Centre (CRLD) in Bamako
  - Senegal: Screening and early treatment of sickle-cell disease
  - Cameroon, Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire: Improving social aid and healthcare for sickle-cell patients
  - Haiti: Pilot project for sickle-cell disease screening
  - Burkina Faso: Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of sickle-cell disease
- **STUDIES**
  - Multi-country: Study on infant mortality from sickle-cell disease in five African countries
  - Multi-country: Study on Acute Thoracic Syndrome
  - Madagascar: Assessment of how local plants may prevent sickle-cell crises
  - Togo, Mali, Democratic Republic of the Congo: Evaluation of a rapid screening test for sickle-cell disease

**Access to quality healthcare**
- **PROGRAMMES**
  - Lebanon: Support for the Khaldieh dispensary
  - Lebanon: Mobile Medical Unit of the West Beqaa Valley
  - Multi-country: Occitane call for regional project proposals
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo: Treating women who are victims of sexual violence
- **STUDY**
  - Côte d’Ivoire: Study on telephone monitoring in haematological-oncological management

**Dermatology**
- **PROGRAMMES**
  - Mali: Teledermatology programme
  - Mali: Skin-cancer prevention and early treatment in people with albinism
  - Togo: Treatment of keloid scars
  - Togo: Teledermatology programme
  - Togo: Skin-disease prevention and treatment in people with albinism
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**Malawi**
- **PROGRAMMES**
  - Malawi: Extension of the programme developed in Tanzania
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2018 Highlights

Each of the year’s key events was yet another step forward in our implementation of programmes designed to improve access to healthcare and medicines in the Global South.

JANUARY 2018
Renewing support for the pharmaceutical curriculum in Togo

In 2018, the Fondation Pierre Fabre renewed its agreement supporting the pharmaceutical curriculum at the Faculty of Health Sciences (Medicine & Pharmacy) at the University of Lomé for a five-year period. The objective is to ensure continued training of new qualified teachers for the pharmacy curriculum, support the curriculum’s structuring, acquire teaching materials and develop the coursework essential to a quality educational offer.

18 APRIL 2018
Occitanie call for project proposals: six winning projects!

For the third consecutive year, the Fondation Pierre Fabre issued its call for regional project proposals targeting cooperative partners in the Occitanie region implementing initiatives that contribute to improved healthcare for disadvantaged populations in the Global South. The six projects selected this year received their prizes at the 18 April 2018 awards ceremony in Lavaur, in France’s Tarn department.

28 MAY 2018
Supporting the work of Dr Mukwege in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On 28 May, in Bukavu, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Fondation Pierre Fabre, the Institut Universitaire Varenne and the Panzi Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding governing the partnership that will replicate the care model implemented by 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr Denis Mukwege at the Panzi Hospital in Bukavu, extending the model to a second facility in Bulenga. This comprehensive care approach includes medical, psychological, socio-economic and legal aid for women who have been subjected to sexual violence. The Foundation Pierre Fabre finances all medical and psychosocial care.

JUNE 2018
Extension of skin-cancer prevention and treatment programmes

In Tanzania and Mali, the importance and effectiveness of programmes for skin-cancer prevention and treatment in people with albinism led the Foundation to replicate them in other African countries: first in Togo with the ANAT (the Togolese National Albinism Association) and the Togolese Dermatology Society, then in Burkina Faso after a decision by the Foundation’s Board of Directors. The programme implemented in collaboration with the NGO Standing Voice in Tanzania and Malawi is also bearing fruit and has been expanded to southern Malawi.

2 JULY 2018
Creation of an interuniversity diploma and partnership with AHEIN at the Observatory conference

At the annual Global South eHealth Observatory Conference, the Foundation announced the creation of the first African eHealth Interuniversity degree for which the Fondation Pierre Fabre partnered with the University of Bamako, the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar and the University of Abidjan. This day of dialogue and debate also brought to light a new partnership with AHEIN, one of Asia’s largest eHealth networks. This collaboration will make it possible to share expertise and provide improved support to the Observatory’s Asian winners.

2 OCTOBER 2018
Conference on traditional healthcare products and practices

In countries where disparities remain in accessing quality healthcare, traditional healthcare products and practices play an important role in patient treatment plans and are generating growing interest and discussion worldwide. On 2 October 2018, the Fondation Pierre Fabre hosted a conference on this theme, inviting speakers from Mali, Togo, Madagascar and France to share their assessments of the place traditional medicines hold in the Global South’s health systems.

