

CHAINE DE L'ESPOIR / CHAIN OF HOPE – EUROPE

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INTRODUCTION

CHAINE DE L'ESPOIR / CHAIN OF HOPE – EUROPE (COHE) unites the skills and resources of 4 founding European NGOs: La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France), Chaîne de l'Espoir (Belgium)/Keten van Hoop België, Bambini Cardiopatici Nel Mondo (Italy) and the RobinAid Foundation (Germany). In March 2015, Cadeia da Esperança (Portugal) joined the organisation as its fifth member. Most recently, in September 2017, Chaîne de l'Espoir Luxembourg joined the organisation as its sixth member.

The COHE is a non-profit network of medical and surgical experts who have been caring for populations in need and sharing knowledge in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and South America for over 20 years.

Its objectives are as follows:

- To increase the impact of its projects abroad
- To advocate for its projects informing international authorities and the European public
- To launch Europe-wide awareness and fundraising campaigns to gain the support of international agencies, private companies and the public.



COHE cooperation in 2017

A) Missions

Surgical missions are currently carried out in Africa and Middle-East.

The targets of these missions are the following:

- consult, perform surgery, and treat a great number of children
- train local doctors and paramedics through organised work in pair, aiming for the local staff to acquire autonomy in treating pediatric pathologies
- hand out medical supplies and equipment

The teams include voluntary surgeons and doctors, expert in specialised pediatric disciplines, but also qualified paramedical staff (nurses, bio-technicians, physiotherapists, prosthetists....)





JORDAN (04-15 March 2017) - Orthopedic Surgery

COHE Members: La Chaîne de l'Espoir France, Chaîne de l'Espoir Luxembourg

Medical team: Dr Jerry Kieffer, pediatric orthopedic surgeon - Dr Miriam Raffel, pediatric orthopedic surgeon - Dr Josiane Modert, anesthesiologist - Dr Patrice Grehten, radiologist

Location: Al Maqassed Hospital, Amman

Funding: La Chaîne de l'Espoir, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

Context: Syrian refugees are the primary target population for missions in pediatric cardiac and orthopedic surgery. There are over 650,000 registered Syrian refugees in Jordan. Most of them live in poor urban areas and are often unable to access healthcare and any other vital services. Expensive medical care involving surgery is particularly difficult to obtain for refugees. With the assistance of the European Commission, La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France) performs complex, often life-saving, cardiac and orthopedic surgeries on child refugees in Jordan. Patients are treated for congenital malformations, gunshot injuries, lesions following amputations and other medical problems.

Mission results:

Surgeries performed on 15 children (5 girls) (age : from 4 months to 14 years old)
XX consultations

JORDAN (4-14 March 2017) - Cardiac Surgery

COHE Members: La Chaîne de l'Espoir France, Cadeia de Esperanza, Spanish medical team (not yet members)

Medical team: Tomasa Centella, cardiac surgeon - Alejandro Vázquez, cardiac Surgeon - Matilde López Zea, cardiologist and echocardiographist - Raquel Collado Gutierrez, anesthesiologist - Ana Coca Pérez, pediatric intensivist - Ana Domingo Rueda, ICU nurse - Virginia Manzano Bas, ICU nurse - Marta Pérez Langa, OT and ICU nurse - Sylvain Chauvaud, cardiac surgeon - Manuel Antunes, cardiac surgeon

Location: Amman – Al Gardens Hospital

Funding: La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

CONTEXT

At present time, Syrian refugees are the main target population of la Chaîne de l'Espoir France paediatric cardiac surgery missions. Jordanian vulnerable children get support from Foundations run by the Royal Family (including the Royal Court itself) and have access to such services at Amman Military Hospital. However, it seems there is a long waiting list and the quality of such care may not be up to the mark. Future missions could therefore envisage collaborating with the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Health to include such cases, i.e. more Jordanian vulnerable children in the missions, taking into account their socioeconomic status. Since January 2014, La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France) has been taking actions in favour of Syrian child refugees with heart diseases, mainly congenital defects.

