



SAINT JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL SERVICES IN CAMEROON



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St John of God,

We have come a long way this year in the execution of our health service plan to the needy population in Batibo, Douala and their environs. The results have been encouraging as per the achieved health statistics. Your support has been well felt in our success stories.

However, challenges will never end or cease to exist since they are the motivating factors that enable us to strive towards excellence. This is because any attempt to overcome our challenges drives us closer to achieving our excellence level. Poor internet services and eventual disconnection has hindered effective communication of our success stories to our friends.

In this update, we will read our health activities for July and August, 2017, performance based financing evaluation meeting, workshop on Ponseti technique of Clubfoot, send forth of Fr Parfait. In other developments, we will read some secret behind our achievements in Cameroon

Finally, the updates are a source of keeping in touch with our reality over here. I must assure

you that your interest in our challenges, have made us to achieve more. In this regard, I want to use this forum, to inform our worldwide friends that the St John of God services in Cameroon will soon be fifty years. We are planning a huge remembrance of this day beginning with ordination of our Brother in Nguti in November and the launching of the anniversary.

Finally, a lot has happened and the hospitaler echo executive managers say a big thank you for your time in caring for the clients attending our facility. Quality and innovative spirit in health services delivery continue to be our goal towards excellence. We do permit copy work in our services aimed at a better improvement of our health services.

Bro. Linus Tangu
Regional Director



HEALTH STATISTICS

As the month of August comes to a close, we are glad to a bird's eye view of our health activities in this third quarter running from July to August. This third quarter indicates an appreciable progress in some of our key activities for all our centres. We continue to thank those who are working

tirelessly in various forms to change the image of our health services delivery in Cameroon.

Of recent, St John of God health services is taking a leading profile in health service delivery within our health areas (Batibo, Boko, and Yassa). By so doing, we are positively competing with other health facilities in our districts.

S/N	DESCRIPTION	BOKO	YASSA	BATIBO	TOTAL
1	Number of Out Patient Visits	1270	760	619	2649
2	Number of Discharges	50	114	196	360
3	Number of Admission Cases	57	108	214	379
4	Number of Laboratory Investigations	2024	1,922	2453	6399
5	Number death	0	0	5	5
6	No: of Major Surgeries	0	7	47	54
	No of Minor Surgeries	0	17	24	41
7	No: of normal Deliveries	9	12	24	45
8	No: of Ultrasound / Scan Cases	32	16	95	143
10	No: of X-Ray Cases	0	0	53	53
11	Number of Beds (Hospital Beds)	12	14	85	110
12	Number of Staff	14	19	37	67
13	Anti Natal Clinic (ANC)	36	48	87	138
14	Physiotherapy	0	290	28	318
15	Vaccination		98	368	466
16	C/S	0	0	7	7
17	Dressing		123	142	731

BENEFITS FROM THE CONTAINER SAVING LIVES

The St John of God health services in Cameroon have been benefiting from the items in the container such as beds, fridge, blankets etc. Below is a patient put on oxygen at our health facility in Batibo. The oxygen concentrator is saving the live of the elderly woman hospitalised at St John of God hospital in Batibo. The new beds donated are fully in use as seen below. We thank the donors especially Bro Gregorio for kind donations in facilitating the containers.



Oxygen concentrator in use on a client

PERFORMANCE BASED FINANCING (PBF) TRAINING

The final signing of a three month contract with the PBF is done with the partners. It will go along to improve on our level of excellence in the hospital. On the 10th of September, 2017 the team from District hospital and Bamenda to carry out the performance supervision in hospital in Batibo. All went on well. Evaluation meeting was also held at the catholic hospital in Batibo as seen below.



PBF Validation committee at work

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON POSETI TECHNIQUE OF CLUBFOOT TREATMENT

From the 24th – 26th August, 2017, the Cameroon Clubfoot Care Project on Ponseti technique of clubfoot treatment held a workshop in Bafousam (West Region). The St John of God Hospital in Batibo that has been an active member was represented by Mr Egbe Armstrong and Simon E. Eyabi of the Orthopaedic and physiotherapy units respectively.