9 NOVEMBER 2018
Master Mékong Pharma: 25 new graduates

At a ceremony on 9 November 2018 at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh City, the 25 students of the 2018-2018 Master Mékong Pharma class received their degrees, with representatives of the Fondation Pierre Fabre, university officials and the Consul General of France in attendance.

22 NOVEMBER 2018
Foundation stone laid for Madagascar’s Faculty of Pharmacy

On 22 November 2018, construction began on the building that will house the future Faculty of Pharmacy, marked by an official foundation-stone ceremony. The event was attended by ministerial authorities, university officials and project partners. Construction should be completed by the start of the school year in 2021.
Training of drug specialists

Though access to medicines is clearly part of the right to health, the WHO nevertheless estimates that two billion people do not have access to basic medicines (1). This is why training pharmacists in the Global South is a public-health priority that the Fondation Pierre Fabre has chosen to support through a long-term commitment in partnership with health authorities in the Asian and African countries it assists. This work – which entails forging interuniversity partnerships, updating curricula, modernising structures and training faculty – is pursued in accordance with each country’s priorities, with the objective of training specialists who have hands-on knowledge of the realities in the field and ensuring networks can function autonomously.

MADAGASCAR
Pharmaceutical education at the University of Antananarivo

Following the creation of a pharmacy department at the Faculty of Medicine of Antananarivo, the Fondation Pierre Fabre and Fondation Mérieux, in partnership with Madagascar’s Ministry of Public Health and the University of Antananarivo’s Faculty of Medicine, began creating the future Faculty of Pharmacy. This dedicated institution will increase the number of specialised graduates to help address the lack of pharmacists in Madagascar.

LAOS, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM
Master Mekong Pharma

The Master Mekong Pharma, designed for pharmacist graduates from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, is a curriculum offered through the joint efforts of eight Asian and French universities. It ends with a French Master’s 2 degree in four specialities: medicine quality, clinical pharmacology, pharmacokinetics and pharmaceutica development of nanomedicines. The objective of this programme is to increase the number of drug specialists in Southeast Asia. It also allows students to join a strong network of international drug specialists. Since 2012, the Master’s has been the vector for 215 teaching missions by French academics and graduated nearly 100 students, degree-holders with an employability rate of more than 97% in the pharmaceutical industry, health institutions, universities and NGOs.

DOCTORAL STUDIES

The scholarships awarded by the Fondation Pierre Fabre are making it possible for a number of young scientists to pursue a PhD in the healthcare field. Sixteen young scientists received a doctoral scholarship in 2018 and five defended their theses in 2018. Of this group, 10 already have a teaching position at a faculty of pharmacy and three plan to teach pharmaceutical and medical sciences, meaning 12 out of 16. This very important ratio of 75% reflects the Foundation’s determination to support future educators – specialising in medicine and health – in the countries where the Foundation currently operates.

LAOS Support of Vientiane Faculty of Pharmacy

This project began in 2005 at the Vientiane Faculty of Pharmacy and continued in 2018, with two priorities: teacher training and support for vocational training. To this end, the Foundation awarded 12 scholarships in 2018 (specialised internships, master’s degrees and PhDs in Thailand and France) and financed the purchase of the educational equipment needed to implement practical laboratory coursework and the installation of an experimental dispensary, a “mock” pharmacy used to train students in medicine delivery. An initial assessment of the curriculum is scheduled for 2019.

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Third-year students from the National Midwifery Training Centre performing laboratory exercises, Laos.

VIEUX
LAOS Third Year of Support for the National College of Midwifery

As part of a five-year collaboration agreement (2015-2020), the Foundation continues its support for the four-year bachelor’s-level training at the National College of Midwifery in Vientiane (improve teaching capacities, support student training, fund educational materials). Twenty-four students graduated in 2018.

Students from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Lomé, Togo.

