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Italian Association for Solidarity Among People**



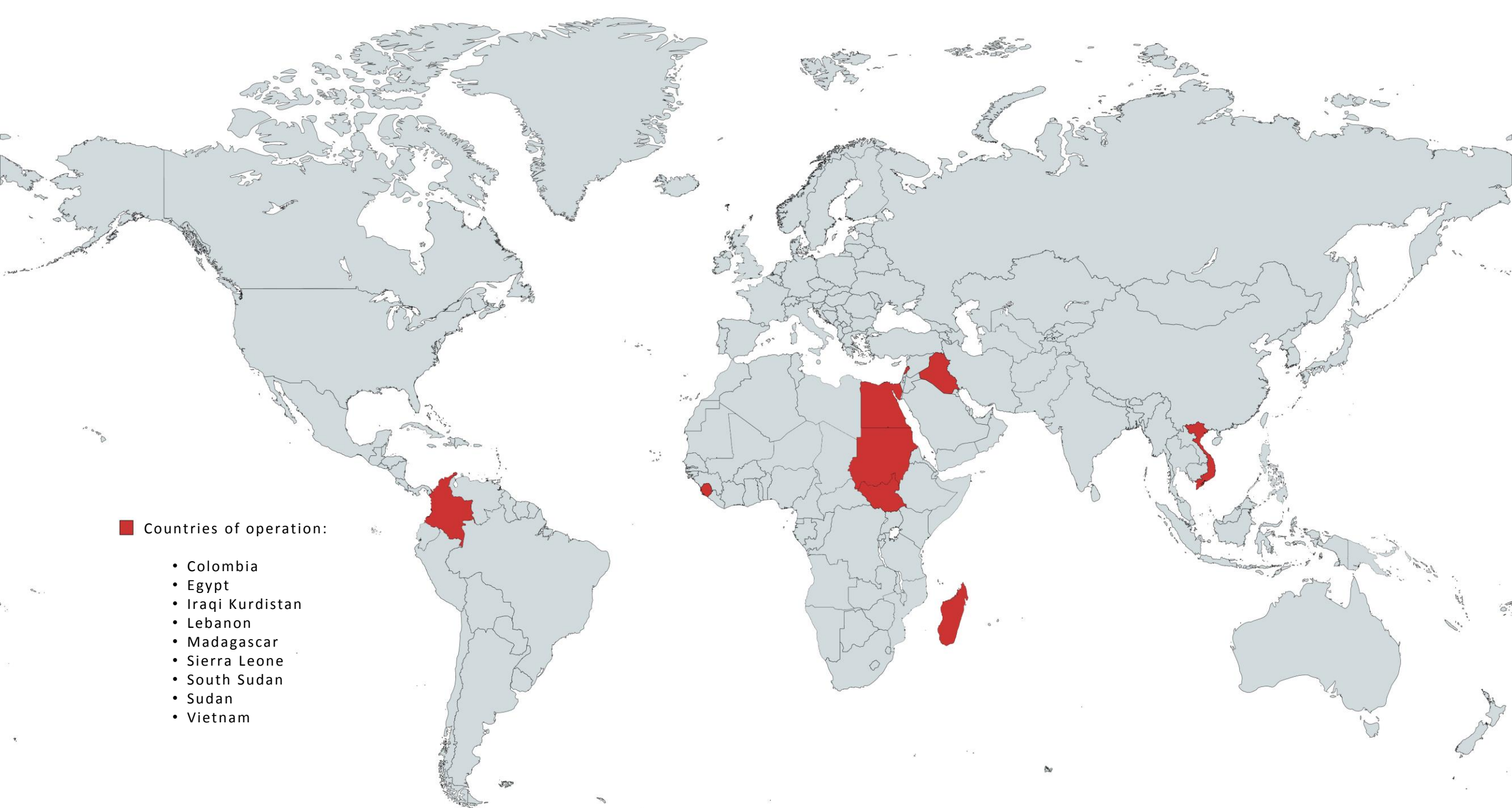
AISPO is a Non-Governmental Organization founded by a group of operators from the Scientific Institute San Raffaele Hospital of Milan. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs formally recognized AISPO in 1985 as an organization suited to implement **international cooperation activities in developing countries in the health sector.**

AISPO implements **health care** projects that support and supply **human and material resources** to public hospitals, health centers and dispensaries, in collaboration with local and national authorities of the countries of operation.

AISPO projects are characterized by:

- **training and technical assistance** to enhance healthcare services and staff capacities through on the job training, theoretical training, workshops and scholarships;
- ambitious civil works projects to **rehabilitate and equip healthcare units** from primary health centers to general hospitals to highly specialized hospital units.

