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Bertrand Pourroy, Président du comité du médicament @GFAOP, présente:

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« Access to cancer drugs in the Francophone African Network »

Franco-African Group for Pediatric Oncology (GFAOP) was founded in 2000. It federates Pediatric Oncology Units (UOP) in order to treat and cure African Children with cancer in African by trained African teams. GFAOP actions are based on formation, expertise exchanges and, since 2005, donation of essential drugs, mainly cancer drugs.

These shipping from France are organized and based on African team's needs. Nevertheless, UOP are more and more numerous since years (from 14 in 2005 to 24 in 2021), and, nowadays, GFAOP fails to send enough drugs. Moreover, discrepancies between needs and shipping were increased during COVID pandemic (supply chain broken, delays, etc). Then, in its Strategic Plan 2021 -2030, GFAOP planned to develop local supplying of cancer drugs, with local pharmacists involved in order to secure drug circuit (ordering, handling, etc...) and finally to stop inefficient drug donations from France. To achieve this goal, a strategic group was created. First actions were to develop a pharmacists committee (Senegal, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo, France) to share experiences and to develop pharmacist's knowledge in paediatric oncology. As results, for instance, the Ivoirian Society for Oncology Pharmacy (SIPO) was created in Côte d'Ivoire, with GFAOP members as honorary members. It cooperates with French Society for Oncology Pharmacy (SFPO) to upgrade African pharmacist's competency in paediatric oncology. These actions are developed in alignment with WHO GICC.