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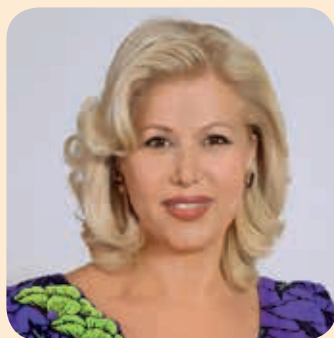
A new year of hope for children in Africa

**MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY
THE FOUNDATION**

**THE SOUBRÉ RECEPTION
CENTRE FOR CHILDREN IN
DISTRESS HAS RECEIVED
ITS FIRST RESIDENTS**



President's welcome



Dear Friends,

Together, we have taken up many challenges and I want to thank you for that. Thanks to you, 2019 was a prosperous year full of charity initiatives on behalf of underprivileged populations.

In the field of health, the Bingerville Mother and Child's Hospital has been awarded the AP-HP silver level label for Quality and Safety of Care 2019, with a special recognition for our dynamism. This label, which is the result of a team effort, is a source of pride for us and comforts us in our positioning as a reference hospital.

Today, residents of « La Case des enfants » are fulfilled, they get good academic performance and enjoy a more fulfilled social life. The Soubré reception centre for children in difficulty is now open and brings joy to these children victims of exploitation.

With regards to reading, we could see that Bookmobile concept has conquered thousands of new little readers; the Dominique OUATTARA football tournament was also very successful among youth.

As every year, the ten best students in Côte d'Ivoire were rewarded with a summer camp trip to Cap d'Ail in France.

Dear Friends, solidarity makes us stronger and I am convinced that together we can change the lives of many.

We are planning to expand the capacity of our shelter, La Case des enfants, in 2020. You can contribute to this by making a donation during the Gala fundraising event that we will organize for this purpose. Our children need us, let us open our hearts to them, let us offer them a home.

Happy new year to you all.

Dominique Ouattara

About the children's shelter



THE FOSTER HOME « LA CASE DES ENFANTS »



«La Case des Enfants» is the Children Of Africa Foundation's foster home for orphans, abused children and street children. the shelter houses about 60 children each year.

THE SUCCESS STORIES OF FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE SHELTER



Gba Prince, Eric Bacon and Ezekiel Essi have come a long way and their story is an example.

These young people from poor families are former residents of the shelter. They are now on the way to making their dream come true, even if their beginnings have been less than ideal.

Gba Prince for instance has done an internship with Olympique Lyonnais thanks to his sponsor Richard Berry.

Eric Bacon has studied in China, this young man can speak French, English and Chinese. When he returned home, he was hired by a Chinese company.

Ezekiel Essi, for his part, completed his art studies at INSAAC. He obtained a degree in this prestigious school. He is preparing to take the entrance test to the Centre of Pedagogical Training for Arts and Culture (CEPAC).



FAST BREAKING MEAL



Headed by Mr. Bakari Konaté, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs, Muslims from the office of the First Lady offered a fast breaking dinner to children of La Case on 18th May 2019. In addition, they offered several gifts to the children.



IMMUNIZATION SESSION



As part of her personal fight for the well-being of children, Mrs Dominique Ouattara takes a particular interest in their health. Thus, children living at the shelter were vaccinated against meningitis, typhoid fever, yellow fever and tetanus, with the assistance of the National Institute of Public Hygiene (INHP).



THE EMBASSY OF LEBANON TO MAKE A DONATION

The Embassy of Lebanon offered food items to the residents of La case des enfants, the Children Of Africa Foundation's shelter for disadvantaged children, on 25 May 2019. The gifts were received by Mrs. Béatrice Durand, in charge of social actions at the Children Of Africa Foundation. The donation ceremony witnessed the presence of Mr. Khalil Mohamad, chargé des Affaires at the embassy ; his wife and children; and Mr. Oussan Zorkot, a regular funding donor.





