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**Despite the cancellation of the 2008 Rally and within the framework of action of
the Dakar Solidarity Foundation**

THE REPSOL RIDERS DELIVER 14 TONNES OF HEALTHCARE SUPPLIES IN MAURITANIA

- **The delivery of the aid had the support of the Spanish Embassy and the Government of Mauritania.**
- **Marc Coma and Nani Roma delivered 14 tonnes of healthcare supplies and medicines that will benefit the Mauritanian population for an entire year.**

Following the cancellation of the 2008 Dakar Rally, Repsol and the Dakar Solidarity Foundation have delivered some 14 tonnes of medicines and healthcare supplies to the capital of Mauritania.

Repsol team riders, Nani Roma and Marc Coma, together with the Spanish Ambassador to Mauritania, Alejandro Polanco; the Minister of Health of the Government of Mauritania, Mohamed Lemine Ould Raghani; the Chairman of the Dakar Solidarity Foundation, Xavier Mir; and other local authorities were responsible for delivering the aid to representatives of the Nouakchott, Chinguetti, Nema, Ayoune and Kaédi hospitals at the embassy.

The party from the Dakar Solidarity Foundation also visited the Nouakchott National Hospital and Le Petit Mourabitoune Children's Hospital, two of the centres that benefited from the materials delivered.

During the visit, Nani Roma stated that "despite the race being cancelled, it has still been possible to contribute towards improving the health of the people here, helping them to have a better life "As for Marc Coma, he said "what we have done today is the culmination of the entire Dakar Solidarity project, with the objective of ensuring that the humanitarian aid still reaches its destination".



In this Dakar Solidarity edition, the aid has mainly focussed on three areas: preventive medicine, disability and child nutrition, with the main objective being the delivery of medicines.

The 14 tonnes of healthcare materials distributed included a hundred or so wheelchairs and walking sticks, 1,000 units of breastfeeding supplements, basic medicines, electro-scalpels, neonatal monitors and suture materials, amongst other items.

The Dakar Solidarity Foundation, of which Repsol is the founding sponsor, has been led by Xavier Mir since 2005 and has the objective of ensuring that medicines, equipment and medical materials reach the hospitals and medical centres in the areas in which the Dakar Rally takes place.

