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1 INTRODUCTION

The year 2025 was rich and marked by numerous activities, including several field missions in Senegal, Cameroon, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

These actions are part of a logic of skills transfer, strengthening healthcare systems, and empowering local teams.

- **Senegal (Ziguinchor - Casamance)**
Masterclass in laparoscopic surgery, anesthesia, and operating room technicians.
Training in radiology and ENT.
Inauguration of a pathology department..
- **Congo DRC (Isiro)**
Training in goiter surgery, anesthesia, and radiology.
- **Cameroon (Yaounde)**
Project for venous access in pediatric oncology through the placement of implantable central venous access ports (CVAPs).

The strength of our association lies in the work carried out in close collaboration with our local colleagues, focusing on concrete problems they themselves have identified, while constantly ensuring the sustainability of activities.



Masterclass in Laparoscopy in Ziguinchor - Senegal

January 6-10,2025

(Report available at www.associationPSC.ch)

Surgery, Anesthesia, Operating Room Technicians

Actions

- 12 surgeons, 10 nurse anesthetists, 10 operating room nurses
- 17 laparoscopic procedures
- 8 hours of theoretical courses, 38 hours of workshops, 88 hours of practical training

Highlights

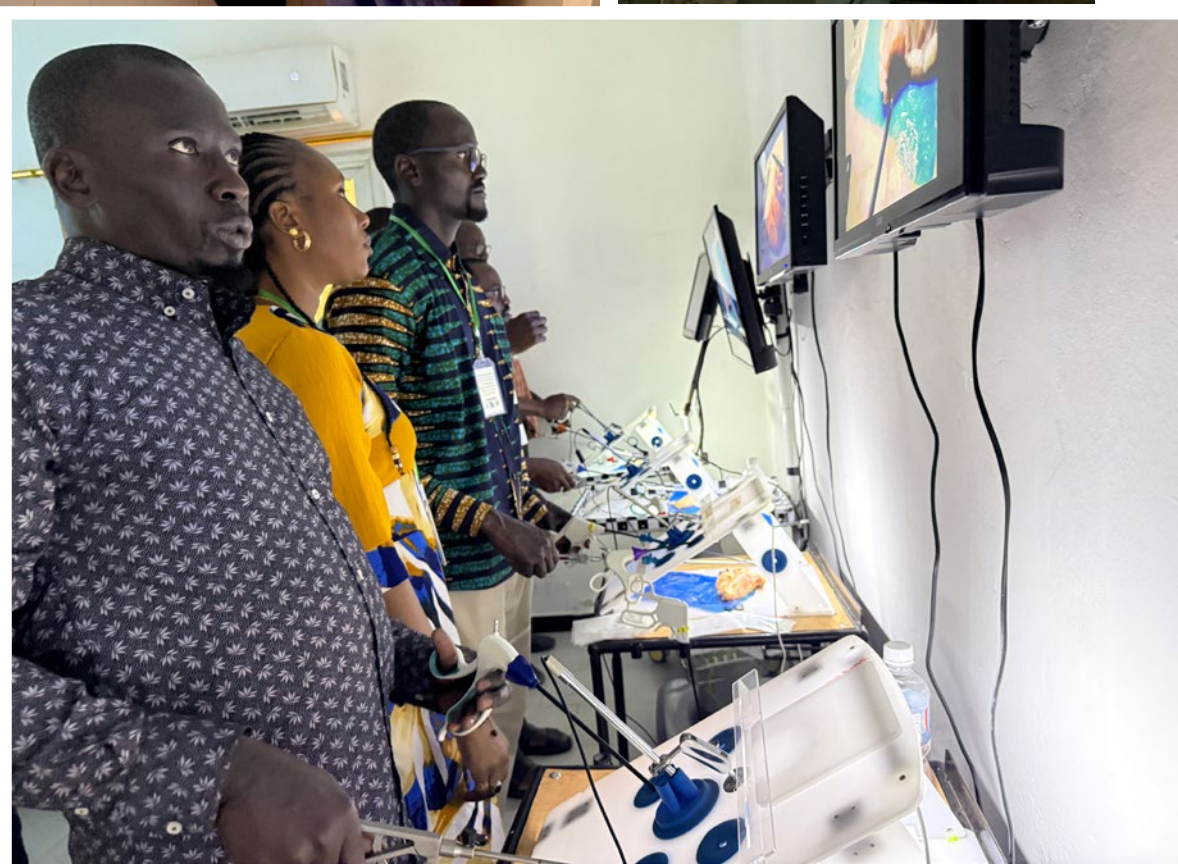
- Financial autonomy for local Masterclass expenses through participant registration fees
- Participants from all regions of Senegal
- Presence of Senegal's Minister of Health at the simulation center



