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INTRODUCTION

The Catholic Church has consistently served Nigeria with formalized healthcare services since 1895 when the first standard hospital was built by the SMA missionaries in Lantoro, Egbaland of Abeokuta in the present-day Ogun state. In fact, that was before the formation of the country Nigeria (with the amalgamation of the Southern and Northern Protectorates) in 1914).

That committed service to the health and wellbeing of Nigerians has continued into the 21st Century. Currently, there are over 440 healthcare facilities (clinics, primary health centres and hospitals) as well as health educational institutions under the Catholic health services spread across the country including remote rural, urban slum settlements and riverine communities. The church's healthcare services boast of unique penetrative presence even in hard-to-reach areas.

However, people are not aware of the enormous contributions and sacrifices being rendered by the Catholic health services. It is obvious that the story of dedication, diligence and silence in caring for Nigerians has never been sufficiently told to the nation and to the world at large.

It is in the light of the foregoing that I am personally excited at this first attempt to collect, collate and synthesis the many and diverse reports of the activities in the respective dioceses under the health department as a composite unit of the Church and Society. This initiative has to endure into the long future. Because it is only by doing so that the present generation and those to come will know, recognize and reckon with the tremendous contributions to ecclesial and national development by the unsung frontline workers within the Catholic healthcare services. The report is an advocacy tool which also opens windows of opportunity for partnership and collaboration.

Finally, I commend the leadership of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria and the Church and Society department for this novel effort. I hope that the document will be widely disseminated to all stakeholders, Catholics and non-Catholic alike both in Nigeria and beyond.

With prayerful sentiments!



Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Mamza

Episcopal Chairman,
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Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria

PREAMBLE

This is the first time that the frontline mangers of the Catholic health services from across Nigeria are telling their yearly work stories in one volume of compilation. It is a synthesis report as submitted by the diocesan health coordinators or their representative health facilities.

The project to initiate and realize this compendium of activities was not pre-meditated. The Church and Society department of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria smarting from the disruptions and dislocations occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic desired to present to the 2021 Plenary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria some snapshot of the diverse activities which the respective subnational ecclesiastical jurisdiction engaged in despite the lockdowns and attendant dislocations thereof. Therefore, there was little time to produce polished materials. As it turned out, the naturalistic output proved to be truly admirable in its diversity, scope and depth.

A few dioceses could not meet the short timeframe set for the submission. Nevertheless, we are encouraged that the subsequent editions would be more inclusive, more robust and better-edited for content, clarity and brevity.

May the reader find in the Annual Report of the health services in Nigeria reason(s) to smile for those who serve the Church and society without pomp and pageantry…



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AWGU DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

We are delighted to present the 2020 health report of the hospitals within the confines of Awgu diocese. This report covers the trainings, seminars, medical outreaches and other activities held in our respective hospitals within the year. The names of the hospitals are the following:

1. Mother of Mercy Hospital, Ihe.
2. Achi Joint Hospital
3. St Anthony's Hospital, Mgbowo.
4. St Monica's Hospital Mmaku.
5. St Theresa's Clinic, Enuguagu, Achi.

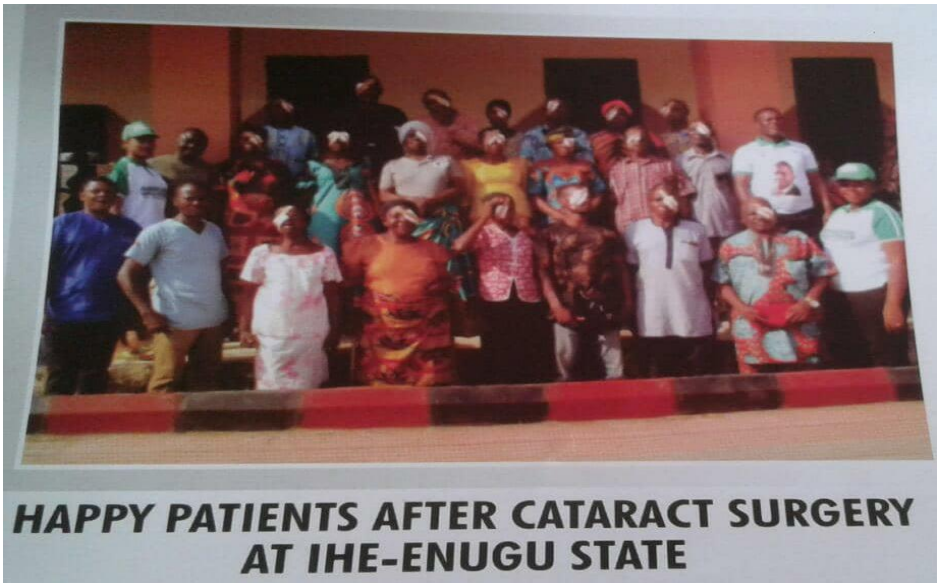
Activities

Within the health sector, the year 2020 began well in earnest, until the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, which destabilized not only the world economy, but also the health sector. With the outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic, we strategized and planned the possible means to control the spread of the pandemic following the NCDC guidelines.

As a diocese, we created awareness, thereby educating the health workers and the people on the need to follow the COVID-19 protocols, and on how to avoid being infected with the disease. Specifically, seminars were organized within our hospitals and beyond, and our health workers were trained adequately on how to manage the challenging situation.



Additionally, within the year 2020, free medical outreaches were carried out within the three local governments in our diocese, and the areas of coverage included Aninri LGA, Awgu LGA and Oji River LGA, respectively. Within the course of the free medical outreaches, Hon. Toby Okechukwu in Collaboration with the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu State sponsored the free medical outreaches in two of our hospitals, namely: Mother of Mercy Hospital, Ihe and Achi Joint hospital.



HAPPY PATIENTS AFTER CATARACT SURGERY AT IHE-ENUGU STATE

The free medical outreach at Mother of Mercy Hospital, Ihe took place on 18th -20th, August, 2020, and that of Achi Joint hospital took place on 21st – 23rd August, 2020. Within these days of intensive free medical outreaches, many poor and sick persons were attended to and free surgeries were carried out and the beneficiaries of these free medical exercises were numerous. Still on free medical outreach, another free medical eye outreach programme was carried out on Saturday 21st November, 2020 at St Theresa's Clinic, Enuguagu Achi. There, many people were attended to. And the sponsor of the outreach was Mr. Kingsley Ezechi from Enuguagu Achi.

Gratitude

In conclusion, having accounted for the 2020 health report, my sincere gratitude goes to God Almighty, for his care, protection, and love upon our hospitals and our health workers at large. My gratitude also goes to my Lord Bishop Most Rev John Ifeanyichukwu Okoye for his support to us and to our hospitals. I also wish to thank all the spirited individuals who supported the free medical outreaches carried out in our respective hospitals.

Finally, we promise to continue to put in our best to make sure that we continue to progress health wise in our diocese.

Thanks.

Rev. Fr. Herbert Ifeanyi Ugwu.
Health Co-ordinator.

Community Development/OVC Project

Community development is a corporate social responsibility for any organization to its host community and for us, it is a priority. We have continued to give back to our communities as a reward for their patronage and cooperation. Our strategy in making impact to communities hosting us is by championing physical development projects and other development projects such as scaling-up the livelihood of orphans and vulnerable children. To this end, we achieved the following milestones:

- Cash transfer to 21 caregivers of Vulnerable children living with HIV/AIDS during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Provision of Agric inputs to 36 of other caregivers
- Engagement of 1 adolescent VC into Vocation training centre



Cash trasnfer to indigent beneficiaries as COVID-19 palliative

Awareness Creation/Distribution of Sanitizers During COVID-19

As a part of her strategic objective of providing health information to the masses so as to prevent epidemic and enable disease control, the Gboko Diocesan Health care Initiative (GDHCI) embarked on sensitization campaigns to create awareness to the rural and urban communities in Gboko on the nature, transmission and prevention of the novel COVID-19 which broke out earlier in 2020. The campaign was headed by the Health Coordinator, Fr Michael Dogo accompanied by the office staff and some security personnel. A total of 300 hand sanitizers and over 2,000 flyers containing information on the virus translated into the local Tiv language were distributed during the exercise.



Completion/Take Off of The St. John's Hospital

Within the reporting period, the Diocese's grand project, (the St. John's Hospital) was completed with the acquisition of equipment and consumables. The hospital was commissioned and flagged on the occasion of

the birthday celebration of His Lordship, the Bishop of Gboko Diocese, Most Revd. William Avenya on 6th October, 2020.



St John's Hospital and the newly purchased ambulance

The patient attendance and other health indicators in the facility between October to December have been impressive. The breakdown of the Hospital's data in the last quarter of the year 2020 is as follows: Adult Attendance: 522 (Males: 123, Females: 309); Pediatric Attendance: 230 (Males: 109, Females: 121); Adult Admissions: 143 (Males: 47, Females: 96); Pediatric Admissions: 50 (Males: 27, Females: 23); Normal Deliveries: 34; Assisted deliveries: 12; Caesarian Section: 4; Surgeries: 17.

US-PEPFAR Small Grants Programme

The diocese has continued to enjoy partnership with the United States Embassy on youths development programmes. In 2018, the Embassy sponsored a soccer tournament for youths to address extremism and other societal vices. In 2020, two adolescents from our internally-displaced persons (IDP) camps were sponsored for a youth sports programme. These two have continued to use their experience abroad to motivate other young boys and girls through youth-focused programmes and IDP camp outreaches. This year, the Embassy has granted funding for the implementation of an adolescent-centered project for building psychosocial competence and life support skills for 500 young person as well as vocational skills training for another 100.



Blessing and William from Gboko Diocese socializing at the US-Youth Camp

IJEBU-ODE DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

There are 14 health facilities in the diocese, viz:

1. St. Joseph Catholic Hospital, Oke-Agbo, Ijebu-Igbo (1958).
2. St. Mary's Catholic Hospital Ago-Iwoye (March 1978), Now St. Mary Catholic Eye Hospital, Ago-Iwoye. (1988)
3. St. Luke's Clinic & Maternity, Imomo,
4. Sister Daniela's Primary Health Centre, Orita J4, Ogun Water Side (April 2003).
5. Ave Maria Clinic, Iwopin , Ogun Water Side, (May 1993).
6. Louisville Clinic, Itele-Ijebu (2002).
7. Abidagba Health Centre, Iroto
8. Catholic Opticals (Annex Of St. Mary's Eye Hospital, Ago-Iwoye) (November 2010)
9. St. Sebastian's Cathedral Clinic/Dispensary, Ijebu-Ode
10. Christ The King Catholic College Community Clinic, Odolewu (2012).
11. St. Albert Clinic, Esure. (September 2011)
12. Rufina Catholic Medical Centre, Iperu. (January 2017)

New Facilities:

13. Olaleye Oladele Ogunleye Memorial Medical Centre (Operated by The Catholic Diocese Of Ijebu-Ode). Ogbogbo. (July 2018)
14. St. Mary Eye Hospital Annex (Bobgunte House), Sabo-Ososa Road, Ijebu-Ode. (August, 2018).



Cancer Awareness and Screening

Activities in 2020.

- Strengthening the coordination of healthcare services in the Diocese of ijebu-ode, so as to make the health facilities self-sustaining.
- Instituting Integrated Support Supervision Mechanisms (ISS) in our health facilities.
- Started a training workshop for health administrators/managers and top health management teams (doctors, matrons, managers) beginning with our diocese.
- Working on the feasibility study for the establishment of A College of Health Technology in the Diocese, and present it to the Bishop.
- Working on the establishment of a Community Health Insurance in the Diocese.



