

## NEWSLETTER # 29 – September 2005

### PHARMACIENS SANS FRONTIERES COMITE INTERNATIONAL

#### Opération Cartes de Vœux Pharmaciens Sans Frontières

If you own or know a company that would like to send its best wishes on PSF greeting cards, please contact Jean-Marie Prouvost: [jm.prouvost@psf-ci.org](mailto:jm.prouvost@psf-ci.org)

Donations and receipts from sales of greeting cards are used to finance PSF's 15% contribution to the budget of development operations.

In 2004, 40 million people benefited from PSFCI programs in Burkina-Faso, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in Southern Sudan, Chad, Cambodia, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, in the Palestinian Territories and in Tajikistan.

With your support we can do more, better and faster.

## EVENTS

#### Fifty years for the International Biology Days (JIB)

The International Biology Days will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at the CNIT Convention Centre in Paris, on November 3 to 5, 2005

For information or to register, visit: [www.sdbio.fr/jib](http://www.sdbio.fr/jib) - [sdb@sdbio.fr](mailto:sdb@sdbio.fr)

#### 2005 UNDP report

*Unfair trade policies in the industrialised world damage growth prospects in developing countries*, according to UNDP's 2005 Human Development report . <http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2005/>

The **WHO Regional Committee for Africa** has declared tuberculosis a “**regional emergency**” and has called on member states to undertake urgent, extraordinary and intensified actions to bring the epidemic under control.

The African Union and the WHO Regional Office for Africa are working to map the pharmaceutical production capacity in Africa. The aim is to develop a **plan to produce medicines in Africa for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases**.

Thank you to *Art's humaniste d'urgence*, a group of visual artists, for organising exhibitions for the benefit of Pharmaciens Sans Frontières.

Organised by Europa Organisation, the **1st 'Forum des Pharmaciens'** will be held in Toulouse (France) on 11-13 November. In addition to providing an opportunity for experience sharing and knowledge upgrading, the forum wants to promote the ethical values of the pharmacy profession and to look towards the future of public health. <http://www.forum-pharma.com>

## MISSIONS

#### Sudan

A national unity government was formed 8 months after the Nairobi peace agreement signed on 9 January that ended 21 years of civil war between north and south in the country, killed about 1.5 million people and displaced about 4 million others.

Programs carried out by PSF in Southern Sudan:

- Since 1995, supply of facilities and medical NGOs with essential drugs, training of medical staff, monitoring and supervision (funding from ECHO)

- Since the end of 2004, supply of medical facilities and partner NGOs with anti-malaria drugs, training of medical staff on the new treatment protocol and stock management, monitoring and supervision (funding from the Global Fund)
- Since the end of 2004, supply of partner NGOs and TB units with anti-TB drugs, laboratory equipment and reagents, training of medical staff, monitoring and supervision (funding from the Global Fund)
- Since May 2005, supply of health centres and health posts with emergency health kits for 110,000 refugees returning to Southern Sudan, monitoring and supervision (funding from WHO)

## **Chad**

The 2004-2007 development program for the population in the Health Districts of Dourbali and Bousso (+ 1,488,000 people) continues. Its main objectives are:

- to increase awareness and social mobilisation
- to train the members of the Health and Management Committees
- to train health centres staff (prescribers and drug depot managers)
- to provide technical and financial support to the Chari Baguirmi Regional Health Authority:
  - o to establish a management system for the Regional Pharmacy (PRA)
  - o to attend coordination meetings organised by the Regional Health Delegation
  - o to organise workshops
- to collaborate with the District Management Teams
- to supervise the health centres
- to provide essential medicines and medical supplies at the PRA and health centre level
- to promote Essential Generic Drugs in order to fight street medicines
- to renovate the infrastructure

PSF-CI is still seeking financial partners for this program. Please contact, Christophe Marquet, Head of Africa Operations : [c.marquet@psf-ci.org](mailto:c.marquet@psf-ci.org)

## **Date of creation of PSF: 11 October 1985**

On 11 October 2005, the association will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Today Pharmaciens Sans Frontières's name is known and respected around the world thanks to all those who helped it grow.

### **Happy anniversary to all those who have supported us during the past 20 years.**

26 people at the headquarters, about 50 international volunteers in the field and over 300 local staff struggle every day to ensure that essential medicines reach the most vulnerable populations in the world.

Today, one third of the world's population still lacks access to essential medicines.

Every year, 17 million people die from diseases which could be treated.

To support our actions: <http://psfci.org/payedsecure/faireundon.php4>

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