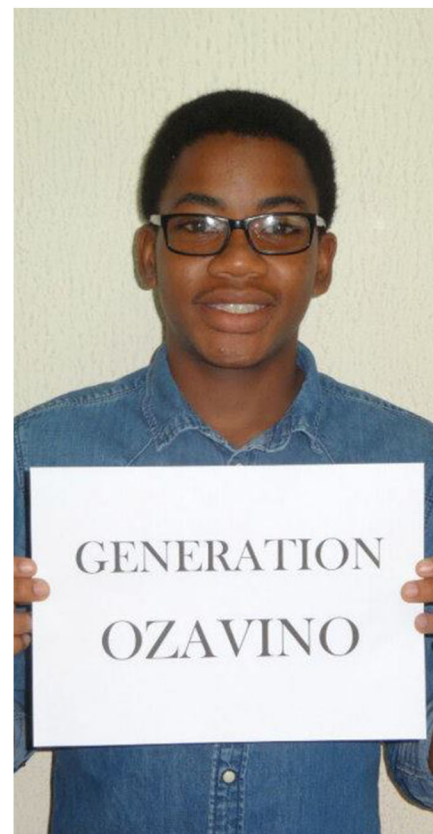


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EDITO

As is the case for every Gabonese family, it's back to work for the SBO Foundation!

As our schoolchildren go back to school looking dapper in their brand new uniforms, the Foundation resumes its campaign to support the young recipients of the Ozavino scholarship in building themselves up before returning to help construct the Gabon of the future.

David, Yelena, Anne-Laure and Marie-Lys, our four new Ozavino 2014 scholars, have each set off towards new challenges, enthusiastic, yet conscious of how fortunate they are and of the responsibility which rests upon their shoulders: to be the proud representatives of a dynamic Gabonese youth, enterprising and ethical in a spirit of solidarity. It is therefore with great pleasure, knowing that the Ozavino family is flourishing, that we opened up applications to the 3rd edition of the scholarship on November 3rd!

Let's view the world through rose-tinted glasses!

Minors in detention in the central prison of Libreville also bravely launched into their academic year 2014-2015, as did all the other youngsters of the Republic.

In an effort to encourage them to learn we made sure they started the school year in two fully refurbished and newly equipped classrooms.

Pink was the colour the SBO Foundation decided to sport to begin this pleasant month of October by honouring Gabonese



Course in one of the new refurbished class.

women, a pillar of the family and of our nation: from the 6th to the 31st October this year, the first Gabonese edition of "Pink October" turned into a far-reaching awareness campaign for early female cancer screening under the slogan "Female cancer, discuss it with the women you love!"



Voluntaries and the medical team of London's Center.

From Libreville to Owendo, from Melen to Akanda, from Kango, Ntoun and Cocobeach, women young and old swept in in great numbers like a pink wave towards the early detection centres to be examined.

Beyond this, the "Pink October" campaign which was relayed by the media,

helped to sensitise the population regarding the fact that cancer no longer has to be seen as a fatal disease: if it is detected in time, it can be treated; our country is now equipped with competitive structures with competent and determined health professionals.

But the SBO Foundation has not for that matter lost track of its other projects.

After the August break, our Handicap Solidarity caravan has resumed its journey through the provinces of Ogooué-Ivindo and Woleu-Ntem.



Asnath, 6 years old, in her new wheeling chair.

In a few days' time, our team will finish its trek with the families of Haut-Ogooué and Ogooué-Lolo.

So, a successful return to work, if ever we saw one, our concrete achievements powering our desire to fight for future ones! Perhaps that is seeing "la vie en rose"...



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Awareness day during Pink October.



For the 21st consecutive year and throughout the world, the month of October is dedicated to raising awareness of female cancers and more specifically of breast cancer screening. Events and communication campaigns are organised during the whole of this “pink-tinted” month in order to mobilise the population by reaffirming the issues at play and the benefits of early screening, as well as by supporting healthcare personnel and accompanying them in their role as advisers and carers to their patients.

