

To be able  
to eat, to talk, to smile,  
it seems easy  
and yet...

## NOMA, WHAT IS IT ?



Noma is a disease principally affecting children **between the ages of 2 and 6.**

It is a type of **gangrene** which starts as a small wound in the mouth and quickly destroys a whole section of the face.

This disease thrives in an environment of extreme **poverty, malnutrition** and **poor sanitation.**



Historically widespread, Noma today is mainly prevalent in **developing countries.**

This dreadful disease ends most often in the **death** of a child or in serious facial **mutilation.**

**BUT IT IS NOT ALL :**  
it also makes it **difficult**  
to **speak, smile**  
or more serious to **eat...**

Some organizations act together to operate on these children. But unfortunately, most of the time, **surgery is not enough...**

## THE WORK OF PHYSIONOMA :

PhysioNoma is a French organisation, founded in 2003, bringing together **physiotherapists, speech therapists, students and professionals**, all motivated by a single desire to combat this terrible disease by :



### informing...

... the doctors and other health professionals about the Noma,

### treating and rehabilitating...

... the patients affected by the Noma, in collaboration with the NGO on the ground, the surgeons and the medical professionals,

### training...

... medical teams in situ, to enable the continuity of treatments and transfer of skills.

PhysioNoma belongs to  
FÉDÉRATION NO-NOMA



[www.nonoma.org](http://www.nonoma.org)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT US ?

You can fill in the **membership form** and return it to the headquarters of the organisation :



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FRANCE

**Surname :** .....

**First name :** .....

**Address :** .....

**Country :** .....

**E-mail :** .....

Yes, I would like to support the work of **PHYSIONOMA** and become a benefactor.

⇒ Open donation.

Yes, I would like to help occasionally with the organisation of events by **PHYSIONOMA** and become a volunteer member.

⇒ Open contribution

I am a physio- or speech therapist and I would like to take part in the work by **PHYSIONOMA** and become an active member.

⇒ Contribution €10.

I would like to receive the **PHYSIONOMA** news bulletin (in French) :

by post,  by e-mail,  no, thanks.

Date : ...../ ...../ 20.....

Signature :

## THE SUPPORTERS OF PHYSIONOMA

👏 **The active members**, who contribute to the daily life of the organisation and plan the projects and the work of the front line of PhysioNoma.

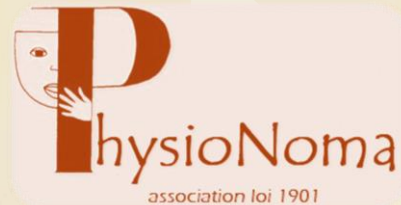
👏 **The volunteer members**, who promote awareness of the work of the organisation in France.

👏 **The benefactors**, who thanks to their commitment and financial support, make the missions possible.

👏 **The partner organisations** : NGOs who identify and co-ordinate the care of the victims of Noma, and organisation members of the Federation No-Noma.

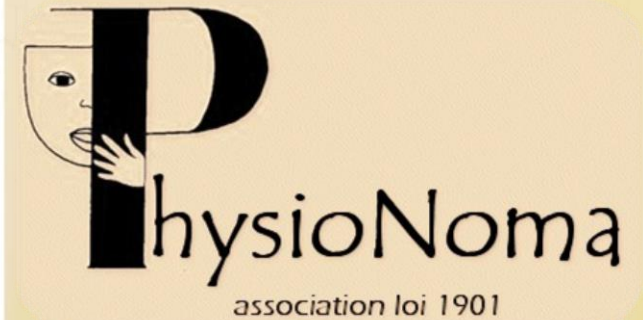


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to  
unlock  
their smile!