

FAI initiates an innovative program:

The "Humanitarian Corps

Abidjan (14.10.2007) - The AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) - in order to remain true to its mission "Humanitarianism in everyday life" - has developed a concept and a program called "Corps Humanitaire" (CH). This program was initially oriented to the training of FAI's internal agents who were designated at the end of their training as "Humanitarian Corps". It was opened to the general public in summer 2007.

The new approach of the Humanitarian Corps program is based on a system of scholarships, making it accessible to the greatest number of people. The Humanitarian Corps program brings together volunteers (men and women) with a humanitarian streak, who are trained by the AMAN-International Foundation in the values and knowledge of the humanitarian, social and development world, in order to enable them to carry out missions of aid and assistance to disadvantaged populations, in crisis situations or during disasters of any kind.

Created in 2005, this high social impact program - opened in the summer of 2007 - has been coupled with the Capacity Building Program (RENCAP) of the AMAN-International Foundation, hence the name "Capacity Building of the Humanitarian Corps" of the FAI (FAI-RENCAP-CH).

The "FAI-RENCAP-CH", according to Marie Ginette AMANI, President and Founder of the FAI, aims to inculcate important notions on humanitarianism, development, civic-mindedness and first aid in order to better channel (the energy of) the youth of developing countries and to give them the assets to become efficient instruments of solidarity, humanitarian and development action in their respective countries.

Based on a careful selection process, more than 140 people (men, women, young and old) had the opportunity to benefit from the training scholarships for the first session (summer 2007) offered by the AMAN-International Foundation. After having intensively followed the theoretical and practical components provided by a high quality faculty (university professors, specialists, etc.), the participants were ready for their first field operation.

The FAI chose - as a setting for the initiation of its first Humanitarian Corps elements - the Community-based Urban Health Training (CUBS) of Abobo-Té. In one full day, October 14, 2007, the Humanitarian Corps amazed the staff of the FSUCOM of Abobo-Té, headed by the President of the Board of Directors, Colonel AKÉ. The program included: painting the fence, cleaning the rooms, weeding, planting grass, assisting the medical staff, a program that the Humanitarian Corps carried out brilliantly.

It should be noted that the training within the framework of the FAI-RENCAP-CH program includes both a theoretical and practical component and a field component. The different training periods are scheduled for spring, summer, fall and winter.

The numerous participants who spontaneously responded to the first cycle (summer 2007) of the training program were issued their "FAI-RENCAP-CH Validation Certificate" for the first cycle of training out of the four planned to complete the FAI-RENCAP-CH training program. This certificate is issued by the Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation in Germany.

It should be noted that this program is increasingly well known and has great credibility among the population and development partners. The FAI-RENCAP-CH program is strongly supported by several national and international institutions such as the Ministry of Solidarity and War Victims, the Ministry of Family, Women and Social Affairs, the UNESCO Commission or the Red Cross.

It is also good to know that AMAN-International Foundation also offers the "FAI-RENCAP-TGP" (Project Management Technique), "FAI-RENCAP-MGP" (Project Management Module) and "FAI-RENCAP-AGR" (Income Generating Activities) programs. All these training programs are not only open to individuals, but also to NGOs, associations, companies and other groups.