AISPO mainly uses human resources available within the San Raffaele Hospital and the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University with which it is associated. Thanks to these links, the association has great expertise and know-how that make it a **unique organization in the panorama of Italian NGOs.**



■ Countries of operation:

- Colombia
- Egypt
- Iraqi Kurdistan
- Lebanon
- Madagascar
- Sierra Leone
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Vietnam

# COLOMBIA



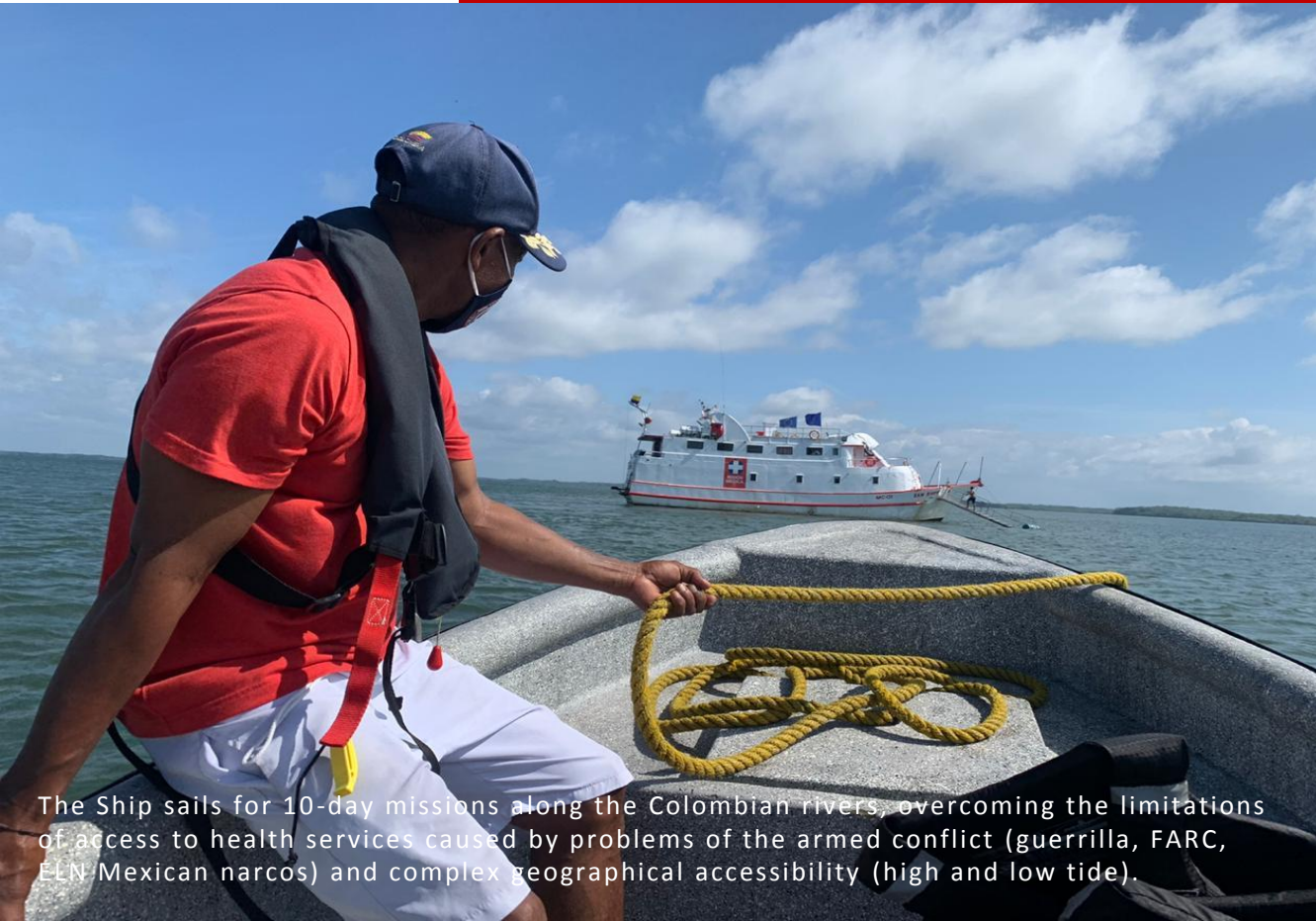


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European Union  
Civil Protection and  
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# Intervention for the improvement of health conditions and risk management of the population victim of armed conflict and of migrants living in the Pacific Coast, through a strategy of Primary Health Care, Psychosocial support and strengthening of local capacities

Funded by the Directorate-General for  
European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)

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The Ship sails for 10-day missions along the Colombian rivers, overcoming the limitations of access to health services caused by problems of the armed conflict (guerrilla, FARC, ELN/Mexican narcos) and complex geographical accessibility (high and low tide).



The field hospital, which includes 4 inflatable tents and implant kits, 1 customized electrical system, 4 inflatable input and connection modules, a 10.000-liter tank for drinking water, and a 10.000-liter tank for waste water.

This project reaches victims of the armed conflict, providing health services with the San Raffaele Hospital Ship, and introduces risk management procedures in partnership with the Meritorious Voluntary Fire Fighters Brigade of Cali.

#### Institutional and community preparedness and medical emergency response

- Emergency Medical Team (EMT) made up of a truck, 4 inflatable tents, medical consumables, and medical equipment
- Deployment of the EMT in Cali to assist Venezuelan asylum seekers and in San Andres-Providencia after a hurricane, where 178 beneficiaries were treated with emergency care, vaccines, and primary health care

#### Medical consultations through the hospital ship in November 2020

- 9.569 people benefitting from primary and reproductive health care consultations and referrals to higher level medical care
- 76 nutritional surveys for families with children from 0 to 10 years of age
- 253 clinical psychology consultations
- 1.272 counselling sessions on family planning

#### Awareness campaigns, workshops, and trainings in November 2020

- 2.056 people taking part in health promotion and disease prevention
- Workshops for 40 health workers and midwives
- Workshops on community resilience and integrated risk management

#### Emergency assistance

- 32 health centers equipped in the rural area of Buenaventura Valle
- Workshops in disaster preparedness, clinical protocol, and risk management involving 437 people



