Finding the Humanitarian Face of Pharmacy

Apothecary Project: Pharmacists promoting sustainable development

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Apothecary Project is an initiative from Pharmacists without Borders Spain to promote the professional role of pharmacists in:

International Cooperation for Development
Humanitarian Aid
Social Action
Pharmacists without Borders Spain

Non-governmental organization

Mission:
Provide pharmaceutical assistance to the populations that suffer the health consequences of poverty

Pharmacists without Borders Spain’s milestones

1991
Founded in Spain

2004
Social Action activities in Spain

2006
Drug Bank

2010
Online training platform CDAF-2.0

2012
Apothecary Project
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TRAINING of pharmacists in the course
Specialization in Pharmaceutical Cooperation.

PARTICIPATION of trained pharmacists in
development projects in the field.

Creation of an E-PORTFOLIO as a source of qualified human resources for non-governmental organizations working on projects likely to be assisted by a pharmacist.
Specialization in Pharmaceutical Cooperation

**General Objectives**
- Understanding how Third Sector organizations in the field of pharmacy work. To provide training in the management of nonprofit organizations.
- Instruction in the identification, design, implementation and evaluation of programs, projects and activities in International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Social Action.
- Training in the execution of international cooperation projects in the pharmaceutical field.

**Methodology**
- **Online**
  - 190 hours
  - E-learning platform CDAF-2.0
- **On-site**
  - 16 hours
  - Pharmaceutical Cooperation Annual Meeting

**Length**
- October-June
Specialization in Pharmaceutical Cooperation
SYLLABUS

UNIT 1: MANAGEMENT OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)

- Introduction to associations and non-profit movements
- Health and nonprofit sector: Third Sector and Pharmacy
- Management of a NGO
- Transparency and good governance in NGOs
- Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) and NGOs

UNIT 2: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Concept and context of Cooperation for Development
- Health, Pharmacy and Development Cooperation
- Types of projects in Development Cooperation
- Project management

UNIT 3: AREAS OF WORK IN PHARMACEUTICAL COOPERATION

- Infectious Pathologies
- Pharmaceutical Assistance Networks
- Humanitarian aid and medicines
- Food and hygiene
- Water and Sanitation
Apothecary Project: Training

Specialization in Pharmaceutical Cooperation

PHARMACEUTICAL COOPERATION ANNUAL MEETING
Apothecary Project: Training

143 pharmacists specialized in Pharmaceutical Cooperation in 4 consecutive academic years
Apothecary Project: Working in the field

2013-2016
53 trained pharmacists
29 development projects and post-emergency responses
16 countries
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Organisations:

Location:

Ensanche Libertad,
Santiago de los Caballeros,
Dominican Republic

Aid workers: Nacho, Mila, Javi, Pili, Marta, Tamara
To promote the good health of the inhabitants of the Ensanche Libertad and to facilitate the access to affordable medicines to those most in need.
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Pedro Mahamud’s Foundation Social and Health Care Center:
- General & Specialized Medicine
- Social Pharmacy

7,000 medical consultations/year
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Social and Health Care Center Team
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Needs:
Self-sustainable Social Pharmacy
Pharmaceutical care improvement

FSFE* collaboration necessary?
FSFE collaboration possible?

*Pharmacists without Borders Spain

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WORK IN THE FIELD

Pharmacists aid workers

- Tamara: 1 month in the field in 2014
- Marta: 1 ½ months in the field in 2015
- Nacho: 2 months in the field in 2015
- Mila: 1 ½ months in the field in 2015
- Javi: 2 months in the field in 2015
- Pili: 2 months in the field in 2015
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WORK IN THE FIELD

Identification of specific needs

• Improve pharmacy visibility
WHERE’S THE PHARMACY?
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- Procure a reliable, easy and quick to use, reference material about medicine usage: indications, dosage, adverse effects...
- Sort out free medical samples
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ATTITUDE

Observe and listen twice as much as you speak

When you speak do it respectfully
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Be aware of the cultural difference and cultivate patience and tolerance
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Establish horizontal relationships with other team members

Value the experience of the local team
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Empower people
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Improving pharmacy’s visibility & accessibility
To ensure and to optimize the access to medicines of the beneficiary population and a rational drug use
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WORK IN THE FIELD

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WORK IN THE FIELD

Pharmacy’s team grows!
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Pharmaceutical Management, Pharmaceutical Care and Rational Drug Use
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Optimizing drug purchasing process => Larger variety of medicines, Lower retail prices, Higher benefits
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Tidying free medical samples and putting them to a good use
Strengthening the Pharmacy Service of Padre Pedro Mahamud’s Foundation: A YEAR AFTER

- Self-sustainable pharmacy
- Higher number of beneficiaries
- Landmark for health promotion and rational drug use in the area
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People to give life and hope are wanted

Look around you and act

Pharmacists like you are needed

Get Involved!!

En que invierto lo que soy y quien soy?
Who benefits from my know-how and from what I have to offer?
Hope to see you again soon!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION