

Project Proposal: Mobile Hearing Screening and CSOM treatment for Children in Luanda, Angola

1. Executive Summary

This proposal seeks the sponsorship of a vehicle to enable mobile hearing screening services and CSOM treatment for school children in Luanda, Angola. The project aims to reach approximately 5000 children annually, providing early detection and intervention opportunities for hearing impairments and discharging ears that otherwise go undiagnosed due to accessibility challenges.

2. Background and Need

Hearing loss in school-aged children can significantly hinder language development, academic performance, and social integration. Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media (CSOM) is the most common reason for hearing impairment in children in Africa. In Luanda, Angola, many children have no access to early hearing screening or audiological services. The lack of mobile infrastructure and limited transportation options make outreach extremely difficult, particularly in underserved areas.

3. Project Description

The proposed solution involves the deployment of a fully equipped mobile hearing screening unit, staffed by trained personnel, including local ENT specialists. The vehicle will operate across Luanda, visiting schools and health posts to conduct hearing screenings and treatment of children requiring further care for ear infection like CSOM.

4. Objectives

- Screen 5000 children annually across public schools in Luanda.
- Initiate EarClean treatment of ears with CSOM
- Raise awareness about childhood hearing health among teachers and parents.
- Provide referrals for medical or audiological follow-up where necessary.

5. Project Partners

The project is initiated by Rotary Malmö Lorensborg (Sweden), in collaboration with Rotary Club RC Luanda(Angola) . Dr. Palmira Kumatoko, ENT specialist at Hospital Josina Machel in Luanda, Angola and the local expertise ensures sustainability, cultural understanding, and integration with the national healthcare system.

6. Sponsorship Request

We are seeking full sponsorship of one vehicle (ideally a minivan or compact van suitable for conversion into a mobile screening unit). This includes delivery to Luanda, initial outfitting for basic clinical functionality (space, storage), and ideally initial service/maintenance coverage.

7. Alignment with Corporate Social Responsibility Goals

This project aligns with CSR goals related to child health, inclusive mobility, and community impact. By enabling access to healthcare through mobility, the sponsor contributes directly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (notably Good Health and Well-Being, and Reduced Inequalities).

8. Sustainability and Long-term Plan

The vehicle will remain in Luanda under the supervision of ENT teams at Hospital Josina Machel. Maintenance will be coordinated locally, with the support of Rotary and relevant partners. Data from screenings will help shape long-term policies on pediatric hearing care.

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