



EUROPE/ITALY - "Help for the end of the earth": a new mobile health auxiliary in the archipelago of the Solomon Islands

Rome (Agenzia Fides) – The aim of the project - "Help for the end of the earth" - is to set up a new health auxiliary and provide for formation of local health personnel to fight diseases such as HIV, malaria, tuberculosis and above all Bakwa, a serious skin disease that is found especially in the most distant islands of the archipelago, the Shortlands. This race event came into being as a celebration of sport on the occasion of All Saints Day and is promoted by Don Bosco in the World Foundation and supports a specific humanitarian initiative each year. The sixth edition of la Corsa dei Santi leaves St Peter's Square on Friday, November 1. According to the statement sent to Fides by ANS, this year it will be supporting a preventive health care project for the Solomon Islands, where there are only two hospitals: the national one and the "Good Samaritan Hospital" set up by Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB, with the help of the association " Amici Missione Isole Salomone (AMIS) (Friends of the Solomon Islands)". Both hospitals are located on the main island, Guadalcanal. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 30/10/2013)