Purchase and equipment of a truck for EMT disaster and medical emergency activities



Beneficiaries of the course on disaster preparedness and risk management



EMT and Barco Hospital activities:

- Pre-natal care (TOP LEFT)
- Awareness campaigns on the Hospital Boat and in the field (TOP)
- EMT Emergency course with mannequin (TOP RIGHT)
- Staff of the EMT Deployment in Providencia-San Andres assisting a beneficiary (BOTTOM RIGHT)
- Child consultation (BOTTOM LEFT)



# EGYPT

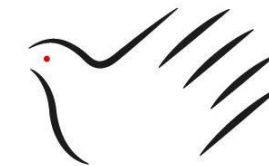




# Support to the improvement of nursing care in 3 Governorates in Egypt

Developed in cooperation with the **University of Sassari**  
and funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (**AICS**)

**AICS Funding € 3.579.508,45 | Status In Progress**



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LEFT: Theoretical training course for nurses treating COVID-19 patients on how to manage them psychologically



LEFT & CENTER: Cardiology clinic in Port Said

RIGHT: Technical assistance by expatriate specialized nurses and training in Port Said

This project supports the Department of Nursing Assistance of the Ministry of Health and the local population to improve the training capacity of the nursing staff in the Governorates of Port Said, South Sinai, and Ismailia. The Governorate of Luxor has also been involved.

- Courses for around 2.000 nurses in the Health Technical Institutes in Port Said and Ismailia
- Courses for 25 mentors and tutors and for 2.000 teachers in Port Said, Ismailia, and Sharm El Sheikh
- Courses for 684 students of the Health Technical Institutes in Port Said, Ismailia, and Luxor
- Referrals for children with congenital heart disease
- Training for nurses and doctors on screening for congenital heart diseases and other cardiovascular problems
- Approximately 2.500 patient consultations per year by the Center for Cardiac and Vascular Problems Screening of Port Said in collaboration with Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo (NGO linked to the San Donato Hospital Group)
- Scholarships in Italy for nursing staff and training of personnel on-site
- Rehabilitations in Port Said, Ismailia, and Luxor
- Purchase of equipment and consumables for the technical institutes and training centers
- Definition of a research plan to be shared with the authorities of the beneficiary Governorates and with the Ministry of Health



Civil works and rehabilitations before and after:

- Nursing School in Luxor (LEFT)
- Training Center in Ismailia (RIGHT)



# KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ



# Support to mother and child and critical care services in Duhok province (Phase II)

Funded by the European Union, through the EU Regional Trust Fund,  
in response to the Syrian crisis: the **EU MADAD** Fund

**EU Funding € 5.199.712,08 | Status In Progress**



Funded by the European Union



LEFT: A training program including lessons and on-the-job training by 15 intensive care tutors at Hevi Pediatric Hospital

RIGHT: The smallest newborn in the history of Hevi Pediatric Teaching Hospital's renovated Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, who was discharged after 73 days in the unit

This project is a follow-up of the first phase, to address the health of mothers and children, as well as aspects of emergency response.

- Civil works at Amedy Hospital to build a new surgical department with 2 operating theaters
- Civil works at Akre Hospital to build a new delivery room and a 4-bed sub-intensive neonatal care unit, light renovations of the maternity wards, and new administrative block
- Equipment at Duhok Maternity Hospital delivery room
- Technical assistance and training by expatriate experts in Duhok and Akre
- Training at Duhok Emergency and Trauma Hospital
- Training of 674 health operators on COVID-19 protection and prevention
- Renovations at Hevi Pediatric Hospital
- Light rehabilitation and supply of laboratory equipment, consumables, and furniture to COVID-19 lab at Lalav Hospital



TOP: Stone laying ceremony at Akre in September 2020

LEFT: Training for nurses in the renovated pediatric department at Hevi Pediatric Hospital. Between June and October 2020, 18 lessons and 1.200 hours of on-the-job training were carried out.



Construction works are underway at the new Maternity Department at Akre Emergency Hospital.

Works are expected to be completed in the summer of 2021.





Civil works to build a new surgical department at Amedy Hospital: the old operating block was demolished (LEFT), and a new operating block composed of 2 operating theaters is being constructed.



TOP & LEFT: Exterior of the new operating block in March 2021

Interior works in March 2021





A new COVID-19 laboratory at Duhok Lalav hospital was equipped by the project to assist the health system face the pandemic. Since its inauguration in November 2020, the laboratory has been carrying out COVID-19 tests for the Duhok population.

# Accessibility, inclusiveness and quality of basic health services for minors in the Province of Duhok and Nineveh plain

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 499.981,00 | Status Closed



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Inauguration of the new rehabilitation department at the  
Early Detection Childhood Disability Center in Duhok



This emergency project has improved access to health care services for children with disabilities and children with chronic diseases in Duhok.

