



## SUCCESS STORY

### A Monumental Donation of Syringes

Project AXxes, thanks to some astute leveraging by IMA World Health, received a donation this quarter of 1,200,000 syringes. The solo-shot syringes were donated by BD Medical (Becton, Dickinson and Company) to IMA in support of their international health programs. IMA decided to allocate this precious donation to the Project AXxes to supplement its vaccination and curative care program.

The 1.2 million syringes filled a forty-foot container. Transportation and importation were accomplished with assistance from the US Embassy and USAID. These syringes have been earmarked by IMA for Project AXxes-assisted health zones and are now being distributed to health zones through the three implementing partners, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), World Vision International (WVI), and the Protestant Church of Congo (ECC).

We have discussed this donation with the national vaccination program (PEV). Since the supply of syringes for vaccination purposes from UNICEF is expected to continue, Project AXxes will prioritize use of the BD syringes for non-vaccination programs such as treatment of malaria and respiratory illnesses; obstetrical uses for Oxytocin injections; and screening and laboratory purposes, e.g., HIV, blood transfusions and other lab testing.

The autoblocking features of these 2cc syringes and needles will ensure one-time use. This will help to avoid the transmission of blood borne diseases and infection.

This donation is a good example of IMA's ability to leverage donations from the corporate partners with whom it has many years of collaboration. The value of this shipment of syringes is in excess of \$500,000, and provides an excellent complementary and supplementary assistance that that provided by USAID.

This monumental gift of syringes is timely, strategic, and will be put to significant use in helping to improve the quality of services and prevent diseases in Project AXxes supported facilities.



*Project AXxes Depot Manager, Mme Bero, inspects the shipment of donated syringes received by IMA from BD Medical (Becton, Dickinson and Company).*