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Cameroon acquires new cold chain equipment for vaccines

Douala, 27 February 2021- The Minister of Public Health, Dr MANAOUDA Malachie, has just received 842 pieces of cold chain equipment to strengthen its vaccine supply chain.

The reception of this equipment took place during a ceremony attended by the Governor of the Coastal Region, the Mayor of the city, and representatives of WHO, UNICEF and the Clinton Health Access Initiative Foundation.

The Minister, in his remarks, expressed the gratitude of the Government to the GAVI partner for this new endowment, the fruit of a winning partnership that Cameroon has maintained with this important donor since 2001.

Indeed, the Government has obtained in 2016, a grant agreement for the acquisition of cold chain equipment, within the framework of the Cold Chain Equipment Optimization Platform project, jointly financed by the Government and the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization (Gavi).

This four-year project involves the acquisition of 3,086 electric and solar-powered refrigerators distributed throughout the country in health facilities offering vaccination services, for a total of US\$11.3 million (around CFAF 7 billion).

In 2019, the country received the first tranche of funding for this project for the acquisition and installation of 1,470 electrical and solar equipment.

In 2020, 629 electrical and solar equipment have already been received and deployed in public and private health facilities in the country's 10 (ten) Regions.

For the year 2021, the country has just received 842 pieces of equipment, including 607 solar and 235 electrical systems.

In the long term, Cameroon intends to increase its vaccination coverage through better availability of good quality vaccines at the level closest to the target population.

These efforts, which the Government, with the support of the Gavi Partner, is making, are in line with the desire to improve the quality of services and care included in the national health policy and the health system transformation agenda.

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Highlights of the ceremony

