

SECoopera continues to work on the cardiological health cooperation program in Rwanda that began in July 2023.

This is a project aimed at teams of local doctors/nurses in two areas of the country: Nemba Hospital and associated health centers (Gakenke district), and Ruhengeri Referral Hospital (Musanze district).

The project combines different branches:

- Theoretical and practical training of health workers in cardiovascular pathology at Nemba Hospital and associated health centers. The program will be certified by the Spanish Society of Cardiology.
- Performance and interpretation of basic diagnostic techniques such as electrocardiogram and echocardiography.
- Support for the establishment of a program for detection and control of cardiovascular risk factors (CVRF) mainly in health centers and rural communities.
- In a second phase, this training project will be expanded to the Ruhengeri Referral Hospital.

In addition, we are implementing with local education and health authorities a project for awareness-raising and early detection of rheumatic fever and rheumatic valve disease.

Its aim is to work both in health centers and schools (with teachers and families), through stories, booklets, talks, dissemination campaigns and other activities, to promote early detection and an easier access to prophylactic administration of penicillin.

Since July 2023, volunteer cardiologists have been working continuously alongside local health staff in Rwanda. Thanks to the effort and enthusiasm of all those involved we are happy to say we have already made significant progress. We are very grateful to all the people involved in this project. But continuity is the basis for moving forward- and that's why we need you!

The requirements to be part of this initiative are:

- Being a fully-certified cardiologist or, failing that, a 3rd, 4th or 5th year resident/intern of this specialty, capable of independent echocardiographic diagnosis and treatment of cardiac pathologies.
- Minimum availability: 15 days.
- Fluent command of English or French

This project is made possible by the framework cooperation agreement for the coordination and assistance of volunteers in Rwanda signed between the Spanish Society of Cardiology (SEC) and the Miguel Hernández

University. Check the [press release](#) here.

The initiative has recently received a grant from the A.M.A. Foundation. Read more [here](#).

If you are interested in collaborating, send your request through [this form](#) and we will contact you to explain the selection process and clear up your doubts.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION!