

## The UCB Societal Responsibility Fund

*At a glance:*

*Brothers of Charity – Democratic Republic of Congo ( Lubumbashi )*

**Where**

Country : Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Region : Province of Katanga



**Who is involved**

Organization : Brothers of Charity serving people with neuro-psychiatric and orthopedic diseases and conditions in 32 countries

**Medical background**

Therapeutic area : Epilepsy

Focus : The neuro-psychiatric center Joseph Guislain [NPCJG] (on the outskirts of Lubumbashi) offers specialist consultations for patients living with epilepsy

- Patients consult with a physician or a neuro-psychiatric nurse
- Patients have access to anti-epileptic treatment

- Patients can also receive an electro-encephalogramme (EEG) for diagnosis
- Access to additional technical investigations, such as CT-scan or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in facilities in the city; however cost is mostly prohibitive to patients

Visit of mobile team to the primary health care centers of Saint-Luc and M'Linzi (in the city of Likasi), of Saint-Charles (city of Kipushi) and of Don Basco (Kitumaini)

- Physician, nursing staff and administrative assistant provide free consultations for people from remote areas in the four primary health care centers
- The mobile team in Likasi will stay for six days during the two-monthly rotating visits

### ***Epilepsy in the DRC***

- An estimated 800,000 people live with epilepsy, of which 450,000 children are below the age of 15 years old
- Around 95% of people living with epilepsy receive no (or irregular) treatment
- Traditional healers are often the only source of health care
- Epilepsy is a stigmatizing disease in this environment
- Children living with epilepsy often have severe burns as a seizure might provoke kitchen accidents
- Overall knowledge of epilepsy, as well as access to adequate treatment in low income and remote areas are very poor and limited

***Other partners***      *Fracarita Belgium, a Belgian NGO, supporting the Brothers of Charity*

***Timeline***                      UCB has a 4-year contract with Faracarita Belgium which will begin in 2014

### ***Budget requirement***

2013	80,000€
2014	80,000€
2015	80,000€
2016	80,000€

***More info to follow on specific needs and support you can donate to.***

### **The UCB Societal Responsibility Fund**

***At a glance:***

***Brothers of Charity – Kigali***

#### ***Where***

Country : Rwanda

Region : Kigali



## ***Who is involved***

Organization : Brothers of Charity serving people with neuro-psychiatric and orthopedic diseases and conditions in 32 countries

## ***Medical background***

Therapeutic area : Epilepsy

Focus : The neuro-psychiatric center Caraes (NPCC) , located in N'Dera at 17Km east of the capital, is the only tertiary reference center for neurology and psychiatry. Patients have access to

- Qualified neurology medical staff
- Electro-encephalogram (EEG) and electromyography (EMG) for diagnosis
- Anti-epileptic treatment
- Additional technical investigations, such as CT-scan or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in medical facilities in the capital; however, cost is mostly prohibitive to patients

### *“Epilepsie caravane”*

- medical staff of the NPCC
- build medical and nursing capacity through education to staff of district hospitals and staff of associated of primary health centers
- northern province

### Advanced training

- Completion of 4-year neurology training of staff member at the University of Dakar
- Completion of a 4-year post-doc neurology research program in association with the University of Gent (Belgium)

## ***Epilepsy in Rwanda***

- An estimated 500,000 people live with epilepsy, of which 210,000 children are below the age of 15 years old, based on the revised prevalence data of 45/1,000

- Around 95% of people living with epilepsy receive no (or irregular) treatment
- Traditional healers are often the only source of health care
- Epilepsy is a stigmatizing disease in this environment, with 60% of the persons living with epilepsy not entitled to schooling, work, marriage or use of public places
- Overall knowledge of epilepsy, as well as access to adequate treatment in low income and remote areas are very poor and limited
- The Rwandan League Against Epilepsy, local chapter of the ILAE was created in 2013

***Other partners***      *Fracarita Belgium, a Belgian NGO, supporting the Brothers of Charity*

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***Budget requirement***

2014	110,000€
2015	110,000€
2016	110,000€
2017	110,000€

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