

Inauguration of the swimming pool in Loumbila's multi-purpose centre Burkina Faso

TSH Prince Albert II and Princess Charlene visited Burkina Faso in a friendly and work-related capacity, notably to inaugurate the Loumbila multipurpose training centre on 12 January 2018.



TSH the Prince and Princess of Monaco surrounded by the President of Burkina Faso, Mr Roch Marc Christian Kaboré and his wife as well as the Burkina Faso and Monaco Red Cross' representatives attending a first aid training workshop
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The Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation is currently partnering with the Red Cross of Monaco and the Red Cross of Burkina Faso whose aim is to transform and implant the Monegasque Pavilion at the Milan World Expo 2015 in Burkina Faso.

The Pavilion has now become a hotel complex and a centre to train professionals (most notably in hospitality). It also serves as a first aid and CPR training centre for countries in the West African region.

As part of this project, the Foundation created an aquatic rescue centre - including a swimming pool, changing rooms and a machine room - to raise awareness among children and adults about the risks related to water.

The pool measures 12.5 metres wide, 25 metres long and it can hold up to six water lanes.



Loumbila's multipurpose training centre's swimming pool
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The Water Safety and Learn to Swim programmes will be offered to the 1,000 students from the neighbouring high school but also to other nearby schools.

The four-time freediving world record holder Pierre Frolla, Director of the Aquatic Rescue Centre of Monaco (Centre de Sauvetage Aquatique de Monaco – CSAM) and Ambassador of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation, brings his expertise and know-how to deliver this project to its fruition.

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