Activity in Collaboration with JDPC

- We are upgrading the Ophthalmology residency training program in our Eye Hospital, St. Mary Ago-Iwoye as recommended by the OSN (Ophthalmological Society of Nigeria).
- In November 2020, we started a free Maternal and Child Health programme to achieve 1,000 free ANC and free deliveries in our rural communities by Dec. 2021 with support from the Italian Bishop's Conference.

ON COVID-19

- ✓ Printed tracts and posters with the components of Church and Society and distributed round the Diocese.
- ✓ With other members of the Integral Human Development (Church & Society), prepared statements for the Bishop, made on TV, radio and other social networks on COVID-19.
- ✓ Received palliative contributions from the Bishop and Parishes and distributed it round the identified indigent poor in the Diocese.
- ✓ Made PPEs available to our health workers through some partners we work with, and carrying out community sensitization on the COVID-19, and its prevention methods in the rural communities.
- ✓ We also ensure the availability of the prevention materials e.g. Infra red thermometer, water, soap and sanitizers in all our health facilities, Schools, and Churches, etc.
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ISS monitoring of health facilities in Ogun state

We are grateful to our Bishop Most Rev. Francis Obafemi Adesina for his continuous interest and support to the healing ministry of the diocese.

Rev. Fr. Christopher O. Ogunnupebi
Health Coordinator

JALINGO DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

The year 2020 was a remarkable year that brought the entire world to a stand still due to the out break of Corona virus that caused devastating economic, social and spiritual disruptions; forcing millions of people into extreme poverty and has sent many to their graves early. May their souls rest in perfect peace. Amen.

Despite the challenges we encountered within the year, we give thanks to God for His healing, grace and mercy upon us, as St. Paul admonishes us to always give thanks to God (1Timothy 5:18). The year of COVID-19 offered us the opportunity to show Christ's love amidst the difficult conditions we found ourselves. It was a moment of authentic witnessing to the gospel of love.

Activities carried out within the year

1. **World Day of the Sick** (February 11th 2020: This day is specifically set aside to offer prayers for those suffering from all forms of illnesses. Here in Jalingo diocese, we joined others around the world by praying for and visiting the sick in Santa Maria Clinic, Bali together with Catholic Nurses Guild of Nigeria, Jalingo chapter. Nursing care was given and health talk on bodily hygiene and preventive measures on contracting diseases were given to the parishioners. Some food items were also distributed.

2. **Visitation of the various facilities by the health coordinator (March and April):**
The health coordinator visited all the 8 facilities of the diocese to ensure strict adherence to Catholic health policies and also training of staff on COVID-19 precautionary measures. And also ensuring that all facilities adhere to the guidelines provided by the Nigerian Centre for Disease and Control (NCDC).

3. **Distribution of COVID-19 palliatives/health education (May 2020)**

Following the out break of Corona virus, the commission took measures on educating the general public on the need to protect themselves and others around them by knowing the facts about COVID-19 and taking appropriate precautions to prevent its spread. We trained people on the proper way to wash and sanitise their hands, the use of face mask, the need for physical distancing, keeping rooms well ventilated, avoiding of crowds and also how to cough into a bended elbow or a disposable tissue.





In addition, the Commission in collaboration with the JDPC through the support and assistance of the bishop, was able to distribute food stuffs, face masks and hand sanitizers to some parishioners within the metropolis. Special visit was made to UMCN orphanage home with hand sanitizers and face masks as well as to the Muslim Council of Nigeria Secretariat (Taraba State chapter). We also did not leave out the

security personnel who were exposed on the road ensuring that people adhere to the lockdown rules, they were also given face masks and hand sanitizers. Our priests and religious were also provided with similar commodities.

4. **Meetings with heads of facilities**

The diocesan health coordinator holds quarterly meeting with the heads of facilities to know the activities in the various facilities. This is done by listening and going through their reports. In the year 2020, we met only twice (3rd and 4th quarters) due to OVID-19 pandemic. However, there was regular visitation by the health coordinator to the various facilities for inspection within this period.

5. **Resumption of work at the New Hospital site**

Due to the security crisis that rocked our diocese, many people were displaced and rendered homeless, many of our parishes were closed down as the people were and even some up till now are not around. And this led to stoppage of work at the permanent site of St. Francis hospital that has been under construction since 2001.





All thanks to God for His providence, the bishop provided some cash that helped us to do a lot. We are almost at the finishing level and hopefully the hospital will kick off soon.

Conclusion

Despite our challenges, we thank God for seeing us through the year 2020 and we pray that the year 2021 will be a better year for all of us. May God heal our world from the COVID-19 pandemic and may our country be safe from all forms of tyranny and security difficulties. Our Lady Queen of peace and health of the sick; pray for us.

Rev. Fr. Istifanus Rokoba
Health Coordinator

KATSINA ALA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The Catholic Diocese of Katsina Ala has the following seven health facilities: St. Anthony's Hospital, Zaki-Biam, St. Margaret's PHC, Tor-Donga, St. Mary's PHC, Chito, St. Thomas PHC, Afia, St. Christopher's PHC, Kyado, Holy Ghost Clinic, Abeda and Bishop Peter Adoboh Memorial Clinic, Katsina-Ala.



Key Program Activities

Outpatient and In-Patient Services, ANC Services, Maternity Services, HIV/AIDS Program; administration of ARVs, Viral Load sample collection, Adherence Counselling and testing, TB diagnosis through the use of Gene Expert machine, TB drugs administration, Cervical cancer screening and early stage treatment through the use of Thermal Ablation machine, X-ray, Surgeries and Lab. Investigations, etc.

Achievements (Success Stories)

1. Establishment of a new clinic in Katsina-Ala (Bishop Peter Adoboh Memorial Clinic): This was to attend to the health needs of the people in Katsina Ala and its environs as well as immortalize the first bishop of the diocese who died during the year.
2. New clinic building at St. Margaret's clinic Tor-Donga (still under construction): This project was embarked upon in order to ensure conducive environment for services to our patients.
3. Provision of hospital equipment: This includes the procurement of the new Laboratory equipment for the Laboratory Department, procurements of other hospital equipment for the Wards for effective service deliveries to our Patients, procurement of Scanning Machine etc.
4. Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with APIN: Another COP (FY) was signed with APIN for continues care and support for people leaving with HIV/AIDS.
5. Publication of Diocesan Health Policy: A document that specifying guidelines of the Katsina-Ala Diocesan Health Programme has been published.
6. Gift of Thermal Ablation Machine by APIN- in the course of the year, staff were trained for cervical cancer screening and the machine was provided for treatment of positive clients at the early stage of the disease which has been very helpful.
7. Students Industrial Attachments: Due to the quality of the training and discipline obtained in the hospital, the hospital received students for practical exposure during the year under review from different specialty (CHEWs, MLT, Imaging, EHT, Etc.).
8. Staff Motivation/End of the Year Celebration: As part of the means of promoting peaceful and happy working relationship, the hospital Management deemed it necessary to support the staff during the festive season (Christmas), where food stuffs were shared to staff who also exchanged gifts.
9. There was promotion of staff and salary increment.
10. Training of staff: Capacity Building Training of Katsina-Ala Diocesan Health Staff was conducted by CRS.



11. Spiritual activities: There were celebrations of the Eucharist and other sacraments for staff and clients, retreats for staff, constant visits to the clients on admission etc.

Challenges

- Staff Attrition: This is a major challenge in our hospital as most trained staff especially; Midwives, Nurses, Doctors, Laboratory Scientist and pharmacist. They are constantly seeking for greener pasture. Some of them do not even give the one month notice that is required.
- Insecurity in Sankera: Owing to the security challenges in Sankera axis, many people cannot assess health care services for fear of the unknown. It also contributes to staff attrition mentioned above.
- Lack of Modern Hospital Equipment: The absence of some of the modern hospital equipment is affecting the performance of the hospital in no small way. These equipment are needed in departments like the Accidents and Emergency Department, the Maternity Ward, the Laboratory department and other departments/Units where services are rendered.
- Need for an Ambulance: The current Ambulance in use in the hospital is old and needs to be replaced urgently since it is very essential for any standard health facility.
- Lack of fund to upgrade the facilities of the Integrated Health Programme: There is insufficient funds to help upgrade the health facilities.
- Lack of Stable Power Supply: Due to poor and unstable power supply, some of the equipment do not last. Therefore, there is urgent need for power back-up in our facilities which could be generator sets or Solar Power.
- Failure to pay medical bills by some patients: unwillingness to pay after treatment is weakening.

Patients Statistics for 2020

Activity	*Number Of Beneficiaries*		
	Male	*Female*	*Total*
ARV	1611	3880	5491
Antenatal	-	353	353
Surgeries	12	85	97
OPD	1776	2321	4097
Admissions	387	501	888
Lab. Test			28066
Scanning	299	1381	1680
X-ray	1017	821	1838
Deliveries		302	302
HTS	1905	2283	4188
Cervical screening		391	391
TB Treatment	155	95	250



KONTAGORA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

The health Coordination of Kontangora Diocese was inaugurated for the purpose of bringing health care to the people. We have tried to do this since its existence in spite of much challenges and difficulties. Its terms of reference are as follows:

- ✓ To strengthen the health committee in order to meet the health needs of the grassroots in the Diocese.
- ✓ To give health talks on immunization, Antenatal care, Malaria eradication, Referrals of difficult cases.
- ✓ To source for funds for health activities in the Diocese
- ✓ To collaboration with Parish Action committee on AIDS (PACA) to help the communities become aware of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B, and other infectious diseases, its prevention and proper treatment for positive cases.
- ✓ To promote natural family planning methods amongst the Reproductive age and married couples. Etc.

Activities for the year 2020

1. We worked to strengthen and encourage parish health committees through visits and follow-ups
2. Feeding and treatment of malnourished Children through nutrition programs.
3. Couple training on how to use their available food items to feed on balanced diet.
4. Outreach activities to the interior communities for minor treatment of illnesses, routine immunization of Children under 0-5 years, distribution of Vitamin A, Albendazole, and Multivitamins to pregnant women, Hepatitis, Meningitis.
5. Health Education on personal and environmental hygiene, prevention of Malaria and air borne diseases, Hypertension, Hepatitis and Meningitis
6. Counseling and testing of people for Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.
7. Hold our meetings twice a year.
8. Continue our enlightenment campaign programmes on WORLD AIDS DAY AND WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, 1st of December and 11th of February, respectively.

Celebration of World Day of The Sick

Every year, we select one parish to celebrate the World Day of the sick with the parishioners. The world day of the sick this year was celebrated in New Busa parish. Some of the health representatives from all the parishes came for the celebration. During the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the health teams were given an opportunity to give health talk on the topic of the day, Hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS, etc. After Mass, the parishioners availed themselves of the available Hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS Tests, blood pressure measurement, etc. It was well attended and celebrated.

World AIDS Day Celebration 2020

Similarly, our diocese celebrates this day in any chosen parish in the Diocese, but we could not do that this year because of the Coronavirus pandemic. For this reason, all the parishes were told to have their World

AIDS Day celebration in their various parishes. Even though, the issue of Coronavirus pandemic still hindered some parishes to carry out the celebration, some managed to give health talk and tests.

Immunization on Hepatitis B and Meningitis

During the dry season awareness sessions were conducted in the various parishes. Most people who came for the events had the opportunity to be tested for Hepatitis B and those who tested positive were referred for further assessment and treatment and the negative ones were vaccinated respectively. Meningitis vaccines were also given during this time. Unfortunately, the outbreak of coronavirus made them to end the course before the real date of closure.

MEETINGS: The committees had their meetings of the year through WhatsApp messages due to Coronavirus pandemic.