LA LIBRAIRIE DE FRANCE DONATES SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Before going on vacation residents of La Case had a chance to spend time with The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Librairie de France.

He urged them to always focus on their studies and give their best.

Mr René Yedieti offered notebooks, writing materials, and many other school supplies.

A JAPANESE NGO VISITS THE SHELTER



On April 13, 2019, the children of La Case were visited by a Japanese NGO. During the visit, the kids were able to discover Japanese traditional songs and operas and tea service ritual. It was a very beautiful experience during which the children shared traditional dances with the Japanese ladies dressed in traditional clothing, in a joyful and cheerful atmosphere.



KIDS CIRCUS WORKSHOP

On February 23 and 24, 2019, the children of La Case were provided a circus workshop offered by the performer Damien and his 12-year-old son from France. For two days the children were trained in juggling and clowning. At the end of the workshop some of them gave a small performance showing their flexibility and humour in a pleasant atmosphere.



BIBLIOBUSES TRAVELING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

This year our mobile libraries have traveled to many places around villages, towns and big cities providing children with free access to books. In 2019 the mobile libraries have visited cities and schools in Abidjan and the countryside (Adiaké, Aboisso, Anyama, Katiola and Koumassi).

On 25 March 2019, one of the mobile libraries visited a school in Koumassi where students were able to come across the diversity and richness of books from 23 March to 30 March 2019, the mobile library visited the military school in Bingerville during their cultural week and their 80th anniversary celebrations. It was an exciting moment for the kids. On April 10, 2019, Children Of Africa provide a library buse to the city of Jacqueville during the first edition of the city's Book Week.

We have also established our mobile libraries at major cultural and book events such as :

the 15th edition of the Daoukro International Festival of Arts and Culture (FICAD), from 13 to 21 March 2019, the 2019 edition of FEMUA Kids, the 12th edition of the Anoumabo Urban Music Festival (FEMUA) and the 11th edition of the Abidjan International Book Fair (SILA), from 15 to 19 May 2019, at the Palais de la Culture in Abidjan.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS AND YOUTHS

Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of Children of Africa Foundation launched the 12th edition of the football tournament with the cup named after her on 16 July 2019. The launch ceremony took place in the garden of the Children Of Africa Foundation main offices, and witnessed the participation of Mr Danho Paulin Claude, Minister of Sports and Leisure, members of the Government, elected officials, as well as Ivorian football personalities. For this 12th edition, the Children Of Africa Foundation tournament will take place in 60 localities across the country. For a total cost of 55 million CFA francs, the tournament will be held until the start of the next school year.



THE 5TH SUMMER CAMP IN CAP D'AIL, FRANCE

For the 2019 edition, 10 of the country's best students were selected for the 5th summer camp in Cap d'Ail, France. A small ceremony, sponsored by Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of Children Of Africa, took place on July 18, 2019, to say goodbye to the students. It witnessed the presence of Mrs Florence NYS, Secretary General of the



CITE CLUB UNIVERSITY Foundation, Mrs Clarisse Duncan, wife of the Vice-President of the Republic; Mrs Kandia Kamissoko Camara, Minister of National Education, Technical Education and Vocational Training; Mrs Bakayoko Ly-Ramata, Minister of Women, Family and Children; Mr Gilles Hurberson, Ambassador of France to Côte d'Ivoire

parents. This ceremony takes on a special significance in this 5th anniversary year of the program.





TREATMENT OF PATIENT SUFFERING FROM ESOPHAGEAL CAUSTIC STENOSIS



The Mother and Child's Hospital of Bingerville, in collaboration with the Children Of Africa Foundation and French NGO La Chaîne de l'Espoir, organized a surgery for esophagus rehabilitation on March 09 - 17, 2019.. The objective of this humanitarian mission, which took place within the Hospital, was to provide free care for

thirteen children suffering from caustic burns, caustic ingestion due to consumption of caustic liquid on soda. The surgeries were conducted by a team of doctors and experts from the Mother and Child's Hospital of Bingerville, La Chaîne de l'Espoir and from other African countries. on March 14, 2019, Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of

the Children Of Africa Foundation, decided to pay a visit, to the young patients to show her support. She was joined by M. Eric Cheyson, President of la Chaîne of Hope, Professor Yann Revillon, Mr. Frédéric du Sart, Managing Director of the MCH of Bingerville and Professor Sylvia da Silva-Anoma.