TOGO Rehabilitating the pharmaceutical department of the University of Lomé

Since 2011, the Fondation Pierre Fabre has been working alongside the pharmacy programme at the Faculty of Health Sciences in Lomé and, in 2018, the Foundation renewed this partnership for a five-year consolidation period, in part to create a dedicated, high-level faculty. Four new instructors began their work at the end of the year, five assistants received scholarships to pursue a master’s or doctorate, and teaching missions were organised to compensate for a lack of instructors in certain subjects, like galenical pharmacology or organic chemistry. The Foundation also funded creation of new laboratory coursework in phytochemistry, galenical pharmacology and pharmacology.
Combating sickle-cell disease

Sickle-cell disease, the world’s most widespread genetic disease – particularly in Africa –, affects the haemoglobin, resulting in very painful, acute attacks and potentially fatal complications, especially in children. As a “neglected” and under-diagnosed illness, sickle-cell disease is a global health concern that is nevertheless not addressed by major international aid programmes. The Fondation Pierre Fabre has been dedicated to fighting this disease for over a decade, with several clear objectives: improve screening and treatment, train healthcare professionals and encourage research, while serving as a powerful advocate for those with sickle-cell disease to help make the illness a global health priority.

**SENEGAL**

**Neonatal screening**

In Saint-Louis, the Fondation Pierre Fabre and Gaston Berger University created the Centre for Sickle-Cell Disease Research and Outpatient Treatment (CERPAD) with the objective of proving the effectiveness of routine neonatal screening and early treatment for children in fighting the disease. Screening began in 2017: out of 1,590 births recorded at the Saint Louis Hospital maternity ward, 1,536 (77%) were tested. The experiment is expected to ultimately be extended to the surrounding region with a goal of 6,000 screenings annually.

**> PRÉSEV2 STUDY WITH THE HENRI MONDOR TEACHING HOSPITAL**

Assessment of the relevance of the prediction model for acute thoracic complications. Recruitment continued in 2018.

**> MIDAS STUDY WITH INSERM UNIT 970**


**HAITI**

**Sickle-cell disease patient care programme**

In 2017, the Fondation Pierre Fabre consolidated its project combating sickle-cell disease in Haiti, making the Saint-Damien Children’s Hospital a pilot centre for neonatal screening and early detection of the disease. The screening strategy and staff training were reviewed before operations began in 2018. Saint-Damien Hospital will also provide patient treatment. In 2019, the facility might be joined by the University Hospital of Peace (HUP) and the State University Hospital of Haiti (HUEH).

**BURKINA FASO**

**Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of sickle-cell disease**

The project supporting the Sickle-cell Anaemia Initiative Committee in Burkina (Comité d’Initiative contre la Drépanocytose au Burkina – CID/B), first begun in 2014, confirmed the relevance of the model involving prevention, early detection and treatment of the disease through creating treatment and information centres. In 2018, at the Saint-Camille hospital in Ouagadougou, there were more than 3,000 tracked medical consultations, helping nearly 1,000 children and more than 1,200 adults. The first phase of the partnership came to a successful end in 2018 and a second phase is now scheduled, which will help establish a national sickle-cell disease policy.

**MALI**

**Strengthening the Partnership with the Sickle-Cell Research and control Centre (CRLD)**

Twelve years after helping create the Bamako CRLD, the Fondation Pierre Fabre remains a key partner with this leading international centre in the fight against sickle-cell disease.

In 2018, 1,315 new patients came to the centre, bringing the total to 9,909. The Centre’s staff performed 2,651 voluntary screenings and 9,727 medical consultations. For outsourced care in rural areas (Kayes, Sikasso), the CRLD held six continuous training sessions for doctors and nurses and 17 scientific activity sessions that drew 208 healthcare workers. Lastly, a major project was launched to digitise the centre’s clinical data, which will eventually improve patient monitoring and facilitate conducting clinical studies.
Access to quality healthcare

One of the very reasons the Fondation Pierre Fabre was created was to ensure the poorest populations had access to healthcare and to fight disparities in such access between the Global North and South. The numbers speak for themselves: according to the World Health Organization, Africa is home to a quarter of the world’s sick, but receives less than 1% of global healthcare spending. The Foundation strives to provide support to ensure that access to healthcare—a fundamental right for every human being—is recognised in the most vulnerable communities in emerging countries and people plunged in humanitarian crises due to conflicts or natural disasters. It has been working for two decades in Lebanon and, since 2018, has been providing support to women in the Democratic Republic of Congo who are victims of sexual violence.

LEBANON A Mobile Medical Unit to care for refugees

Created in 2016 as part of a partnership between the Foundation and the Order of Malta, the Mobile Medical Unit offers a service that dovetails with those offered by the Kefraya medical centre. This refitted bus travels across the Beqaa plain with one doctor and two nurses aboard to provide consultations and dispense medicines to nearly 3,500 families in refugee camps and isolated Lebanese villages. The MMU’s work is managed in collaboration with health centres and hospitals and in coordination with the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). More than 13,000 consultations were provided free of charge in 2018 and the Foundation has renewed its financial support into 2020.

