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### ***Campaner Foundation: family from Majorca fights against Noma in Niger***

*\*This illness is caused by the under nourishment, disfigures the face of the children in the poorest countries of the planet.*

*\*The foundation rescues the children, cures them and recomposes the faces with surgery.*

*\*The ONG which seats in Inca (Majorca) and Barcelona, will inaugurate in autumn 2006 a school in Diffa(Niger).*

### **Most frequent questions about the Campaner Foundation**

**What is the Campaner Foundation? ([www.fundacioncampaner.com](http://www.fundacioncampaner.com))**

The Campaner Foundation against the Noma is an entity without spirit of lucre established in 1996 by the marriage between Pep Campaner and Marilena Navarro.

The Foundation fights to eradicate this children's illness called Noma, which attacks the undernourished children in the poorest corners of the planet- especially Africa- and mutilates their faces.

A group of volunteers (about three hundred) have joined the family Campaner through the past years in the fight against the Noma and given support from Majorca, Cataluña and other parts of Spain.

### **How it became the Foundation?**

In 1995 the Campaner marriage knew through a radio program about the arriving to Majorca of three children from Niger affected by the illness Noma, who were going to be operated on. And offered themselves to lodge one of them, her name Fatima.

After the operation, Pep Campaner wanted to go with Fatima to her country, Niger. There he got impressed by the dimension of the human drama of the children from south Niger, left over to their own luck.

Then Pep decided that he "had to do something". After many staying in the country, since the year 2000 he's completely dedicated to the Foundation, staying a long time of the year in Niger, with the collaboration of his wife and son José.

### **What is Noma?**

It's a very infectious illness known since a few years. The bacterium attacks because of the lack of hygiene to undernourished children because of the lack of defences in their organisms because of an insufficient diet.

This illness is concretely fast and cruel: attacks the softer parts of the face, destroying lips, nose, mouth and even sometimes the eyes.

The Noma mutilates the face of the child, privates many times the voice or even the possibility of chewing, producing finally a painful agony.

The smell of the hurts and the look of the mutilated faces provoke the repulsion of their families, with the meaning that the children are abandoned to their own luck in the jungle, often because of the tribal superstition which says it's a punishment of the devil.

### **Can the Noma be cured?**

Between the 70% and 90% of the affected without an adequate treatment die, according the details of the World Health Organisation.

Even so, if it's an illness which develops very quick, the curing can also be very quick. To make this possible is necessary the application of penicillin ( it's enough with a dose which costs 2 euros), a sufficient diet and repairing ( which cost is of 6 euros per month) and continued hygienic habits.

The children with the malformed face because of the illness can be redone a good part through the modern plastic surgery.

Sufficient diet and hygienic prevent the appearing of the illness.

### **Who is the Family Campaner?**

Pep, born in 1948, has been a receptionist in the Riu Playa Park, seated in Playa de Palma.

Marilena is a nurse who works in the public hospital centre Son Dureta, seated in Palma.

The couple and their son José have given in their life in a example way to fight against the illness Noma.

### **Mission**

Prevent, try and eradicate the Noma (in Latin, Cancrum Oris) from those countries where the development is endemic and other ways of help and assistance to the children who suffer or have suffered this illness.

### **Where does the Foundation help??**

The Foundation is seated in Diffa, African country situated in the south of Niger, next to the frontier of this neighbour country Nigeria (you mustn't confuse both countries) and also the neighbour Chad.



It's a semidesertic zone, in the south of Africa, which reaches to 50 degrees of temperature. And has the sad privilege of being on of the poorest zones of the planet, where hardly gets international help. Concretely Niger is considered the poorest country in the world, according the ranking of poorty of 2005 which elaborates the United Nations.

The Foundation works from Diffa looking for the ill children in the villages of the country. Sometimes attends also the children of other neighbour's villages Chad and Nigeria.

With their own possibilities the Foundation also lodges undernourished children without the illness to prevent the illness or to attend other illnesses which they suffer.

### **Which infrastructure has the Foundation?**

#### **The lodging house in Diffa**

The base of operations in Diffa is an adopting centre, a room for medical reconcilements and basic cures. Beside this ground has been built a new adopting centre of 800 m\_ with a kitchen, store, central room, sanitary services and two classrooms where the kids can be instructed.