THE EUROPEAN UNION AMBASSADOR TO VISIT THE MOTHER AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL OF BINGERVILE

H.E. Jobst Von Kirchmann, Ambassador of the European Union in Côte d'Ivoire and his wife visited the Mother and Child Hospital in Bingerville on June 24, 2019. It was the opportunity for him to see the new-generation technical platform of the Hospital. Offered leaving, Mr. Jobst Von Kirchmann offered some gifts to patients.





INNOVATION: IMPLANTED MEDICAL DEVICE FOR CHILD PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM CANCER

Since September 27, 2019, the Mother and Child's Hospital of Bingerville in collaboration with the El Yosr Clinic based in Tunisia, is using a medical device to treat child patients with cancer. This procedure involves placing a device in a patient's central vein to facilitate chemotherapy and protect patients' peripheral venous capital. In

fact, children with cancer have frequent infusions required for their care, which is painful and traumatic. In addition, the longer the treatment, the more damaged the veins are, and the more difficult it is for the child to infuse. This device, which can be perforated through the skin, is placed under general anaesthesia and can be maintained for several months.

The device ensures patient comfort. This technique was practiced at the Mother and Child Hospital by Dr. Khaldoun Ghannouchi, President and CEO of El Yosr Clinic.



THE PRINCESS OF JORDAN TO VISIT THE MOTHER AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL OF BINGERVILLE



Her Royal Highness of Jordan, Princess Sarah Zeid, visited the Mother and Child's Hospital in Bingerville on July 19, 2019. She was accompanied for the occasion by Mr. AKA Aouélé Eugène, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene; Mrs.

Bakayoko Ly-Ramata, Minister of Women, Family and Children; Mrs. Nadine Sangaré, Director of Children Of Africa and Mr. Frédéric Dusart, Director General of the MCH Bingerville. The Princess visited some of the hospital's services including

the pediatric unit, the Ophthalmology Unit, the Neonatology unit, Imaging, the Hospitalization and Surgery units. The visit ended with a ceremony held in the amphitheatre.



THE BIOMERIEUX LABORATORY PROVIDES ITS SUPPORT TO THE MOTHER AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL

On June 5, 2019, the Mother and Child's Hospital of Bingerville received an important delegation from the BioMérieux laboratory headed by M Alexandre Mérieux, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). After the visit, the delegation had a working session with the hospital's top management, during which they promised to raise their level of support for the hospital. BioMérieux, a world leader in the field of in vitro diagnostics for over 50 years, remains driven by its pioneering spirit and commitment to improving public health around the world. Today, the company is present in more than 150 countries. Through its 42 subsidiaries and its distribution network, Biomérieux is able to offer diagnostic solutions that improve the health of patient and consumer safety.



THE MOTHER AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL WAS AWARDED THE AP-HP QUALITY LABEL



The Mother and Child's Hospital of Bingerville received the silver quality label from the Assistance Publique des Hôpitaux de Paris (AP-HP), on Monday 30 September 2019. The AP-HP quality label was given to Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, during a ceremony held at the hospital's amphitheatre in the presence of Mr Aka Aouélé Eugène, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene, Mr Martin Hirsch, Director General of Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris (AP-HP), Mr Gilles Huberson, Ambassador of France to Côte d'Ivoire, Mr Jobst Von Kirchmann, Ambassador of the European Union to Côte d'Ivoire, partners and the hospital personnel. The AP-HP silver label makes the Bingerville MCH a referral hospital in Africa in terms of safety of care. Mrs Dominique Ouattara, in her speech, expressed her satisfaction for the progress made for the well-being of children and their mothers.



