



We have been informed that...

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HOSPITAL. KOFORIDUA (GHANA)

On May 3, the “Koforidua rehabilitation project” was set in motion with the start-up of the first module (one physician and three therapists).

The project is designed to meet the need for rehabilitation personnel, such as physiotherapists, psychomotor neurological therapists, occupational therapists and related referral physicians, to work in the St Joseph's Catholic Hospital at Koforidua in Ghana.



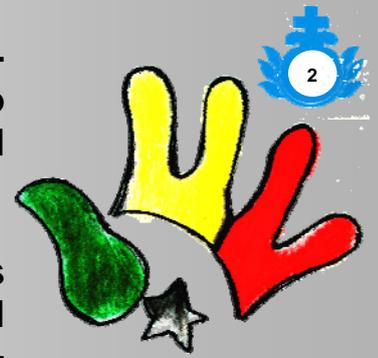
This hospital, belonging to the Hospitaller Order of St John of God, has a large Orthopaedics unit and a Paediatric Traumatology Department (with about 200 beds), but it has no therapists to provide psychomotor rehabilitation for trauma patients or for those recovering after orthopaedic surgery, whether adults or children.



Project:
Encouraging
Autonomy



In order to make the hospital autonomous in future, the project sets out to train local therapists as broadly and completely as possible.



To initiate this kind of mission, contacts were made in 2010 between the local managers and the management of AFMAL (**A**ssociazione con i **F**atebenefratelli per i **M**alati **L**ontani) and a protocol of understanding was signed covering approximately one year from 2011 to 2012, relating both to the rehabilitation work proper and the training of new local therapists.



THIS PROJECT WILL COMPRISE:

- ◆ **Three/four operators to take it in turns to work on three-weekly modules for one year.**
- ◆ **Physicians in various specialisms, to organise the service and train new local professional operators.**
- ◆ **Supplying teaching aids for the local physiotherapists' school.**
- ◆ **A certificate, to be issued upon the completion of the courses.**
- ◆ **The twinning of the rehabilitation service.**

The project Base is at the St John of God "Fatebenefratelli" Institute at Genzano, Rome. This hospital will send out the teams of operators from the Brothers of St John of God hospitals at Genzano, Rome (San Pietro hospital), and its other hospital facilities all over Italy.