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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>80,000€</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>80,000€</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>80,000€</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>80,000€</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 of 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*

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

**Budget requirement**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Amount (€)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>110,000€</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>110,000€</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>110,000€</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>110,000€</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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