



Launch event of the report: Contracting between faith-based and public health sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: An ongoing crisis?

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11.30h
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**«It is one thing putting
contracts on paper,
but implementing is
another thing.»**

Contracting between faith-based district hospitals and public health authorities in Africa faces a crisis.

This is the main conclusion of a study conducted for the Medicus Mundi International Network by the Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (ITM), and including cases from Cameroon, Uganda, Tanzania and Chad.

In spite of the wide variety of contexts and experiences, the different case studies show that contracting between the State and faith-based district health sector has run into great difficulties.

To make matters worse, there is no general awareness of the crisis, certainly not among the public sector actors. Unless correcting measures are taken, this almost hidden crisis risks to jeopardize in the medium-term the important contribution which the faith-based facilities make to the provision of care in Africa.

The study report will be released by the Medicus Mundi International Network at a public side event to its Annual Assembly in Château de Bossey near Geneva.

Language: English; no simultaneous translation provided

Deadline for registration: Tuesday 19th May

Registered participants will be invited for lunch

Program updates: www.medicusmundi.org/contracting

A CD-Rom of the study report is available at the MMI office (English and French versions; 10 EUR/ 15 CHF for shipping costs)

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By car: The Ecumenical Institute is located in Bogis-Bossey nearby the villages of Chavannes-de-Bogis and Céligny, just off the main A1 motorway from Geneva to Lausanne, and 20km from Geneva international airport. The nearest motorway exit is marked Coppet-Divonne. Take the direction of the village of Chavannes-de-Bogis. In the village you will see a signpost indicating a right turn towards the «Institut oecuménique».

By public transport: The Swiss public transport system is very efficient – but nevertheless start your trip early enough! Take a regional train to the stations in Nyon or Coppet. From there, using the same ticket, take the local bus to the stop «Céligny, village». It is about 15 minutes walk to the Institute, just follow the signs for the «Institut oecuménique».

By taxi: From central Geneva, the airport and Nyon train station, the easiest (and most expensive) way to get to the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey is to take a taxi. It will cost between 75 and 100 CHF from Geneva, and less from Nyon. Inform the driver that your destination is the «Château de Bossey, near Céligny» as there are other places that have the same name.