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New project in West Africa

FAI will now offer to its clients a reliable and dedicated Air Ambulance jet service (Learjet 55 with two Lifeport ICU stretchers) based in Dakar / Senegal from February 2011 on. FAI has set up flight operations and maintenance facilities in Dakar since 2006 in connection with an NGO-contract, which will continue beside the newly established Air Ambulance operations.



The strong demand coming from FAI's clients within the insurance- and assistance-industry for an aircraft based in West Africa, mainly in order to reduce the response time in high acuity cases, has led to this decision. The aircraft will be staffed with a heavy pilot crew, allowing round trips of up to 18 hours of duty time and covering the whole African continent. FAI realized that it would not make sense to base an Ambulance Jet somewhere in Africa without having established the appropriate maintenance facilities there before, thus the two FAI bases in Dakar and Abidjan were considered to be the best option for a successful operation.

In addition FAI will be supported by a West African representative to facilitate arrangements like ground transports in the region or medical assessments in French. The medical team comprises of a local experienced ICU doctor trained by the FAI medical director according to the standards of the company and a FAI senior flight nurse or paramedic. Medical – technical equipment adheres one to one to the standard configuration of all FAI air ambulances.

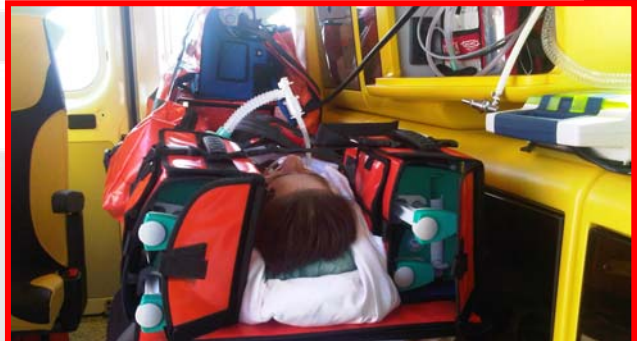
Once FAI has gotten a better understanding of the demand of the clients in the region, it may consider to strategically move the plane to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, especially once the present situation has returned to normal.

It is hoped that this strategic redeployment in a key geographic area will allow to increase the satisfaction of FAI's client base with optimized responsiveness while maintaining high standards of aviation and medical services. The project is considered to be an ideal addition to the existing infra -structure of FAI's key partners.

New technology for patient transfers

An in - house project has been taking place at FAI in the last few months with the objective of optimising the transport logistics of ventilated patients. The transport of ventilated patients involves in the majority of cases taking charge of the patient at the hospital and then loading the patient in the plane, and the manipulation of numerous, fragile and heavy pieces of medical equipment is a critical limiting factor to efficiency.

In order to improve this and thus contribute to increased patient safety the FAI medical department has under the leadership of the Deputy Medical Director Dr. Götz Leonhardt; developed a so - called „Mobile Loading System“ (MLS).



This system allows for the ideal positioning of the patient and of the equipment to transport it integrally as a whole during the critical loading and transfer phases. First experiences during actual missions showed a definitely improved safe handling of patients, all medical crew members will now be trained utilising the system.

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