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The Foundation Mohammed V for Solidarity organizes a cataract surgery campaign in the province of Zagora from January 17 to 19.

The Mohammed V Foundation for Solidarity is launching the **2025 activities for its community medical campaigns program**. This program is aimed at making basic healthcare more accessible to populations living in remote areas and providing them as well with specialized surgical services. A cataract surgery campaign will be held from **January 17 to 19** in the province of Zagora.

This initiative is associated with the digital health program, **Connected Mobile Medical Units – Foundation Mohammed V for Solidarity** (UMMC – FMVS) launched in November 2023. It is specifically dedicated to the residents of the municipalities of **Fezouata** and **Taghbalt**, identified as suffering from cataracts during their medical follow-up in the **Tinfou El Berrania** and **Ait Mnad** units.

Through this solidarity-driven action, the Foundation will cover **150 ophthalmic surgeries**, providing numerous patients the opportunity to regain their sight and improve their quality of life.

A **comprehensive intervention system** has been set up at the **UMMC – FMVS site in Tinfou El Berrania**, located 42 km from the city of Zagora in accordance with the safety and healthcare quality standards. This system includes the existing facilities of the UMMC – FMVS as well as **reception areas and 5 medical units** specially deployed for this operation. These units include surgical operating rooms, an ophthalmology consultation unit, a biology unit, and a pharmacy. All of which are organized according to the pre- and post-operative pathway for cataract surgery.

A first phase of examinations, carried out **48 hours before the surgery**, includes ophthalmic consultations and biological assessments to check the patients health status and confirm their eligibility for the surgical procedure. **To facilitate access for local populations**, the local authorities ensure transportation **from the residential areas**, allowing beneficiaries to reach the campaign site under the best possible conditions.

To ensure the quality of care and support, a team of **50 professionals** has been mobilized. This team includes doctors, social workers, and the Foundation's logistics staff as well as volunteer specialists provided by the **Association Marocaine Médicale de Solidarité (AMMS)**. Among these specialists are ophthalmologists, anesthesiologists and ophthalmic surgeons. AMMS also provides logistical support by supplying **two ophthalmic surgery units**, each with **four operating rooms**.

The successful implementation of this solidarity campaign relies on **close collaboration** between the Foundation, **local authorities, the Provincial Delegation of Health and Social Protection and AMMS**. This coordination ensures optimal care for the beneficiaries and effective field management.



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In 2024, the Foundation conducted 4 cataract surgery campaigns in the provinces of Amizmiz, Chichaoua, Sefrou, and Boulemane, resulting in **398 surgeries** and **833 ophthalmic consultations**. In parallel, the Foundation supported the organization of 3 multidisciplinary and cataract surgery caravans, implemented by partner medical associations in the provinces of Tan Tan, Tétouan, and Benslimane. These caravans provided **136 surgeries, 320 ophthalmic consultations, and 2,606 multidisciplinary medical services**.

For reference, the UMMC – FMVS program aims to improve access to healthcare in rural and remote areas through a local care model combining general medicine and tele-expertise in various specialities.

These achievements reflect the Foundation's ongoing commitment to bringing healthcare closer to disadvantaged populations in rural areas and improving their quality of life.