Since 1999 Humatem (a non-profit organisation) is committed to enhancing practices by health stakeholders and international aid organizations.

In order to improve the quality of medical device transferred to healthcare facilities in developing countries, Humatem manages an exchange platform which offers tools and services to ensure actions are more efficient.

Humatem’s operations are in line with WHO’s Guidelines for healthcare equipment donations and it participates actively in the Global Initiative on Health Technologies launched in 2009.

Humatem works closely with the following organisations:

Biologie sans Frontières, Cap Solidarités, the World Health Organisation’s (WHO) Department of Essential Health Technologies, the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE), Fédération Hospitalière de France (FHF) and Groupe Urgence Réhabilitation Développement (URD).

... and networks with:

The Bank of Medical Devices for International Aid

This service, unique in France, coordinates donations of medical devices between health stakeholders and international aid organisations supporting medical equipment for healthcare facilities in developing countries.

The Bank of Medical Devices enables health stakeholders (donors) to offer medical devices and for the international aid organisations (running the projects), to obtain those that are appropriate for the needs of the healthcare facilities they support. The international aid organisations are selected by written application and receive advice on the conduct of their projects.

How does it work?

Humatem checks the relevance of the donors’ proposals, if necessary, by carrying out an inventory of the medical devices on site.

Humatem ensures that requests by the organisations running the projects are appropriate and informs them of any constraints regarding the devices.

Once approved, offers and requests are entered into a database and matching ones generate a contact between the parties. The international aid organisations are responsible for collecting and delivering the devices. They undertake to provide Humatem with a follow-up evaluation of this operation.

Resource Center for medical equipment support

Humatem develops and disseminates tools and aids which are made available to the organisations involved in medical equipment support projects.

Technical tools: information factsheets, a library of technical documents, a list of local biomedical resources, etc.

Awareness aids: a themed exhibition, an ethical charter, a documentary film, etc.

Methodological aids: a practical guide, tools for running a project, etc.

Training and interaction workshops

These tools and aids are designed in conjunction with a working group organised by Humatem and consisting of specialized associations, organisations educating and sensitizing the public to development issues and health professionals.

How to access them?

Most of these tools and aids are freely accessible on our website, or available on request. To organize, or to participate in, a training or interaction workshop, contact Humatem.

Biomédon, a collaborative biomedical network

To optimise the performance of medical equipment dispatched to developing countries, this network offers biomedical services to international aid organisations: careful uninstallation of medical equipment, performance controls, recalibration and configuration, minor repairs, ordering accessories and spare parts, field missions (setup, training, maintenance)

An active network throughout France

Biomedical workshops run either at Humatem’s offices or conducted offsite

Key resource people amongst biomedical professionals

Partner organisations (biomedical maintenance companies, manufacturers’ after sales services, accessory retailers, universities, specialised associations, etc.)

How does it work?

Simply on request. Humatem provides the service most appropriate for your needs in terms of cost, delivery and location