

# MAURICE DE MADRE FRENCH FUND – info

ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAST WISHES OF COUNT MAURICE DE MADRE USING THE PROPERTY HE BEQUEATHED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS ON HIS DEATH IN 1970 FOR:



STAFF MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS  
WHO HAVE SUFFERED INJURY IN THE COURSE OF  
THEIR WORK WITHIN THE MOVEMENT

STAFF MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS  
SUFFERING FROM AN ILLNESS RELATED TO  
THEIR WORK WITHIN THE MOVEMENT

FAMILIES OF STAFF MEMBERS AND  
VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN  
THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK WITHIN THE  
MOVEMENT

## EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

First, the Fund receives an urgent request. The application contains insufficient information about a complex situation a long way away. Delegates in the field (who form a network vital to the work of the Fund secretary) and specialized staff working for other units at ICRC headquarters are approached, and respond immediately. Board members approve the proposed grant – and life can return more or less to normal for one or more persons. That's usually how things work at the Fund.

The Fund endeavours to provide "bridging" support to all Movement workers and their families who find themselves in distress following an accident, an attack, an illness or a death directly linked to their work within the Movement. Those who take part in the work of the Fund are taking part in the search for an adequate solution to a major problem facing one or more people.

It has been a privilege to be part of this work, and then to manage the Fund for 20 years. Now it is over to Emmanuel Séité, who will be in charge of this unique and very enriching experience!

I would like to thank everyone in the field and at headquarters who worked unstintingly to ensure that the Fund's help could be delivered where it was required. I would also like to thank the other Board members, who granted me their unfailing confidence.

The Fund is well known, but we must continue to raise public awareness about its work. Be sure to keep reminding all our Movement's members of its existence.

Jacqueline Hugentobler  
Outgoing Secretary and Fund member

## A JOINT EFFORT

**1 March 2011** was the date that Mouctar, a volunteer working for the Red Cross Society of Guinea, was given the opportunity to once again lead a normal life, thanks to reconstructive surgery.

On 18 October 2009, Mouctar and other NS volunteers were participating in a course in disaster-preparedness and restoring family links in south-eastern Guinea. The vehicle taking them back to the capital was attacked by an armed group and a bullet went through the lower half of Mouctar's face, severely damaging his palate and his respiratory system.

Reconstructive surgery performed in Guinea was unsuccessful. Mouctar was well known for his drive, and since 1998 he had held responsible positions as a first-aid worker, a squad leader, and even director for disaster-preparedness.

Thanks to the perseverance of staff from the ICRC delegations in Conakry and Dakar, including Wilhelm, Laetitia, Josiane, Walter, Ludovic and several others, it was possible to organize a second operation in Dakar, and this one was successful!

The Fund Board took the decision to finance the treatment required for Mouctar's full recovery. And ICRC field staff left no stone unturned in ensuring that he could recover.

## AID IN FITTING FORM

Nora Guadalupe, a volunteer paramedic at the Mexican Red Cross since 1989, died on **18 February 2009** a few days after being involved in a road accident. The accident happened as she travelled home from a youth-training session she had helped organize.

Ms Guadalupe was married and had a daughter aged 4 and a son 14. As well as being a painful loss to the family, her death was a financial blow. Her husband's salary alone was insufficient to cover basic needs, in particular the children's school fees.

In order that the children's education was not cut short, the Fund Board decided to cover the fees for the remainder of their years at school.

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## THE FUND

As in previous years, the secretary's work in 2010 consisted essentially in processing requests from previous years (47), examining new requests (17) and submitting them, together with a proposed grant, to the Board for decision, and, finally, ensuring that those decisions were implemented through the delegations.

Statistics for requests processed during the current year show the following:

- For the first time in several years, there were more requests for grants from Asia (27) than from Africa (23) see Box 1
- Most requests submitted to the Fund were made as a result of an accident (25 deaths; 10 injured) or an act of violence (13 deaths; 4 injured). see Box 2
- Stricter application of the rules (that a link must exist between an illness, injury or death and the person's work within the Movement) has achieved its purpose: in 2010 only two of the new requests related to an illness. Funding was obtained for one of those through the Fondation Helene Arnold. The other request had to be turned down.

The Fondation Helene Arnold once more enabled the Fund to give a favourable reply to cases it could not have been able to accept without financial assistance. Unfortunately, requests to other foundations were unsuccessful in 2010.

Ms Christiane Augsburger, ICRC member, assumed her duties as the new chairman of the Fund. Owing to internal reorganization, Ms Patrizia Breitenstein handed over the task of keeping the Fund's accounts, which she had performed for several years, to Mr Alziro Catoquessa.

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With the support of the following ICRC staff members :

- Mr A. Catoquessa, responsible for keeping the Fund's accounts;
- the delegates responsible for cooperation with National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the field, and their field officers;
- the delegation administrators.

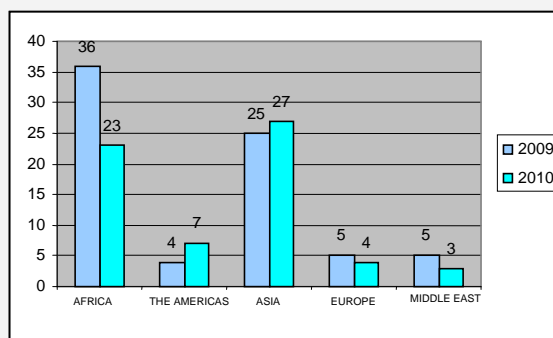
#### Board Members:

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Mr A. Chavan

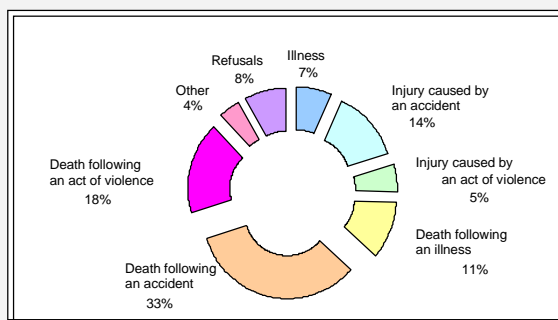
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Requests in 2009/2010 – by geographical area



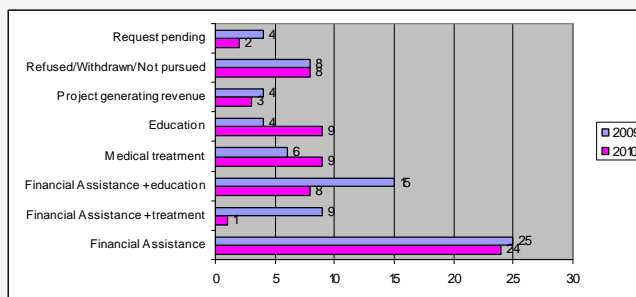
### BOX 2)

New cases in 2010 – reasons for requests



### BOX 3)

Requests in 2009/2010 – purpose of grant



### FROM 1975 TO 2010, THE FUND HANDLED:

Ä 489 requests

Ä 794 individual cases

Ä 1984 beneficiaries

Ä grants totalling 3,476,029 Swiss francs