

2008 ANUAL REPORT OF ASODI

Many thanks to God Almighty for sailing ASODI well in 2008 despite her numerous difficulties. It was another remarkable event in the history of ASODI 2008 marked 9 years of ASODI's activities in Momo and She now extends to Mezam.

The number of orphans rose from 1500 in 2007 to 2500 in 2008 as she extends the care for orphans to other 4 sub divisions in Momo vized: Njikwa, Widikum, Mbengwi and Batibo. On the care for Epilepsy patients in which the number rose from 700 in 2007 to 1500 in 2008 she has extended her services in the free anti epilepsy drugs distribution to Mezam.

2008 started with the implementation phase of the long awaited Epilepsy research and the transportation of the blood samples to C.D.C in Atlanta Georgia U.S.A from where the results will be sent to ASODI – in 2009. This will however be followed by a sensitization to the people of Ngie and Momo on the measures to be taken to guide against the major causes of Epilepsy in the Area. Meanwhile, one of the disabled persons (child) aged 17 (Abaajeh Regla) represented others at the junior parliamentary session that took place in June 2008.

The National Programme which came in through IVFCAM was a big relief to us as many of our orphans whom we had been serving benefited from this programme although what they had was not up to what was budgeted for them.

The year also ended with ADODI losing 4 of her Epilepsy patients in drowning, suffocation. The table below illustrates the dates which we carried out our activities.

Date	Activity carried out	Remarks	Persons involved
Jan 1 st – 10 th	Writing of 2007 end of year report	Good	Jerome and Co
Jan 3 rd	Meeting in Y'de with Ministry of Public Health	Good start	Jerome & Prof Njamnshi .
Feb	Reassessment of epilepsy patients in Ngie	Good start	Coordinators

Feb 16	Meeting in Y'de for the epilepsy programme	Good start	Jerome, Chris, Prof Ngamnshi & Takongang
March 4	Meeting at home with orphans in schools and payment of school fees	Nice	Jerome, Coordinators & school authorities
March 9 th	Field visit to Ngie on Epilepsy research project	Nice trip & good comments	Jerome & Professor Takoungang Innocent
April	Preparation in its final phase to start epilepsy research project	Very good preparations	All coordinators in Ngie, Jerome, Prof Njamnshi, Innocent & Dr. Agwafor with interviewers 5 and 2 lab tech.
May 1 st – end of June	Implementation work of research on the field in Ngie	Dynamic young men and women got it all done	30 coordinators, 5 interviewers, 2 lab tech, 1 medical Dr. and Jerome
June	Secretarial work on research in B'da	So attentive people	4 typist and 2 supervisors
June 9 th – June 17 th	ASODI sent one of her disabled orphans into the Junior parliament at the National Assembly in Y'de	Great attendance ,participated amongst other children in Cameroon	Abaajeh Regla attended in Y'de.
June 17 – Dec 2008	Establishment of birth certificates for 150 orphans of ASODI in Ngie	Work well done	Orphans 150 in number & 30 coordinators
June 18 th 2008	Distribution of Epilepsy drugs in Ngie	Nicely carried out	500 Epilepsy patients & 30 coordinators
June 25 th	Training on Epilepsy control in Ngie	It was well/highly attended	35 coordinators were trained for 2 days at Andek council hall
June 28 th	Replying letters to sponsors at St. John's church L.A, CA, USA	Orphans were guided on how to reply	2 coordinators & 5 orphans involved
July 1 st – August	Meeting with orphans doing tailoring training, carpentry, hair dressing in Ngie	They are doing well but need more materials	30 orphans and 5 coordinators were involved

		to be on their own	
July 5 th 2008	General meeting of all 45 coordinators, needs assessment made at ASODI's head office Teze	Fully attended by all	45 coordinators attended
August	Preparation of the orphans to go back to school in the various villages	So tedious an exercise as coordinators had to trek	40 coordinators and 2500 orphans with 1500 epilepsy patients
August 15 th	Writing of replies to letters from sponsors in the U.S.A	Exercise well done	8 orphans and 2 coordinators.
August 15 th	Catholic orphans celebrated the feast of Assumption	It was a solemn occasion	1200 orphans & 20 coordinators were involved
August 25 th	Free distribution of Phenobarbital to epilepsy patients in Njikwa, Ngie, Widikum	Tedious work	1200 epilepsy patients
August 27 th	Hospitalization/burial of some of our epilepsy patients in Ngie	So sad an exercise	4 epilepsy patients died
September 1 st	Purchase of school materials for orphans in Ngie	School items were bought	3 coordinators
September 5 th	Distribution of school items to orphans in Ngie	Items were shared to these orphans to enable them go back to school	1500 orphans received exercise books, pens, pencils and bags.
September 7 th	Schools resumed and we went round the sub division to see how the orphans started school	It was a good start	10 coordinators went through 19 schools in Ngie sub division
September 18 th	Checking of orphans in secondary schools in Ngie	It was time consuming and tedious	7 coordinators went through 3 secondary schools in Ngie
September 25 th	Replies to letters from sponsors by orphans & coordinators	It was good doing this	8 orphans and 3 coordinators took part
October	Classes were going on in all schools well and sick orphans attended to in hospitals in	So tedious exercise	25 orphans were attended to in Widikum Health

	Momo		Centre, Teze and Andek respectively
November	Birth certificates established for orphans writing F.S.L.C & Common Entrance exams in Ngie	Need funds for this	More 50 birth certificates were established
November 12 th	Writing of responses to letters from sponsors	Well done exercise	3 orphans and 4 coordinators
November	Distribution of schools items, food to ASODI's orphans by IVFCAM under the National Program by Cameroon government	Handful of orphans benefited in this	It was a good exercise carried out in Ngie, Njikwa, Mbengwi and Batibo amounting to 5.8 million francs CFA
November 27 th	Free distribution of anti epilepsy drugs to patients in Momo	Work well done	1500 patients and 25 coordinators took part.
December 19 th	Orphans on holidays and celebrated the birth of Christ on the 25 th .	Well done	All involved

Difficulties encountered

1. Insufficient funds to carry on work and meet up with the demands of the needy ones at our care
2. Poor road infrastructure
3. No means of movement for ASODI's volunteers and orphans
4. No equipments to work with the epilepsy patients effectively.
5. No office of our own
6. No electricity in most of the sub divisions in which we work
7. Insufficient drugs, books to the orphans and the epilepsy patients
8. Insufficient training/trained personnel to handle the issues of the most needy ones of ASODI.

2009 plan of action

1. Continuous administration of drugs to orphans and the epilepsy patients

2. Continuous establishment of birth certificates to the orphans of ASODI
3. Continuous care for the orphans in the distribution of books, uniforms, training/capacity building etc.
4. Putting in place a centre for the treatment of epilepsy in the North West Region (Bamenda)
5. Full extension of drugs giving to Mezam Division
6. Continuous sponsorship of orphans in secondary, primary schools in Momo Division
7. Continuous replies to letters from sponsors in the U.S.A
8. Continuous celebration of the African day of the child/sending of ASODI's orphans/disables to the National Assembly Y'de
9. Continuous training to coordinators/guardians on how to manage epilepsy patients in all the sub divisions in the North West Region
10. Continuous attendance of conference/seminars by ASODI to share knowledge in the domain of epilepsy and other illness nationally and internationally.

THANKS,

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