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## A year-end marked by novelty

### Solthis' new look : new website, new video

In 2015 Solthis became **Therapeutic Solidarity and Initiatives for Health** to mark the extension of its scope of action, beyond our fight against HIV / AIDS, to other infectious diseases as well as to the mother and child health issues.



Our new graphic identity and positioning is now relayed on **this new website**. More modern, more functional with a cross-navigation system, it reflects our **strategic evolution**.

[Click here to find out](#) ! And also please take a look at our new homepage video.

### 4 news projects will start in 2016

Solthis is proud to implement 4



new projects at the beginning of next year, thanks to our partners' support.

- **1st partnership with the Agence Française de Développement (AFD)** for our project “Empowerment of users for quality treatment of HIV in Sierra Leone”

- **1st project dealing with the health of young people and teenage girls**, in partnership with the NGO Equilibres & populations, in Mali and Niger, financed by the Initiative 5% of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **1st funding from the European Union** for our project to improve health and living conditions of prisoners in Niger.

- **An innovative project of operational research** to protect infants at risk of HIV infection, receiving a funding from the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le Sida et les hépatites (ANRS)



To meet the co-funding requirements of donors, Solthis needs to find additional private funding to carry out these new projects towards health professionals, local associations and patients. This is one of the reasons why Solthis opened to private donors and strengthened its research for partnerships with companies and foundations as you will read it below!

[Learn more about these 4 new projects for 2016 !](#)

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## In the field : news from our projects in Niger, Guinea and Sierra Leone

## Prevention and support for sex workers and their clients in Niger

Solthis is implementing this project funded by the World Bank in Niger, through the Intersectoral Coordination of Fight against AIDS (CISLS), in consortium with the INGO Population Services International (leader), and the local associations Lafia Matassa and ANBEF, in Tillabery and Agadez regions. It aims to improve access to health care and socio-economic support for sex workers and their clients.

Overall, in Tillabery and Agadez, this whole project has already led to :

- **1500 group awareness sessions**
- **More than 50,000 male and female condoms** distributed
- **1800 professional sex workers and their clients** oriented towards health centers for sexually transmitted infections and HIV testing.

Solthis has been particularly involved in training community mediators and peer educators, leaders and members of partners NGOs, in the working approach based on human rights and the fight against stigma and discrimination. We also have organized several awareness workshops with dozens of bartenders / restaurant / hotels and brothels, with 45 healthcare professionals from the health facilities involved in the project and with thirty media personalities to involve them in the implementation of the project.

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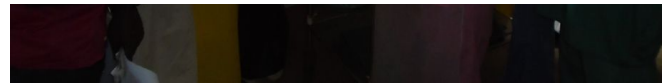
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## Hospital hygiene and protection of health workers in Ebola context: 21 health structures supported in Guinea

Thanks to the funding of the INITIATIVE 5% of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Solthis



is currently implementing a project aiming to **facilitate the continuity of care in the Ebola context for people living with chronic diseases such as HIV.**



Solthis works with the **GERES (Study Group on the Exposure Risk of Caregivers- Groupe d'Etude sur le Risque d'Exposition des Soignants)** on the hospital hygiene and protection of health workers components of this project.

Thus, in 21 health facilities spread across all regions of the country, Solthis' teams have conducted assessment missions and capacity building trainings for caregivers regarding interruption of ARV treatments' management and hospital hygiene good practice.

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## Continuity of Care in the Ebola context in Sierra Leone : securing treatments availability, managing treatments interruptions, providing HIV care management and pregnant women monitoring



**The Ebola crisis has led to a decline in attendance of health facilities and strong pressure on drug supplies**, endangering the continuity of vital treatments for patients with chronic diseases such as HIV / AIDS.

To meet this challenge, Solthis implements a large project of continuity of care, by:

- **Accompanying national pharmacists** to ensure the availability of treatment
- **Training caregivers** in the management of treatment interruptions and in the

strengthening of adherence to treatment and care.

Several trainings were held this summer in Freetown on these issues among health professionals. **Research systems for defaulters patients**, children and adults, were also set up in connection with patient associations.

Solthis supported healthcare professionals in the management care of adults, but also of children and pregnant women. Thus, missions were carried out in partnership with the NAS (National Aids / HIV Secretariat) to allow **82 traditional birth attendants to be sensitized** on the prevention of HIV transmission from mother to child, and on hygiene precautions and first aid gestures.

This project is funded by the Initiative 5% (funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development), the Foundation of France, the Bruneau Foundation and the Emergency Children Foundation (Fondation Enfants d'urgence).

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## Guillaume BRETON, MD is joining Solthis to develop scientific research activities

We are pleased to welcome Guillaume BRETON as our new scientific director.

He holds a medical degree, a Diploma in Internal Medicine, in infectious diseases and a Master on communicable and tropical diseases, he was clinical fellow at the Infectious and Tropical

Diseases' Department of the Bichat Hospital in Paris. Since 2004, he is a hospital consultant in the Department of Internal Medicine and Clinical Immunology at the Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital in Paris. Former member of Solthis' Board, Guillaume was particularly invested on HIV / AIDS and tuberculosis issues and has already conducted several field missions in particular in sub-Saharan Africa. He has joined us to develop our scientific





research activity in connection with the field teams and partners.

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## Inter-associative mobilization to defend Global Health

As part of the **Collectif Santé 2015** and of the Health Committee of **Coordination Sud**, Solthis acts with its partner associations to defend the place of global health in the international agenda and in the French ODA funding.

Despite the huge progress in global health, the epidemiological situation of the weakest countries, the control of major infectious diseases and maternal and child health issues require an international financial commitment, including from France, to meet the needs and ambitions.

To follow our **advocacy actions**.

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## Solthis is opening up to private donations and intensifies its search for new partnerships with companies and foundations

Solthis opened this year its programs funding to individual donation and continues to intensify its search for partnerships with companies and foundations as part of the diversification of its resources to ensure the sustainability of its intervention model, flexible and independent.

To carry out all our projects, to extend them, to strengthen some of their activities or even to develop innovative pilot projects, we are looking for co-funding and partnerships with companies but also with private donors.

The countries in which we operate have sanitary and geopolitical contexts which might change rapidly as demonstrated by the Ebola outbreak. Dealing with these situations, especially to meet the needs of patients and health professionals, requires great

adaptability and responsiveness and rapid mobilization of resources, which only an increased diversification of our funding can help us to afford.

You know a company, a foundation or a person likely to support us? Do not hesitate to tell them about our projects. You can now also support our work by giving directly online or simply by relaying information about our action to help us increase our visibility. Thank you for your support !

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## Job offers

- [Administrative and Financial Coordinator](#)

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## Events

- 1st of december 2015 : World AIDS Day
- 16th of december 2015 : 10th North South meeting on HIV and VHB and VHC co-infections in Paris
- 22/25 of february 2016 : CROI 2016 in Boston
- 20/23 of april 2016 : AFRAVIH 2016 in Bruxelles

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