

Chadian League Against Epilepsy 2021-2022 Report

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Officer Election Date: 9 April 2021

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We organize several activities to reach the population, patients, and medical staff.
- Every September, we organize practical training on the care of epilepsies for doctors and medical students. Then in October, we organize free consultations in the different cities of Chad (Abéché in 2021 and Bongor in 2022) with more than 300 affected patients at each consultation.
- We also organize radio and television broadcasts every 13 February to raise patients' awareness of epilepsy, especially the stigmatization of patients.
- We also organized for the first time the French-speaking course of epileptology with the invitation of the 4 international experts in collaboration with ILAE-East Mediterranean region.
- We have also signed a partnership to be part of the SEED project consortium with other countries including Tunisia.

CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

The challenges encountered are organizational (administrative slowness, lack of funding, lack of human resources). Difficulties are also linked to the lack of medicines for the patients and the absence of an association of people with epilepsy.

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

- Do more advocacy with the government to mobilize the fund
- Seek funding for research
- Help patients to create an association
- Propose the creation of a national program for the fight against epilepsy

RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- We presented around 3 oral communications on epilepsy at the French Language Neurology Days, Chad Brain Day, and World Congress of Neurology.
- <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jns.2021.119158>
- <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neurol.2021.02.113>

MEETINGS

- 4 September 2021: Ordinary meeting with officer election
- 18 September 2021: Epilepsy teaching day to medical doctor and student
- 13 February 2022: Radio broadcast on clinical sign of epilepsy
- 17 September 2022: Epilepsy teaching day to medical doctor and student
- 11-12 October 2022: French epilepsy teaching course ILAE-East Mediterranean



Free consultation at Bongor, September 2022



With patients during free consultation at Bongor, September 2022



Epilepsy teaching course in French, 11 October 2022



Family picture during epilepsy teaching course in French, 12 October 2022



Training session on practical care of epilepsy, 14 September 2022

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