



Press Release
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The Mohammed V Foundation for Solidarity is organizing a major cataract surgery campaign to benefit the inhabitants of the disaster-stricken douars of Al Haouz.

The Mohammed V Foundation for Solidarity is continuing its medical and humanitarian aid support for populations affected by the September 8, 2023 earthquake. The Foundation is launching a cataract surgery campaign in the Province of Tahanouat. The campaign will take place from November 10 to 12 at the Provincial Hospital Center (CHP) of Tahanouat.

This solidarity initiative is part of the medical care effort that was put in place by the Foundation in the first days after the earthquake. The initiative is a continuation of the medical services offered at the field hospital deployed by the Foundation in Talat Nyaacoub. At that point, ophthalmology consultations were conducted which made it possible to diagnose cases requiring cataract surgery.

200 patients, coming from different douars and localities (Talat Nyaacoub, Asni, Ouirgane, etc.), were identified at the field hospital. They underwent pre-operative consultations (biological assessment and medical opinion) on November 7 and 8, and will benefit from free surgical care as well as the provision of clothing items. The Foundation will also cover their transport to the hospital as well as their return to their place of residence. The post-operative follow-up phase will be carried out by ophthalmology specialists mobilized at Talat Nyaacoub and/or at the hospital.

The campaign will be carried out in collaboration with the regional and provincial services of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, local authorities and the Moroccan Medical Solidarity Association which will provide its ophthalmic surgical units.

A large human and technical effort is planned to ensure the smooth running of the campaign. In addition to the Foundation teams (medical staff and social workers), a staff of 11 surgeons and 39 nurses as well as volunteer nursing students will participate in this solidarity campaign.