THE WIVES OF HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS MAKE A DONATION



On Tuesday, October 15, 2019, the wives of accredited ambassadors in Côte d'Ivoire donated 10 million CFAF and drugs to the Mother and Child's Hospital in Bingerville during a ceremony at the hospital's amphitheatre. According to the group's president, Mrs Farida BOUGEITAIA, this donation is an opportunity to confirm their commitment to provide support to the underprivileged in order to put a smile on their faces. The Mother and Child's Hospital, which takes care of 25% of underprivileged patients, provides an opportunity to volunteers like the wives of ambassadors to make a contribution. Christophe Lambert, the famous movie actor, took this opportunity to express his congratulations to the First Lady and the medical team for their efforts. On behalf of the First Lady, Mrs Dominique OUATTARA, the Director General of the Hospital, Hachim DIOP, expressed his gratitude to the donors who have been supporting the facility since its inception.





THE FIRST IN VITRO FERTILIZATION BABIES AT THE MOTHER AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL OF BINGERVILLE



The Mother and Child's Hospital in Bingerville recorded its first IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) babies. After several years together, Mr and Mrs A.O. could not have children, they decided to go to Hospital for a solution.

Following a series of medicals, they were advised to take IVF. On July 26, 2019, the lady gave birth to healthy twins. She returned home very happy on Monday, July 29, 2019.

6TH EYE SCREENING CAMPAIGN IN THE TONKPI REGION: 23,000 CHILDREN WERE PROVIDED FREE CARE



The free eye screening campaign and treatment for children age 0 to 15 was launched on June 19, 2019 by Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation. The campaign, during which free consultations and care were provided to 23,000 children in the Tonkpi region, took place From 19 to 30 June 2019. The launch ceremony witnessed the presence of Mrs Clarisse Kablan Duncan, wife of the Vice President of the Republic; Mr Eugène Aka Aouélé, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene; Dr Abdallah Albert Mabri Toikeusse, President of the Tonkpi Regional Council and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Mr Sidiky Konaté, Minister of Handicrafts.





CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2018



December 22, 2018, Children Of Africa celebrated christmas in the garden of the Presidential Palace with 3,000 children from different neighbourhoods of Abidjan. It was an exciting moment

for the kids . In addition, 12,000 children living in other towns were also granted the opportunity to celebrate Christmas thanks to Children of Africa Foundation. It was a wonderful time for all these kids

who never had the opportunity to celebrate christmas.



VISITING THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE NEW CHILDREN'S SHELTER IN BOUAKÉ



Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation, visited the construction site of the Bouaké reception centre on 8 March 2019,. Several members of the Government, including Ms Kandia Kamissoko Camara, Minister of National Education; Ms Bakayoko Ly Ramata, Minister of Family, Women and Children; Mr Adama Koné, Minister of Transport and Mr Sidi Touré, Minister of Communication and Media, were with the First Lady, on the site tour. The visit gave an opportunity to the President of the Children Of Africa Foundation to see firsthand what's happening on the project. It should be noted that the construction project started on October 4, 2018.

ART EXHIBITION IN SOFTEL HOTEL IVOIRE



«Unique Objects», a line of objets d'art created by Princess Ira von Fürstenberg, godmother of the Children Of Africa Foundation, were presented on April 23, 2019, at the Sofitel Hotel Ivoire. Several high rank officials including President Alassane Ouattara; Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Of Africa Foundation; Vice-President Daniel Kablan Duncan and his wife, Mrs Clarisse Duncan; Mr Maurice Kouakou Bandama, Minister of Culture and Francophonie; Mr Abdoul Karim Sango, Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism of Burkina Faso enhanced the event with their presence. About a hundred extremely rare pieces of rock crystal and semi-precious stones have been put up for sale for the benefit of the Children Of Africa Foundation from Wednesday 24th to Thursday, April 25, 2019 . Each piece in this collection has been handcrafted and bears the prestigious signature of Princess Ira Von Fürstenberg.

