

# Saving Children Together



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# Joining Together to Save Children



Injustice, distress, misery... Worldwide, these words represent the destinies of millions of children. Victims of their birthplace, they are condemned due to their lack of access to healthcare and education.

Because it is impossible to ignore this suffering and abandon these children to their fate, La Chaîne de l'Espoir, (French for "The Chain of Hope") strives to provide them with the appropriate assistance. A chain of life made of many links of solidarity, generosity, knowledge and expertise, empathy and energy. This extraordinary organization links together thousands of supporters: surgeons, doctors, volunteers, host families, donors, and partner companies and institutions.

By performing surgeries (in France or on-site when possible), overseeing hospital projects and medical training programs as well as developing various education programs, La Chaîne de l'Espoir is currently active in thirty countries worldwide, pursuing its long term goal of providing these countries with the necessary tools and equipment to care for their children themselves.

Despite great progress over the past 20 years, much is still to be accomplished, and all available support and goodwill remain essential for continued success.

We are all able to contribute in our own way to this adventure in humanity and solidarity, bringing together our skills, energy, and our generosity to save more and more children.



« La Chaîne de l'Espoir is a shared journey that unites us and gives us the strength to move on. We cannot abandon these children who live in hope. »

*Dr Éric Cheysson  
President*

« Together we can simply give the world's most vulnerable, a chance to live. »

*Professor Alain Deloche  
Founder*



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# La Chaîne de l'Espoir

## Saving Children Today, Building Tomorrow

A French non-profit organization founded by Professor Alain Deloche in 1994 and currently chaired by Doctor Éric Cheysson, La Chaîne de l'Espoir is a network of medical and surgical expertise. A key player in healthcare, the organization is committed to **providing** medical treatment and education to the children who need it the most.

### OUR MISSIONS

#### Medical Care/Medical Treatment In France

When the required resources and equipment are not available in their home country, children are transferred to France and cared for by La Chaîne de l'Espoir's partner hospitals.



#### Missions Abroad

When possible, La Chaîne de l'Espoir sends its teams on medical and technical missions providing practical and theoretical training to local staff.

#### Hospital Projects

La Chaîne de l'Espoir contributes to develop local healthcare systems by rehabilitating, building and equipping various health facilities. The organization also works with local teams to provide the vital medical and technical training needed for them to eventually care for their children themselves.



#### Emergency Interventions

La Chaîne de l'Espoir uses its extensive expertise and important networks to serve populations affected by humanitarian disasters.

#### Education Programs

La Chaîne de l'Espoir enables disadvantaged children to access education and develops programs in support of school enrolment and vocational training.



## THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

### Every Year:

100,000 children benefit from our health programs



5,000 children benefit from life changing surgery



170 missions are conducted overseas



11,000 children benefit from our education programs



250 medical and paramedical volunteers



### And:

Local branches across France



300 host families



30 countries of intervention



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In bringing these young victims of war to France or operating on-site, we are putting the world back on its feet

Philippe Valenti  
Reconstructive surgery - Clinique Jouvenet, Paris

## ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY

As a charitable organization which is assimilated, tax-wise, to a charity recognized to be of public utility, La Chaîne de l'Espoir is qualified to collect donations, legacies, contributions and life insurance gifts.

Committed to building a long-lasting and trustworthy relationship with its donors as well as ensuring full transparency to all its contributors, La Chaîne de l'Espoir **is a member of the Comité de la Charte, a French entity overseeing social and humanitarian organizations which rely on the general public's generosity.**

La Chaîne de l'Espoir also benefits from the French **Label IDEAS**, which certifies the conformity of an organization's governance, financial management and the effectiveness of all actions undertaken.

La Chaîne de l'Espoir received the **EFQM** (European Foundation for Quality Management) Award for Excellence, an accreditation rewarding excellence and professionalism.



# Our Activity: Health

## A Fight For Life

Volunteering to operate on sick children, helping disadvantaged countries to acquire the skills and health facilities needed for greater medical autonomy, facing emergencies when health crises arise...

### PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE IN FRANCE

For children waiting for surgeries that are often life-saving, La Chaîne de l'Espoir relies on its extraordinary network of expertise and assistance to take care of the neediest children from the diagnosis phase to complete recovery:

- **Medical diagnosis performed on-site**
- **Transferring children to France**
- **Foster care placement (all host families are volunteers)**
- **Surgical treatment and convalescence**
- **Repatriation to the child's home country**



### OUR MISSIONS ABROAD

Under the right conditions, La Chaîne de l'Espoir organizes and oversees numerous medical and surgical missions that allow for children to be cared for in their own countries.

- **Each mission allows, on average, for twenty children to benefit from surgery**
- **Surgeons, doctors, anesthetists, radiologists, nurses, bio-medical engineers, and technicians volunteer for these missions**
- **These missions are preceded by missions providing technical expertise and the necessary equipment ensuring successful interventions**

### HOSPITAL PROJECTS

To help countries build or reinforce their health facilities, La Chaîne de l'Espoir subscribes to a sustainable development approach through construction and rehabilitation programs that meet international standards.

