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Annual Report 2024:

Hartwig Sauter reports that four operations took place for the first time last year, two in Namibia and two in Benin. A total of 243 operations were performed on 226 patients. Unfortunately, there were also two deaths in Namibia.

During the first mission in Benin in April, the **solar system** was also installed in collaboration with Uwe Buchwitz and Liweitari. Since then, there have been no more power cuts. Uwe Buchwitz will travel to Benin again in April, as minor problems still need to be resolved.

We want to start a **training project** in Namibia, which will be formulated soon. Doctors in Namibia have to cover the costs of their training themselves, which is why they think carefully about which further training they can or want to afford.

Another project is **equipping the new surgical building in Benin**. Although the hospital was able to raise enough money to construct the building, unfortunately there is no more financial capacity for the equipment.

Three missions are planned for this year, one in Namibia and two in Benin. The participants are already largely complete. Only Hartwig and Marina are going to Namibia this time.

In Benin, 50% of the treatment costs continue to be covered by the association; for children with esophageal burns, 100% of the costs are covered, as this treatment is necessary every few weeks and can take an indefinite period of time, which would overburden the parents of these children financially. This currently affects five children. We also cover 50% of the treatment costs for all other children who are operated on outside our missions in Benin.

At Martin's suggestion, liability insurance was out last year for accompanying doctors, students and nursing staff. We agree that voluntary work should not lead to financial ruin in the event of a claim, even if the risk is very low.