- Strengthening of early diagnosis of disabilities at Hevi Pediatric Hospital plus improvement of treatment and rehabilitation services at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Centre and the Early Detection Childhood Disability Centre (EDCDC)
- Technical assistance and supervision by physiotherapists and disability experts



An Italian physiotherapist assisting in the newly renovated EDCDC

Developmental screening session



- Break down of architectural barriers at Hevi Pediatric Hospital to guarantee access to about 250.000 patients a year
- Physiotherapy assessment at the EDCDC and procurement of psychomotor equipment for children with disabilities
- Renovation of the Rehabilitation Department at the Early Detection Childhood Disability Center
- Support to children with Type I Diabetes Mellitus to cope with the disease

# Strengthening HRH (Human Resources for Health) in Duhok Province

Funded by the German Government through the  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ/GmbH)

GIZ/GmbH Funding € 2.078.796,00 | Status In Progress



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Implemented by

**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Creation of the first training simulation center in medicine for health professions in Iraq:

- Collaboration with the Simulation Center in Health Science (SIMNOVA) at the University of Eastern Piedmont in Italy
- Remote training of trainers to support activation of the center
- Light rehabilitation of the center and procurement of equipment, simulators, and furniture

Technical support for the activation of the Emergency Department of the Azadi Hospital in Dhuok:

- Assessment at the Emergency and Trauma Teaching Hospital and Azadi Teaching Hospital to evaluate nursing competencies
- On-the-job and remote trainings to medical doctors and nurses
- Creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and activation of a Triage System



Inauguration of the Clinical Skills Training Center (CSTC)



The CSTC center is the first of its kind in Iraq, equipped and provided with advanced technology. The training center will deliver innovative, simulation-based education, and performance assessments for education and skills development of health professionals.



The Clinical Skills Training Center (CSTC) was inaugurated in December 2020 in the presence of the German General Consul, the KRI Minister of Health, the Duhok Province Governor, the GIZ Country Director, and the Directorate General of Health DG.



# Transferring Duhok Hevi Paediatric Teaching Hospital best practices in neonatal and pediatric critical care to Rapareen Pediatrics Teaching Hospital

Funded by the World Health Organization (WHO)

WHO Funding € 155.380,00 | Status Closed



This project has strengthened the capacity of the nursing staff at Rapareen Pediatric Hospital in Erbil to provide quality critical care services to neonates and children.

- Consolidation of the role of Hevi Pediatric Teaching Hospital in Duhok as a center of excellence for quality neonatal and pediatric critical care
- Training of 12 nurses from Rapareen Pediatric Teaching Hospital at Duhok Hevi Pediatric Teaching Hospital to strengthen nursing critical care skills in Erbil, the capital of the Autonomous Region of Kurdistan, Iraq
- Opening of a new Intensive Care Unit and supply of equipment at Rapareen Pediatric Teaching Hospital in Erbil

LEFT: Training of 12 nurses from Rapareen Pediatric Teaching Hospital at Duhok Hevi Pediatric Teaching Hospital



32 online lessons for remote peer-to-peer training from Duhok nurses to Erbil nurses were implemented to safely continue activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Support Duhok Directorate of Health in providing quality health services at Hevi Hospital through the expansion of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the harmonization of wards, to address the needs of Syrian refugees and the host community**

Funded by the World Health Organization (WHO)

WHO Funding € 361.966,25 | Status Closed



Maintenance and harmonization of the pediatric wards



Expansion and renovation of Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Hevi Pediatric Hospital





- Expansion of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Hevi Pediatric Hospital in Duhok (increase of 4 beds)
- Light renovation, maintenance, and harmonization of Hevi Pediatric Hospital, with special focus on the pediatric wards that were partly refurbished during the previous MADAD funded project (2016-2018)
- Enhancement of the technical capacity of Hevi Pediatric Teaching Hospital staff as per international best practices, targeting 15 professionals



This project has continued building the capacities of the Hevi Pediatric Teaching Hospital in Duhok, which has currently become a model in the region.

# Support to mother and child health in Duhok Province

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

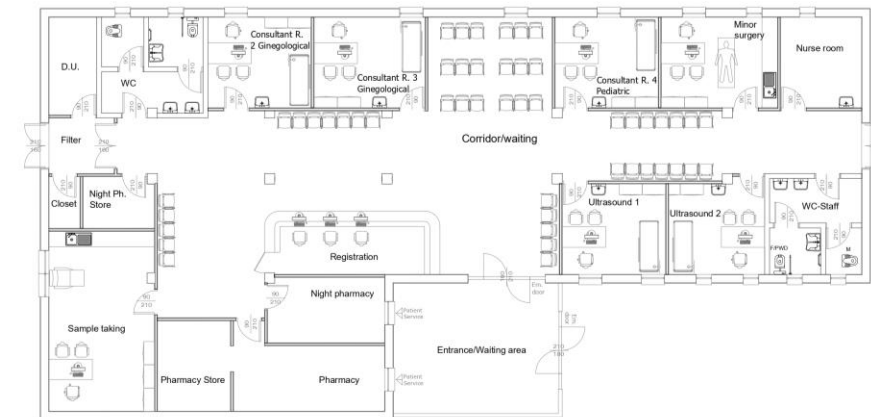
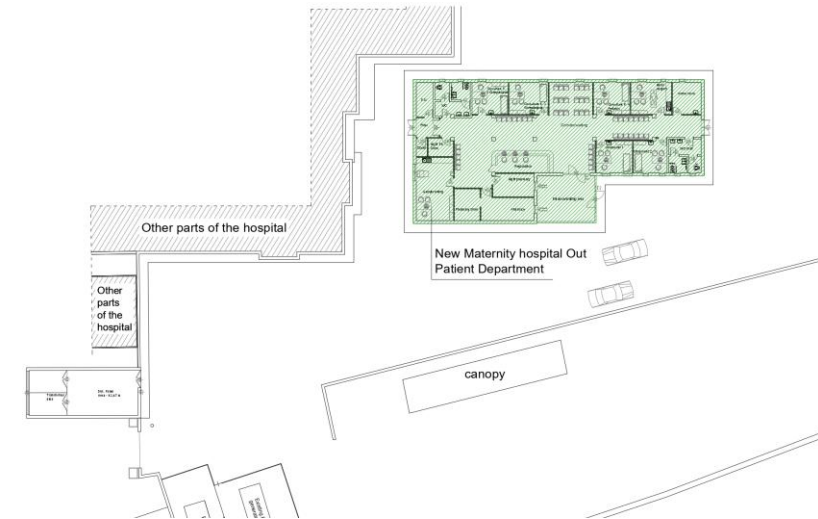
AICS Funding € 549.970,00 | Status In progress