Achievements

1. We were able to carry out few of our activities this year despite the COVID19. We pray God to help us overcome the issue of Covid-19.
2. Much awareness has been strongly created on hepatitis B and infections and Coronavirus and other health issues.
3. We remain very grateful to our Bishop in the person of Rt Rev Dr Bulus Yohanna, who supported us to be able to print flyers on coronavirus prevention and control both in English and the local language (Hausa). These were shared to all the parishes and out stations in the Dioceses to be able to educate our people on the issues on ground.
4. Also, with the help of our able Bishop some other groups, some palliatives were shared to all the parishes for the parishioners.
5. The creation of awareness and education on coronavirus and Hepatitis B is still on going in our parishes and various communities in the Diocese.
6. We attended a workshop organized by the Health Department of Catholic Secretariat Abuja on control and prevention of coronavirus to update our knowledge. We were able to step down at out facility level.

Challenges

A. Most of our rural people don't seem to understand or even believe there is coronavirus; they think it is the sickness for the rich.
B. Many people are dying of hunger and other illnesses.
C. Finance: this is our greatest challenge as we need money for every activity; Thanks to the Bishop who is always supportive but there are so many meetings, visitations and follow up to be made that needs a lot of money.
D. Some of the health representatives are not so active.

Rev. Sr. Regina Achor, DC

Health Coordinator

LAFIA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

The Catholic Diocese of Lafia is conterminous with Nasarawa State which covers a land area of 28,000 square kilometers, comprising 13 Local Government Areas of Akwanga, Awe, Doma, Karu, Keffi, Lafia, Nasarawa Agon, Obi, Toto, Wamba, Kokona, Nasarawa and Keana. The Diocese is a child of double heritage having largely been carved from Makurdi Diocese with 11 Parishes and two Parishes from the Archdiocese of Jos.

The Diocese is into the area of Primary Health Care, Mobilization, Sensitization, Awareness Campaign and Promotion of Community Based Care and Support for People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) and Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC)

Goal

To bring healing, relief, comfort and hope to all who are physically and spiritually challenged, with commitment to gospel values and sound practice to enable our people achieved productive lives.

There are three functional health facilities in the diocese, viz: Our Lady of Apostles Hospital, Akwanga; St. Bernard Health Centre, Akanga and the Maternity and Rural Health Centre, Agwatashi.

Our Lady of Apostles Hospital, Akwanga provides primary and secondary health services to the people of Nasarawa State and beyond. It started in 1945 in Akwanga as an outstation of Our Lady of Apostles Hospital, Jos by the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady Apostles which was later upgraded to a status of a Clinic in 1953. From then it was gradually transformed into the present Our Lady of Apostles Hospital.

St Bernard Health centre Akanga is a PHC owned by the Catholic Diocese of Lafia situated at Jenkwe development Area in Obi LGA along Markurdi road, Nasarawa State. Finally, Maternity and Rural Health Center Agwatshi in Obi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State. It was established in 1989 by the congregation of Ursuline Sister of Jesus. The facility was officially handed over to the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine love on Thursday 23rd January, 2020 by his Grace Most Rev. Mathew Ishaya Audu Archbishop of Jos and the Apostolic Administrator of Lafia Diocese

Community Based Care and Support Program (CBCSP)

The Community Based and Support Program is a social arm of the Catholic Diocese of Lafia under the Diocesan Health Commission promoting participatory and sustainable human development and health services in communities across Nasarawa State. It was established in 2003 and registered with Cooperate Affairs Commission and Nasarawa State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.

The organization is committed to improving the lives of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV), Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC); the poor, aged and the marginalized in communities of Nasarawa state. This, the Organization hope to achieved through effective collaboration and partnership with individuals, Government, Non-Governmental; national and international Organizations, public and private agencies to enhance access to quality and affordable Health and Nutrition services; Shelter and care, psychosocial Care and Support, Education, protection and household Economic Strengthening (HES) services. Through a tripod approach, the Program ensures evidence-based service provision driven by needs appropriate to the child, households and/or the community where the 'child' lives.

The Program has implemented over seven Projects since 2003 till date and has impacted the lives of OVC 17,000 OVC and 5612 Caregivers across 11 LGAs in Nasarawa State. This was through provision of access to comprehensive services mentioned above (see CBCSP Profile attached). Currently, the Organization has signed a contract agreement with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to implement a Project title Faith-Based Action for Scaling up Testing and Treatment for the Epidemic Response (FASTER) which is to be implemented between June 2020 to September 2020 in Nasarawa State.

One of the strategic objectives of the programme is to strengthen FBOs state and national coordination platforms for effective pediatric HIV service delivery especially referrals for specialized services, logistic and commodity management system. The following were achieved under this thematic area:

- Advocacy visit to Ministry of Health
- Advocacy visit to Ministry of Women of Affairs
- Advocacy Visit to NASACA
- CBCSP have successfully formed an interfaith Network with 30 members register who are meeting constantly every month for the first time in Nasarawa State
- CBCSP together with NASACA mapped out 36 faith Based organization in Nasarawa State who are now members of the network, this include 3 Health facilities belonging to the Diocese
- CBCSP with support from FASTER Project also carried out a day orientation meeting for the 30 members FBO Network
- The organization was able to formalized its relationship with all relevant line ministry in Nasarawa state
- The organization was able to elect the leaders of the network who are coordinating the activities of the network in the state

Rev. Fr. Jude Maigari

Diocesan Health Coordinator

LOKOJA DOICESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

I was appointed in January 2018 and since then I have been learning on the job. Shortly after my appointment as the health coordinator, I was privileged to participate in the orientation programme organized by CARITAS for newly-appointed Health/JDPC Coordinators. The orientation was timely and very instructive for me. In fact, it equipped me in a special way for the tasks and challenges ahead.

Activities Carried out

(A) Creation of an office space

It has been quite challenging trying to create an office space and a proper working environment for the Health Coordinator since I resumed office. Unfortunately, I didn't inherit any office structure or space. So, my first task upon resumption of office was to think of creating it and it has not been easy. However, thanks to the opportunity I had to meet with the CRS representatives in their Abuja head office when we (The Chairman and group of coordinators of Health/JDPC of Abuja province) who paid me a courtesy visit. I appealed to them for assistance and after series of follow up, they eventually assisted us with donations of some basic office items like tables, chairs, office cabinet, TV, water dispenser, and a monitor.

We took it up from there with the help of our Catholic Doctors and health workers who contributed immensely towards setting up our diocesan health office. I must also acknowledge and appreciate my Bishop who gave me a room in the Bishop's court for an office space when I made a request for a space. So far, after renovating the space, we now have a fair and decent office where the health coordinator can now work in.

(B) Health-Related Pastoral Activities:
A Mass centre was created in the Federal Medical Centre Lokoja shortly be I became the health Coordinator and since I came on board, I have been visiting the hospital weekly as part of my assignment to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Catholic medical practitioners and Catholic patients in the hospital. This has been both challenging and rewarding, and we thank God for the gradual growth and development taking place there. The number of Catholic medical practitioners actively participating in weekly our Masses have increased and they are becoming even more committed both spiritually and financially.




COVID-19 Training

However, we couldn't continue Mass at the FMC Lokoja during the lock down and after the lock down the Hospital was shut down again for a very long time due to COVID- 19 controversies between the Hospital management and the State Government. But the good news is that the hospital is now open and masses for our Catholic health workers and patients will soon resume.

(C) Diocesan health interventions

1. Recently, the health office was given a diocesan assignment to develop a formidable health insurance scheme for the priests of the diocese (Lokoja Diocesan Priests' Health Insurance Scheme), to be run and coordinated by the health coordinator's office. This assignment has been carried out well so far so good, it will soon be completed and it promises to be successful and effective, especially in terms of providing regular medical checkups and treatments for priests with both mild and serious medical conditions.

2. As directed, we carried out a step-down of the NCDC COVID-19 Infection, Prevention, and Control training in October 2020 at our diocesan health facility: St. John's Hospital Kabba, Kogi State.

Conclusion

So far so good. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and love. There is a whole lot of work to be done in our diocesan health department, but we must start from the basics and move on step by step. We are not where we should be yet, but with faith and work, we will get there in no distant time!

Rev. Fr. Alfred Richard Ayodeji

Health Coordinator

MAIDUGURI DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

We thank God for making it possible for us to run health activities in our Diocese despite the Covid-19 pandemic and security challenges we are going through. We thank the Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Oliver Doeme Dashe for his unflinching support towards the growth of the health facilities in the diocese.

To the glory of God, the Diocese has the following facilities:

1. Shuwa Catholic Health Centre
2. Potiskum Catholic Health centre
3. Sancta Maria Health centre Bazza
4. Robert A.B Kwasari Memorial Nursing/maternity home.
5. However, only three of the above-mentioned health facilities are functioning, namely, Shuwa Catholic Health Centre and maternity, Potiskum health centre and Robert A.B. Kwasari Memorial Nursing/maternity Home.

Activities Carried Out In 2020

Despite the challenges of the year 2020, we were able to carry out the following activities:

- ✓ Maternal and health care services.
- ✓ Health Education
- ✓ Laboratory services
- ✓ Malaria campaign/treatment
- ✓ Immunizations.
- ✓ HIV/AIDS CAMPAIGN: seminars were organized on World Aids Day. The world Aids day was celebrated on the 1st of December 2020 in Nigeria. At the diocesan level we complemented the efforts of the government raising awareness about prevention and management of HIV/AIDS.
- ✓ Raising awareness about the danger of COVID-19.



Participants at HIV/AIDS seminar on World AIDS Day.

Challenges

1. Number one challenge is the issue of insecurity.
2. Lack of modern hospital equipment in some of the facilities.

3. It is difficult to get workers; this is because the NGOs have employed most of the doctors and nurses around.
4. Low turnout of patients as a result of the presence of NGOs who offer free medical services.

Conclusion

Despite the aforementioned-challenges, we still thank God we were able to carry out the above-mentioned activities. We wish to appreciate the effort of our Bishop and the staff of the various health facilities in the diocese. We continue to pray for peace and stability in the diocese.

Signed:

Rev. Fr. Samson Peter
Health Coordinator

NSUKKA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Preamble

The year 2020 will go down in history as a year in which the world experienced an unprecedented paralysis in all sectors of life due to a coronavirus pandemic – the health sector in Nsukka catholic diocese was not spared, for it was not an exception. Like in all other places in the world, efforts and struggles in the year were geared mainly towards checking and controlling the spread of the deadly virus and sustaining the status quo where possible – growth stories were rare, if at all any. Nsukka Catholic Diocese, however, thanks God that under the dynamic leadership of his Lordship, Bishop Professor Godfrey Igwebuike Onah, her health sector has some success and growth stories to share.

Success Stories

Nsukka Diocese thanks God that she was able, in the face of the pandemic, to sustain and successfully run all her normal diocesan health programs in the year 2020.

1. *Medical Outreach:* The diocese, through her hospitals, organized periodic medical outreaches to remote villages within the diocese that have difficulties in accessing proper medical attention. These were done in the first 2-3 months of the year when theu use of face-masks was not yet obligatory and face-masks not very much available. In those outreaches, medical consultations, check-ups, diagnoses, first-aids, basis treatments were given out free of charge by our medical teams comprising doctors and nurses who in addition advised and referred patients to other places for better treatment. Some drugs like vitamins were given free of charge while others were given out at reduced and affordable prices. Ambulances were normally at stand-by to convey emergencies to hospitals. The outreaches normally began with a prayer for the sick and a medical sensitization of the people.

