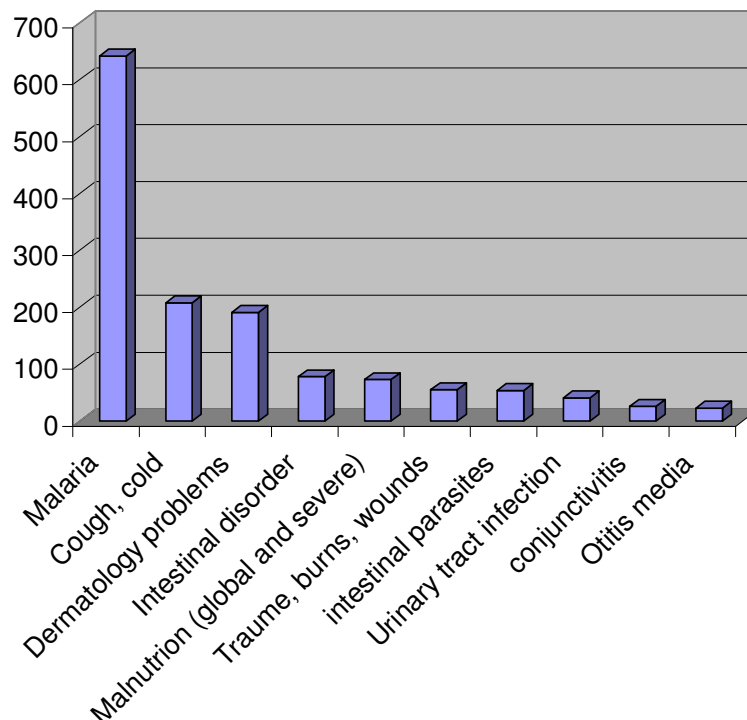


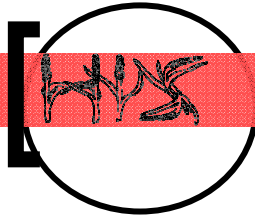
**MONTHLY UPDATE  
SEPTEMBER  
HOSANNA COMPLEXE DE SANTE  
Kollo - NIGER**

The clinic could treat over 1.000 patients during the month of September. The total number of patients who got medical help in the HOSANNA/humedica Clinic in Kollo reaches now 9.600 in only seven months of service. Once again, more than 50% of our patients were children under five years who are the most vulnerable population group, especially here in Niger where the children mortality is extremely high.

The doctors and nurses treated a total of 1.532 sicknesses. The major health issues were malaria (over 40 % of all cases!!), coughing and common cold, dermatology disorders, intestinal disorders and malnutrition (as shown in chart below).



**Most common diseases, month of September. Source: humedica.**



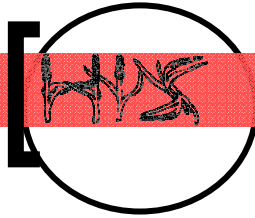
It is now malaria peak season as the rain just stopped falling and stagnant water is disappearing bit by bit. In our effort to prevent this disease which is still one of the first killers in Africa, we did not only treat hundreds of malaria patients this month but also continued to treat mosquito nets with special insecticide. More than 200 mosquito nets were brought to our hospital. This activity is mainly supported by the Niger government through the district of Kollo who provided the insecticide tablets for free.



The clinic team had the support of Dr Matthias Heß, a specialist in Internal medicine who came from Germany to work as a volunteer for three weeks. It was already his second stay in Kollo and he was a blessing for the patients and for the team.

The clinic was not only happy to receive personal support but also our partner OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL included the clinic in their health project which supplies first quality medicine to the district of Kollo. Thanks to these donations, we can guarantee once more the quality and the effectiveness of the treatment from which our patients benefit. Especially chronic cases like diabetes and hypertension are often underestimated in African countries and people are suffering from the high prices and the difficult availability of medicine. We will now and in future be able to take these cases in charge and to provide free and good treatment for them.

During the month, we had an increasing number of children in difficulties who needed special attention and for whom we would like to ask you to pray for. One of them is a little girl named Zeinabou. She came to us at the age of 14 days with her mother Aishatou, only fifteen years old. They come from the small village Say, at a walking distance of 2 hours from Kollo. This Touareg baby has a very hard time on this earth: she was born premature, after 8 months according to the mother. We were shocked by



her health and nutritious status: only 900 grams, malaria, an infection at the stump and conjunctivitis. Not for the first time, we wished so hard to have our inpatient ward to be able to give this child a better treatment. But for the whole clinic team it was clear that a reference to Niamey would not be a solution to this problem. After consulting all together, we decided to make all possible effort to make this child feel better. We started to feed her and to encourage the mother to continue breastfeeding – but Zeinabou was just too weak to suck. Since ten days, she has a nasal-gastric feeding tube which enables us to give her enough nutritional value that she gained 200 gr in only six days. By now, we are unfortunately yet to tell that she is a healthy little baby, but she is definitely better: she opens her eyes, discovers the world around her, cries if she doesn't like something, sucks at her mother's breast, moves legs and arms and tries the whole day to remove the tube from her nose (and in fact, she succeeded already twice!)... There is still a long way to go for the little one but we believe that God brought her at the right moment in the right place and that WE will do everything that she will be a happy and healthy girl very soon.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE CHILDREN  
THAT THEY WILL GET HEALTHY  
AND FIND A WAY OUT OF MALNUTRITION.