



CHARTER

FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT HOLDERS

This charter outlines the values and principles that the signatory of a medical equipment support project commits to implementing. It respects the six criteria developed using the PRECIS quality reference framework specific to medical equipment support projects.*

By medical equipment support project we mean an international aid project which aims to improve the range of services offered by a healthcare facility by increasing its stock of medical equipment.

AS THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT HOLDER, WE UNDERTAKE TO:

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- 1. implement this project, only if it meets a **need to improve health**, expressed by a partner health facility;
 - 2. carry out an **additional analysis of the local situation** in order to clarify and confirm the pertinence of these needs;
 - 3. only supply medical devices that are **complete and fully operational**, having been tested and certified by someone competent to do so (a biomedical engineer or technician in the case of complex medical equipment);
 - 4. **obtain the agreement of the partner and relevant local authorities** before sending any medical device;
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- 5. conduct the project in a real **spirit of partnership**, in concrete terms this means with mutual respect, reciprocal recognition and shared responsibility;
 - 6. state the project's objectives and the commitment of both parties in a written **partnership agreement**;
 - 7. follow a **structured methodology** divided into 5 documented phases (preliminary assessment, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation), whilst understanding that the process will need to be adapted to the reality and constraints;
 - 8. plan **sufficient time** for the project so that all the phases can be implemented;

*The PRECIS quality reference framework is part of the series of methods and tools dedicated to medical equipment support projects produced by Humatem and Groupe URD.



- EFFECTIVE**
9. seek **long-term use** of the medical equipment, particularly by ensuring that a supply of consumables, accessories, maintenance kits and spare parts is available, and this without putting a strain on the finances of the health facility;
 10. create **tools and indicators** to monitor and evaluate the project;

- CAPABILITY**
11. mobilise the necessary **human, equipment and financial** resources to run the project;
 12. draw up a **suitable plan** (transparent management, rigorous accounting, effective communications, efficient organisation of logistics, etc.);
 13. abide by the **principles of solidarity**, namely non-profit, equitable, neutral and respecting human rights;

- IMPACT**
14. set **realistic goals to improve the offer of healthcare and overall health of the community**, and that are not just centred on making medical equipment available;
 15. explore and favour **availability on the local market** in order to contribute to the development of the partner country's economy;
 16. use a **sustainable development approach**, namely by anticipating waste management of medical devices and consumables;

- SYNERGY**
17. identify and work with **international solidarity players** operating in the same area/or the same field, and/or specialised in project management, as well as with those specialised in the field of supplies of medical devices and healthcare products, in technical biomedical services (installing, training, maintenance) and in logistics, etc.
 18. work with **key local players** operating in the vicinity of the partner health facility : health, administrative and traditional authorities, other health facilities, service providers, suppliers, etc.

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