Because our fight against cancer is one of our priorities, the SBO Foundation has, for the first time in Gabon, decided to develop the concept of “Pink October” by underlining the early detection of the two most lethal cancers in our country: Breast and cervical cancers, on which the SBO Foundation has focused from the very start of its program “Action Against Can-

cer”, both through the training of medical staff and through the equipment of hospital structures.

Pink October first edition: « Female cancer: discuss it with the women you love! »

This is the slogan under which the SBO Foundation launched its great awareness campaign for early cervical and breast cancer screening on the 3rd October last.

This first edition was aimed at a number of different objectives:

- To talk about cancer, lift taboos, denounce stigmatisation;
- To inform in order to mobilise the whole nation against this disease;
- To convince women and girls of the

importance of very early screening, and underline the fact that this procedure is free in public health centres;

- To restore confidence and hope in all who have been hit by the disease in one way or another;
- To encourage dialogue via 14 55, the toll-free and anonymous number where someone will listen and advise women.

An astonishing mobilisation by the healthcare personnel !

From the 6th to the 31st October, many activities have been conducted within the 16 healthcare structures equipped with Early Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening units (EBCCS) and in places most frequented by women. “Pink Days” were the highlight of this far-reaching awareness campaign in which every day saw a different unit honoured for a mass detec-



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tion operation. Women participated immediately as was the case for all health-care personnel! Advice, awareness, and screening, support given to cases of suspected disease: gynaecologists, doctors, midwives and nurses were active on all fronts. Some even took the initiative of volunteering to accompany the FSBO pink caravan on the roads of Ntoun, Kango and Cocobeach!

Parallel to these actions conducted on the ground with great support from our volunteers, a communication campaign was launched nationally with the aim of raising awareness and encouraging women to engage with the early screening program.

The mobile awareness, information and advice caravan travelled far and wide across the territory of the province of Estuaire, meeting with the population during the full length of the campaign and the launch of the "cancer service" on the toll-free line allowed everyone access to precise information on the subject.

Finally, open days held at the Cancer Institute of Libreville (ICL) on the 28th and 30th October were an occasion for the public to discover this magnificent structure fitted with the latest equipment and exclusively dedicated to the treatment of cancer.

We brought this first edition to a close on the 31st October by inviting the whole of the medical personnel involved in the early screening program to join us in a beautiful ceremony. This event was designed mainly to thank the staff who had made every effort to make Pink October a success.

It was also an opportunity to present to them and hand them a copy of the first

best practice guide to the early detection of cervical and breast cancer. The FSBO hopes it will prove useful in strengthening the skills of individuals involved in caring for patients and will enhance treatment for cancer sufferers.

Donating for cancer!

In the context of this pink month, the SBO Foundation initiated a fundraising operation in partnership with Airtel and Libertis from the 27th to the 31st October: the slogan was "There is no small gift, only big hearts!"

This call for national solidarity around those suffering from cancer in our country gave each and every one of us the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer at whatever level we felt fit whilst bringing about the awareness of the philosophy of giving.

This first Pink October was for us, and we hope for Gabon as a whole, a tremendous success, bathed in love, humanity, solidarity around a disease and sufferers whom we still speak far too little about.

During these few weeks we all surfed this beautiful pink wave of generosity together for the wellbeing of all the women of our country and we can assure you, we did it with great emotion!



