

ANNUAL REPORT ON AfreakMED PROJECT IN THE TOLON DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012

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HISTORY OF ORGANISATION:

AfreakMED Foundation, a Non Governmental Organization, was formed through a humanitarian medical initiative between a Ghanaian doctor, Dr Steve B.T Kpangkpari, and his Austrian friend Dr Stefan Bayer.

Dr Stefan Bayer who was on a medical research assignment in Ghana seem to have been struck by the poor nature and state of medical facilities and services, especially in the Rural areas of the Northern part of Ghana.

The two doctors thus imagined the possibilities of raising money to build a health center where quality medical services could be offered to rural folks at a subsidized rate.

The organization was therefore register with the Register General Department, were a Certificate of Incorporation and that of a Certificate to Commence Business was issued as a company with limited guarantee.

The organization is also registered with the Department of Social Welfare.

OBJECTIVES:

The main objectives of the organization (AfreakMED);

- i. To improve on the health services in Ghana
 - ii. To make health services affordable to the poor.
 - iii. To try and extended medical services to very deprived rural communities.
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MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

With the people of Tolon, were the organization decided to pilot the project, the chief and the community of Tolon gave AfreakMED Foundation 30 acres of land.

Through donations from the people of Austria the organization has been able to build a modern clinic at Tolon which is the district capital.

The building provides for an out patient department with a sitting capacity of 400 people, a laboratory, theater and consulting rooms among others.

The organization on its own has been able to purchase a 100 KVA Transformer which will aid it to get electricity to the facility and equally serve the surrounding communities. Installation of the transformer has already been done.

The organization has also been able to build an underground water tank with a capacity of about 40,000 galloons in order to harvest rain water. This is going to help the facility to have and also store rain water for use during the dry season.

AfreakMED Foundation also received a 40 feet container with assorted medical equipment and supplies from the people of Austria. The equipments include an Ultra scanning machine, beds and mattresses, furniture, laboratory equipments and other sophisticated equipments among others. Through the effort of the District Director of Health Service of Tolon she has given AfreakMED five well trained and qualified staff nurses who are on stand by to start work at the facility when installation of equipment is completed.

As we stand now AfreakMED project is about 95% completed and hopefully the clinic will start operating very soon. The 5% work left is to do with the construction of aprons at the back of the building so that the sewage pipes will be laid thought to the sewage tank. The constructions of ramps need to be constructed to aid movement of wheel chairs and trolleys. Waste such as surgical and hospital consumables will be part of the day to day running of the clinic. We will

therefore need an appropriate way to disposing of the waste. The construction of an incinerator will be needed in order to properly dispose of waste. Poly tanks are also needed so that rain water harvested will be pumped from the underground tank to the poly tank for treatment before running through the pipes of the clinic.

Lastly the departments and especially the out patients department (OPD) will need furniture for both staff and patients.

FUTURE PLANS:

AfreakMED Foundation has plans of using part of the remaining acres of land that has been donated to them by the people of Tolon to establish a mango plantation, introduce live stocks and poultry to groups and peasant farmers in order to reduce poverty. AfreakMED has also contacted a vocational center in Bolgatanga in the Upper East Region who is willing to come and teach the very old people and the unemployed in the community basketry and other handy craft in order to improve their lives.

CONCLUSION:

All this successes never came on a silver platter but through hard work and sacrifices on the part of everyone who have or may have played a role in this organization. AfreakMED has come a very long way. But as slowly as we move we are very sure that the aims of the organization will be met, our mission and our vision are our primary goals. And hopefully AfreakMED in its small way will grow in order to be able to bring health care to all deprived communities in the country of Ghana and other African Countries.

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