3 MISSION CASAMANCE - SENEGAL

Outlook

- Opening participation to other countries
- Integrating the Masterclass into a national university diploma (DIU) in laparoscopy
- Construction and equipping of a recovery room to increase anesthetic safety. Inauguration in January 2026
- Expansion and improvement of the simulation center
- Improvement of operating room organization and equipment
- Streamlining the sterilization workflow
- Exporting the Laparoscopy Masterclass model to other countries



Pathology

Actions

- Inauguration in January 2025 of the pathology laboratory at Hôpital de la Paix, equipped by PSC.

Highlights

- First public laboratory outside the capital, Dakar.



Outlook

- Development of a laboratory information system (LIS)
- Moving toward the implementation of immunopathology
- Financial autonomy for laboratory operations



Radiology

Actions

- Training in neck ultrasound
- Practical workshops on ultrasound-guided diagnostic biopsy (FNA)

Highlights

- Cytodiagnosis after ultrasound-guided puncture with collaboration between ENT and pathology



Outlook

- Installing a radiology reading console for the CT scanner at Ziguinchor Regional Hospital
- Courses for radiology technicians for the subregion



ENT

Actions

- Training in managing vertigo and balance disorders
- Otoneurology consultations
- Calibration and installation of equipment provided by PSC

Highlights

- Practical courses in videonystagmography

Outlook

- Implementing a cochlear implant project for deaf newborns
- Training a speech therapist
- Supporting the creation of an otoneurology association in Senegal

Other PSC-Senegal Activities

- Signing of a partnership between PSC and Hôpital de la Paix in Ziguinchor, with Professor Omar Sow appointed as PSC representative in Senegal.
- Collection of medical books to rebuild the Ziguinchor Medical School library, burned during the political unrest of 2023.
- Purchase and collection of medical equipment for Hôpital de la Paix in Ziguinchor. Partnership with Humatem.
- Shipping of 30 m³ of equipment and books by container from Geneva.
- Visit of Professor Omar Sow to Geneva for training in medical simulation and networking with Geneva's medical simulation centers: SFITS and CIS.

Congo DRC – Isiro, Haut-Uélé Province

Mission to Isiro, Grace Hospital, November 8-13, 2025

(Report available at www.associationPSC.ch)

- 5 operative days
- 16 thyroid surgeries without recurrent laryngeal nerve injury
- 50 hours of anesthesia
- 100 ultrasounds

Surgery

Actions

- Hands-on training in goiter surgery for 4 Congolese surgeons working at Grace Hospital, supported by a Congolese instructor trained through the goiter project in Congo by the association 2ndChance, Dr. Martin Mwamba, who came from Goma.

Highlights

- No nerve injuries
- 100% Congolese-led procedures

Outlook

- Full autonomy in goiter surgery for Dr. Jean-Claude Bakonga, Chief Surgeon and Director of Grace Hospital
- Organization of a South-South, 100% Congolese goiter surgery campaign with Dr. Mwamba and an anesthesiologist
- Resumption of pediatric hydrocephalus treatment through surgical placement of ventriculoperitoneal shunts by Dr. Bakonga





Anesthesia

Actions

- Targeted supervision and mentoring of Mr. Dieudonné Mukombozi, anesthetist at Grace Hospital, focused on general anesthesia with intubation

Highlights

- Intensive, dedicated practical training for the sole anesthetist responsible at Grace Hospital



Outlook

- Full autonomy in general anesthesia
- Improvement of monitoring equipment and oxygen access
- Consideration of creating a recovery room

Radiology

Actions

- Visit by Mr. Philippe Besson, engineer specialized in radiology equipment
- Detailed technical planning for the construction of a radiology building and its equipment
- Over 100 cervical and abdominal ultrasounds while supervising 5 physicians and radiologists from the province
- Theoretical courses in ultrasound and radiological anatomy

