Great results for our three-year project in support of the program of tuberculosis control in the health district of Dioffior, in Senegal

The second year of activities were held regularly and in line with expectations; each month the local counterpart forwarded reports that list the patients discovered and included in the aid program, the women (badieu n’gox) who take charge of the patients, the communication activities and the awareness campaign launched by women in the villages, the expenses incurred for activities. The program proceeds independently, with an accurate local management, that’s the reason why we have not considered necessary supervision visits until November 2014.

During this mission, we have been able to verify the correct functioning and once again the great willingness of local administrators: the presence of Dr. Mame Moussa Diaw, doctor of great value and very involved in social activities, represents an essential contribution to the development, implementation and local management of the project. The Hospital of Djoffior is slowly gaining responsiveness to local health needs and is now a reference of surrounding districts.

On February 2015 ended the second year of the project, with even better results than the previous year (+ 25% of cases detected, 100% of patients who have completed therapy healed at the end of July 2014!).

It’s been called the plenary meeting of women (which saw a very high participation) in which have been reported the results of the second year and distributed incentives to all those who have determined this important result. Supervisions were carried out at the poste de Santé N’Dangane and Soudiane, where we have seen once again as the quality of work and how the effectiveness of the performance is much improved compared to 2012.

Also on this occasion, in the following week, the second course for Italian cooperating doctors took place; after the experience of the first year things got even better, with great participation and interest of the participants, who have lived "on site" not only a training course on tuberculosis, but also the difficulties and the rewards of a unique experience in its kind, as it addresses the disease in a systemic way, both from the point of view of health, social and political.

See the pictures of the week on the Stop TB facebook page http://on.fb.me/18jXNXY

In February 2016 the project will end with a general meeting of all those who took part, with an additional course for Italian cooperating doctors and with the filming of the documentary film "Lutteuses 47 - Part Two". There are two other projects that we are finalizing and that, through the acquisition of the radiological installation at the Hospital of Djoffior and the agricultural training for ex-patients, may allow further improvement of the health of the population and the economic self-management and administrative of the project tuberculosis.