The Ponseti method is a manipulative technique that corrects congenital clubfoot without invasive

surgery.... It is a standard for the treatment of clubfoot. It has become the good standard of care for treating congenital clubfoot. This method is very effective and relatively inexpensive treatment with good long term results. Medical workers of lower cadre can learn the manipulation and casting technique as well as orthopaedic surgeons.



Regional Delegate of Health, West Region giving Keynote address to participants



Participants on practical exercise during training workshop

EQUIPING OUR HEALTH FACILITIES FOR QUALITY HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

In order to improve on our quality care, the management of St John of God health services in Cameroon is very thoughtful with the concept of quality in its strategic goals. Though the practical approach to achieve this goal is hindered by limited resources, management continues to seek possible ways and means of attaining its objectives.

In recent times, the MAB has desperately resorted to negotiating for short term credit with Suppliers. In order words, taking drugs and medical supplies on short term credit while paying by instalments. In August, 2017 we negotiated with Biopharcam Sarl on two haematology diagnostics machines for our centres in Batibo and Boko. In the same



vein another contract was negotiated with Lab Force Committee for a mobile radiology machine for Batibo hospital following the deplorable state of the present one. All these are attempts to add our energies in complimenting the

good efforts of our Donors.

REV FR CHEO PARFAIT LEAVES ST SEBASTIAN PARISH

Father Cho Parfait has been the Parish Priest of St Sebastian Parish in Batibo since 2016 was on transfer to another parish. Fr Parfait has been collaborating very closely with the Brothers in the pastoral care of the sick, assisting in bioethics lectures during Friday classes Wednesday masses with the sick etc. On Thursday 17th August, 2017, Fr. Parfait celebrated his last mass with the Staff, patients and caretakers. We wish Fr Parfait farewell to his new station in Fuanantui. He was replaced by Rev Fr Stanley



Send-off of Fr Cho Parfait after mass in the centre

HEALTH COORDINATION MEETING AT ELUM HEALTH POST

The Chief of Post in the various health posts of our outreach facilities usually meet to discuss on clinical issues. This meeting has been going on in a rotatory basis. The purpose is to make our outreach staffs gain acquaintance with other centres in the villages.



Staffs attend to patient at Elum health post

Health Co-ordination meeting held in Elum health post

BUDGET OF CENTRES IN CAMEROON

The time has come for our centres in Cameroon to evaluate its services for 2017 and to prepare in consequence towards the next year 2018. This is done through annual budget compilation, presentation and defence.

This year the MAB has come out with a schedule from grass root to national level and this starts from 21/9/2017 to 20th/10/2017. Each centre is allowed to freely discuss its budget with the staff before the final presentation at the national level scheduled in Batibo on the 20/10/2017.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The St John of God Health services in Cameroon are reviewing their strategic plan. This time around it is being technically engineered by Mr Pedro Surja from Madrid. We wish to thank our Provincial Superior of St Augustine Province and Director of Juan Ciudad ONGD, who paved the way for this to be possible. Their moral and financial assistance cannot be overemphasised.

The process of reviewing and developing the strategic planning of our health services in Cameroon started in August, 2017. The expert is expected in Cameroon from 12th – 24th October, 2017. During this time he will work with the team

on the ground to carry out the strategic planning. STICHING ORTHOPEDISCHE HULPPROJECTEN

The hospital has been in touch with a non-governmental charitable organisation in Holland that deals with orthopaedic paediatric surgeries. This organisation has been working in Cameroon for over twenty years performing orthopaedic surgeries and assisting many children. It is their intention to pay a visit to the St John of God health services in Cameroon this year in order to look for ways of collaboration in the future.

Our pressing needs for St John of God outreach health post:

Solar energy for St John of God Health Post in Elum = 2,300 euros (the solar energy is an alternative source of power. It will be used to provide light to the clinic at night, store vaccines for immunization of children against polio, measles, 2 Medical diagnostic microscope (Olympia CH21) for Elum and Ashong = 1,384.62 euros (the microscope is used to detect micro-organisms in the body to ease treatment).

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