Supplementary File 3: Running costs

Item	Cost per unit (USD)	Quantity	Annual costs (USD)
Transport			
Fuel	Average: 0.98 USD/l (0.91/l – 1.03/l)	Average 147l /months (96l-205l)	1,729
Insurance	44	1	44
Licensing in Madagascar	194	1	194
Maintenance	1,707	Yearly average	1,707
Repair	467	Yearly average	467
Subtotal			4,141
Car equipment			
Air chamber for tire	72	4	288
Cleaning equipment (shovel, broom, brush, scraper)	13	1	13
Tires	142	4	568
Subtotal			869

Item	Cost per unit (USD)	Quantity	Annual costs (USD)
Consumables			
Cleaning materials	1	12	12
Drugs on board ambulance	49	12	588
Medical equipment on board ambulance	36	12	432
Oxygen bottle	43	1	43
Subtotal			1,075
Pre-transport care			
Drugs and consumables	78	6	468

Item	Cost per unit (USD)	Quantity	Annual costs (USD)
Staff wages			
Drivers	Average: 116/months (range 103-129)	12	1,392
Local coordinator	413/month	12	4,956
Midwives	155/month	12	1,860
Subtotal			8,208
Communication			
Free phone number for ambulance calls	9/month**	12	108
Phone credits driver	5/month	12	60
Phone credits coordination	8/month	12	96
SIM card for GPS tracking of vehicles	10/month	12	120
Subtotal			384

Item Cost pe	r unit (USD) Quanti	ity	Annual costs (USD)
Performance-based bonuses			
Medical director of participating CSBs	55	12	660
Item	Cost per unit (USD)	Quantity	Annual costs (USD)
Midwife of participating CSBs	70	12	840
Additional renumeration during ambulance services (staff on extra duty for at least 4 hours)	4	Average: 20 times/months	960
<u>Subtotal</u>			2,460
Training activities			
Yearly training for drivers	297*	1	297
Administration			
Consumables	128	12	1,536
Electricity	15	12	180
Rent	155	12	1,860
<u>Subtotal</u>			3,576

Total annual running costs

21,478

Annual running costs for 1 ambulance vehicle. Prices are expressed in USD with an exchange rate of 1 USD = 3,867.09 Malagasy Ariary (MGA) and 1 USD = 0.840618 Euros (costs marked *).

** on average, depending on the number of calls received