THE CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE OF SOUBRE TO HOUSE ITS FIRST RESIDENTS



THE CENTRE HAS 81 RESIDENTS

From 7 June 2018 to 5 June 2019, the Soubré reception centre provided care to 81 victims of child trafficking, exploitation and child labour. Not only the children were housed at the centre, but they were also provided birth certificate. In addition, a listening session was held in order to provide better session to victims.



FIRST MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On February 11, 2019, the Management Committee of the Soubré reception centre held a meeting with the Minister for Women, Family and Children. The objective of this meeting was to coordinate activities.



RESIDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES



With the help of educators, residents at the Soubré reception centre learn the daily activities of living such as making the bed, laundry, cleaning.. These are some socializing activities that give children a sense of family life.

SPORTS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



In January 2019, the centre organized football, handball and Taekwondo competitions with the aim at developing among children a sense of team spirit, competition, and also discipline.



DAILY LIFE ACTIVITIES



Songs, games, dances, poems, reading, storytelling, drama and drawing sessions are organized in order to satisfy children's curiosity about the world. In addition, literacy sessions or academic support depending on the child's level are also organized. The centre also provides computer training to students.



TRAINING OF 45 COMMUNITY MOBILIZERS

On January 31, 2019, a training workshop was held by the centre to build the capacity of 45 community mobilizers on techniques to identify child victims of sexual abuse trafficking, exploitation and the worst forms of labour.



SOCIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REINTEGRATION OF RESIDENTS

AWARENESS RAISING SESSIONS

The management team organized several community awareness sessions in Yabayo, Anassou, Oupoyo, Gnity School, Petit Béoumi and in 4 districts of Soubré in order to enhance interest in the centre and its activities. These meetings have helped to promote awareness among child protection stakeholders, organisations, women's and youth associations and the media.



The Soubré reception centre has initiated sewing, hairdressing, carpentry and masonry training for residents in order to facilitate their integration into working life.

RESIDENTS RECEIVE FULL SUPPORT

The residents of the Soubré shelter are fully supported by the centre in terms of accommodation, food, medical care, education and psychological follow up.



NEWS FROM OTHER FUNDED CENTRES IN AFRICA

HAC Centre in Cameroon



With the supervision of instructors, 150 children received training from May to August 2019 in swimming - plastic arts - video games - taekwondo - music - cooking / gardening - board games – computers.

SOS FEVVF in Niger



As part of its mission to combat violence against women and children, SOS FEVVF has implemented school feeding programme for young girls to keep them in school and prevent forced and early marriage. 5 school dining halls provide meals to more than 350 girls.

Samusocial in Mali



As part of the Day of the African Child, Samusocial Mali organized on 27 June 2017 at the Cité des enfants in Bamako, in order to take action to help children in difficult situations in the district of Bamako. More than 400 children, mainly displaced children, girl domestic workers, street children and child parliamentarians present at the ceremony called on authorities to help these kids.



Samusocial in Senegal



The children of Samusocial Senegal visited the new Museum of Black Civilizations, which opened in Dakar in 2019. The director of the museum had made a guide available to the group to explain the historical significance of the objects displayed in the rooms, from prehistory to our contemporary world. This exceptional morning was an opportunity for the kids to have a better understanding of their culture and history.

Village Pilot in Senegal



Every week, the centre's animators carry out «street listening session» to monitor and identify street children. Between January and July 2019, 179 young people voluntarily joined Village Pilote. Once welcomed in the centre, the children receive psychological support, they are listened to through regular interviews. The reforestation project of the great corniche of Dakar, which lasted one month, also allowed the mobilization of young people on issues related to forest preservation.

La Voix du Coeur in Central Africa

La Voix du Coeur works on behalf of street children and children in distress affected by the crisis that has been shaking the country since 2012. The centre of Damala located 10km from Bangui has been opened for girls who have suffered sexual abuse and other abuses during the conflict. They are sent to boarding schools to learn a trade, while the youngest are enrolled in the local school.