Mission results:

Surgeries performed on 12 children (5 girls) (age : from 5 months to 14 years old)
XX consultations



JORDAN (20-29 May 2017) - Cardiac Surgery

COHE Members: La Chaîne de l'Espoir France, Cadeia de Esperanza,

Medical team: Prof. Manuel Jesus Antunes, Cardiac Surgeon - David Prieto La Plaza, Cardiac Surgeon - Manuel Zuzarte Carreira, Anesthetist - António Albuquerque Ribeiro, Perfusionist - Carla Pinheiro, Scrub Nurse - Emília Mesquita Sola, Head Nurse - António José Ferreira, ICU Nurse - António Santos Pires, Pediatric Cardiologist - Ricardo Simões, ICU Nurse

Location: Amman – Al Gardens Hospital

Funding: La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

CONTEXT

Same as previous mission

Mission results:

Surgeries performed on 14 children (8 girls) (age : from 13 months to 17 years old)
XX consultations

JORDAN (25 August- 5 September 2017) - Cardiac Surgery

COHE Members: La Chaîne de l'Espoir France, Chain of Hope UK (not a member)

Medical team: Vibeke Hjortdal, Surgeon - Shakeel Qureshi, Cardiologist - Michael Oketch, Assistant Surgeon - Gunnar Bentsen, Anaesthetist - Stan Brown, Perfusionist - Jan Taylor, ICU Nurse - Britt Fredriksen, ICU Nurse - Rebecca Akehurst, ICU Nurse - Anneke Gyles, ICU Nurse - Guro Grindheim, Intensivist - Samer Abdel Razeq, Intensivist - Chris Walker, Intensivist - Calum Holden, ICU Nurse - Marta Cucchi, ICU Nurse

Location: Amman, Al Gardens Hospital

Funding: La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

CONTEXT

Same as previous mission

Mission results:

Surgeries performed on 9 children (4 girls) (age : from 8 months to 18 years old)
XX consultations



JORDAN (14-25 October 2017) - Orthopedic Surgery

COHE Members: La Chaîne de l'Espoir France, Chaîne de l'Espoir Luxembourg

Medical team: Nicolas Dion MD, pediatric anesthetists - Miriam Raffel MD, assistant in pediatric surgery - Patrice Grehten MD, pediatric radiologist - Jerry Kieffer MD, pediatric orthopedic surgeon

Location: Al Maqassed Hospital, Amman & Emirati Field hospital, in Mafrq

Funding: La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France), European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

CONTEXT

Same as previous mission

Mission results:

Surgeries performed on 12 children
134 consultations

SENEGAL (February 2017) - Cardiac Surgery

COHE Members: La Chaîne de l'Espoir France, Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo

Location: CHNU Fann, Dakar

Funding: La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France)

Mission results:

Heart surgeries performed on 5 children



B) Other cooperation

Children treated in Europe

One of the main actions undertaken by the members of the Chain of Hope Europe is to treat children, who do not have access to specialised healthcare in their country. Children stay in Europe for a period of 4 to 8 weeks, and live with voluntary foster families, who look after them and take care of their material and emotional needs. At the end of their treatment, and once they have fully recovered, the children return to their country and family.

Applications for these children are evaluated by a specialised medical committee, based on a full medical report. For the application to be accepted, various standards have to be fulfilled, related to the pathology type, the child's age, and the lack of access to the required medical treatment in the issuing country.

The complex surgery technics as well as the strict post-operative follow-up require medical equipment and infrastructures with security and hygiene standards which most developing countries lack.

COHE Members: Chaîne de l'Espoir France, Belgique, and Luxembourg

Hermann - 4 years old from Madagascar

Hermann was the first child to be treated and taken care of by la Chaîne de l'Espoir Luxembourg. His case was brought forward and diagnosed through the network of Chaîne de l'Espoir Belgique.

Hermann suffered from a cardiac malformation and was treated at the St Luc Hospital in Brussels. After his hospital stay, he returned with his foster parents to Luxembourg where he met his 'brothers and sisters'.

The foster parents accompanied Hermann during his medical visits to Dr. Kerstin Wagner, a pediatric cardiologist at Kannerklinik. She did the post-operative examinations and followed the progress of the patient's state of health.

Hermann went back to Madagascar as soon as the doctor gave the green light at the beginning of April.

