Cote d’Ivoire, or the Ivory Coast, has long held an enviable position as one of the most stable and economically prosperous countries in West Africa. That position changed, however, beginning in 1999, when a military coup followed by civil war split the country in two. Since then, alternating seasons of tenuous peace and renewed violence have left the country in political and economic unrest uncharacteristic of its former days.

The current government is striving to bring political stability and economic growth to a country severely damaged by war. Among its focuses are health and primary education, particularly for women and children, and strengthening its nationwide network of hospitals and health centers.

In October 2017, Globus Relief and ADRA International shipped 60 pallets of medical supplies to the Ministry of Health in Cote d’Ivoire to assist with this process. ADRA personnel in Cote d’Ivoire had become aware of the health needs and reached out to Globus Relief. The shipment was soon coordinated and the regional ADRA team injected the supplies directly into the national supply chain via the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In all, 12 urban and regional hospitals or health centers received aid, with special emphasis given to those programs serving women, children and other marginalized populations.

The project was deemed a success by all involved. “This was a very successful transaction that responded to needs on the ground and was processed timely by Globus,” said Alex Balint, Head of Social & Corporate Partnerships at ADRA. The Cote d’Ivoire Minister of Health commented, “NGOs come to us begging for medicine. This is the first time that an NGO has offered to help.”

“From the start, I could see that Globus Relief understood and was committed to doing it the right way,” said David Syme, Special Assistant to the President at ADRA. “My experience with this shipment has renewed my faith in the possibilities that can be realized when GIK relief is administered and given in an ethical and professional manner. I hope ADRA’s collaboration with [Globus Relief] will continue.” We do too.