

Best Practice in Advocacy on Access to PCR test, case of Niger

“Little by little the bird makes its nest”

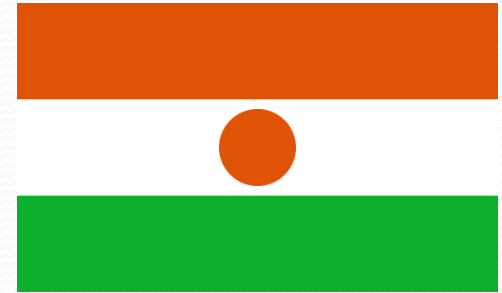
PCR Test Access in Niger
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Niger Overview

- Estimated population of 18 million
- GDP per capita \$1,000 (2015 est.)
- Ranked 188/188 comparison to the rest of the world by UNDP
- 86 % population below poverty line (less than a dollar a day per person)



CML in Niger overview

1 Hematologist for the country

32 confirmed CML patients under treatment

250 suspected cases with no means for confirmatory test

(at the National hospital Niamey only) → **Imagine the rest of the country's largest and most populous???**

- Blood sample shipped to France
- Cost per test (665 US)
- Many months time lapse before receiving results

Road to PCR test Access in Niger

● August 8, 2011 created:
**“ASSOCIATION DE LUTTE
CONTRE LES LEUCEMIES AU
NIGER ”**
With mission to look after the
welfare of CML patients

● May 21 05 First
participation in
CML Horizons,
Barcelona

● June 2015 met
with Health
Minister:
Outlined need
for monitoring
PCR
Advocate for
MOH support
Ask MOH to
purchase a
GeneXpert.

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Outcome of meeting with
Minister of Health:

- MOH informed 4 GeneXpert exist for TB tests in Niger
- MOH commits to negotiate to include PCR test for CML on available GeneXpert machines



Group photo after meeting with Minister

Remaining Issue: How to get
BCR/ABL test kits????

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July 1,
2015

- Sent a request to Max Foundation for donation of test kits

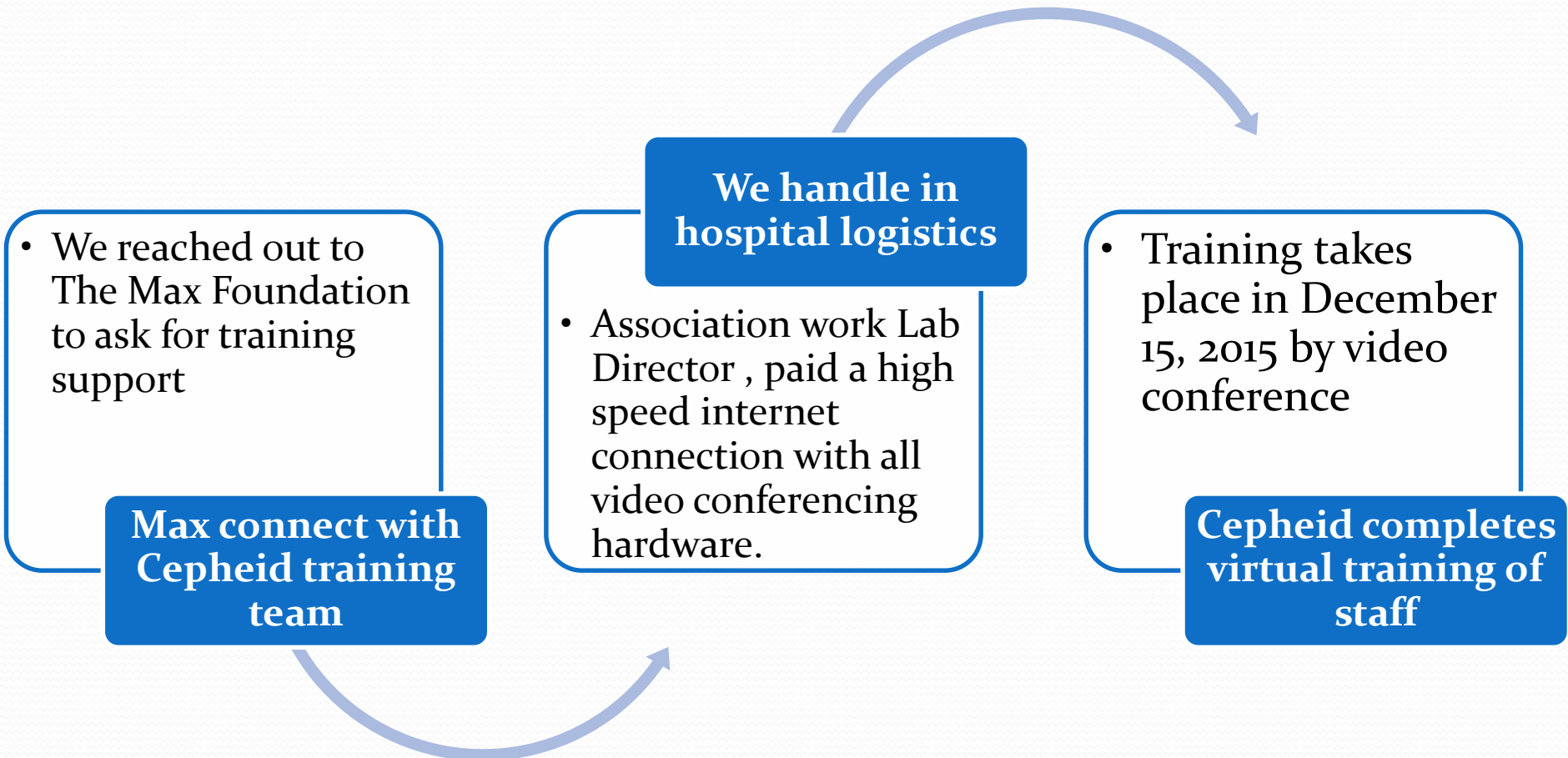
July 10,
2015

- Grant request approved by Max Foundation

Sept. 12,
2015

- Xpert test kit cleared customs and delivered to Niamey National Hospital

Overcoming training issue for PCR access in Niger



PCR test Access in Niger

First PCR test done in
Niger on March 8th 2016

This test costs **\$ 70USD**,
where as before it cost
\$ 665 USD!



The next fight

The adoption of the Social Security Act

- ensure that all Nigerians can access the best care with small contribution.

Therefore we invite all of you here: patient advocates, pharmaceutical firms and foundations to help us win this fight!

“A Nigerian’s proverb says, who has a kid today, he maintains it, is the one who has a horse that can gallop with tomorrow.”

Thank you to all who have helped us
to get PCR

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