4 weeks of awareness

39 716 people made aware

41 563 calls received on toll-free line
14 55

5 602 women examined in 18 early screening centers

414 women referred for a diagnosis of cervical cancer

169 women referred for a diagnosis of breast cancer



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« This campaign is a good thing; it's going to boost women and encourage them to go to screening centres. It will also enable early treatment of those who will have tested positive. »

Akana Audrey, 29
Pupil

« Testing is going very well on our premises. We have identified nearly 300 women for the first day and set up five monitoring stations to ensure smooth flow. We focused our work to raise awareness of associations in the region, explaining the merits of this action. We encourage all women who are sexually active to come get tested. »

Dr Eyang Obame Elise
Director of the Estuaire regional hospital in Melen



« It's a very good thing. You know, it's the woman who contributes to the proper functioning of the family; and when she is hit, the whole family is paralysed. So we men need to encourage women who are close to us to go for screening. »

Moucketou Joel, 27
Gendarme, single, no children

The mobilisation
is going on !

Run the marathon #Lagabonaise, the 29th of November and run with us against the female cancer cause. Do not miss out on that moment of **Sharing, Solidarity and Hope !!**



Beneficiaries of the Solidarity Handicap Program.

Since its creation, the SBO Foundation has particularly supported fragile and precarious groups, and specifically people living with motor disability. In the context of our Initiative for Solidarity and in addition to provisions made by the public sector ⁽¹⁾, we make every effort for their living conditions and social insertion to improve day by day in our country.

Our objective: To enable people living with a motor disability to move about freely. Special attention is given to people in employment and to school age children.

The Foundation has distributed over 600 wheelchairs, manual or electric as well as scooters throughout the territory over the last 3 years.

The Solidarity Handicap caravan travels across Gabon

Since the month of June our Handicap caravan has travelled the length and breadth of the country in order firstly to equip disabled people most in need with wheelchairs, scooters and walking frames, and secondly, to ensure the maintenance of equipment previously distributed where needed.

So after having equipped 14 people with manual wheelchairs and 37 others in walking frames in the province of l'Estuaire, we were at the end of July in the provinces of Moyen-Ogooué, of Ngounié and of Nyanga where our team was able to satisfy the needs of both youngsters and grownups.

At the beginning of September we travelled far and wide across the province of Ogooué-Maritime, then Ogooué -Ivindo and Woleu-Ntem.

In total we were able to equip 72 people

and perform close to 100 repairs. Beyond the direct recipients, whole families are helped and supported by this effort, hundreds of people whose daily lives have undeniably been transformed.

We will conclude our tour mid-November with the provinces of Haut-Ogooué and of Ogooué-Lolo.

9 provinces visited

72 People living with motor disability have benefited from the donation of wheelchairs

100 repairs have been undertaken

(1) The "Solidarity Handicap" project is a partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Planning



Mrs Mensah, Vice-President of the SBO Fondation discussing with the incarcerated minors.

In the context of its Solidarity Initiative, the SBO Foundation for the Family set up the *Prison Solidarity* program as early as 2011. A collaborative effort with the **Arc en Ciel** Association, this program's mission is to support minors in custody, but most of all to help them succeed in their social reinsertion on their release. To this aim, the Foundation organises a variety of educational activities within

*«It's a school which gives us a second chance.»
For K.M. 16 yrs old*

the prison itself: literacy lessons, French and maths, road-safety awareness, professional gardening and agricultural courses, exam preparation (CEPE)... Whilst investing in the educational and professional mentoring of these young people who are often from a disadvantaged background, the Foundation promotes their psycho-

social development and encourages their reinsertion into their families.

Lessons begin Monday 13th October 2014

In time for the beginning of this academic year, the Foundation has financed the construction and equipment of **two new classrooms**, improving learning conditions for **85 minors enrolled in this program**. Aged 14 to 19, they are divided into several groups according to their ability in order to consolidate what they have already learnt, to acquire new knowledge, to be introduced to IT...

Another room has been set up and equipped for the use of the teaching staff, which gives teaching personnel an adequate space in which to meet to provide pupils with more efficient support.

Towards a diversification of our activities

A great variety of activities awaits our young pupils this year. Over and above the courses traditionally taught, minors in custody will benefit from training in first aid by the Red Cross.

November!