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This emergency project supports the Duhok Maternity Hospital in the reorganization of its spaces and functions, by building a new outpatient clinic that will deliver prevention, care, counseling, and awareness raising services.

- Design and creation of a new mother and child health outpatient department (OPD)
- Supply of furniture and equipment for the new OPD
- Design and implementation of a training program that includes both in-person and distance learning for Maternity Hospital staff
- Creation of informational materials to conduct community-wide education and awareness campaigns on mother and child health issues



# LEBANON



# Strengthening of health services in rural Lebanon

Funded by **Intesa SanPaolo**  
and implemented in collaboration with the **Lebanese Women Forum**

**Intesa SanPaolo Funding € 50.000,00 | Status In Progress**



This project improves the quality of health services for Syrian refugees and the local population through the strengthening of primary health centers in rural Lebanon.

- Light rehabilitations of Ain Qania Medical Center and Baissour Medical Center
- Supply of medical equipment, materials, and consumables at Ain Qania Medical Center and Baissour Medical Center



(RIGHT) New refractometer equipment for the optometry clinic  
(FAR RIGHT) Exterior renovations underway at Baissour Medical Center located in the Mount Lebanon region

# MADAGASCAR



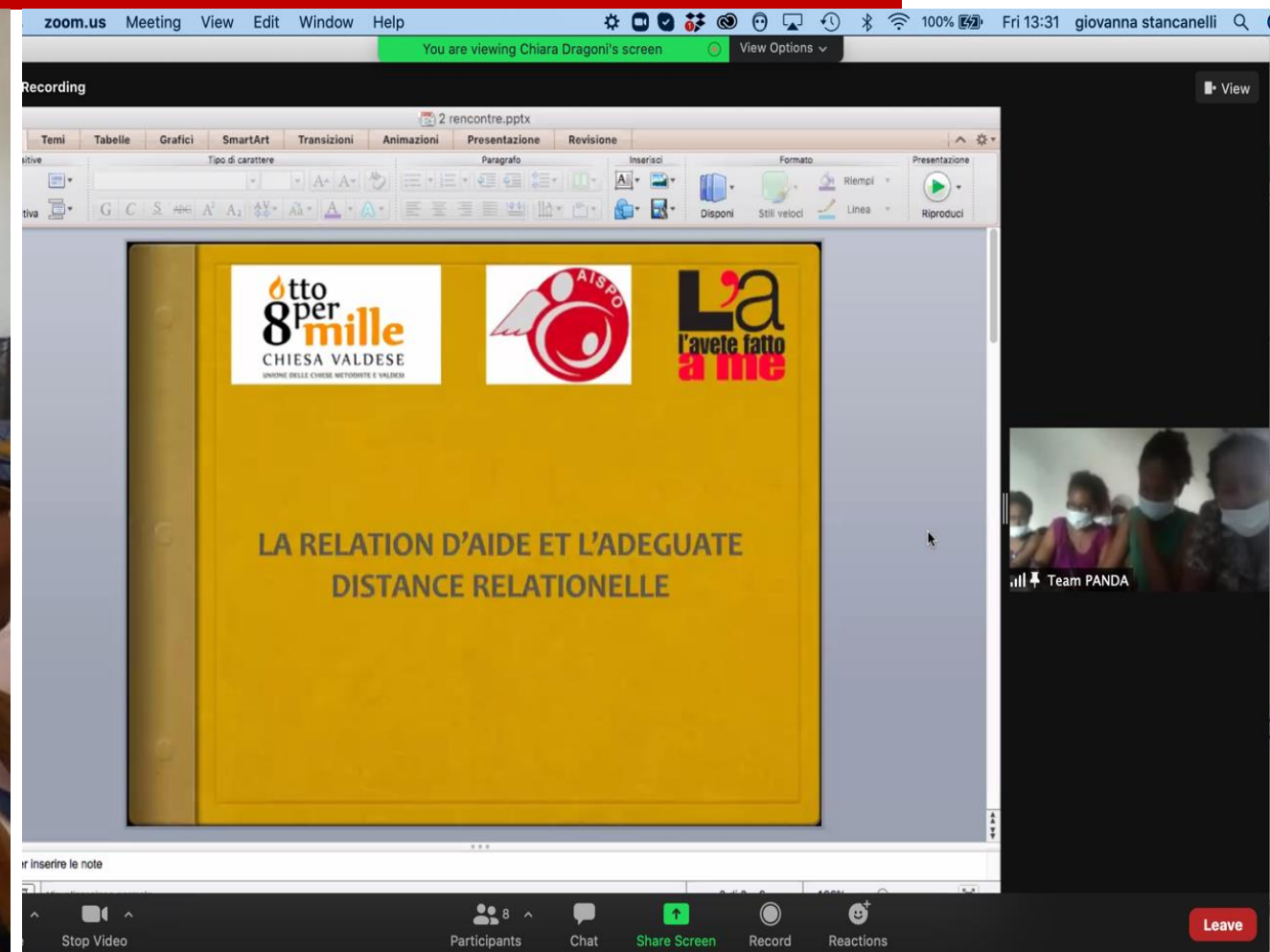
# TRANO NY RENY (the mother's house) – Integrated social and health program for young women in need in the city of Ambanja