Highlights

- Technical finalization of the radiology installation project
- Integration into Grace Hospital and training of a radiology technician



Outlook

- Construction of the radiology building
- Installation of a generator dedicated to radiology
- Transport of a radiology unit from Geneva to Isiro
- Strengthening knowledge of radiological anatomy and radiology techniques

Pediatric Surgery in Yaounde – Cameroon

Surgical Placement of Permanent Venous Access for Pediatric Oncology Treatments

(Report available at www.associationPSC.ch)

Actions

- 44 missions to Cameroon
- 39 procedures performed
- Surgical and nursing training



Unfortunately, despite conciliation efforts, numerous obstacles hindered the smooth progress of this project. Communication difficulties and information withholding, the lack of involvement of key local individuals, and non-compliance with protocols led to an unacceptable infection rate and a loss of motivation among the various parties, forcing us to suspend this project under these conditions.

Highlights

- Empowerment of a surgeon for the implantation procedure
- Use for oncological treatment in the majority of children

Outlook

- Suspension of the implantation project in its current form
- Follow-up of patients with implants
- Restructuring of the project in another facility if possible

Objectives Already Achieved in 2026

- Delivery of the 30 m³ container of medical equipment and books to Ziguinchor
- Inauguration of the Recovery Room at Hôpital de la Paix in Ziguinchor
- Inauguration of the Ziguinchor Medical School Library
- Installation of a radiology reading station at Ziguinchor Regional Hospital
- 6th Masterclass in Laparoscopic Surgery, Anesthesia, and Operating Room Techniques in Ziguinchor
- Finalization of construction plans for the radiology building at Grace Hospital in Isiro, Congo DRC.



Projects for 2026

- 1 Construction of the radiology building at Grace Hospital in Isiro, Congo DRC
- 2 Transport by container and installation of two radiology units from Geneva to Isiro
- 3 Equipment for the Ziguinchor simulation center
- 4 Training mission to Isiro, November, Congo DRC
- 5 Autonomous South-South goiter surgery campaign, Isiro, Congo
- 6 Resumption of pediatric hydrocephalus treatment, Isiro, Congo
- 7 Transport of operating tables to Congo and Senegal



Potential Projects 2026-2027

- 8 Cochlear implants in deaf children
 - In collaboration with Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) and the CURIC center
 - First implants outside Dakar for children from the subregion (Senegal, Gambia, Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau)
 - Training of a Senegalese speech therapist in Geneva
- 9 Construction and equipping of the extension of the Ziguinchor simulation center (see presentation video on our website)
- 10 Masterclass in Laparoscopic Surgery in Djibouti
- 11 Masterclass in Laparoscopic Surgery in Ziguinchor - January 2027
- 12 Follow-up of patients operated on in Cameroon
- 13 Implementation of immunopathology services in Ziguinchor

PSC’s total expenses for all its activities in 2025 amounted to 142,000 CHF.

The PSC account balance as of December 31, 2025, was 210,000 CHF.

The 2026 provisional budget already funded for ongoing projects is 138,000 CHF.

The 2026 provisional budget required to carry out all our potential projects in 2026 is 276,000 CHF.

Project	Provisional Budget	Funded Y/N
1	100'000	Y
2	10'000	Y
3	20'000	N
4	25'000	N
5	5'000	N
6	8'000	Y
7	3'500	N
8	20'000	Y
9	150'000	N
10	7'500	N
11	15'000	N
12	30'000	N
13	20'000	N
Total Provisional Budget	414'000	
Funded	138'000	
Account Balance as of 1/1/2026	210'000	
Fundraising 2026/2027	276'000	

2025 confirms the relevance of the PSC model : **Train to Empower**

The results are predominantly very positive where collaboration occurs with motivated local partners who are both the initiators and actors of the projects, enabling their successful implementation. The venous access implantation project in pediatric oncology, despite the quality of its organization and the immense needs, encountered challenges due to the late discovery of unsuitable counterparts and must be redirected.

Several projects for 2026 are already completed or underway at the time of writing this report.

Others will be launched if the necessary funding can be obtained





Thank you for supporting us in securing 200,000 CHF in funding for the implementation of all planned projects for 2026-2027.

The entire committee deeply thanks all donors, large and small, private and institutional.

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