

Fernando José de La Vieter Ribeiro Nobre (born 16 December 1951) is a Portuguese doctor – urologist and surgeon - and the founder and president of the Portuguese NGO AMI (International Medical Assistance). He was born in Luanda, Angola (it was then a Portuguese territory), in 1951. He moved to the Republic of the Congo (Léopoldville) by the age of 12. He spent 16 years in Africa. He then studied in Belgium, where he worked and lived for around 20 years.

He was part of Médecins Sans Frontières from 1977 to 1983.

In December 1984 he decided to create in Portugal, Fundação AMI, a Portuguese non-governmental, non-profit and apolitical organization that has, since then, been making its history by aiming to build a better future, in four key areas, namely Medical Assistance, Social Work, Environment and Awareness Raising.

In the developing world, AMI has been working to improve health and living conditions, through infrastructure rehabilitation, health care and education. The organization has also worked in several emergency situations by providing humanitarian aid and medical assistance and also supports projects developed by local NGOs, promoting empowerment and sustainable development. In Portugal, AMI promotes social integration and fights against poverty through 16 welfare facilities and social responses that are distributed among 9 Porta Amiga centres (social centres), 2 Night Shelters, 2 street teams, 1 home care service and 2 food distribution centres. These welfare facilities and social responses offer a total of 36 social services (e.g. social care and support, employment support, 12 food distribution centres and 11 soup kitchens, etc.) throughout the country.

Fernando Nobre has participated in humanitarian missions in over 180 countries and has published several awareness books regarding several current pressing themes, namely “Viagens Contra a Indiferença (Journeys against Indifference)”, “Gritos contra a Indiferença (Shouting against Indifference)”, “Imagens contra a Indiferença (Images against Indifference)”, “Humanidade – Despertar para a Cidadania Social Solidária (Humanity – Awakening to Social Citizenship Solidarity), among others.

He is a Professor at the University of Lisbon – Medical School, directing a course of Humanitarian Medicine, which he has been invited to launch.

He has run for President of Portugal in 2011, obtaining 14,1% of the votes (3rd place within 6 candidates) and proposed, in June 2011, by the majority party, to be the President of the National Parliament, although he was not elected by the members of the chamber.

He is married, has 1 son and 3 daughters. He is the author of several books about his humanitarian experiences and his perspective of the world. He was awarded with a vast number of prizes and titles, both at national and international level, including the “Officier et Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur” of France, “L’ordre du Lion”, of Senegal, “The Order of Merit”, of Portugal, and the “Human Rights Gold Medal” from the National Parliament.