2. *COVID-Pandemic:* The outbreak at the end of 2019 of the covid 19 which in 2020 became a universal pandemic was an embarrassment to the whole world and despite concerted efforts the mutative virus is still proving to be intractable. Even at that and with all the debilitating lockdowns mandated by the pandemic, Nsukka diocese all through 2020 kept all her health facilities open for medical and health services. Our hospitals and medical schools did, from time to time, organize seminars and sensitization programs on precautions against the covid 19. Enlightenment and sensitization flexes and posters could be seen at strategic places in and outside hospital buildings; health workers were provided with such basic protective equipment like face masks, hand sanitizers, etc. Facility Compounds were, from time to time, fumigated. Above all, the Lordship, Bishop Godfrey Igwebuike Onah, more than three or four times distributed to the priests and parishes of his diocese alleviating palliatives worth millions of Naira to help cushion the harsh economic effects of the pandemic.

3. *Health Commissions:* Nsukka diocese has a Health Management Board that determines and oversees the health programs of the diocese. This Board formulated a bishop-approved policies, rules and regulations guiding our diocesan health workers and determining and regulating health services in all the health facilities of the diocese. In addition to this Board, there are other health sub-committees at the diocesan, deanery, and parish levels through which the diocese extends her health services across the length and breadth of the diocese. The Diocesan Health Board meets normally four times a year and at the call of urgent vital needs. Health Boards and Committees have interactive WhatsApp platforms where issues can be discussed without face-to-face meetings. Due to the pandemic, that was many times the case in 2020.

4. *Pastoral Care of the Sick:* Nsukka diocese celebrates annually the diocesan day of the sick in the second week of February. On that day, the sick from every corner of the diocese and beyond gather at or are brought to the Cathedral for episcopal prayers for and blessing of the sick, the sacraments of the sick, and free medical attentions and services. This took place also in 2020. In addition to this annual celebration of the diocesan day of the sick, daily health services in all our facilities begin with prayers at defined times of the morning hours. All our hospitals are run by Rev. Fathers who act also as chaplains assuring daily and Sunday masses as well as sacramental care of the sick in the facilities.

Growth Stories:

A. Despite the chronic economic hardship due to the pandemic, our Lord Bishop, Rt. Rev. Professor Godfrey Igwebuike Onah, through his captivating public relationships, was able in 2020 to attract some substantial amount of money to one of our hospitals: Bishop Shanahan specialist hospital. With that, the hospital is currently digging the foundation of a gigantic building that will give the hospital a mesmerizing face-lift.



B. One of the border-parishes of our dioceses, St. Theresa's parish, Amalla-Egazi, in Udenu L. G. A. of Enugu State, was also in 2020 blessed with a gift of a Primary Health Care Center built for them by one of our diocesan priests.



We thank God for his graces, blessings, and protection in the health sector of our diocese, Nsukka in the year 2020 as we pray for a better year, 2021.

Rev. Fr. Mellitus Okwudili Ossai
Health Coordinator

OYO DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

I thank the Almighty God for His guidance and protection through the year 2020. Most part of the year was taken over by the COVID-9 pandemic, but in spite of all the confusion, God was with us in Oyo Diocese and we are happy to be alive.

The Catholic Diocese of Oyo has one hospital, one primary health centre and two eye clinics. During the acute phase of the pandemic, we made cloth face masks as well as hand sanitizers and distributed to all the members of staff and some members of the community. We also carried out health education of the public, at clinic setting, in churches, etc., on Corona virus infection with particular reference to standard precautions, signs and symptoms and the need for early presentation at the health facilities for proper handling of suspected symptoms.

As their support to fight against the spread of COVID-19 infection, the Diocesan Nurses Guild presented some hand wash to the Bishop of Oyo Diocese. Furthermore, we paid an advocacy visit to the Chairman of Iseyin North Local Government area, to ask for inclusion of our hospital in the government programmes such as immunization programmes, also to make us one of the beneficiaries of the items sent to the health facilities in our locality by the state government.



Most Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Badejo with Catholic Nurses Guild officers

In Oyo Diocese, we hosted the national executive body of the Catholic Nurses Guild of Nigeria in February 2020. This was followed by diocesan health outreach on the World Day of the Sick on February 9th, 2020 at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Oyo Town where many women had breast scan and other health checks.

The stepping-down of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria-organised training on the infection prevention and control (IPC) and standard precautions in the context of COVID-19 was done to the staff and other major trainings by other NGOs such as Mission Cara, etc on the use of PPE, Environmental care including disposal methods.




Training on COVID-19 IPC & Health education for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers

One of the effects of COVID-19 on families and individuals in our locality was depression, increased poverty rate, leading to many cases of raised blood pressure and violence. We carried out health education in Churches and at clinic setting on the effect of high blood pressure. A day was set aside for blood pressure checks where 216 people responded out of which 136 (63%) had high blood pressure ranging from 150/100mmHg, to as high as 250/130mmHg+ were detected. They all received free treatment, courtesy of Our Lady Catholic Hospital, Iseyin.



Conclusion

As we continue to thank God for the year 2020. We pray that he will keep us safe through the second wave of corona-Virus which is currently ravaging our communities.

Let us continue to try our best to educate ourselves at every opportunity and most importantly, stay safe!

Rev. Sr. Theresa Peter, SSL

Health Coordinator

SHENDAM DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

On the 5th September 2019 the joy of the people of Shendam Diocese including the priests of Shendam Diocese and the religious working in the Diocese was endless and resounding with the blessing and formal opening of Divine Mercy Catholic hospital by the proprietor - Bishop of Shendam, Most Rev. Philip Davou Dung. The Bbessing and opening of healthcare facility here in Plateau State in Shendam Diocese, established as the arm of the diocese to address the health challenges of the people of Shendam community and its surrounding settlements was a remarkable event in the lives of us all who were present on that day and those who were not. The people saw the Opening and Blessing of the Hospital as a new dawn: singing aloud: "God has visited his people. …… May God be praised in his works."

Activities

The facility under the umbrella of the Diocesan Health Commission responded with two broad interventions. These are pastoral and material Support. The hospital on the 26th August 2020 organized a seminar for Priests, Religious and Health workers in the diocese. The seminar had Dr. Okechukwu Emmanuel the Health Secretary to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria as the guest speaker. It created awareness on the epidemiology of the pandemic as well as the risk factors and preventions. The Bishop and many of the priests in the diocese attended. In addition, posters and other educational materials were developed and distributed at local level using the local tribe and pectorals. The hospital also distributed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like gloves and facemasks from the available stock in the hospital. Working in partnership with spirited individual, the hospital distributed palliatives as food items 50 bags of rice, 50 Cartoons of spaghetti and 50 cartons of Indomie noodles. A total of 246 families from Shendam and its environs were supported.





Seminar on COVID-19 Risk Communication and Prevention

NOVApp Fertility Technology programme: Infertility issues have affected a lot of families and communities. Its rising consequences has great effect on the families leading to break down and separation of marriages. Owning to these facts, the hospital on the 27th August 2020 invited a natural fertility technology medical consultant from Abuja who reviewed and provided services to 50 families with infertility challenges using the NOVApp (Natural Ovulation Applications) Technology which is a scientific natural Family planning method. Hence forth, the hospital hopes to become a CENTER of Excellence on natural family fertility case management in Shendam and beyond



Community medical outreach



Christmas Celebration for Our Mothers

We celebrate all the mothers who delivered each year in our hospital. They had their thanksgiving Mass and celebration of child welfare on the 13th December, 2020 in order to uphold motherhood and child dignity in a society.

Inspection for licensing: With great excitement, and coincidentally, the same month the hospital was erected, on the 16th September 2020, the inspection for approval and licensing was conducted by the state ministry of health inspectorate department. The hospital after rigorous questions and touring to different department of the hospital, was later approved and the license was issued and received. It was all God's doing and marvellous in our eyes.

Community outreach: The hospital organized a medical outreach to Tengzet community. This provided the opportunity for the aged to know their sugar level and blood pressure. 80 aged persons were tested and treated appropriately. This out-reach programme was done in collaboration with the Parish community. Similar outreach was organized for schools' youths in both primary and secondary schools within Shendam community.

World Day of the Sick, 11th February 2020: The hospital celebrated the sick on the February 2020, with focus on the physical and mental health of children of Shendam and its surrounding communities. 286 children received free medical treatments for various disease conditions. 21 malnourished children who were identified in Shanlang community were also supported with supplements. Their household income was also strengthened.

Challenges

1. Over dependency on the hospital by indigent patients.
2. Low income of the community members thereby unable to pay their bills
3. The difficult terrain among communities is a challenge for patients in accessing care in the hospital.
4. Lack of Hospital Vehicle has also hindered the movements to carry out activities like more out-reaches in the communities etc.
5. The Hospital board of Directors remains dormant and inactive.

Conclusion

The management remains grateful to the sole Proprietor and his Team members for their untiring tenacity and support.

Rev. Sr. Bernadette Duru, OP.
Health Coordinator

ABA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The Catholic Health Service is a continuation in the healing ministry of Christ. It is a manifestation of God's love and mercy and a response to the gospel value of love and compassion. The Catholic Health Services are guided by the Catholic social teaching that every person is made in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1). They have always been the best, the most affordable and with options for the poor, the neglected, marginalized and those who may never get access to such good services. It is for these reasons that the hospitals and clinics in Aba Diocese were established.
Catholic Diocese of Aba has one hospital and two clinics, they include:

1. St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, Ohabiam, Aba
2. Mercy Maternity, Mbutu Ngwa
3. St. Simons Maternity Home, Umuacha
4. Archbishop Charles Heerey Memorial College of Nursing Sciences, Ogbor Hill, Aba
5. Archbishop Heerey Memorial Hospital Ogbor Hill, Aba (owned by the Immaculate Heart Sisters IHS) and
6. St Teresa Orsinic Clinc Umunkpeghi Nvosi (owned by Hospitallier Sisters of Mercy)

The Health unit provides comprehensive health care services within the diocese in the 2020. By the special grace of God and through the instrumentality of our professional health workers, we recorded a huge success last year in the areas of child bearing, low mortality rate and general improvement in the health sectors. We also have board of directors and health committees appointed by the Bishop to handle major health issues affecting the Diocese whose present chairman is Dr Nnanna and Sir Greg Mgbajiaka. We meet quarterly to discuss health challenges facing the Diocese and also the progress of our hospital and the way forward.



Medical outreach
Due to the dilapidated nature of roads in Aba, we also organise medical outreaches/seminars in our parishes where patients come to receive at times free treatments. For instance:

- We run mobile eye clinic to parishes for the rural populace and those unable to come to the centre on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and first Saturdays of every month while eye care in the hospital is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Our hospital is also a centre for HIV/AIDS counselling, testing and free treatment in collaboration with FH1360 (Family and human Health International). FH1360 has hand over to NACA Abia state. We also conduct TB screening, treatment and monitoring.

- ANC (Antenatal Clinic) and Immunization every Tuesdays of the month in the hospital and clinics
- We also run mortuary activities 24/7

ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC

With the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Prof. Augustine Ndubueze Echema because of his interest for the health and wellbeing of his diocesans quickly completed a new standard hospital department in St Joseph Hospital, Ohabiam which was started by the St Monica CWO. Through the help and support of Rotary Club Eziama –Sunrise and Rotary Club North Stockton COVID-19 intervention, our newly constructed hospital ward was furnished with standard hospital equipment and palliative materials for COVID-19. Part of the equipment brought includes: one ventilator, one patient monitoring machine, wheelchairs, filled oxygen cylinder, hospital beds and foams etc. The edifice commissioned by His Lord Bishop Most Rev Prof Augustine Ndubueze Echema on Wednesday July 1, 2020 as Centre for Infectious Disease Control and Trauma (IDET).



