

PTC report: Session 26th through 30th October 2015

1. Purpose of the visit

Running of the first session of the three scheduled for the mission supported by Africa Mercy Ships

2. Executive summary

2-1-2 full course has been scheduled

The attendance was honored for more than 98%. Unpredictable dismissal has been encountered because of woman physician being called for own sick children

Participation of recently trained instructors has been valued

The location site at the capital town allowed accessible attendance to key participants like those of the central emergency department of the capital town.

Most instructors involved came from Toamasina province, 400 km drive from the capital town.

3. Key staff involved in planning and coordinating

Contributions of international faculty members (Mike Dobson, Jeanne Frossard) were honored, and have allowed the training, the coaching and the mentoring of the local faculty members

Collaborations with Africa Mercy Ships staff (Krissy Close, Joan Kotze, and collaborators, Tsiferana and Gaëlle) allowed the running of the registration, the course scheduling, the fulfilling of the administrative compliance as regards the civil servant participants (both instructors and course participants)

4. Professional aspects of the visit

The strengthening of the first aid and the emergency department care delivery was emphasized through that course: most of the participants were physicians and nurses practitioners of the capital town city (medical and surgical emergency department staff; on duty surgeons)

The invitation of the head of the Society of Anesthesiology and Intensive care medicine allowed better acquaintance with understanding of the the need for structured and comprehensive management of the first minutes of emergency care to trauma patients. The rationale underpinning PTC course, in terms of simple, locally fit, and comprehensive but summarized knowledge which serve for the practical application has been accordingly understood by the consultant physicians and the nurse practitioners that attended the course.

Participation of international attendance, in the persons of Dr Linds and Liz, allowed exchange of experiences, fine tuning of specific knowledge, practical dealing with challenges that delivering the course or being participants might represent.

5. Course participants

Namely, trainees were from two emergency departments of the capital town: one as medical emergency department, one as surgical emergency department. Both departments constitute the main national central reference centers of the country.

6. Course instructors

Instructors that have benefited from the February instructor course on-board of the Africa Mercy Ships of Toamasina participated largely to the training.

Among the instructors, Dr Toky Razarasoa, a surgeon woman working from Fenerive Est, 600 km away from the capital town, has been noticed to be gifted in leading the course.

Else, one instructor from Tana (Dr Abel), four local instructors out of which one is of international training background (Canadian physician who is staying in Toamasina town) were involved.

The international faculty members (Mike and Jeanne) accepted to be coach and mentor to the course director, the course leader, and the instructors

7. Details of activities

Lecturers (instructors, invited guests) delivered comprehensive presentations

Both for the first and last two days PTC courses, and for the instructor course, the use of the mother tongue language has been mandatory. This has been noticed despite the claiming of French language as the training means of conveying knowledge in the country.

The skill station sessions and the workshop stations were more helpful, compared to the interactive sessions of lectures. Better knowledge of the ups and downs of the participants' background allowed the optimal transmission of the notions from PTC that we need for practical application in the daily encounter of our practice.

8. Subsidiary activities

None to declare for this item

9. Media coverage

No media advertisement has been undertaken

10. Contents of the Primary Trauma Care course

The full contents of the recent version of the course manual have been completely delivered during the course.

11. Evaluation of the success and relevance of the visit

For the following (12 and 13) items, related report is available at the administrative level.

12.PTC Course evaluation forms

13.Summary of multiple choice questionnaire scores before and after the course

14.Contents of the Primary Trauma Care Instructors course

The training items from the instructor manual have been almost addressed in its whole entirety.

15.PTC instructor course participants

Appointed from previous PTC training (held at a province University Hospital Center of Fianarantsoa), two instructor participants attended the course

Identified individuals, noticed during the first two days PTC course, have been involved as well.

16.PTC instructor course instructors

Thanks to Dr Mike and Jeanne, the international faculty members of the course, mentoring, coaching, and contributive collaboration have been all involved to allow the running and the delivery of the training lectures for instructors by recently graduate instructors of the recent last PTC course on-board of the Africa Mercy Ships of Toamasina (February of this year).

17.PTC instructor Course Evaluation forms

18.PTC Instructor information forms

Both documents (17 and 18) are available at the administrative archiving level

19.Observations and recommendations for future visits in your specialty and suggestions as to how such visits could be modified to contribute further to the projects objectives

20.Details of any teaching or other material provided

We kept to the available teaching material contents as these were the mostly up to date versions of the course contents.

21.Acknowledgements

We remain very grateful to Dr Mike and Jeanne for their continuous support to PTC Madagascar.

Their active support for the integration of the Society of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine is considered as part of our better integration to the international community of good practice and the promotion of helpful skills like PTC to the daily encounter of our practice.

We are very grateful to Krissy Close and Joan Kotze and collaborator from the sake of Africa Mercy Ships that helped actively to the running of the course

I, the appointed Course Director, am very grateful to Dr Mike and Jeanne for the coaching and mentoring we have been allowed to.

I am thankful to the Instructors from Toamasina, from very remote district like Dr Toky, and despite busy days as Dr Tasnime, Dr Paulin, Dr Rija, Dr Boba, Dr Abel are been confronted with.