



Factsheet Al Hoceima Hospital Morocco

Country and region/town or city

Morocco – Al Hoceima

Project name

Al Hoceima Hospital – construction of waste depot and improvement of hospital hygiene

Partner(s)

Santé Pour Tous

Al Hoceima Hospital – local partner

Mr El Idrissi – construction partner

Description

The Vebegeo Foundation strives to develop projects in the countries of origin of our employees. As employees at several Vebegeo companies come from Morocco, it was a logical choice to set up a project in Morocco.

In Morocco the Foundation works together with the Dutch organisation Santé Pour Tous ('good health for everyone'). Through this partnership, we came into contact with the hospital in Al Hoceima. This city is situated in the Rif mountains in the north of Morocco - an area where many of our employees' roots lie. The hospital has a large catchment area and patients must travel great distances to reach the hospital. There is a major shortage in facilities and doctors. The hospital currently has just two surgeons who perform 3,000 operations a year.

In April 2013 the employees of Vebegeo companies built a waste depot. Thanks to this depot, the waste flow is better regulated and hygienic conditions in the hospital have been improved. The employees also contributed to the professionalisation of the cleaning. The local cleaners received cleaning training and, together with our employees, put what they have learned into practice. These cleaning activities were carried out with materials and equipment made available by Alpheios and clients. In total 5 departments and approximately 100 rooms have been cleaned!

Posters were hung in the cleaned departments with hand-washing instructions to raise awareness and to improve hygiene.

Period

2013 – April

2014 – spring/mid-April

Number of projects

2013

- Waste depot construction
- Improvement of hospital hygiene through cleaning training and collaboration

Number of ambassadors

In total, 15 employees were actively involved in this project by building knowledge and building by hand.

15 participants x 8 hours = 120 hours

Investment in € and time

Donation year 2013: €20,000

Along with a donation from the Foundation, a business relation of VebeGo donated a considerable amount, which was used to order the waste bins.

The cleaning trolleys and equipment were donated by Alpheios and clients of Hago Zorg.

Where do we go from here...?

After a successful initial project, the decision was taken to continue with projects in Morocco and to give the partnership with Santé pour Tous a more structural nature.

What have we learned?

We have learned that in order to realise a project in Morocco, it is important to work together with a partner that has good connections in the health care industry. In this project, Santé pour Tous is the partner that 'opens doors', allowing VebeGo Foundation to implement the improvements on the work floor.

We also learned that in Morocco too it is perfectly possible to work together with local parties, such as contractors and employees of the hospital. For communication it is important to have participants that speak the language.

Want to know more?

If you would like to know more about this project, visit the website: www.vebegofoundation.nl.

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