St Joseph Hospital in collaboration with the Rotary club of Eziama-Sunrise also conducted seminar on COVID-19 at Christ the King Cathedral Aba as well as distributed various forms of protective palliative materials like facemask, hand sanitizer, hand gloves and some food items.

Finally, we have major challenges affecting the progress of health facilities in Aba Diocese and the major one is bad road. We pray that God will remember and set free from bad governance.
Thanks, and God bless you.

Rev. Fr. Johnson Chibueze
Health Coordinator

ABEOKUTA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The healthcare services of the Catholic Diocese of Abeokuta spans through six different Local Governments in Ogun State, where we have health facilities situated.
They are:

Name of Facility	*Local Government Area*
• Sacred Heart Hospital, Lantoro, Abeokuta	Abeokuta-South Local Government
• St. Mary Clinic and Maternity	Yewa South Local Government
• Sacred Heart Hospital (Annex), Ayetoro	Yewa North Local Government
• Jesus is Love and Power Hospital, Ifo	Ifo Local Government
• Sacred Heart Hospital (Annex), Imeko	Imeko-Afon Local Government
• Msgr. Adewuyi Clinic and Maternity	Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government
• Sacred Heart Hospital (Annex), Ajebo	Obafemi/Owode Local Government
• Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital, Akute	Ifo Local Government
• Sacred Heart Specialist Hospital (TB Unit), Oke	Abeokuta-South Local Government

Our Services:

- **A: General Services**

The services rendered in our health facilities are largely primary and secondary care, with good referral system and linkages.
Through the Health apostolate of the Diocese, the following services are rendered to all and sundry: Out Patient Department (OPD), Medical, Surgical, Antenatal, Postnatal, Neonatal, Children, Cleft Lips & Palate, Pharmacy, X-Ray Services, Dental, Ultra-Sound Scan, Gastroenterology, Cardiology Services, Endocrinology, Endoscopy, Ophthalmology, Comprehensive Lab. Services, Ear, Nose & Throat (E.N.T.), Accident, Emergency & Ambulance Services, Tuberculosis, Antiretroviral (ART), Mortuary Services

- **B: Trainings:**
  - Doctors: Residency in Family Medicine and Internship
  - Nursing: School of Nursing
  - Internship for other health professions

COVID 19 RESPONSE:(see attached pictures)

- ✓ Timely and continuous awareness to staff and patients
- ✓ Deployment of infection control mechanism and 'enforcement' of usage
- ✓ Construction of a triage point for screening of patients brought in on emergency especially.
- ✓ Continues disinfection of facilities for infection control
- ✓ Testing and referral of suspected cases to COVID 19 treatment centers.



COVID-19: Staff Triage Post



COVID-19: Patient Temperature Check

Impact Analysis:

- Employment: The Health Department of the Catholic Diocese of Abeokuta has about 700 direct employment given to all cadre of people, both professionals and non-professionals alike.
- Indices for 2020:
    - Number of Out-patients Visits: over 60,000
    - Number of In-patients admission close to 10,000
    - Number of bed spaces over 350
    - Number of deliveries over 3,000
    - Number of surgeries about 1,500
- Values
    - Prompt and timely response to emergencies
    - Availability to the people at all times, without fear of industrial action (strike)
    - Affordability of services to all, with special reference to the common man.
    - Acceptability and trust of the host community.
    - Being the oldest health facility in Nigeria, experience gathered over the century remains a legacy passed on from generations, hence, keeping us the last hope of the common man.

Challenges

1. Poor electricity supply
2. Staff attrition to government facilities
3. High cost of maintenance
4. Infrastructural deficit

Sign:

Rev'd. Fr. Simeon Akinyemi
Health Coordinator

ABAKALIKI DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki works through its hospitals, Mobile Clinics, Succour and Development Services Initiative (SUCCDEV), the NGO of the diocese to carry out most of the health activities. The hospitals include: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Afikpo; Mile 4 Hospital, Abakaliki; St. Vincent's Hospital, Ndubia; Good Shepherd Hospital, Abofia; Angel Raphael Cottage Hospital, Echara Ezza; Maria Ines Hospital, Ezillo; Sacred Heart Clinic, Alike Ikwo and St. Vincent's Hospital Annex, Amudo

The hospitals are working hard for effective caring for the sick, though has been affected by COVID 19. The facilities are very conversant with COVID-19 protocols through trainings but no case has been identified and confirmed.

St. Vincent's Hospital was very much affected by issue of Lassa fever, when the hospital refferred a suspected case to teaching hospital and resulted postive, the government announced the closure of St. Vincent Hospital, which they never did but this announcement affected the Hospital adversely because patients stopped coming to the Hospital until recently.

The Alex Ekwueme Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki (AEFETHA) posting of staff has continued to enhance services in the Mater Misericordae, Mile 4, and St. Vincent's Hospital. Also, Sacred Heart Clinic is collaborating with the Ministry of Health to secure consultant doctors for gynaecological services and surgery.

At present, Mater Misercordiae School of Nursing and Midwifery, normal academic programmes are being maintained in the school though affected by COVID-19 lockdown of activities. The school indexing capacity is still high and as such more structures are under construction to accommodate the students in both the classroom and Hostels.



The New student's hostel under construction in Mater Misericordae Hospital, Afikpo

St. Vincent's Hospital Medical outreaches and mobile clinics are continuous. The Mobile clinics that are still very viable include Abina and Omege in Ikwo L. G. A., Okoria in Abakaliki Local Government Area and Amudo in Ezza South L. G. A. Okaria Idda in the remote area of Okaria is a health post to reach the unreached. Amudo in Ezza South L. G. A. has an Annex facility to St. Vincent's Hospital Ndubia with many patients attending especially women and children.



Child's welfare in Amudo Mobile clinic

Establishment of School of Health Technology known as ' Michael Okoro College of Health Technology' in St. Vincent is a very big move and achievment in the Hospital. The Hospital started the preparation from February 2020 and the School opened officially in October 2020. School started with three departments:
i. The Community Health Extension worker accredited,
ii. The Medical Laboratory Technician which has been accredited to index 30 students.
iii. The Health Information Management Programme is in the proccess of accreditation.



Official Opening of the School on October 26, 2020Students in the Lecture halls

Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki SUCCOUR and Development Services Initiative (SUCCDEV)
To reach the unreached SUCCDEV is making effort to build new health centres especially for maternal and child's health programmes. This project is to improve access to quality health services to prevent maternal and child mortality and morbidity; to improve the health seeking behaviour of the rural women in the community and prevent child killer diseases e.g. Diahroea, malaria and pneumonia in its catchment areas.



Construction at the Centre for Maternal and child health Care, Ukawu, Onicha LGA

Water and Sanitation and COVID-19 Program

Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki Succour and Development Services Initiative (SUCCDEV) a Faith Based CSO with a mandate of administering the medicine of love to the needy in our, implements projects in the area of WASH. The activities of SUCCDEV are rural based and spans all the communities in Ebonyi state. SUCCDEV's activities in the area of WASH include: awareness creation and social mobilization, provision of boreholes to institutions and communities, training in the area of water treatment, provision of buckets with taps to aid hand washing on running water campaign against open defecation and WASH in schools etc.



Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki Succour and Development Services Initiative (SUCCDEV) implemented the Jonh Snow Inc. (JSI) 'Maternal and Child Survival Program'. The goal of the project is demand creation aimed at increasing demand for and utilization of child health services in Ebonyi State of Nigeria; to create awareness on reducing the effect of Child Killer Diseases like Malaria, Pneumonia and Diarrhea in the Communities; to strengthen the referral systems for easy accessibility in time of need.

To achieve these, some of the following activities were carried out: Advocacy to the community leaders, conducted Town hall meetings, community dialogue, Transect walk/mapping, Training of community volunteers, House to house sensitization, compound meetings, Sensitization in the Markets, Churches, and families including rallies within the communities in the Local Government, Special event like the August meetings of the Catholic Women Organization groups (CWOs) within Ohaozara Local Government, World malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea day, Inauguration of liaison officers and even trained some WDCs from the Ward.

The year 2020 has been very challenging with COVID 19 effect on Health facilities. Many still dodge going to Hospital for treatment because of the fear of being tagged coronavirus patient. Despite this, work is still moving in the facilities though at a slow pace and I hope that it will come to normalcy soon.

Sr. Cecilia Chukwu
Health Services Coordinator

ABUJA ARCHDIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The Health Department of the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja established in 1981 is as old as the church in Abuja. There are ten Catholic Health Institutions in the six Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja. The Services offered range from Primary Health Care to Secondary levels. Services covered range from out-patients, Medical Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternity, Pediatrics, laboratory, Imagery, Specialized Areas such as, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, HIV, Tuberculosis, Natural family planning, Pastoral services. Our health Institutions seem to be the best in the Country in Management of the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV evidence by 89 to 99% success been recorded.

Health Commission

Our Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Kaigama instituted eleven commissions and health been one of them in the second half of 2020. He addressed the health commission and gave the terms of reference:

1. To develop health care service that combine commitment to Gospel values with sound administrative practice, and to provide quality preventive and rehabilitative health care and optimum diagnostic/curative service in our health institutions
2. Establishment of monitoring, quality assurance committee to visit health facilities often to evaluate situation of things.
3. Improved access to free medical healthcare of the people
4. Unified body to meet up with the health policy of the Archdiocese
5. To have a harmonized health program in the Archdiocese
6. To increase access to health care delivery service
7. Ensure that each health facility contribute for the sustenance of the health office and the expansion of the Archdiocese health programs
8. To organized world day of the sick
9. The commission has met and elected its officials and the whole team has been meeting with the rest of the members. It has mapped out plans/strategies to enable it function effectively. It is also attending to issues that have arisen meanwhile. The health coordinator has given the commission members the written situational analysis of the Archdiocesan health. It has plan on the way to visit each health facility in the near future.
10. Archbishop firstly met with the matrons and administrators of all our health institutions to know them and appreciate them for the service being rendered to the Abuja people.

WORLD HEALTH DAYS CELEBRATIONS

The Health institutions celebrated world day of the sick 11th February, with different activities such as the Holy mass, Gift items to patients, various entertainment, Free Blood pressure measurement and Malaria testing etc.

World AIDS Day was celebrated 1st December, with celebration of the Holy Mass, some with candle light in remembrance of those who died from HIV/AIDS, Entertainment, Refreshment, Drama, talks about 2020 world AIDS day theme: captioned Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemics; resilience and impact, some of the institution took 3 to 5 days to accommodate the activities slated for it.

The Archdiocesan Health office has a HIV project under its umbrella called Catholic Action Committee on HIV/AIDS (CACA). The unit CACA was established by His Eminence, John Cardinal Onaiyekan in 1999, when he foresaw the pandemic needing a multi-sectorial approach. Ever since, CACA has been obliged by the mandate of mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on those infected and affected. Presently, the institute of Human virology (IHVN) is supporting the project.

Beneficiaries of CACA programmes

- Total Beneficiaries served FY 20 is 8553. Caregivers served are 2772 and Orphan& vulnerable children served 5781.
- Positive Beneficiaries FY 20 is 1381. Caregivers are 1079 and Children are 302.
- Total Beneficiaries of other vulnerabilities FY 20 is 7172. Caregivers are 1693 and Children are 5479.
- Total number of Household provided with Economic Strengthening is 2560
- Number of children provided with Economic Strengthening is 407 the activities include: Financial education, vocational skills training and startup kit, cash transfer, livelihood opportunity and savings and internal lending community (SILC).
- Numbers of children provided with Block Grant and School enrollments is 561.
- Total number provided with Nutritional activities which includes Food Packages\ Nutrition Supplement, Nutrition Assessment, Food demonstration, Nutrition Education and Infant & Young child feeding (IYCF). Caregivers =1791, Vulnerable Children = 3289.
- Total number provided with Health activities which includes Referral for ART, Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Community HTS, Community TB Symptoms Screening, Health Education, HIV Care &Support, Adolescent HIV Prevention and Sexual Reproductive Health and Water Treatment. Caregivers =1472, Vulnerable Children = 5308
- Total numbers provided with Protection activities which includes Birth Registration, Gender Awareness, Succession Planning, Life Skills Support and Legal Services. Caregivers =340, Vulnerable Children = 534.
- Total numbers provided with Psychosocial (PSS) activities which includes Counseling Support, Parenting Skills, Life skills, Recreational Activities (Kid's Club & Adolescent Club) and Caregivers Forum. Caregivers =787, Vulnerable Children = 2289.

