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Saturday 17 October 2015: Africa on the Rock

**AMREF Flying Doctors Gala
In association with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation
Promoting health for women and children in Africa**

AMREF Flying Doctors – Africa’s leading public health NGO – organised on Saturday 17 October 2015 its first ever gala in Monaco, in association with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation, to raise funds for the programmes run by the two organisations for women and children in Africa.

In the presence of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, 240 guests attended the evening. Among them Mr. Jean-Louis Borloo, Mrs. Béatrice Schönberg, Mrs. Esther Madudu, Mrs. Sonia Rolland, Mr. Jalil Lespert, H.R.H. Prince Emmanuel-Philibert of Savoy, Mrs. Jelena Djokovic, Mr. Stéphane Hénon, Mr. Bernard Montiel.



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From left to right: Mrs. Agnès Falco, Secretary General of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation, H.S.H. Prince Albert II, Mr. Nicolas Merindol, President of the AMREF Board, Mrs. Esther Madudu Ugandan midwife trained by the AMREF, Mr. Jean-Louis Borloo, Mrs. Béatrice Schönberg

Journalists Samira Ibrahim and Bernard de la Villardière hosted the evening during which the singers Angie Castel and Nadège Beausson-Diagne performed.

€ 73,590 were collected from the auction and from the Monacoeur operation. These donations will support on one hand the AMREF Flying Doctors women’s health programmes through the **training of midwives in about ten African countries**, and on the other hand a **joint project in Kenya implemented by AMREF Flying Doctors and the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation**. This project will focus on children’s health through the provision of drinking water, hygiene education, drowning prevention, learning to swim and water safety training in schools.

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AMREF Flying Doctors: Founded in 1957 in Kenya, AMREF Flying Doctors is now Africa's leading public health NGO and the first African non-profit organisation to provide medical staff training. Each year, the organisation undertakes 150 programmes helping 12 million people in 35 Sub-Saharan African countries, mainly in rural areas, within local communities where priority is given to women and children. Since 2011, AMREF has run the international "Stand Up for African Mothers" campaign which aims to train 15,000 midwives in order to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa. In September 2015, more than 7,000 midwives have benefited from the AMREF training programmes in seven African countries.

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Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation: Launched in December 2012, the primary objective of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation is to save lives by fighting against drowning. Its missions are to raise public awareness about the dangers of water, teach children preventive measures, and teach them to swim. A number of "Learn to Swim" and "Water Safety" programmes have been implemented worldwide in order to fight against this affliction. The Foundation's actions are also based on the values of sport such as discipline, self-respect and respect for others, determination and team spirit. This is why a specific programme "Sport & Education" was created. It allows children, thanks to international sporting events and exchanges, to open their minds to different cultures.

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