

Mrs. Dominique Ouattara, President of Children Of Africa at the appreciation luncheon to donors: "Thanks to your generosity, we can make headway"

The Children of Africa Foundation Mrs. Dominique Ouattara thanked on Saturday June 29th, 2013 during a sumptuous Dinner at the Hotel Ivoire, donors who have contributed to the implementation of Bingerville Mother-Child Hospital dream.. We offer here all her speech at that ceremony.

It is my great pleasure and privilege to welcome you to this dinner of appreciation, in honor of your solidarity and support for this noble cause. This morning, we have been able to proceed with the laying of the foundation stone of the mother-child hospital of Bingerville and it was a key step in our ambitious project.

All the credit is yours and for many reasons.

Indeed, since February 2012, while the project was in an embryonic stage, you have fed it with your encouragement, your confidence and with your generosity, we have been able to move forward. That is why, today, the Children of Africa Foundation has invited you to this appreciation luncheon in order to thank you and inform you about the progress of the project.

Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank my dear husband, President Alassane Ouattara, the first member of the Foundation, who by his support and advice allowed me possible to achieve this ambition for our children of Côte d'Ivoire. Darling, thank you for always supporting me.

Thank you also to my faithful friend, Princess Ira Furstenberg, Godmother of the Foundation since its inception, who has always supported our actions. I would point out that Princess Ira is a creative art objects author of which a part of the sale is donated to the Foundation.

Dear Ira, your support has never failed me, as well as your presence at my side. Thank you infinitely.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our friend Alain Delon, who wanted so much to be with us for the laying of the foundation stone.

Unfortunately, this has not been possible, for reasons of health. We care.

I would also like to thank several people who have accepted our invitation to come to Abidjan to support our Hospital.

-Minister Douste Blazy, Chairman of UNITAID, which is a great institution, associated with the Bill Clinton and the Bill GATES Foundations

Dear Philip, I know your immense contribution to humanitarian in worldwide and I congratulate you. You told me your desire to support the hospital and I sincerely thank you.

- Mr. Professor Alain DELOCHE, eminent cardiologist, President of the Chain of Hope

Thank you also for being with us today.

Dear Professor,

You are planning a partnership with the hospital of Bingerville and from now on, children suffering from heart disease can be operated in Abidjan by volunteers from the Chain of Hope. I sincerely thank you.

To the village community of Bingerville

Represented here by the Chief ABGO Honoré, I wish to express my sincere gratitude, for graciously offering us the magnificent site for the construction of our hospital.

To you, Dear national and international major donors present with us tonight, there is no bond to my thanks to you.

Since the launch of the construction project of the mother-child hospital of Bingerville you have shown an unprecedented generosity face to our ambitious project to build a mother-child referral hospital.

You immediately joined the project, deploying a magnificent run up of generosity around this noble cause. Until today, your completely private donations amounted to four billion two hundred million CFA, or 75% of the overall cost required for the construction, it is a real feat you have achieved, I would like to tell you, from the bottom of my heart:

THANK YOU.

Our task is far from being completed because we still have to mobilize 25% of the amount required for the construction of the hospital, or: one billion two hundred million francs CFA before the end of 2014.

It is a large sum, but I know we'll succeed, thank God.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This dinner gives me the pleasant opportunity to extend my compliments to the medical and technical team who worked for the implementation of project. They were selected on the basis of their competence. With the start of the construction, this is a great yard that opens to them. I would like to address them all my encouragement for the success of this major project.

My special congratulations go to the location of the operator selected after the international tender: the Ivorian CAURIS consortium led by Sir Roger MBENGUE.

The film that will follow and the intervention of Mr. MBENGUE, will give you more details.

Finally, to all our volunteers who accompany us on all fronts, with the firm willingness to help others, thank you so. You are also great donors.

**Ladies and gentlemen,
Distinguished guests,
Dear donors,**

Thank you all for your valuable contributions. Women and children of Côte d'Ivoire will be grateful forever.

Excellent evening to all of you,
Thank you.