The month of November will see hygiene and food kits distributed in order to support the pupils' motivation and better their everyday conditions.

Awareness sessions focusing on family reinsertion are also scheduled. The families whose role is crucial in the reconstruction of these children will be encouraged, through a variety of activities, to maintain a constant dialogue with them.



December!

December will see the setting up of training programs aimed at prison personnel on the specific nature of the work carried out with minors in custody.

All these activities have a role to play in the reconstruction of these young people who are in conflict with the law and who, with their dignity restored, will be better equipped to hold their rank within society.



Refurbished and equipped classroom at the Libreville prison.



A course taking place with the young incarcerated minors.

*«On the outside, I didn't go to school. Here with the educators, we learn a lot. I like it.»
For L.B. 14 yrs old*



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Annie-Laure Dingalt, INSA LYON, Yéléna Nguema, University College of London and Marie-Lys Edzang Pouzere, Ecole Polytechnique de Lausanne.

In the context of its “Initiatives for Youth”, the SBO Foundation launched the Ozavino Scholarship program in April 2013. The Ozavino (which means “honour” in the Myéné language”) scholarship is bestowed upon the most talented of Gabonese pupils, pupils who have distinguished themselves through the excellence of their academic results. This award enables them to access the most prestigious schools and universities on an international scale.

Born from the realisation that too few of our national students were able to enter great reputable schools around the world, this scholarship enables them to undertake the studies of their choice without any financial concerns, in the institution which best corresponds to their intellectual aspirations and to their professional ambitions in terms of competitiveness.

Our duty is to support this hard-working, determined and ambitious youth which will tomorrow carry proudly the colours

of Gabon and fully participate in its development.

The first edition of this excellence scholarship saw two young Gabonese women crowned, Aude and Meïwen. They are pursuing brilliant studies, one in civil engineering and the other in biology.

When the Ozavino family starts to grow...

For this second edition, and after careful deliberation last August following an in-depth study of each of the applications based upon the criteria established by the Foundation, four young Gabonese candidates were selected, three girls and a boy.

Thanks to the Ozavino scholarship, Yéléna went to University College London where she is on a double BA in English law and in German law. Yéléna’s ambition is to embark on a professional career specialising in international commercial law with the specific asset of languages she has to offer (English, German,

French).

The second recipient of the award, Annie-Laure, began her studies at one of the most reputable state higher education institutions for engineering in France, the INSA in Lyon. After spending two years studying a general curriculum, she hopes to turn to biosciences and qualify as an engineer in this specific field.

As for Marie-Lys, she has just started a bachelors degree in civil engineering at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland to become an engineer.

Finally, the only boy in this year, David, is in “classes préparatoires” studying sciences at the Lycée Léon Mba. We are supporting him in his effort to get into one of the most prestigious engineering schools.



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These brilliant students agree on one point: **in order to succeed, one has to fix oneself precise goals and then work as hard as possible to attain them; there is therefore no secret; behind success inevitably lies hard work!**

3rd Edition of the Ozavino Scholarship: registration is now open!

The 3rd edition is now launched!

Candidates must apply no later than the **31st May 2015**.

All Gabonese pupils under the age of twenty may apply. They need to be regularly enrolled in school and their average mark over the year has to be 16/20 or over.

Students must have passed the baccalauréat with first or second distinction (Mention "Bien" or "Très Bien"), and have a university diploma or be in their second year of "classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles".

The application criteria are stringent to match the excellence of the conditions the scholarship awards the winners: full tuition, health costs, board, living expenses, IT equipment, a discovery or language trip paid for each year of the student's course!

How to Apply ?

1. Download the form

- from the [Facebook.com/bourseozavino](https://www.facebook.com/bourseozavino) page

- from the website
www.fondationsbo.org

2. Put together your student application pack

3. Submit your complete file in a digital format at

Bourseozavino@fondationsbo.org.

We wish all the candidates good luck and above all, an excellent academic year!

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