Emmanuella - 6 years old from DR Congo

La Chaîne de l'Espoir Luxembourg welcomed Emmanuella in November 2017. She was treated by Dr Luc Schroeder at the Nord Hospital Center in Ettelbrück of a superinfected fistula and stayed a month in the Grand Duchy. Emmanuella's case was another case of Belgian-Luxembourg cooperation

Anselmne - 8 years old from Benin

Anselmne suffered from a congenital deformity of the tibia. Two surgeries were performed in Tanguieta by Belgian teams after which it was decided that his leg had to be amputated unless an ultimate intervention could be tried in a more rigorous environment in Europe.

The “last hope” surgery was performed at the Hospital Center of Luxembourg (CHL) in pair by Dr Kieffer from la Chaîne de l’Espoir Luxembourg and Dr Elbaum from the Chain of Hope Belgium. The intervention was a success and Anselme is enjoying his recovery time in Luxembourg with his foster family before he goes back to Benin in a few months.

Medical equipment

In order for the medical teams to perform high-end surgeries on children in developing countries, it is often required to purchase and transport specialized medical equipment for partner hospitals. This is another important area of cooperation for the members of the COHE.

In October 2017, Chaîne de l’Espoir Belgique organised an orthopedic surgery mission at the Albert Royer hospital in Dakar, Senegal. Unfortunately, they were informed only a few weeks before the mission that the hospital’s only reliably working respirator was out of service. With the help of la Chaîne de l’Espoir France, they were able to quickly purchase a new respirator and to have it delivered to Dakar thanks to the logistic network that France has developed in the region. The respirator purchased in Europe arrived in Dakar on time enabling the Belgian mission to be a success!



Press / Medias / Social Networks



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Here are a few articles and a video related to the humanitarian missions in Jordan under the lead of la Chaîne de l'Espoir France (ECHO funding).

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Suivre

EU&JO join forces in providing life-saving cardiac and orthopaedic surgery for refugee children in Jordan. Watch the story of Aseel, the youngest and smallest baby to undergo heart surgery in this life-saving programme youtu.be/Dx-HJb0YL9c via @YouTube @ECHO_MiddleEast



Jordan: life-saving surgery for child refugees
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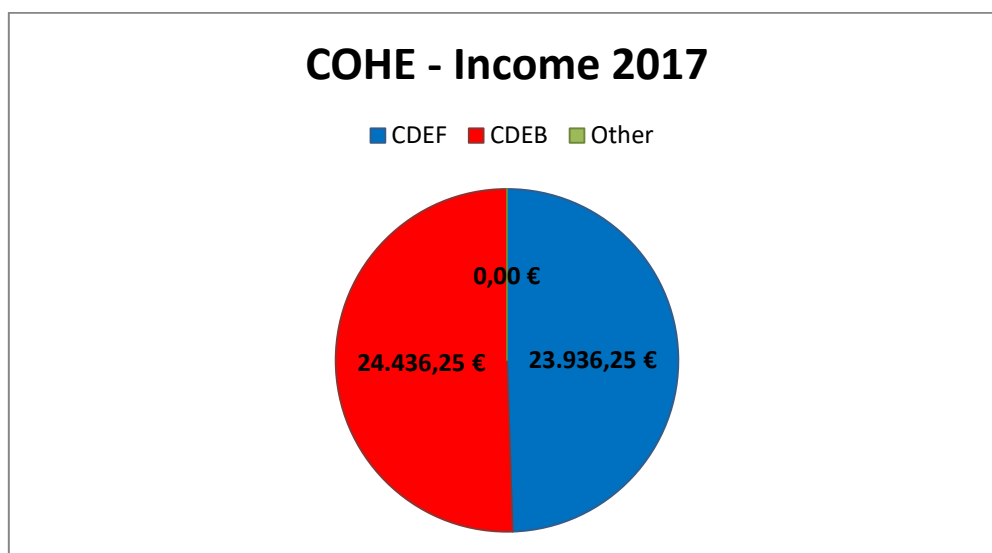
Financial Report

In 2017, **the total income** of the Chain of Hope Europe accounts to the following number :

Funding/Membership fee : 45.872,5 €

La Chaîne de l'Espoir France : 23.936,25 €

Chaîne de l'Espoir Belgique / Keten van Hoop België: 24.436,25 €



The total expenditure of the Chain of Hope Europe accounts to the following number :

Expenses : 11.369.58 €

Human resources : 3.819,58 €

Travel expenses : 91,60 €

Website maintenance : 2.500,00 €