#### Accomplishments:

- **2001:** The Maputo Heart Institute (Mozambique)
- **2001:** The Phnom Penh Cardiology Centre (Cambodia)
- **2003:** The Children's Pavilion, Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
- **2004:** The Department of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Fann Hospital, Dakar (Senegal)
- **2005:** The French Medical Institute for Children (FMIC), Kabul (Afghanistan)
- **2008:** The Afghan Children's House, Kabul (Afghanistan)
- **2014:** The PhnomPenh Centre for Neurosciences (Cambodia)

#### Ongoing and Future Projects:

- **2016:** The FMIC extension, Mother and Child Centre opening, Kabul (Afghanistan)
- **2016:** The New Afghan Children's House, Kabul (Afghanistan)
- **2017:** Cuomo Center for Pediatric Cardiology, Dakar (Senegal)



## TRANSMITTING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ON-SITE

Supervising and training local teams is one of La Chaîne de l'Espoir's main missions and long-term goals.

This training, taking place during surgical missions, is carried out either through practical sessions or through lectures delivered at the hospital or university. The topics taught include:

- Diagnostic methods
- Medical recruitment based on the children's health conditions
- Surgical procedures
- Post-surgery follow-up

La Chaîne de l'Espoir also organizes and sponsors young doctors' long-term training within large French and European hospital facilities. Working with local universities, the organization sets up tailored training programs leading to diplomas and accreditations in various disciplines of pediatric surgery.



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*With La Chaîne de l'Espoir, I was able to assist my Cambodian, Afghan, and Iraqi colleagues allowing them to, one day, take care of their children themselves*

*Sylvain Chauvaud  
Cardiovascular Surgeon*

## EMERGENCY RELIEF, FACING HUMANITARIAN DISASTERS

La Chaîne de l'Espoir intervenes in humanitarian crises:

- Sending equipment and disposable goods
- Leading surgical missions (reconstructive and orthopedic surgery)
- Transferring injured children to France
- Conducting feasibility studies with the purpose of implementing new health facilities





# Our Activity: Education

## A Fight For Equal Opportunities

Defending the right to education for thousands of children is a priority for La Chaîne de l'Espoir. Our goal is to provide the most vulnerable children, particularly girls, with access to education or vocational training.

### GUARANTEEING GOOD LEARNING CONDITIONS

In some countries schools are in poor condition and lack equipment. To enable the children to develop in a favorable learning environment, La Chaîne de l'Espoir funds the **construction, renovation and development of schools.**

### SATISFYING BASIC EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The **material support** provided by La Chaîne de l'Espoir is crucial for children living in extreme poverty. This aid to education is mainly accomplished through the distribution of school supplies and uniforms, as well as by covering the cost of tuition fees.

### EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE

La Chaîne de l'Espoir organizes **educational projects in schools** with the aim of expanding the children's knowledge and skills.

### IMPLEMENTING FULL MEDICAL CARE

Illness is a major barrier to a child's education. La Chaîne de l'Espoir provides medical care to children benefitting from its education programs by:

- Providing access to care through medical follow-up (routine medical exams, mobile clinics, dental check-ups...)
- Providing preventive hygiene care
- Providing food aid to students to prevent malnutrition



## PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Left to their own devices, children in vulnerable situations are exposed to many dangers. La Chaîne de l'Espoir provides them with a refuge where they can find stability and security.

- Thailand: 'Blue Houses' shelter orphans and abandoned children
- India: 'Reception Centers' welcome children from disadvantaged neighborhoods and allow them to participate in educational and recreational activities

## OUR PROGRAMS WORLDWIDE

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## 2 MAIN WAYS TO GIVE SUPPORT

1

**SPONSORING A CHILD AND HIS COMMUNITY**

2

**SPONSORING A GROUP OF CHILDREN**

«Sponsoring a child you will probably never see is a decision you must honor no matter what (...) There is no doubt this modest donation helps a child undertake and pursue studies or vocational training, and escape dependency and poverty.»

Mr Erwan Du ROUCHET  
A Chaîne de l'Espoir sponsor

### La Chaîne de l'Espoir Is Committed To Providing Girls With Better Access To Education!

Girls are the greatest victims of poverty and discrimination, and their access to education often proves takes a very difficult path. This is why we are particularly interested in supporting and building facilities dedicated to them in India and Afghanistan. More than 1,200 girls currently benefit from these programs.

# Solidarity without Borders

## Operating Worldwide

Adopting a resolutely international approach, La Chaîne de l'Espoir is currently active in over thirty countries and provides assistance in areas affected by large humanitarian crises.

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Columbia
- Congo-Brazzaville
- Ivory Coast
- Cuba
- Djibouti
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Haiti
- India
- Iran
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Syria
- Iraqi Kurdistan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Senegal
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Togo
- Vietnam...



**SENEGAL**

Dakar, model of the future Cuomo Center for Pediatric Cardiology Heart Institute.



