



Medevac in Moundou

The speed of an MAF flight saves a life in Chad

On 14 May, Fanfina Yvette — wife of gynaecologist Dr Mbaigoto — suffered a heart attack in Moundou, Chad's second largest city.

After receiving treatment for two days at a hospital in Moundou, Fanfina's condition became critical, and she needed urgent medical attention in the capital N'Djamena, to save her life. The 372-mile journey overland along pothole-ridden roads would have taken 12 hours — so Dr Mbaigoto called MAF.

MAF Pilot Becki Dillingham prepared our aircraft for a



PHOTO: JOHN FEIL

90-minute medevac flight to collect Fanfina, taking off early on 17 May, accompanied by MAF's acting Operations Manager John Feil.

The plane followed the Logone River which forms the border with Cameroon, and Becki noted the dire state of the roads below, commenting that she could 'see some of the potholes from the air, they're that big!'

When they landed to collect the patient, Becki offered Dr Mbaigoto a seat on the aircraft, though he refused due to the pressing needs of local patients. Instead, he waved the flight off, asking Becki, 'Please take good care of her.'

The journey from Moundou in MAF's Cessna 208 aircraft departed with heavy rain to the east but saved Fanfina's life.

Three weeks later, Fanfina — who'd recovered from her treatment — was discharged from the hospital in N'Djamena. Doctors confirmed that she would never have survived the journey overland.

Dr Mbaigoto is really grateful for MAF's life-saving assistance. He says, 'She's alive today thanks to this rapid evacuation and effective care. We are very grateful to the staff of MAF and the partners for this ideal flight. God bless you richly.'

Pause for prayer

In 2021, MAF flew 744 medevac flights across the world, and we praise God for Fanfina's recovery in Chad. Although we don't hear the end of every medevac story, we pray that all the patients flown by MAF will be touched by the love of Christ.

Time in Their Shoes

Sadly, many people across the world still travel hours or days to access essentials such as food, water and medicine. *Time in Their Shoes* is a new fundraising initiative where you can use the power of walking to raise money for MAF so isolated communities can receive life-saving flights. Visit www.maf-uk.org/time-in-their-shoes to find out more.

MAF festivals

Now that coronavirus restrictions have lifted, MAF is excited to be part of numerous Christian festivals taking place during the summer.

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