LEBANON Financing the Khaldieh Medical-Social Centre

The Fondation Pierre Fabre’s long-standing commitment to supporting operations at the Khaldieh Medical-Social Centre, accredited by the Lebanese Ministry of Health and the World Bank, was renewed in 2018. This is one of the 12 primary health centres established by the Order of Malta in Lebanon to help Lebanese villagers and, more recently, Iraqi and Syrian refugees. In 2018 alone, this centre gave more than 7,400 free medical consultations in general medicine, paediatrics, dermatology, cardiology, ENT, and other areas. A school health programme is also being developed at two schools, along with support services and supply of basic necessities.

DRC Care for women victims of sexual violence

Since May 2018, the Fondation Pierre Fabre is supporting the creation of a sexual-violence survivor centre in Bulenga, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where rape and other assaults are used as weapons of war. This project is overseen by 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr Denis Mukwege, who developed the first such centre at the Panzi Hospital in Bukavu 20 years ago. This facility is unique in its holistic approach as a “one-stop treatment centre”, addressing not only medical and psychological needs, but also providing socio-economic support and legal assistance to combat the impunity of those perpetrating gender-based violence. More than 200 patients received treatment in 2018 at Bulenga Hospital.

MULTI-COUNTRY 2018 Occitanie call for project proposals

Since 2016, the Foundation has been putting out a call for project proposals to cooperation stakeholders in the Occitanie region. Six projects were selected in 2018, bringing the number of projects supported over three years to twenty-three. These local initiatives will contribute to improved healthcare access in Guinea (Les enfants de l’Aïr), Madagascar (Inter Aide), the DRC (Alliances Internationales), Burkina Faso (Association Paul Bouvier), Niger (Association Takolt N’Akaras) and Laos (Association pour la Promotion des Neurosciences).
**MALI**

**Creation of the First African Interuniversity Degree in eHealth**

The Fondation Pierre Fabre, in collaboration with three universities in Mali, Senegal, and Côte d’Ivoire, has created an interuniversity eHealth degree (IUD) for public and private actors: healthcare professionals, information systems, policymakers and researchers. This degree, offering 100 hours of conceptual and methodological training, expands and deepens knowledge to foster the design of structured digital solutions and ensure they are adopted by national healthcare systems. The first IUD class will be hosted in Bamako and coursework will begin in 2019.

**MALI**

**First Innovation and Digital Health Centre**

With funding from the Fondation Pierre Fabre, the “Digi-Santé-Mali” Innovation and Digital Health centre was created in 2018 at Bamako’s University of Science, Techniques and Technology. It is the first research structure dedicated to eHealth in sub-Saharan Africa and is focused on developing training in the digital-health field, helping develop tools adapted to the technological and economic realities of the Global South and supporting health authorities with studies and scientific expertise. It will receive students pursuing the eHealth Interuniversity degree.

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**MULTI-COUNTRY**

**The Global South eHealth Observatory**

Based on the finding that eHealth solutions remained largely at the pilot stage due to a lack of exposure to the public, the Fondation Pierre Fabre created the Global South eHealth Observatory to showcase these cutting-edge solutions. The Observatory serves as a high-quality resource and networking platform for stakeholders, having identified and listed nearly 150 projects and supported 29 high-potential initiatives. This year, the Global South eHealth Observatory Conference focused on the theme “Local Expertise Supporting Global Development” and was followed in real time in 32 countries through the digital-campus network of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie. Six new projects were selected and receive the Foundation’s financial support to assist in development. The Foundation’s partners offered several workshops: WHO explored the importance of a common digital-health language, the Asia e-Health Information Network (AeHIN) assessed the priority needs of the 2018 winners and Mali’s Centre d’expertise et de recherche en télémédecine et e-santé (Centre of Expertise and Research on Telemedicine and eHealth) presented the challenges that limited resources can create for promoting eHealth initiatives.

