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Espérance ACTI



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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Espérance ACTI – Aiuto e Cooperazione tra Ticino ed Indocina – is a humanitarian association located in Balerna, Switzerland. Since 2000 ACTI is promoting activities and development aid towards population of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Espérance ACTI is apolitical and non-denominational, and it collaborates with local NGOs and institutions since 2000, year of its birth. Since poverty is not limited to Indochina, Espérance Blue was also born to support projects towards the forgotten populations in other parts of the world, especially Niger, Cambodia, Mozambique, Cote d'Ivoire and Nepal. Espérance ACTI is focused mainly in the field of education (building of schools and education material), safe water access (building of wells), healthcare access (building of healthcare facilities) and prevention (elderlies support). In addition to that, many hearth surgeries to children and eye cataract surgeries were performed to help who was unable to afford them.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Water Access, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Humanitarian aid
- Access to healthcare
- Access to education

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Healthcare facilities in rural areas are build to provide access to inhabitants. In addition to primary health care, these facilities are fundamental to free transport for the most urgent patients (with ambulance boats) to the public healthcare facilities. For a few years Espérance ACTI had a collaboration with a medical team from Ho Chi Minh City Medicine and Pharmacy University to screen and visit rural populations. Since 2000 Espérance ACTI has been funding and built 1'640 of wells, which has been built for rural populations (and 400 more by the end of 2020). Where it was not possible, as in South of Vietnam because of soil pollutions (salt and acids), has been financing more than 2000 concrete storage jars for rainwater. Since 2006 Espérance ACTI is financing surgeries for children living in rural areas with congenital hearth malformations. Both the transport from their home to the HCM Medicine and Pharmacy University and the surgery are covered by Espérance ACTI. This financing scheme also applies to eye cataract surgeries, and more than 300 has been funded. In Mozambique, Espérance Blue is supporting Carmelo Hospital in Chokwé. In 2013 a violent flood caused more than 170'000 IDPs and shut of part of the hospital. The pediatric area was rebuilt by Espérance ACTI, safe water and food were bought in order to help patients.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Ivan Schick is Espérance ACTI's founder and current president, while Murat Pelit is the current vice-president. Nearly 20 other volunteers are collaborating.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Federazione delle ONG della svizzera italiana (FOSIT), Repubblica e Cantone Ticino, AIL SA - Aziende Industriali di Lugano, Solidarit'eau Suisse, Municipalities, Private Foundations, Private person, Espérance in Musica (Music Event). The budget is approximately 200'000CHF per year.

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