

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE

2017 is an important year for 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance because we are half-way through in the implementation of our 5 year strategy.

### IN 2015, WE DEFINED THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES :

Increase the number of surgeons training in reconstructive surgery

Support the integration of reconstructive surgery and surgery in general in public health policies and development and humanitarian responses

Allow patients an access to qualitative reconstructive surgery by strengthening technical gestures and perioperative safety

Shape a limited number of capacity building projects for surgeons on specific pathologies

Adapt and strengthen the internal capacities of the Association



RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY  
FOR LIFE RECONSTRUCTION

## INCREASE

### THE NUMBER OF SURGEONS TRAINING IN RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

- In 2017, we organized three workshops.
- In February, we were at the "University Teaching Hospital" of Lusaka in Zambia for an advanced workshop. 10 patients, many of them young children, were operated during the week. Dr Faith MUCHEMWA (Zimbabwe) and Celma ISSUFO (Mozambique) widely contributed to the mentoring of 11 surgeons invited to participate in the training.
- In April, Paryenatwa Hospital in Harare (Zimbabwe) hosted for the second time a training module on upper limbs surgery. Dr Jean-Yves BEAULIEU, head of the hand surgery unit at the Hôpital Universitaire de Genève HUG participated in the mission headed by Dr Ali MODARRESSI, deputy chief doctor at the Department of plastic and reconstructive surgery the HUG. 16 surgeons from the region operated on 16 patients under the supervision of Dr Wone BANDA (Malawi) and Dr Kevin NKUDU (Zimbabwe), plastic surgeons who had been trained by the COSECSA.
- In November, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance co-organized with Dr Faustien NTIRENGANYA, the first basic course held at the University Teaching Hospital of Kigali in Rwanda. During 3 operating days, 15 surgeons from eight 8 different countries treated 17 patients were handled by 15 surgeons from 8 countries of the region. Dr Alberto MUSOLAS and Dr Pierre QUINODOZ led the mission with the support of Dr Ighohwo ETUH from Ghana.
- In December 2017, 5 new surgeons successfully passed their COSECSA examinations in reconstructive surgery. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance sponsored the exams of the first two Ethiopian surgeons to obtain the regional diploma.



## SUPPORT

### THE INTEGRATION OF RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY AND SURGERY IN GENERAL IN PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance actively participated in the activities of the G4 Alliance Permanent Council. The meetings took place in Geneva in May and in Maputo (Mozambique) in December 2017.
- Dr Iris PELIEU-LAMPS & Dr Pierre QUINODOZ presented the Association during the War surgery course held at the HUG last October. The Association also presented its operational activities to medical students of the Medical Faculty of the University of Geneva within the framework of its program in humanitarian medicine as well as to the staff of the Department of anesthesia at the Geneva University Hospital.
- We also pursued our dialogue with the Swiss Cooperation Department Health programs regional representatives to advocate for reconstructive surgery in regards to Somalia.
- We also facilitated the development of a safety program in anesthesia with Lifebox (an Association that distributes pulso-oxymeters to low income countries) by facilitating a training in using pulso-oxymeters to some twenty anesthetist nurses.

## ALLOW

### PATIENTS AN ACCESS TO QUALITATIVE RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY BY STRENGTHENING TECHNICAL GESTURES AND PERIOPERATIVE SAFETY

- Plastic or reconstructive surgery is a specialty used in urgent or chronic clinical situations, although too often wrongly associated with the esthetic surgery. Its purpose is to restore the shape and the function of damaged parts of the body.
- We specifically treat patients, children as well as adults, affected by burns sequela, congenital deformations or consequences of traumas.
- In 2017, we supported the surgical treatment of 273 patients. Thanks to your support, the surgeons in training operated 111 patients during the workshops while 162 patients were operated during an exchange program between the training centers of Kampala (Uganda) and Addis Ababa (Ethiopia).





# SHAPE

## A LIMITED NUMBER OF CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS FOR SURGEONS ON SPECIFIC PATHOLOGIES



This year Dr Benjamin GOLD (Geneva), Christophe TRESALLET (Paris) and Liliana OSMAK (Dijon) headed three missions and worked with Dr Martin MWAMBA (Goma) and Dr Fabien YANGOGO (Kisangani) to operate, at the Provincial Hospital of Nord-Kivu in Goma, on 57 patients suffering from giant goiters with excellent results. Dr Iris PELIEU-LAMPS (Geneva), Dr David RODRIGUES (Annemasse) and Dr Marc MATTYS (Ajaccio) supervised the anesthesia.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chance also participated thanks to Dr Gonzalo SOTO (Santiago) and to Dr Lionel DUMONT (anesthesia/Geneva) two trainings for the surgical treatment of perineal fistula which can be the consequences of congenital malformation, childbirth as well as sexual aggressive traumas. Seventeen 17 patients benefited of complex care at the Hamlin Hospital in Addis Abeba. The transmission of these surgical techniques also allowed the treatment of 120 patients by local surgeons in seven months.

These pathologies exclusively affect women often excluded from them families. The surgery literally gives them a second chance



## ADAPT AND STRENGTHEN THE INTERNAL CAPACITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

**After a cycle of seven years, 2017 was the right time to strengthen our teams.**

**The following people joined us:**

- Olivier Mathier who took the function of financial and administrative director
- Nadia Troxler will help us as coordinator of public relations
- Thomas Lefebvre took charge of our social networks.
- Alain Niederhauser is now supervising our accounting activities.

We also revised our Statutes to welcome new members to support our projects

**Finally, we thank those who continue to believe in us:**

- The Foundations Edmond de Rothschild and particularly The Baroness Ariane de Rothschild and Mr Firoz Ladak
- The Association Lynx for Hope and Mr Cyril Costes and Franck Blais
- The University hospitals of Geneva (HUG)
- The Medical Company (Society) of Beaulieu
- The Foundation for the Anesthesia and the Resuscitation
- The Reed Foundation and Mr Richard Reed
- Canton of Geneva and Mrs Susana Simoes Abbasi

And all the close friends who sponsored us in our " Race for Gift " and our concert in Pickwick.

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