

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION

PROJECT PROPOSAL SAVING THE CHILDREN *of* BINGERVILLE



Bingerville,
IVORY COAST

Overview

Ivory Coast continues to have one of the world's highest maternal mortality rates (614/1,000), high infant mortality (108 deaths per 1,000 live births), and widespread nutritional deterioration. Common diseases among children under 5 include malnutrition, malaria, acute respiratory infections (ARI), dysentery, and anemia.

Bingerville is located in a lagoon region, close to the sea, with a tropical forest area. The climate is very humid. The main productive sectors in the area are agriculture (cassava, yams, oil palms, bananas, etc.) and traditional subsistence fishing.

In rural areas, there is a high rate of illiteracy among women, a pronounced male authority over women, and well-defined roles for women in family and social life (which is why the health and education of children are the responsibility of mothers).

The tropical and humid climate of the region create a breeding ground for infectious and parasitic diseases are very common. Due to a lack of resources and training, the population only visits health centers in cases of extreme severity, and often too late. In less urgent situations, they turn to traditional healers or traditional procedures based on medicinal plants.

The fundamental causes of the infant mortality and malnutrition rates, reflected locally and nationally, are poverty and the ignorance of mothers, who usually bear the responsibility for their children. Unfortunately, this ignorance prevents them from realizing that their children are malnourished and from taking appropriate measures to prevent it. Mothers, after the breastfeeding period, provide cassava porridge to the new-borns. Cassava is the main food for the poorest people, and infants are weaned with it. Not all new-borns adapt to this food. Even in cases they survive, they will likely suffer from nutritional deficiencies. Malnutrition in children aged 0 to 5 years has profound and long-lasting consequences on their health and development. In this critical stage of growth, insufficient or imbalanced nutrition can lead to stunted physical and cognitive development, weakened immune systems, and increased susceptibility to infections.

International humanitarian organization, **Harambee Africa International**, was founded on October 6, 2002 on the occasion of St. Josemaria Escrivá's Canonization ceremony in Rome, and works in the local region. **Harambee's** scope of projects has been varied, spanning emergency medical services for mothers and children, to youth projects for orphans and the handicapped. **Harambee's** mantra is not to build schools, to build character. Only in this way can they "unearth the full human capacity of every man, woman and child to help forge dreams into reality and ambition into achievements".

Recognizing these shared core values in **Global Humanitarian Mission**, **Harambee** is requesting our partnership in stemming this humanitarian crisis in the Ivory Coast.

Where They Are



Coordinates: 5° 21' 20.9" N, 3° 53' 7.3" W

Project Snapshot

Global Humanitarian Mission is committed to service and compassion that will also unearth the full human capacity of every man, woman and child.

Saving the Children of Bingerville is therefore being established, and will target 200 mothers as part of a development strategy to reduce malnutrition among children in the rural area of Bingerville, and the following 15 villages in the province: M'Batto-Bouaké, Achokoua, Santé, Adjamé-Bingerville, Adjin, Akoué, Agban, Ankouyaté, Bregbno, CCP-Elais, Eloka, Elokaté, Kofikro, Ebrah, and Sébiayo.

The project will entail the following:

❖ **Training Program (executed at the Ilomba dispensary)**

Courses on:

- Nutrition
- Disease prevention

❖ **300 Malnutrition screenings for children**

❖ **Ongoing monitoring and nutritional rehabilitation for 30 severely malnourished children**

❖ **Purchase of equipment**

TOTAL COST: \$14,400



"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him." Psalm 127:3

From Global Humanitarian Mission

Global Humanitarian Mission seeks your partnership in easing the plight of malnutrition among children ages 0 to 5 years in the Ivory Coast.

*With an average of 8 members per family in this region,
Your support will be far-reaching ...
To an estimated 4,240 indirect beneficiaries!*



Saving these babies is the first step to saving a future generation.

*“Their children will be successful everywhere;
an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.
They themselves will be wealthy,
And their good deeds will last forever.” Psalms 112:2-10*

Global Humanitarian Mission, a 501(c)(3) organization, is comprised of a compassionate and committed team with over thirty years' experience working in international relief and development around the globe. Global Humanitarian Mission honors the intent of our donors. All proceeds are restricted for the specific project for which they are raised. If more funds are received than are required for a specific project, the additional funds will be used to meet the most urgent need.