The Foundation has inverted 124.000 euros in the construction of the new adopting centre, financed with the helps obtained in 2003. The centre was baptised in march 2004 as "The Mansion of the children from ses Illes Balears" (French is the official languages from Niger).

The group from the Foundation adopts the children to cure them. Around thirty of these children are lodged for a month in Diffa; they're attended by a group of

14 persons, nearly all of them from Niger, who have been contracted by the Foundation.

### **The lodging house in Niamey**

In Niamey (Niger) we have rented a house at the moment only because is used as in passing, rather if you go to this village, the capital of the country, to solve any bureaucratic subject, also to receive the children when they're going to be operated on in the capital or when they're transferred to Majorca to be intervened.

### **School in Diffa**

The Foundation will inaugurate in 2006 a school in Diffa (Niger) to contribute to the social and economic development of the region. The school will receive 280 children.

### **Deep Spots of water**

The construction of deep spots of water is one of the priorities of the Foundation. With them it's possible to impulse the hygienic habits and gives the chance for economic development.

## **How is the Foundation financed?**

Through the givens of the volunteers, companies and institutions.

Along this year dinners will be celebrated, raffles and public acts in Majorca to collect givens.

Actually (summer 2006) the Foundation has more than 800 associated who regular economic subscriptions.

The football player Samuel Eto'ó and the writer Maria de la Pau Janer are the honour godparents of the Campaner Foundation.

This football player and writer have offered their image for an announcement campaign about the Campaner Foundation during December 2003 courtesy of Channel-4 TV from Majorca. Such channel had emitted an interview with Pep Campaner in an interval "Mediterranean Profiles" which is presented by this writer.

## **Which rank prestige has the Foundation?**

If the compromise of the fighting against the Noma started with the Campaner family in 1995, the public reconciliation is recent after many years of work.

That's why Pep Campaner has been reward in 2002 with the gold medal of the Balear Community for his human work. Also the Foundation has been reward with the prize Ramon Llull for his human work in Africa.

In 2001 "Diario de Mallorca" distinguished Pep Campaner as one of the "mallorquin of the year". This newspaper has dedicated also a revealed session about the fight against the Noma in the conferences forum of the Club Diario de Mallorca the past 19 of December 2001 and a second session in December 2003.

In the same sense the Consell de Mallorca has prized the work of the Foundation and the president, Maria Antonia Munar, has publicly declared "the example of the work that the Foundation does".

In November 2003 Channel-4 prized the Campaner Foundation for the example work.

In December 2004 Pep Campaner was given the prize from CODESPA to "the volunteer of the year", which was given in Madrid by prince of Asturias, Sir Felipe and Lady Leticia.

In June 2006 the magazine EJECUTIVOS from Madrid gave to the Campaner Foundation the prize to the best cooperation initiating.

## **chronologic**

1994 The family Campaner receives little Fatima ill of Noma.

1995 Family Campaner creates the ONG Noma- Balears.

1998 The ONG transforms the Campaner Foundation against Noma.  
It's built in Diffa (Niger) the first receiving centre

2001 Pep Campaner goes to Diffa where he spends 10 months a year.

2002 In Majorca is created a centre

2003 The Foundation reaches the 400 members (august 2004)

Doctors from Cataluña and Balears operate 12 children in Niamey.

Samuel Eto'ó is invested as honour godfather for the Campaner Foundation

Pep Campaner receives the prize CODESPA to "the volunteer of the year from hands of the prince of Asturias (2-12-04).

Maria de la Pau Janer is invested as godmother.

The Foundation concludes the year with 500 members.

2005 Presentation of the book "Relats de futbol" in the Music Palace from Barcelona with the presence of Samuel Eto'o and Joan Laporta, president of Barcelona FC (12-04-05)

2006 Incorporation of Nuria Oriol as new manager for the Foundation (January 2006)

The Foundation reaches the 800 members (February 2006)

The Foundation is given the prize to the International Cooperation from the magazine EJECUTIVOS (June 2006).

September: Joan Miralles, new manager for the Campaner Foundation.

Autumn 2006: Inauguration of the school of the Foundation in Diffa and celebration of the tenth anniversary of the ONG.

### How to help the Campaner Foundation ?

\*Becoming a member with regular economic help which guarantees the maintaining of the work.

\*Through the donatives of money from private, companies and public institutions.

\*Diffusing the existence of the Foundation and helping to organize their activities volunteered.

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