Our doctors together with their Swedish colleagues greatly helped doctors in Addis Ababa

Successful heart surgeries

Professor Dr. Mirsad Kacila led the team that made a humanitarian visit to Addis Ababa to train nurses, doctors and anaesthesiologists

A cardiac surgery team of the Heart Institute – Cardiac Surgery Clinic, led by Professor Dr Mirsad Kacila, on behalf of the Clinical Centre of the University of Sarajevo (UCCS) made a working and humanitarian visit to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia from 11 to 20 October 2014.

Upon an invitation by the Swedish County of Linköping and within a project of the Swedish Government, the team were invited to be part of the team to develop adult cardiac surgery in Addis Ababa, together with their Swedish colleagues specialised in developing paediatric cardiac surgery.

Our team stayed in Ethiopia for seven days, performing one difficult heart surgery a day. In addition to the surgical programme, the team continuously trained nurses, surgeons and
anaesthesiologists. The team completed their mission very successfully, with all the patients feeling well. There were no complications or mortality.

The officials from the Ethiopian Ministry of Health are satisfied with the visit by the Heart Institute doctors and, in addition, we have fulfilled very important expectations of our Swedish colleagues, who were side by side with us, doing such difficult and demanding work. This team has fully met the expectations and, as we believe, has, on behalf of the Clinical Centre of the University of Sarajevo shown the direction to take in future.

This is the first time in history that a UCCS team has an opportunity to establish and help develop a very specific discipline in another country, which is why we consider this to be our joint victory. In addition to Professor Kacila, the team that visited Ethiopia also included Dr Ermina Mujičić – cardiac anaesthesiologist, Dr Nermir Granov – cardiac surgeon, Dr Edin Omerbašić – cardiac surgeon, Dr Lana Mulabegović – cardiologist, Ms Dalila Mahir – nurse, Mr Esad Subašić – perfusionist, Mr Adnan Priganica – OR nurse and Ms Nermina Milavica – anaesthetist.

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