

LIFE FOR A CHILD WITH DIABETES

the International Diabetes Federation's child sponsorship program



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No child should die of diabetes



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In **Cameroon**, Life for a Child supports the implementation of the National Diabetes Plan of the Ministry of Health.

LFC tripling in size

The Program will have tripled in size by the end of 2009!

Insulin donations from Eli Lilly and Bioton are now underway.

This will permit expansion of the program from around 1,250 children to **around 4,000**, including **at least three new countries**.

More next report!

Countries supported

Today, **Life for a Child supports 1,200 children in 20 countries:**

Azerbaijan, Bolivia, **Cameroon**, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Fiji, India, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, **Uzbekistan**, and Zimbabwe.

Uzbekistan is the most populous nation in Central Asia, with 27 million people. The country has many trained health professionals, but the health service is very under-resourced, and families must pay for most aspects of treatment.

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Dr. Ogle visited Uzbekistan in October, and met the doctors and many of the children and their families. Also that month, Professor Ismailov and Drs. Rakhimova and Shamansurova made a formal presentation about the very positive impact of the program at the IDF Congress in Montreal.

With insulin donations commencing from Bioton, and also further assistance from Insulin for Life, we are now extending to cover a further 200 children in Qaraqalpakstan Autonomous region and other areas.



NILUFAR and ZAFAR

Nilufar, is 14, and has had diabetes since she was 8. She is well, and dreams of being a doctor.

Zafar, almost 17, studying economics, takes his diabetes very seriously, and has excellent glycaemic control. He keeps fit swimming and working out.



CAMEROON

Cameroon have collaborated with various Rotary Clubs in Italy to raise funds, in turn matched by the Rotary Foundation and other donors, to transform diabetes care for children in Cameroon. The program is in partnership with Life for a Child.

This initiative supports the implementation of the National Diabetes Plan of the Ministry of Health in the Republic of Cameroon by developing centres for children with diabetes in six cities - Yaoundé, Douala, Limbe, Bamenda, Garoua and Bafoussam.

120 children and adolescents will be supported for three years, with the provision of insulin and syringes, instruments and materials for HbA1c testing, blood glucose meters and strips, and diabetes education.

Prof. Jean-Claude Mbanya (President of the IDF) is overseeing the project, with Prof. Massimo Massi-Benedetti (PDG Rotary District 2090) marshalling the support from Italy.

The Cameroon Ministry of Health has expressed its commitment to take over responsibility for the network at the end of the three year period.



GENEROUS DONATIONS

Mr. Mike Leers, Chairman of the Board of CZ Health Insurances in The Netherlands, recently retired.

Mr Leers has diabetes and works at improving diabetes care for all. Upon his departure, rather than gifts, he asked for donations to 'Life for a Child'.

These were doubled by the Supervisory Board of CZ Trust, to a total of 20,000 Euros.

The Dutch Diabetes Association also facilitated this very generous decision.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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