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**eHealth in the Global South**

In 2005, the WHO released a resolution emphasising the potential that new technologies offered in addressing health-related concerns. Thirteen years later, access to mobile services is now widespread on every continent: in Africa, for example, a 2018 Deloitte study estimates that, by the year 2020, 660 million people on the African continent will have access to a smartphone, twice as many as in 2016. With the advent of telemedicine, this presents an unprecedented opportunity for patients who have no access to healthcare services, but also is a resource for distance-learning options for health workers, epidemiological monitoring for treatment purposes, and implementing and monitoring public-health initiatives. The Foundation became very interested in the vast application potential and the many developing initiatives in the realm and, in 2016, created the Global South eHealth Observatory to identify, list and support the most relevant initiatives and ensure their lasting success as eHealth resources. Four partners have joined the Observatory: the French Development Agency, the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, the Fondation de l’Avenir and the Asian eHealth network, AeHIN.

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**THE OBSERVATORY HAS LISTED**

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Skin diseases are among the first reasons people seek medical consultation in emerging countries, but they are difficult to treat due to the lack of medical-staff training in peripheral health centres in these “non-priority” pathologies, the complications of which can nevertheless be severe if not promptly treated. This challenge is coupled with a marked lack of dermatologists, forcing patients to make long and expensive trips to seek medical advice in major urban areas. These circumstances led the Fondation Pierre Fabre to invest in the field of teledermatology with a twofold commitment: training healthcare workers to treat the most common diseases and providing the technical capacities needed to entrust the more difficult cases to specialists. At the same time, the Foundation works on behalf of people with albinism – a condition with particularly high prevalence in Africa – to prevent them from developing the skin cancers to which they are prone, but which can nevertheless be avoided with greater awareness of preventive measures to take and monitoring by dermatologists.

**Mali**

**Introduction of the “TéléderMali” project**

After conducting a pilot study in three regions and demonstrating the feasibility of the teledermatology programme to improve treatment of skin diseases, the Fondation Pierre Fabre and the National Centre for Disease Control (CNAM) in Bamako rolled out “TéléderMali” across the Malian territory in 2017. The principle of the project is first-level treatment by previously trained local professionals, combined with remote consultations by CNAM dermatologists for more complex cases. In 2018, 33 new health centres joined the programme and 69 health workers were trained in the most common dermatoses and the use of ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies).

**Togo / Mauritania**

**Replication of the teledermatology programme**

Responding to the call for project proposals announced during the “Premières Assises de Télédermatologie Africaines” (First African Teledermatology Conference) co-organised in Bamako in 2017 by the Fondation Pierre Fabre, the Société Mauritanienne de Dermatologie (Mauritanian Dermatology Society – SMD) and the Société Togolaise de Dermatologie et des infections sexuellement transmissibles (Togolese Society of Dermatology and Sexually Transmitted Infections -SOTODERM) began replication of the “TéléderMali” programme in their own countries. In 2018, a normative training guide on common skin diseases was developed in Togo (for use in training staff at 50 healthcare facilities in four outlying regions) and 12 community health centres were recruited in Mauritania to fully implement the programme over the next two years.

**Tanzania / Malawi**

**Prevention and early-stage treatment of skin cancers in albinism sufferers**

The Fondation Pierre Fabre is one of the partners of the non-profit organisation Standing Voice, which developed a comprehensive programme in Tanzania to prevent those with albinism from developing skin cancer. This model has proven very effective, resulting in an 85% decrease in cancers in areas where the association actively operates. Based on frequent awareness-raising campaigns, supply of hats and sunscreen, free consultations and lesion treatments, the programme was extended to three new regions in 2018 (a total of 3,200 patients and nearly 13,000 containers of sunscreen distributed). The project has also been replicated in the Mangochi District in southern Malawi.

**Mali**

**Skin-Cancer Prevention**

In Mali, the Fondation Pierre Fabre supports the work of the non-profit association Solidarité pour l’Insertion des Albinos au Mali (SIAM), which works on skin-cancer prevention and treatment and the social integration of people with albinism. The medical activities are handled by the CNAM. In 2018, nearly 400 people received more than 700 dermatological, ophthalmological and surgical consultations. Twenty-two children with albinism were sent to school and several revenue-generating activities were developed to support this segment of the population that is often marginalised due to old beliefs.

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**Awareness campaign for schoolchildren with albinism to teach them how to protect themselves from the sun, Tanzania.**

The members of the Association Solidarité pour l’Insertion des Albinos du Mali produce the sunscreen cream distributed free of charge during medical visits.
The Foundation Governance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Fondation Pierre Fabre is overseen by a Board of Directors that meets at least twice annually. The Board establishes guidelines, approves strategic projects and ensures the proper management of the Foundation. It has 14 members divided into three colleges (1).

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