COVID 19 RESPONSES

- *Covid-19 Training*: With the support of Italian Bishops and Catholic Relief services (CRS) in Nigeria, all our health institution's personnel in managerial and administrative positions had intensive training by NCDC and NACA, after that, institutional trainings were carried out in the following health facilities; the Medical Missionaries of Mary PHC Lugbe, Daughters of Charity St. Vincent Specialist Hospital, Kubwa, Sisters of Nativity Hospital, Jikwoyi and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Bwari, the institutions were given personal protective Equipment(PPE) and some financial assistance.



Handwashing practical

- Despite the COVID-19 challenges our Health institutions attended to people but observed the prescribed protocols.
- Some personal protective Equipment (PPE) were donated to the poorest of the poor orphanage home in Gwagwalada
- 143 most vulnerable HIV positive children were supported with food items, donated by Loyola college students Society for Abused Minor's and AIDS victims (SAMAC) NGO, philanthropies and health office.
- The Archdiocesan health office offered palliative cares to those in special needs, we also extended cares to the internally displaced persons (IDP) within FCT, we carried out sensitization activities through the communities in FCT, teaching them affordable ways of making sanitizers, facemask, hand wash and other preventative measures against COVID-19 as prescribed by World Health Organization. The health institutions did the same and shared out facemasks, they had triage for quick assessment of patients for best decisions as regards transfer, so no patient was turned away

Challenges

1. Health facilities operates on user-fees without external support, making them to struggle.
2. High staff attrition rates because of greener pastures elsewhere as they always ask for increase in salaries.
3. Huge bad debts because the poor attend our institutions and can't pay their debt
4. Inadequate financial support which has limited our reach out.

Conclusion: Success stories abound despite all odds, no health institution lost a staff due to COVID-19. We are grateful to God and all those who supported us during the difficult period
May God bless you abundantly,

Rev. Sr. Cecilia N. Azuh
Health Co-ordinator

AUCHI DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The Catholic Diocese of Auchi has two health institutions that are functional, whose Vision is to create an environment that is healthy and safe for the populace with a Mission of meeting the health needs of the people through the provision of qualitative health care service, and to reach those yet to be reached through mobile clinic. The names of the two health institutions are: Sancta Maria Catholic Hospital Uzairue and Sancta Maria Catholic Medical Centre Agenebode. Both health institutions are of different status in terms of size and health care services. Sancta Maria Catholic Hospital Uzairue which is the main health institution is of the status of Secondary/General Hospital, while Sancta Maria Catholic Medical centre, Agenebode is of the status of a primary health care – maternity.

The year 2020 was a wonderful year for both health institutions. The year of the global pandemic. The global pandemic (COVID-19) affected every aspect of health delivery services of both institutions. But it was another way of capacity building for the various health institutions, in the sense that both health institutions had to introduce strategic health services that comply with the COVID-19 guiding protocols. STAFF: The staff of both health institutions were strengthened through the employment of more qualified medical personnel, also in view of the accreditation of the school of midwifery which was under construction. Also added to the staff were medical doctors who are consultant in Obstetrics and gynecology, pediatricians, Optometrist, radiologist, and an orthopedic Surgeon.

COVID-19 Pandemic

There is no doubt that we have come to accept the fact that this pandemic is one that we all are going to live with, so we must begin to adjust our life styles to the reality on ground.
As a way of adjusting our life style to this global pandemic, the Bishop of the diocese, Most Rev. Dr. Gabrial. G. Dunia instituted a Diocesan pastoral team to check and implement the guiding principles of covid-19 in all the Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Auchi. The committee members meet regularly to update and check the level of implementation and compliance in the various parishes. The members of the committee are also to head the covid-19 committee in their various parishes. To a large extent the compliance to the guiding principles by the parishioner was 80%.

Health Activities

Sancta Maria Catholic Hospital Uzairue is into partnership with FHI/SIDHAS rendering services in HIV/AIDS to the populace. It was also up graded to PMTCT site (Prevention of Mother to child transmission) which most positive mothers (women) have benefited from greatly. Those that are positive are put under ART (Anti-Retroviral Drugs) drugs so as to prevent the spread of the virus to the child in the womb. The hospital is in connection with the Local government primary health care in charge of Tuberculosis. Patients who are receiving treatment under the tuberculosis program were always attended to.

IMMUNIZATION: Immunization is another service rendered to pregnant women and nursing mother including their babies. During the heat of the covid-19 the pregnant women and nursing mothers with their babies were never neglected. They were given special attention.

MOBILE OUTREACH: Towards achieving our vision and mission in caring for the sick by reaching out to those living in the interiors, the Doctors in company of other health workers do go for mobile clinic. Mobile outreach is still being carried out. The mobile outreach is in the area of sensitization. Sensitizing the people

on the need to keep the COVID-19 guiding principles like the washing of hands always, the use of face mask always. And the keeping of physical distancing and avoiding areas that are crowded. That they should try to stay safe because by staying safe they are also keeping others safe. And those who are having cough and other related illness they should visit the hospital immediately. Also, the priests in those areas where we do have our mobile outreach were told to sensitize the people more on how to stay safe during this time of the pandemic.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS: The need for upgrading the knowledge of one in his/her field is very important. Every year workshops/seminars are organized for the staff by the hospital management and other agencies. During the year 2020, the hospital management organized a seminar for the medical and non-medical staff of the hospital. A seminar was organized on how to stay safe as a health worker during this time of the corona virus. Another seminar was also organized for the staff on Lassa fever. This seminar was organized because while the corona virus pandemic was on, there was an outbreak of Lassa Fever in Auchi and environs.

WORLD AIDS DAY: The World AIDS Day was celebrated in a low manner. It was done just within the hospital. Seminar was organised for the workers.
DEVELOPMENT: during the year 2020, both health institutions in the Diocese experienced some level of development in the areas of renovation of the hospital environment. Both health institutions were repainted, with the private wards equipped, running water, and others.
Apart from renovation of the hospital, medical equipment were purchased for some departments in the hospital. Like the laboratories received a new microscope and haematocrit centrifuge. This was done in our health institution in Agenebode.
Also, with the approval of the school of midwifery, the hospital has a total of 150 beds, with over twenty Nurses and Midwifes working in the hospital.

Success Stories:

1. Despite the challenges that came with the Covid-19 pandemic, the school of Midwifery that has been under construction for some years was given approval by the Nursing and Midwifery council. And please God it will commence by March this year 2021.
2. Also, as a result of the approval of the school of midwifery, the health institutions of the diocese had to be upgraded in terms of development and staff strength which in turn will enhance qualitative health care delivery services to the people.
3. In all the year 2020, the year of the pandemic came with a lot of challenges, but it was also a year of blessings for us all because it opened our health eyes and minds to areas where we have not really showed more attention to and it also helped us to have a strategic health plan for the covid-19 pandemic which must learn and accept to live with.

Rev. Fr. Philip-Neri Ebakhaye
Health Co-ordinator

IBADAN ARCHDIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

We give thanks to Almighty God for all He did for us in the Archdiocese of Ibadan throughout the year 2020. We started the year by acknowledging the blessings and favours of God in the Archdiocese, with the hope that the plans and projections for the year will be accomplished, unfortunately, the Corona Virus Pandemic termed COVID-19 erupted and change the trend of things. However, we were able to adjust to coping with the situation which the global pandemic caused. In the course of the year, we were able to attend to the health issues at the Parishes, having programs and talks for the parishioners of various parishes and also, making sure that our health facilities were up to standard and readily available for patients to be attended to.

The Archdiocese has four (4) Diocesan Hospitals, Two (2) Congregational Hospitals and Two (2) Eye clinics. This report will be focusing on the activities of the department, work done in the hospitals, the achievements and developments in the course of the year.

Activities

In the course of the year, the department of the Health services of Ibadan Archdiocese carried out the following activities despite the situations that the pandemic posed on the world. Namely;

1. Conducted awareness program on COVID-19 in some parishes, letting them know the importance of being hygienic (washing of hands with soap, types of sanitizer and the utilization, keeping social distancing) and the proper usage of the face masks.
2. Making sure that every Parish put in place the necessary protocols guiding the Covid-19
3. Inspection to all our health facilities in the Archdiocese
4. Organizing the Catholic Pharmacists in the Archdiocese
5. Monitoring the Health insurance of the Priests in the Archdiocese
6. Attending different and various seminars and programs etc.
7. Seminar on Management for the Heads of department in the Hospitals



COVID-19 medical consumables

Work done in the hospitals

- Implemented the preventive measures as prescribed by the infectious disease control committee to protect the staffs and other patients
- Renovation of X-ray department and Laboratory of our hospitals

- Residency programs for Obstetrics and Gynecology and Family Medicine
- Having Naprotechnology program
- Established a Covid-19 Response team
- Primary health care and outreach programs
- Gene Xpert Testing for TB

Achievements/ Developments

1. Renovation of the Hospital Theater
2. Opening of a new Modern Eye clinic for the Archdiocese
3. Purchase of a new 200KVA Generator for the Hospital
4. Procurement of Five Parts Mindray Hematology Analyzer for the Hospital Laboratory
5. Procurement of PPE for Covid-19 for the Hospitals
6. Building of a new structure for the School of Laboratory

Conclusion

In conclusion, the work of evangelization through the health services to the humanity still continues in our Archdiocese, making sure that we get to the doorstep of the people in our community, rendering the health services to them. We still rely on the help of God and the support of the benefactors. However, we cannot complete this report without mentioning the workings of our Archbishop, His Grace, Most Rev. Gabriel 'leke Abegunrin, who is always at the forefront of the services, achievements and developments recorded in the department of Health Services in the Archdiocese. May the Lord continue to strengthen him. Amen.

Rev. Fr. Patrick Olu Odediran
Health Coordinator

AWKA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

On COVID-19 Pandemic

After the Training of Trainers (TOT) at the national level through Zoom App, the participants from Awka further conducted Stepdown Training for the cross section of the Health works in our Diocese ranging from the Doctors to the cleaners. It was conducted as follows:

I. 18/8/2020, was for St. Joseph's Hospital Adazi Nnukwu.
ii. 19/8/2020, was Regina Caeli Hospital Awka.
iii. 21/8/2020, was St. Anne Hospital and Maternity Abba.

The materials for the TOT were also used for the Stepdown program.



The facilitators of the Stepdown was Sr. Dr Maureen Okeke and Fr. Felix Efobi the Diocesan Health Co-ordinator. They participated in TOT programme. The Sr. Dr. works for Awka Diocese. Action pictures and attendant lists are in attachment:

2. ON DIOCESAN HEALTH COMMITTEE/COMMISSION:

In our Diocese, we have health committee called DIOCESAN MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL. The council is working on two major projects now in other to ensure community health and standard operation in our hospitals. They are:

i. Creating a unified Hospital Policy that will be guiding all the hospitals in the Diocese. It is already in progress.
ii. Reactivation of our hospitals in the rural areas so that the communities will have good access to medical care. The council has visited those hospitals and is drawing up strategies on how to reactivate them. The picture of the visits is also in attachment

Rev. Fr. Felix Efobi
Health Co-ordinator

BAUCHI DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The year 2020 is a year that cannot be forgotten so quickly in the history of humankind; it's a year when everyone was mandated to stay indoors. In fact, the locked down affected our clinic badly that patients could not come freely for treatment because the roads were blocked by the Bauchi state tax force, and so due to the COVID-19 pandemic our staff were made to work for two weeks, while the two Rev. sisters worked fully, that is daily throughout the period of the lockdown. But in spite of the difficulty, we encountered, we did have enough personal protection equipment (PPE).

