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ASF also selects Fellows with significant public health training and/or experience to work with the hospital’s village-based health care program. All Lambaréné Fellows must be fluent in French.

Lambaréné Fellows address major African health issues, including malaria, HIV/AIDS, TB, and maternal/child health. Partnering with hospital staff, they help to provide skilled care through over 35,000 outpatient visits and more than 6,000 hospitalizations annually for patients from all parts of Gabon.

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