NEWS FROM OTHER FUNDED CENTRES IN AFRICA

Arc en ciel in Gabon



This year, the centre has reintegrated some 20 children into their families or countries of origin. In addition, Arc en Ciel carried out actions in the North of the country to better identify the difficulties encountered by children. This has enabled to finalize the National Action Plan for the Protection of Children.

Urgence Afrique in Burkina Faso



At la Case des tout-petits de Niou, 90 children learn to read and write. In 2019, nearly 200 children have received financial aid to pay their school fees and school supplies.

OTHER FUNDED CENTRES IN AFRICA

- Foyer Saint Joseph in Guinea
- Urgence Afrique in Togo
- Samusocial in Burkina Faso
- Urgence Afrique in Benin

WE PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SIX CENTRES IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

SAPE CI



Sape CI provides social support to vulnerable children, women and families by providing food, medical, legal and judicial assistance. It also organizes Christmas trees, school holiday activities and offers school equipment.

La Maison de l'enfance



Since the beginning of the year, the centre has received 88 children, with 58 of them in boarding schools. Among the children, 27 have been reintegrated into their families. All these children were involved in after-school activities to help them pursue higher education or vocational training. The centre also celebrated the Day of the African Child with the handing over of school materials to children.

La Source



Young volunteers from Bouaké organized a recreation time for children who have passed their exams. It was a good opportunity to reward and congratulate them. That was an exciting moment for the children.

OTHER FUNDED CENTRES IN COTE D'IVOIRE

Le centre Sainte Marie

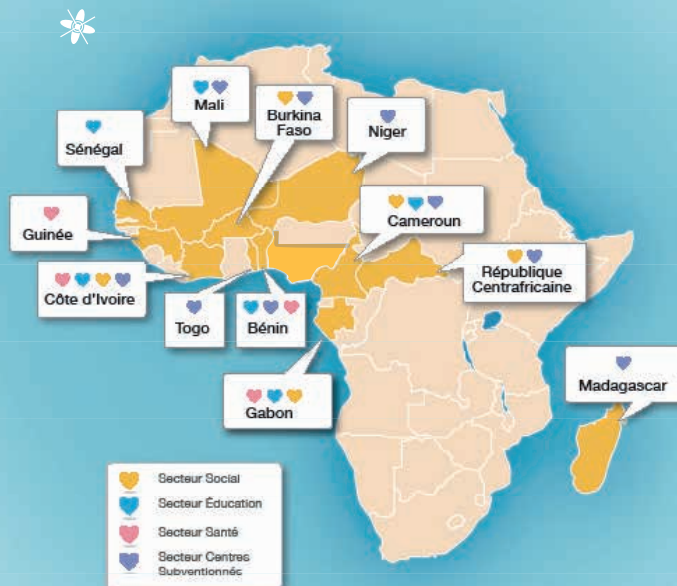
Le Village d'enfants SOS

Le centre Arc en Ciel



The Foundation at a glance

Children of Africa operates in **12** countries



Open your hearts to the children in Africa.
Do not forget them !

Your generosity is helping us to offer a better life to thousands of children in Africa. Let's make this Christmas a beautiful Christmas for them!

Choose the program you wish to support:

- ☐ Girls education: 100 000 F CFA
- ☐ Health centres: 80,000 F CFA
- ☐ School kits: 55 000 F CFA
- ☐ Foster homes: 50 000 F CFA
- ☐ Vaccination campaign: 35,000 F CFA
- ☐ Donation of your choice:F CFA

We are again this year counting on your support:

- ☐ I give 500, 000 F CFA
- ☐ I give 1,000,000 F CFA
- ☐ I give 2,000,000 F CFA

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300,000

Children have free access to reading

169,000

Children have been treated against parasites

84,027

Children were immunized against meningitis and typhoide fever

108,000

School kits were distributed

103,000

Children benefitted from free eye screening campaigns

16

Funded foster homes

10

Computer rooms

9

Mobile libraries