The Lord God Almighty protected us from the deadly virus, although, we had scanty patients, we did not fold our arms; we embarked on farming around the clinic. We farmed Soya beans, melons, Groundnut to mention a few; to boost the income of the clinic and support our staff with vegetables from the farm.

We also harvested mangoes and processed them into mango juice, which everyone of us staff, patients, friends, all benefited from, in spite of the locked down, we survived and continue to give our services to those who came to us for treatment.
In the month of June, 2020, the sum of ₦200,000.00 (Two hundred thousand naira) was received from our Bishop Most Rev, Dr. Hillary Dachelem (CMF) through Very Rev. Fr. Henry Debang (the Diocesan Director of Justice Development and Peace Commission).
The money received was deployed for a free HIV/AIDS medical testing in Tafawa Balewa community and environs. The excise was carried by the staff of the clinic, this, took place from the 11th of July to 13th of July, 2020. This free testing took place in five different villages far from each other all under Tafawa Balewa Deanery.

A total of five hundred and seventy-nine clients were tested, these included males -185 and
Females – 394. The community where the free testing took place includes: Tafawa Balewa community, Bazanshi community, Kogo community, Nahuta community and Gongo Community.
The testing was a huge success, many people after counseling with no fear wants to know their HIV status, very few which tested positive and were referred to an Ngo responsible for treatment in the area.
Below is the photo gallery of the free H.I.V testing by the sisters and staff of OLA Clinic Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi Diocese Nigeria.

ACTIVITIES RUN BY THE CLINIC
The activities run by the Clinic are; viz:
1. Maternal and child health care services which include the followings; pre-natal, ante-natal and post-natal care.
2. Child welfare and immunization care, nutrition and growth monitoring.
3. Laboratory services
4. Scanning services (not functioning presently due to lack of fund to repair the scanning machine.
5. TB- DOT centre
6. Counseling services pre and post counseling and screening for H.I.V
7. Theatre services (which is not also functioning due to lack of a surgeon)
8. General medical care

Sources of income:

The sources of the income are from the above services, while our expenses arises from the purchase of drugs, diesel, petrol, kerosene, car, generator maintenance, salaries, allowances and bonuses as well as the general upkeep of the clinic.

Number of children immunized from January to December 2020
The numbers of children immunized between 0-5 years, from January to December 2020 were as follows: Male (710); Female (910); Total = 1,620

Challenges

1. During the period of covid-19, till date, the clinic got no help with materials like face mask, hand sanitizers e t c which was scarce in the market, we felt the church could have done more for us in this area.
2. Although, patients have started coming slowly, we feel that if the parish priests in charge of the parishes really believe in moving our Diocese forward, they need to promote advocacy and encourage their parishioners to use our facility, (majority of those who use our facility are non-Catholics.
3. Constant resignation of workers to go and work with government. This has now triple the work of the Rev. sisters: due to inability to get qualified staff, sisters keep on working non-stop, I am tempted to feel no one cares. In conclusion, in the midst of all the challenges, I am unruffled because I know that I am working for God and when the going become too rough, He (Almighty God) has been piloting us and the affairs of the clinic gallantly.

Appreciation

We thank our Bishop for his great concern and fatherly care and open appeal and advocacy he made about the clinic during his pastoral visit to our parish for good patronage (how I wish some of the priests will see the clinic as their own (diocesan), thus talk about it as their own and during homily. My pure heart intention is that God will always bless and protect our Bishop Hilary Dachelem now and forever, Amen. I will forget not to my provincial superior who stood by me and gave me the needed emotional support during the stress moment of the challenging year. I also seriously thank Rev. Sr. Julie Doran OLA for her numerous support and care given us for example dressing materials, baby clothing, drugs and other consumables. Praying God to continue to bless her in all her endeavours.

God bless you as you read our report. Amen. We look forward to an amazing 2021.

Sr. Juliet Aruya OLA
Clinic Administrator

BENIN ARCHDIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

The year 2020 was a year with much peculiarities and challenges; as a result, majority of the activities mapped out was interrupted due to the long lock down and restriction of movements resulting from the deadly disease COVID-19 and ENDSARS protest. However, we were able by the special help of God to do our very best.



World Day of The Sick, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2020: A medical awareness outreach was done in Ogbe Community and environs at Benin central motor park, Obakhayawe, Benin City. Health education, HIV Testing Services (HTS), Malaria, blood pressure, free medical consultation and treatment of various ailments were carried out. Over 600 People were physically present. 412 had HIV testing services, 403 tested negatives, 9 tested positive, 394 had Malaria test, 86 had malaria. Almost all of them had a reason to receive one treatment or the other.

Distribution Of Food Stuff Palliatives: In veiw of the economic situation exacerbated by the corona virus disease 19 (COVID-19) pandemic; DHSP carried out massive distribution of food stuff. A total of 639 (478F and 161M) PLHIV were supported.





Training on Fertility Issues and Natural Family Planning (Naprotech method of fertility): There is a high rate in fertility issues in some of the communities we serve and indeed in Nigeria. In collaboration with the Fertility office of the Archdiocese, couples who were yet to conceive and those who wished to stop conceiving were trained. This program was meant to educate and train them on natural family planning methods.

Vocational Skill for Some Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC): Some OVCs were enrolled in different skill acquisition programs during the Covid-19 lock down for several months. Periodic followup, monitoring and evaluation were carried out to ensure that the Children were making good use of the opportunities given to them.

World AIDS Day December 1ST 2020: On the December 1st, each year we commemorate World AIDS Day. People around the world unite to show support for people living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. Motor Rally for "global solidarity" to overcome the challenges posed

by COVID-19 on the HIV response was done, Awareness-raising activities around King's square, Ring Road, People living with HIV make their voice heard on issues important in their lives and also gave face to HIV/AIDS, HIV Testing Services (HTS), Football match at Ogbemudia stadium: between CISHAN/SACA and NULGE/NUJ.

HIV Testing Services (HTS) 2020: HIV counseling and testing is one of the most important thematic areas in the Department of Health Services Provider (DHSP) as it is the gateway to care, treatment and support for people living with HIV. At the end of the report period, a total number of 57 persons availed themselves for testing, out of which 6 were positive. They were linked to care and support.



Medical Outreach to Communities

Annual Get Together and Update By The Office Clients: The Corona virus disease (COVID-19) prevented members of Department of Health services provider (DHSP) support groups members for gathering in the usual manner for their get together party and end of year report submission for the year 2020. Hence, the annual report update was held at the various meeting venues.

Sr. Emilia O. Ama, SSH,
Health Coordinator

IDAH DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Background

The Catholic diocese of Idah comprises of two main ethnic groups: Igala and Bassa. The diocese is located in the north central geopolitical zone of Nigeria and the Catholic ecclesiastical province of Abuja. Idah diocese covers the entire Kogi east senatorial district of the state which about 9 local government area council (LGAs) situated around the confluence of rivers Niger and Benue. The diocese covers about 19,200 square kilometres out of the total 28,313.53 square kilometres of the entire state and has a total population of 1.6 million people. There are Christians, Muslims and traditional religions of which the Catholics are believed to constitute about 12% of total population and non-Catholics about 88%. The people are predominantly subsistence farmers.

Diocesan health facilities:

S/N	*Name of Health Facility*	*Type of Institution*	*Local Government Area*
1	Grimard Hospital, Anyigba	Hospital	Dekina
2	School of Midwifery, Anyigba	Training School	Dekina
3	Catholic Health Centre, Sheria	PHC	Bassa
4	Our Lady of Mercy Health Centre, Idah	PHC	Idah
5	St Luke's Clinic & Maternity, Egume	Health Centre	Dekina
6	St John's Cottage Hospital, Akpanya	Cottage Hospital	Igalamela
7	Our Lady Of Hope Clinic, Okenyi	PHC	Ankpa
8	Mother And Child Clinic, Ankpa	Health Centre	Ankpa
9	Immaculate Heart Clinic	PHC	Olamaboro

Activities

General health outreaches: The Medical Outreach incorporated the services of three facilities in the diocese. These include; DACA, Grimard Hospital and the Grimard School of Midwifery. The DACA Free Medical Outreach was a veritable platform to reach out the poor and dejected, and as such DACA team decided to collaborate with these two facilities in order to provide comprehensive health care to our teeming people.

The opening ceremony for the 3-Day outreach was held Saturday 5th September, 2020. Various ailments and conditions such as Dental, Eye, Nervous/strokes, ECG Testing, arthritis, Blood Pressure and diverse other forms of medical conditions requiring surgeries/operations were managed professional. At the end of each procedure, post-medical ancillary services were also provided. The group also engaged the services of experts to provide CPR training for interested participants during the 3-day exercise.

HIV/AIDS Awareness and Testing Outreach: it was a one-week program which started on the 24th of November and ended on world aids day, 1st of December, 2020. Banners carrying vital information on HIV/AIDS were positioned at strategic positions at the various locations within the Kogi State University environment. Thereafter, DACA organized two Counseling and Testing Tents to provide privacy and shelter to all that came for the HIV Testing Services (HTS). A total of 119 persons were counselled and tested, with three positive case (3 Female) using the full complement of M&E tools. All the people were made to go through both the Pre-test and Post-test counselling routines.
After a confirmation screening for the positive case, she was thereafter appropriately counselled and referred to Grimard Catholic Hospital, for Care, support and treatment using the referral form.

Activities Closing the Year of Nurses/Midwives: it was a day program organized to sensitize the public on the relevance the Nursing and Midwifery profession in the world. The students of the College of Nursing and Midwifery had printed cardboard papers bearing different inscriptions that portray the significance of the profession to our modern-day society. The students went around in their buses chanting and singing. The activity held on the 1st day of December, 2020 in Anyigba, Kogi State, and the day closed with a Lecture in the College Auditorium, themed: 'A discus on the attitude on Nigerians to Nurses/Midwives'.

Covid-19 Emergency Response Team Step Down Seminar: This Diocesan seminar was in response to the zoom training on Integrated Emergency Response to Covid-19 infection Prevention and Control organized by the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria in partnership with CRS, WHO, and others on the 16th and 17th of July, 2020. It was held on the 10th of August, 2020. The seminar engaged all the front-line health workers in the Diocese. The Matrons and the Administrators of the various Diocesan Health facilities were charged with the responsibility of stepping it down in their hospitals, clinics and schools. The following issues were topmost on the agenda of the seminar; Covid-19, real or imagined, peculiar challenges specific to our society, and infection prevention and control. In all these, Nose mask usage was emphasized, constant washing of hands properly, crowd avoidance were encouraged. The Diocesan Health Coordinator made it compulsory for all facilities to have Infection prevention and control team.

Developments In Grimard Hospital: The hospital is the largest in the diocese and offers Tertiary health care. The hospital was accredited to serve as clinical environment for the College of Nursing and Midwifery. The units of the hospital also keep expanding as we now have a dental unit, with a qualified Dentist, and supersonic equipment for the functioning of the unit. The hospital was also able to commence activities in the eye clinic with major equipment and machines for effective unit delivery.