**BRAZIL**

Recife, Hand and upper extremity surgical missions since 2005.

### UNE DIMENSION INTERNATIONALE

- **La Chaîne de l'Espoir is established in several countries:** Belgium, the United Kingdom, Portugal, the United States, Brazil, Lebanon, Iran, Haiti, Columbia and Togo.
- **La Chaîne de l'Espoir includes a vast network of medical partners:** in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and South America.
- **International medical teams collaborate on our missions and projects: including teams from** Spain, Italy, Germany, the United States, and Lebanon, among others.
- **Chaîne de l'Espoir / Chain of Hope - Europe**, created in 2015 ; it includes 5 european NGO (La Chaîne de l'Espoir (France), La Chaîne de l'Espoir Belgium, Bambini Cardiopatici Nel Mondo (Italy), Cadeia de Esperança (Portugal), and Robin Aid Foundation (Germany)



**TOGO**

The canteen, established in 2012, in the Adjallé school feeds more than 1,100 children daily.



**AFGHANISTAN**

The French Medical Institute for Children in Kabul, open since 2005, will be expanded with a Mother and Child unit in 2016.

**CAMBODIA**

The Children's Pavilion, created in 2003, provides specialized medical care to Cambodia's neediest children.



**THAILANDE**

In Thailand more than 3,100 children benefit from La Chaîne de l'Espoir's education programs.



# Participants in Solidarity

## Uniting Strength And Goodwill

A unique human adventure and a wonderful alliance of generosity, expertise and energy, La Chaîne de l'Espoir brings together kind-hearted men and women. So much goodwill allows us to rise to life's challenges every day.



### A NETWORK OF EXPERTS: SHARED KNOWLEDGE

La Chaîne de l'Espoir relies on a vast network of French and international surgeons and doctors, all experts in their own fields:

- Cardiovascular surgery
- Cardiology
- Orthopedic surgery
- General surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Reconstructive surgery
- Pediatrics

Along with many other healthcare professionals: anesthetists, intensive care specialists, nurses, radiologists, biomedical engineers...

### HOST FAMILIES: A SECOND FAMILY

For about 8 weeks, the volunteer host family welcomes the child during his or her entire stay in France. Besides accompanying the child through medical care, the host family offers comfort and support, helping the child to better cope with this ordeal far from his or her family.



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Neither gold nor pearls lie  
in the hearts of these children.  
Once healed, they conceal another  
treasure sparkling in their eyes.

Daniel Roux  
Toulouse Branch, Cardiac Surgeon  
at the University Medical Centre of Toulouse

### REGIONAL BRANCHES: REPRESENTATIVE ACROSS FRANCE

Branches all over France, operated by over 150 volunteers, promote La Chaîne de l'Espoir's projects and activities locally, through the organization of events and awareness campaigns. Some welcome children undergoing surgery in partner university hospitals.

**DONORS AND PARTNERS:  
ESSENTIAL GENEROSITY**

Individual donors are responsible for 55% of the organization's resources. Our partners - large corporate groups, SMEs, and foundations or organizations in France or elsewhere - give precious and diverse support: financial participation, in-kind donations, organization of fundraising events, skills-based sponsorship, etc.

**SPONSORS,  
AMBASSADORS AND FRIENDS:  
GETTING TOGETHER FOR LIFE**

Mireille Darc, one of the charity's first patrons, and many other well-known journalists and artists, commit to transmitting La Chaîne de l'Espoir's values and message, promoting its activities and missions.



# Governance and Resources

## When Generosity Is At Work, Life Wins

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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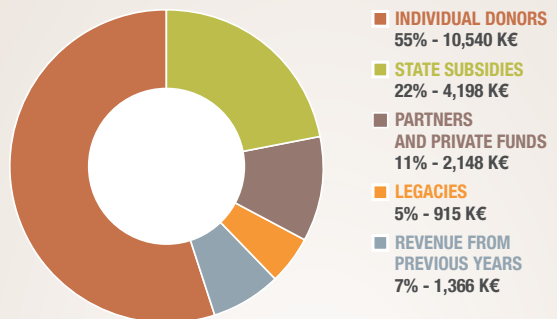
Professor of Paediatric Surgery

**Dr Dominique TOURNAY**

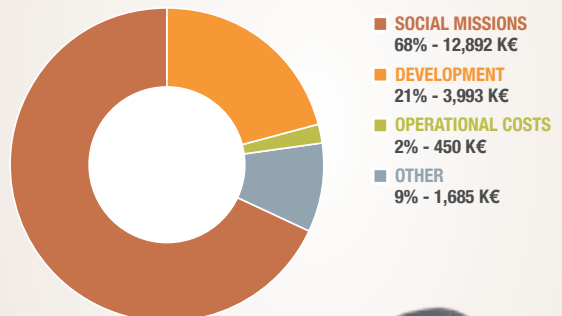
Cardiovascular anaesthetist

### 2014 REVENUE AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

#### REVENUE: 19,17 M€



#### EXPENSES: 19,02 M€



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