Funded by Otto Per Mille of the Waldensian Church

Tavola Valdese Funding € 15.000,00 | Status In Progress



Distance training sessions on psychology and psychiatry with expatriate experts



This project integrates health and social services for women and their children at the dispensary of the public hospital of Ambanja, in the northern part of Madagascar.

- 1.050 pre- and post-natal care visits to pregnant women using the PANDA app from October 2020
- Psychological and legal support to at least 400 women followed by the PANDA program in the “House of Women”
- Training of 15 public hospital staff on the use of PANDA system by a team of experts from the St. Damien Center in Ambanja
- Organization of distance training sessions on psychology and psychiatry with expatriate experts due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- School support for single mothers
- Reading groups in schools and prisons
- 20-hour basic computerization courses (with the ICB - St. Foundation) for 300 people
- Activation of a cyber café
- Theatre activities with a movie club
- Civil works and inauguration of the dispensary with the participation of local authorities



Public hospital of Ambanja



Exterior of the dispensary



**COVID-19 IREO FOMBA FIAROVAN-TENA SY FIAROVANA NY HAFA**

- Mievina na mikohaka ao anaty lanton-tsandry
- Hajao ny elanelana 1 m rehefa miaraka amin'ny olona
- Manaova fiarotava raha manavy na mikohaka
- Sasao tsara sady matetika amin'ny rano sy savony ny tanana
- Na diovy amin'ny "SOLUTION HYDROALCOOLIQUE" ny tanana
- Aza mifandray tanana
- Fadio ny fivesivezana
- Fadio ny mandroa amin'ny tany

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The PANDA team with the support of AISPO is engaged in a radio broadcast on maternal and child health and measures to prevent and tackle the spread of COVID-19 (TOP LEFT & RIGHT).

Project activities also include distribution of masks and disinfectants at the women's prison in Ambanja (RIGHT).



Poster in Malagasy language with design of measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections (TOP)



# SIERRA LEONE



# Creation of the first transfusion center of Sierra Leone

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 1.365.347,00 | Status In Progress



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This project has created and equipped the first transfusion center of Sierra Leone and continues to support the National Blood Transfusion Center (NSBS) in partnership with the Ministry of Health for the improvement of the transfusion services in the country.

LEFT: Training to the local staff (laboratory technicians) on the new equipment during the mission by the expert from the transfusion center of the San Raffaele Hospital in Milan, specifically on the separation blood components (plasma, platelets, and red cells)

- Supply of equipment, consumables, and reagents at the transfusion center of the Princess Christian Maternity Hospital (PCMH)
- Training of 32 operators by experts of the transfusion center of San Raffaele Hospital (OSR) in Milan, partner of the project
- 4 scholarships for local laboratory operators at OSR
- Development and introduction of 9 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in the transfusion center
- 4.000 tests for the identification of blood group
- 10.000 rapid tests for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and syphilis
- Production of blood derivatives from whole blood (plasma, platelets, and red cells), carried out for the first time on a large scale in Sierra Leone
- Creation of a software for the collection of blood donors' data
- Development of the procurement manual for the transfusion center and the peripheral blood banks by the expert in hospital management
- In-person and remote trainings on stock management



Laboratory tests to evaluate the blood group

Microscopic examinations to assess blood aggregation with the assistance of transfusion center expert



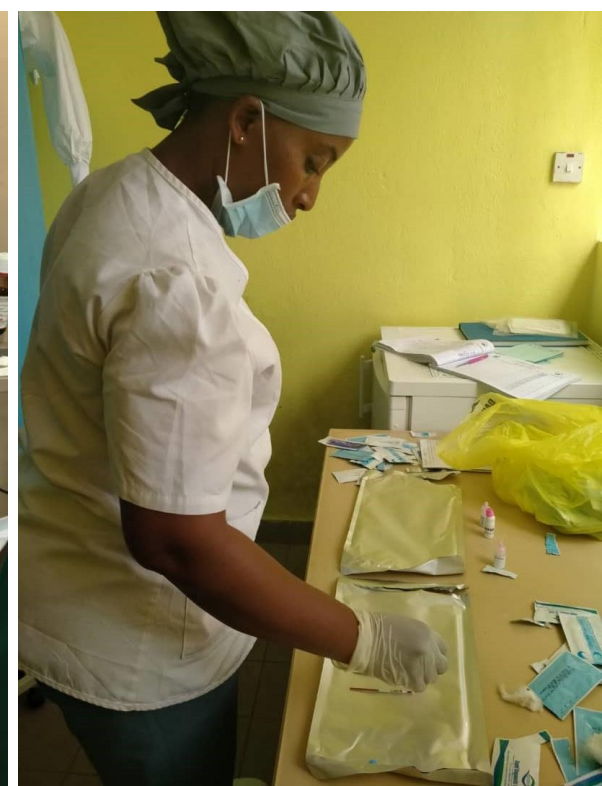
Transfusion center expert doing on-the-job training on the use of the registers for blood donors



Donation activities are ongoing at the transfusion center and in rural areas: blood is collected directly in the villages, then brought to the center.

