



AWHS Update (Heading)

AWHS has been approached by the Kokolopori-Falls Church Sister City Partnership (KFCSCP) for donations of medical supplies for the clinic they support in Kokolopori, a remote rainforest community in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Central Africa.

The people of Kokolopori are materially very poor and the DRC government provides no social services in this remote area. International organizations have been slow to return after the end of the war in 2003.

While the Kokolopori clinic's infrastructure is primitive, it is staffed by one highly qualified doctor/surgeon and several nurses. The clinic is perpetually short of medicines, supplies and medical equipment. It is the only clinic for a community of 8000 people, and draws people from a much larger area due to the presence of a surgeon. For more information, see www.kokolopori-partnership.org/projects.html.

Clinic staff welcome donations of non-electric medical instruments, non-expired medications (prescription and over the counter), first aid supplies, unused instruments from disposable suture kits, and even used instruments which have been appropriately washed and cleaned (with Cidex). All donations are hand-carried to Kokolopori.

We will collect donations during AMWA's Annual Meeting, but in the meantime, donations may be shipped to Dr. Sarah John, 2857 Pine Spring Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.