

## INTRODUCTION

- In order to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of people with albinism in Togo, the National Association of Albinos has implemented during the year 2017 the following activities:
  - Dermatology consultation campaign in two (Maritime and Plateaux) of the five regions in Togo
  - Launch of local production of sunscreen
  - Awareness campaign for people with albinism and their parents in three regions (Central, Kara and Savanes)

### ACTIVITY I: Dermatology consultation campaign

- The aim of the campaign was to sensitize people with albinism on their vulnerability to the sunlight and to offer them free dermatological consultations, sunscreen and sunglasses



Albinos in waiting room

Facial surgery

Skin consultation

### ACTIVITY II: Local production of sunscreen

- The purpose of this activity was for the association to self-sustain in the protection of people with albinism of Togo against skin diseases by the production and the free distribution of sunscreens



Local production of sunscreen

### ACTIVITY III: Awareness campaign

- The aim of this activity was on one hand to sensitize people with albinism and their parents on albinism and protection measures against the harmful effects of the sun, and on the other hand, to provide sun protection kits to the affected population



Distribution of sun protection kits

### SOME NUMBERS

Region	# of Albinos	# of sunscreen distributed	# of sunglasses distributed	# of consultations
Maritime	145	374	156	117
Plateaux	81	88	150	39
Centrale	48	53	46	00
Kara	72	106	60	00
Savane	71	82	76	00
Total	417	703	488	156

### DIFFICULTIES

- Ritual murder of an Albinos child in Dapaong (far North)
- Persistent non-compliance with sun protection measures despite awareness
- Lack of financial resources for the execution of different activities
- Lack of consideration of the specific concerns of people with albinism by the Government and its partners.
- Insufficient number of protection kits to cover the whole year

### CHALLENGES

- Intensify local outreach and regular monitoring of activities in the regions;
- Strengthen advocacy activities to have the Government and its partners take into account the specific concerns of people with albinism
- Define and implement innovative strategies to obtain more creams, sunglasses, protective hats and financial means to reach more PAAs the Government and its partners.

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