TOP: Donors after their blood donation and musicians to raise awareness on the importance of blood donations

RIGHT: Donor at the center and phlebotomist checking rapid test result for transfusion transmitted infections (TTIs; HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C) to allow donation



# SOUTH SUDAN



# Strengthening services provided by the Comboni Hospital in Wau in its clinical and educational responsibilities also in response to the migration flows of South Sudan

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 1.023.386,00 | Status In Progress



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LEFT: Ceremony and awarding of certificates for participation in the on-the-job and theoretical trainings

TOP: Nurse theoretical training kept by AISPO nurse and project manager

This project supports the Comboni Hospital in Wau with technical assistance from expatriate personnel, equipment, and scholarships.

- Technical assistance and training of local staff through the missions of nurses and medical doctors
- Technical assistance and training of local staff in the maintenance of equipment and machinery
- Training to the local staff on the prevention and management of COVID-19
- Scholarships for 7 students in nursing and 4 in obstetrics
- Creation of a laboratory for the maintenance of equipment and machinery
- Elaboration of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Clinical Engineering Service for the Hospital
- Development of a 5-year strategic plan for the development of the Comboni Hospital
- Rehabilitation of 2 rooms in the Operating Theater and in the Surgical Ward with installation of a new electrical panel



Arrival of the container to Wau Hospital with the equipment for the rehabilitation of the hospital's electrical panel



Maintenance of the solar panels of the Hospital with the expatriate technician





Maternity ward of the Comboni Hospital with a newborn



Nurses and obstetrics at the Hospital wearing PPEs due to COVID-19



Expatriate technician on a mission in the laboratory explaining maintenance of the equipment

# COVID-19 emergency response in Western Bahr el Ghazal by strengthening 6 outlying health centres, liaising with the Al-Mukta isolation centre in Wau and raising awareness in the local communities where IDPs live.

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 90.000,00 | Status Closed



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AISPO Local Coordinator with Community Health Workers (CHWs), Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs), and paramedics during awareness campaigns on preventive measures for COVID-19 and basic hygienic procedures

Beneficiaries of the activities





Training on COVID-19 preventive measures: correct handwashing (LEFT) and use of the distance thermometer (RIGHT)

Through awareness campaigns, this project has empowered the personnel of 6 health centers in Bussere, Korgana, Besselia, Bringi, Taban, and Sopo, in Wau, Western Bhar el Ghazal State.

- Training of 18 paramedics in the 6 beneficiary health centers, 18 TBAs/CHWs, and 6 elder community leaders on COVID-19 preventing measures and hygiene standards
- Paramedics and TBAs/CHWs transferring what they learned to the local communities, specifically to 4.591 households and 30.511 individuals
- Distribution of informative and didactic materials on COVID-19 to the beneficiaries
- Supply of personal protective equipment (PPEs) and hygienic-sanitary material to equip the 6 centers

BELOW: AISPO Local Coordinator with beneficiaries during awareness campaigns to the beneficiaries on preventive measures on COVID-19 and basic hygienic procedures

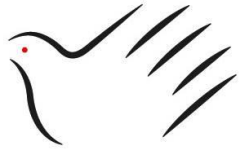


RIGHT: Paramedics, Community Health Workers (CHWs), and Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) during the training done by AISPO Local Coordinator



# SUDAN





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# Support to the public health sector of the Red Sea State in its educational and infrastructural components with focus on mother and child health

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 1.748.340,00 | Status In Progress



Basic Life Support course at Port Sudan Pediatric Hospital



Training on taking vital signs at Port Sudan Maternity Hospital



Rehabilitation and expansion of the operating theater and delivery rooms of the Maternity Hospital in Port Sudan

This project improves the training capacities of the Academy of Health Sciences (AHS) and the University of Red Sea State and strengthens the maternal and child health services of the Pediatric Hospital and Obstetric Teaching Hospital of Port Sudan.

During the first 1.5 years of the 3-year project:

- 3 nurses, a laboratory technician, a site surveyor, an engineer, and a biomedical equipment expert carried out missions
- Over 200 nurses participated in theoretical and on-the-job trainings
- Hospital staff participated in information sessions on COVID-19 transmission and good practices for prevention and control
- Rehabilitation of the operating block and the delivery rooms of the Teaching Obstetric Hospital of Port Sudan began
- Works at the outpatient clinics and pediatric emergency room at the Pediatric Hospital were completed
- Equipment, medical drugs, consumables, and furniture were supplied, including COVID-19 testing materials to reinforce the Central Laboratory of Port Sudan during the pandemic



Rehabilitation of the operating theater and delivery rooms began in June 2020 and its completion is expected in July 2021.

Medical supplies, biomedical equipment, and furniture will be delivered and installed by August 2021.

Upon completion of the operating theater and delivery rooms, this project will introduce “Kangaroo Therapy” for underweight babies in the new post-partum room and introduce guidelines for the safe disposal of hospital waste.

Experts (doctors, surgeons, scrub nurses, and anesthesiologists) will provide training and technical assistance.





