

St. Ann's Maternity Clinic Donyina
C/O St John The Baptist Church
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Ashanti Region-Ghana.
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Dear Sir/Madam,

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL FACILITY

St. Ann's maternity clinic Donyina Ashanti Region of Ghana was started in the 1950's by the community members in a rented house in Donyina. His Lordship Rt Rev. P.K. Sarpong (Bishop of Kumasi Diocese who at that time, the parish was under his Diocese) helped the community to put up the first long building. In 1963 the clinic was registered with the Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG). Miss Dee Nette, popularly known as Sister Dee a Dutch lay woman was the first midwife to work in the clinic from 1963 to 1976.

The clinic was closed down for two years due to lack of funds. In 1978, the I.H.M Sisters, thus Immaculare Heart Of Mary, Mother of Christ from Nigeria were invited by His Lord Rev. P. K. Sarpong, Catholic Bishop of Kumasi to come and restart. Rev. Sister Miriam Francis Ameachi who was a midwife was the second midwife to work in the clinic with the community staff from 1984-1996

She started the child welfare clinics and appealed to the Directors of Catholic Relief Services (C.R.S) at Accra and representative in Ashanti Region to help put up a hall for running the child welfare clinic.

She took ill and had to leave with no sister to replace her. Rev. Fr. Osei Nyarko managed the health facility for a while and handed over to Fr. Augustine Ntim Doudo. In the year 2002 August, Agamba Benedicta Nelly a Medical Assistant was posted to St. Ann's Maternity to return it to full functional state. She worked with sister Helen Mary Ebere I.H.M and other health workers.

Agamba Benedista worked in Donyina clinic from Augut, 2002 to January 2008. She faced a lot of challenges due to lack of funds as a result of non or half payment of medical bills. Donyina is in the diocese of Mampong. As the situation was difficult, the Bishop of Konongo Mampong invited a charitable congregation to run the clinic.

In response to this noble request to support the health needs of Donyina, The Dominican sisters of St. Catherine of Siena Sokoto Diocese Nigeria under the leadership of very Rev. Prioress General Faustina Jimoh Op. sent three sisters to attend the health care demand in Donyina. Their names and positions are as follows:

- Rev. Sr. An-Iko Ann op. :-Nurse Administrator as leader of the team
- Rev Sr. Josephine Ottah Op.RN/RM/PEADS as matron of the clinic
- Rev. Sr. Stella Udeh Op.Lab. Scientist as H.O.D of Lab Department.

Since their arrival in February 2008, patient attendance has increased from 200 to 400 on monthly bases. This has lead to the even increased demand for more facilities and equipment and the need for further development of this project .

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

About 60-70% of the people living in Donyina are peasant farmers. There are no industries located near-by to boost their economy.

Based on statistics, the top diseases that threatens the life of the community includes: Malaria, Anemia Malnutrition, anemia in pregnancy, Gynecological and obstetric emergency cases, Arthritis, Diarrhea with dehydration,T.B, Chickenpox and other preventable diseases.

70% of the patients are under health insurance scheme. Those who are not insured find it difficult to settle their bills. There is also a very serious delay in payments by the insurance agencies. This has continued to delay the normal activities in the clinic like purchase of drugs and consultants. Even when insurance pays, the funds are not enough to run the normal activities of the clinic.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

In other to provide efficient and effective health cure in Donyina among others, there is the need to provide equipment and materials as listed below:

a) Laboratory Upgrading project. - MOTIVATION.

Improvement of the Laboratory will help reduce mortality and morbidity through correct diagnosis and minimize potential poly-pharmacy, a realistic root of cause of drug resistance.

Currently, the laboratory in the unit has a laboratory scientist and a Laboratory assistant to run the department and produce qualitative results for effective management of disease conditions that come to the unit. What we request is supply of equipment as listed below.

LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

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Digital incubator	1
Digital weigh scale balance	1
Hot air oven	1
Autoclave	1
Automatic pipette 0-100 and 50-1000ul	1
Binocular microscope	1
Refrigerator	1
Thermostatic refrigerator for blood tank	1
Hb pipette	1
Improved Neubauer counting chamber	1

TARGET GROUP

Those to benefit from the project include all who seek medical attention at St. Ann's Clinic, Donyina, Women, Children, the aged would benefit more since they visit the clinic regularly.

b) Maternity Unit Upgrade.

This unit requires the following items to make it function better

- Delivery beds	-	2
- Electrical sterilizing machine	-	1
- Ambu-bag for infants & adults	-	2
- Electrical suction machine	-	1
- Kidney dishes big & small	-	1
- Oxygen cylinder	-	1
- Autoclave	-	1
- Electrical Sterilizing Machine	-	1
- Bed Sheets (Light blue/pink)	-	As many as possible.
- Bed screens	-	6
Episiotomy Forceps (Small)	-	2
Episiotomy Forceps (Big)	-	2
Episiotomy Forceps (Medium)	-	2
Blankets (Light)	-	20
Plastic Mackintosh aprons	-	10
Sponge holding forceps	-	2

c) Pharmacy store and dispensary

Air Condition	-	2
Drug trolleys	-	2
Drug Counting tray	-	4

Result planned

The results planned include the following:

- Provision of full adequate laboratory service
- Transportation of patients to their referral centers safely.
- Provision of out-reach service

I will be grateful if our projects are supported.

Thank you.

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