BOTTOM: Italian and Sudanese nurses teaching in the Pediatric Hospital in Port Sudan



Expert nurses provide technical assistance and training to the local staff and teachers for the entire duration of the project.

Thanks to the project's support, the Port Sudan Central Laboratory during the COVID-19 pandemic has become a central testing laboratory for the Eastern States in Sudan.

In 2019, the laboratory was nationally recognized as an independent laboratory after its renovation and the training of its staff by AISPO and the University of Sassari through a previous project funded by AICS.



A lab technician at work in the Port Sudan Central Laboratory

# Family Medicine in Kassala State: Strengthening skills in 'Family Medicine' for health center workers and training for students at the Academy of Health Sciences

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 94.970,48 | Status Closed



This project has developed a “Family Medicine” focus inside the Medical Assistant course of the Academy of Health Sciences in Kassala, strengthened the services offered by the Barno Family Health Center, and sensitized the community around the services provided by primary health centers.

- Activation of a “pilot” training program for medical assistants in targeted health centers
- Training for health center tutors, medical assistants, nursing students, and professionals
- Awareness raising campaigns in the community on services provided by primary health centers
- Scientific research projects on Family Medicine topics at the University of Kassala
- Scholarships in Khartoum for 3 health center professionals
- Renovation of the Barno Family Health Center
- Workshops for family doctors and general practitioners on the rational use of pharmaceuticals

# Support to the vulnerable population of Mayo through the distribution of food parcels and hygiene kits to cope with the COVID-19 emergency plus the creation of a water collection system

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 399.826,00 | Status Closed



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Awareness raising session for women



Residents receiving their food kits during a distribution session

This emergency project in the Mayo refugee and IDP camp south of Khartoum has assisted the vulnerable population in facing the rainy season and to protect themselves against the spread of COVID-19.

- Distribution of 3.300 food kits and 3.300 hygiene kits
- 12 awareness raising campaigns on COVID-19 prevention
- Installation of 2 community-use water collection systems (with a pump and connection to the city water system)
- Delivery of 179 single household water collection systems to families



TOP: Household water collection system made up of tanks and roof coverings that trap water during the rainy season while protecting the structure



TOP: First day of food parcel distribution in August 2020



LEFT: Hygiene kits ready for distribution

# SAFE – Strengthening of women’s basic health services by improving the early detection system for breast and cervical cancer in the Red Sea State

Funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

AICS Funding € 177.055,75 | Status In Progress



Cervical cancer prevention workshops for health workers in Port Sudan



The project increases access to basic health services aimed at breast and cervical cancer prevention by improving the services offered, the theoretical and practical skills of health workers, and the community’s awareness on the topic.

## Trainings and workshops:

- Use and reading of the digital mammogram for 20 operators (radiologists, radiology technicians, and medical doctors)
- Workshop for medical doctors on breast cancer prevention and self-examination
- Pap smear cytological examination training for 15 laboratory workers
- Workshop for medical doctors on cervical cancer prevention
- Pap test swab collection procedures training for health workers

A community health promotion campaign on breast cancer prevention in Port Sudan



## Health and awareness campaigns:

- Mammography screening campaign for breast cancer prevention
- Community health promotion campaign on breast cancer prevention
- Screening campaign for cervical cancer prevention
- Community health promotion campaign on cervical cancer prevention





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# Improving accessibility and quality of Health services for migrants, refugees, IDPs and host communities in Red Sea and Kassala States

Funded by the **European Union**

Implemented by AISPO and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation  
(AICS)

**EU Funding € 853.496,00 | Status In Progress**



This project improves the quality and sustainability of Primary Health Services in favor of host communities, migrants, refugees, and IDPs in Kassala and Red Sea States.

- Capacity building and technical assistance to target local health authorities for health system management
- On-job training to frontline health workers
- Strengthening of emergency obstetric services and implementation of a referral system at the locality level in Kassala
- National programs on cervical cancer and breast cancer prevention and early detection
- Rehabilitation and refurbishment of 3 key health facilities in the Red Sea State
- Strengthening of community-based health services for migrants, refugees, and IDPS

Training for frontline health workers  
in Kassala State





Health center workers participate in trainings in Port Sudan (LEFT), while the Deim Mayo, Alyarmook and Hoshiry primary health centers are renovated in the Red Sea State (RIGHT)





The training program in the Kassala Urban and Girba localities involve staff from 42 primary health centers. Photos show a course on Communication Skills and a course for Midwives carried out in the Academy of Health Sciences lecture hall.

# VIETNAM



# Improvements of health services at selected areas of central Vietnam and at Hué University of Medicine and Pharmacy

Funded by **Hué University of Medicine and Pharmacy** within the framework of a soft loan by the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation (**AICS**)

Training, fellowships, and technical assistance carried out in collaboration with the **University of Sassari**

**AICS Funding € 448.752,16 | Status Closed**



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- Technical assistance by a team of architects and engineers to build a 7-floor hospital building in Hué
- Training of 21 graduates in medicine, biology and medical technology from Hué University of Medicine and Pharmacy and other Vietnamese institutions
- Enrollment of 4 Hué University of Medicine and Pharmacy students in the PhD school in Life Sciences and Biotechnology at the University of Sassari
- Delivery of a summer advanced training course in Sassari to 4 medical doctors specialized in hospital management and infection control, ophthalmology, endoscopic surgery and neonatal intensive care
- Procurement of hardware and software for distance education and set up of a computer room
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