Conclusion

Our health Department in the diocese has witnessed tremendous improvement in the last one year. The expertise of the immediate past Health Coordinator, Rev. Fr. James Obera has really put the diocesan health unit on a speed lane for development. We have the agenda of making our health unit a tool for general health enhancement in the whole of Kogi State and in Nigeria as a whole. We are also opened to local and international partnership for the achievement of our goals.

Rev. Fr. Julius Ugwu

Health Coordinator

SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MOTHER OF CHRIST
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The different programmes carried in the various facilities belonging to the Congregation of Sisters of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ. These facilities are: Mother of Christ Specialist Hospital Enugu; Immaculate Heart Specialist Hospital Nkpor, Anambra State; Immaculate Heart Hospital Urualla, Ideato, Imo State; Archbishop Charles Heerey Memorial Specialist Hospital, Ogbor Hill, Aba, and Rex Universorum Hospital Mmiata Anam, Anambra State.

The year 2020 was a remarkable one with so many challenges worldwide as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier in the year around February, Enugu state where one of our biggest hospitals is located, experienced the outbreak of Lassa fever which kept us on our feet to fight and protect the hospital staff and patients. We introduced protective measures using the TRIAGE method at the entrance of the hospital. Protective garments, aprons, gloves etc. were provided for the staff to manage our patients effectively.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic emerged. We observed the COVID-19 protocols and ensured that all our staff and patients kept the rules. We created awareness to those around us and all the patients who visited the hospital. We made provisions for washing of hands, soap, sanitizers, PPEs, face masks, etc. and observed social distance. More resuscitation equipment were purchased in some of our hospitals. Some of our staff attended trainings on CVID-19 awareness and preventions. We also participated in the online trainings organized by our Religious Institute and the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria. We set up an emergency OPD in all our health facilities and made use of the TRIAGE method in attending to our patients.

The Pandemic interrupted most of the activities in our hospitals but we were able to do the following:

- Training on training tools for healthcare workers on Covid-19 for Doctors and Nurses and Lab scientist. April 28th.
- Training on Data Management, April 30th
- Capacity building of staff mostly through online programs where possible especially in the HIV/AIDS units. Thanks to the Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria {CCFN} for their numerous support at Mother of Christ Specialist Hospital Enugu.
- One of our health facilities, Immaculate Heart Hospital Urualla, participated in the Covid-19 training organized by CDC/ Ministry of health in Urualla, Ideato in Imo State on April 17th 2020.
- Immaculate Heart Hospital Urualla was in the COVID-19 Action group that planned for the setting up of three ISOLATION Centres in Urualla, Osina, and Arondizuogu all in Imo State.
- Our Religious Institute distributed 100 50kg bags of rice as palliative as well as supported the Anambra State government with 1000 face masks. This is in addition to the palliatives distributed to the poor by our Sisters in various communities.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

We embarked on so many outreaches throughout the year, during which we gave health talks to our clients, monitored their blood pressure and blood glucose levels, carried out eye tests on them, made prescriptions and provided eye glasses for those who needed them.

Thanks to our Eye Centre at Immaculate Heart of Mary Specialist Hospital, Nkpor, we visited the following places: Seat of wisdom Secondary School Nkpor; St Albert the Great Parish, Obosi; St Augustine of Hippo Parish Nkpor; Christ the King Parish Odoakpu; St Joseph Parish Awada; Our Lady of Fatima parish Woliwo;

St. Patrick Parish Odume Obosi; Holy Spirit Parish Omagba, to mention but a few. We also had Cervical Cancer Screening Program at Archbishop Charles Heerey Memorial Specialist Hospital, Ogbor-Hill, Aba among other things.

Rex Universorum Hospital, Mmiata, Anam, one of our hospitals located at the riverine area of Anambra State, experienced flood disaster which destroyed a lot of valuable things including part of the hospital building and displaced the villagers from their homes. This disaster was in addition to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Despite all these heart-breaking situations, we made provisions for our patients to receive treatment in the hospital during this flood disaster period and supported them with food items. We appreciate the efforts of our dedicated Staff and Doctors, especially one of our Rev. Sister Doctors who sacrificed her life and time to ensure that these poor villagers received adequate care during the period. Some elderly ones were picked along the flood basins, housed and catered for in the hospital. Some of the sick ones were cared for in collaboration with the government and some charitable organizations.



IHM Rex Universorum Hospital team visitin the people during the flood.

Care of The Elderly

We are constantly taking care of our elderly ones at Villa Mater Christi IHM Sisters Retirement Home Nkpor, Anambra State and Mother of Christ Compassionate Home, Oguta road, Onitsha for lay people including men, women, social mothers and abandoned children living with HIV/AIDS. We try as much as we can to improve their quality of life while taking care of their spiritual, physical, psychological and social needs, we also rehabilitate and assist them to perform the activities of daily living.

WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATION: We celebrated the world AIDS day on the 1st of December 2020. It started with the creation of awareness in the nearby markets and churches. We went to Ogbete Market, New Artisan Market, Tinker Market and Nineth mile Market. Through the support of the CCFN, we were able to conduct HIV tests on about five hundred people (500). We celebrated with our Support Group members and our patients in the hospital in a grand style.



HEEREY CARING HANDS

We feed the poor on weekly basis; provide them with clothing and toiletries. From January to December 2020, except in April, May and June when the country was on total lock-down, every Wednesday we fed about 70 adults and 65 children at the Heerey Caring Hands. Frequently, we provide them with raw food

stuff to take home. They are also taught trade skills for self-sufficiency. They learnt how to make snacks of different types, Rosaries, Beads, Candles and pomade. They received money for feeding, transportation, medication and for buying materials to practice what they were taught in their homes.



Beneficiaries of weekly meal

Achievements

1. To the glory of God, one of our health facilities, Mother of Christ Specialist Hospital, Enugu received an award of Excellence from the Nigeria Private Sector Leadership and Productivity Summit organized in Abuja in November 2020.
2. In addition to that, Enugu State government through the Ministry of Health nominated Mother of Christ Specialist Hospital Enugu as one of the leading Health facilities in the State.
3. We commenced the Archbishop Charles Heerey Memorial College of Nursing Sciences, Ogbor Hill Aba, with the sole intent of training students to succeed in their nursing career and to serve humanity with compassion and humility.

Thank you.

Sr. Maria Chinemerem Igwe, IHM
Health Coordinator

There are 41 health facilities of different categories situated in Parishes and communities.

Training, Theme: Medical Work and The Person



St. Kizito Catholic Hospital, Lekki in collaboration with the Department organized a three days training from 19 to 21st of November, 2019. The training was a project sponsored by Pontifical Union Missional (PUM) through St. Kizito Hospital. In attendance at the opening ceremony were: Most. Rev. Bulus Dauwa Yohanna, the Bishop of Kantagora and the National Director for the Pontifical Mission Societies in Nigeria as well as Mr. John Muhangyi, Principal Education Officer, Institute of higher Education, Kampala, Uganda. The Participants were the doctors, nurses and community Health Care workers.

The training was centered on the medical work and the person - the patients and clients and their families.

AHIMC Quarterly Meeting

The first meeting was held at Church &Society complex, Yaba on the 4th of February, 2020. The following were the activities and issue discussed:

A step-down of the three (3) days training that took place at St. Kizito Clinic, Idi-Araba, Mushin.

- Pooled Medicine Procurement PMP (Reformation). The committee made a presentation which captured the following:
- Appreciation of the effort made so far by the Director of Administration / Matrons
- Acknowledgement of the level of their understanding of the PMP.
- Explanation of the PMP and its benefits to our patients' clients and facilities

The mission of the reformation:

i. To get every facility to key into the PMP

ii. To zone the facilities into geographical region for easy coordination by the Pharmacist already working in the different facilities.

iii. To know the value of our procurement for a period of one year. The process of data collection is ongoing, which will eventually give us our consumption volume to form the bases for negotiation base on that volume.

iv. To allow more companies with varieties to come on board and give room for choices and flexibility to achieve the set goal of the PMP

v. To seek for available space to store bulk purchase like infusions, consumables and other products, especially when there is PROMO

vi. The Lagos State Government Policy on Hospital Pharmacy License (this is where the geographical region will come into play i.e. (ii) above.

At the end of the presentation, different reactions, questions and clarifications were attended to appropriately. AHIMC was highly impressed about the aims and objectives of the new PMP committee and they promised to cooperate.

September meeting was held on zoom and report and sharing was on the pandemic and its challenges. November meeting was held at Mother Theresa Medical Centre, Idimu.

World Day of The Sick

The Mass of the World Day of the Sick was celebrated at the Holy Cross Cathedral on the 11th of February, 2020 by His Grace, Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins with the Cathedral Administrator, Rev. Fr. Marcellinus Tekco, Frs. Ezeigwe and Anthony Godonu. In attendance were; the Association of Catholic Medical Practitioners Lagos State Chapter, Catholic Nurses Guild, Staff of our facilities and others. During the Mass, the sick ones were prayed for and anointed as well as others.

The second part of the program for the day was interactive section which took place at the Cathedral hall. The Archbishop appreciated the medical personal for the services they rendered in the Archdiocese. He also encouraged them to work together to protect the lives of people entrusted to them at different levels. The key topic was on Natural family Planning training for all Catholic Nurses and establishment of different units in the Parishes of the Archdiocese. The Family and Human Life Units Coordinator Mrs Bridget Itsueli and the Staff were in attendance as well. She gave her input and shared experiences from her unit as well as other medical doctors and nurses who also contributed. At the end, a list of all those to be trained was compiled and submitted.



Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN):

CHAN Lagos State Executive members made two advocacy visits to the Lagos State House of Assembly on 10th March, 2020; to His Grace, Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins on 11th March, 2020. Vitamin angels Los Angeles donated Vitamins and Albendazole for pregnant women and children through Vitamin angels Nigeria to CHAN IMs.

Support Group

The Support group meets every last Friday of the month to share with each other ways of supporting themselves spiritually, physically, materially and discuss update on monthly contributions and savings. A token is given for transport allowance and light refreshment respectively. A seminar was given to the Support Group on COVID 19 followed by the distribution of PPE and palliatives by the Health Department.

COVID-19 Rapid Response Interventions and Donation of PPE

The Italian Bishops Conference and Caritas Internationalis supported two hospitals in the Archdiocese in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are St. Raphael Specialist hospital, Ijede, Ikorodu and Community Health Project, Amukoko. Their support included training on COVID-19 infection prevention and control (IPC); wash, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as well as provision of hospital hardware and medical consumables. A team composed of the Catholic Secretariat Health secretary and Caritas Nigeria staff conducted the two-day trainings.

In addition, the CWO of Ikeja Deanary and the Archdiocese who donated 2500 of face masks and 534 pieces of hand sanitizers to the facilities, as well as Catholic Nurses Guild who donated 66 pieces of 2 liters of hand sanitizer.



COVID-19 donations to Lagos Archdiocese Health Dept

POST COVID 19 SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL ON REOPENING:
This seminar was given by the Health Coordinator to some of the school in the Archdiocese on return to school.

SUCCESS STORY

1. The Archangels Catholic Hospital, Satellite Town was commissioned on the 29th of November, 2020.
2. A new Dialysis Unit was also commissioned at St. Raphael Divine Mercy Hospital in September, 2020



Thank You.

Rev. Sr. Theresa Aferegha, EHJ,
Health Coordinator

OSOGBO DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction: We give thanks to God for his love and blessings over the Bishop, health facilities and health workers in the diocese, especially at this trying period. May his name be praised now and forever. Amen.

There are 9 hospitals and clinics in Osogbo diocese.
Appointment of a New Diocesan Health Coordinator: With the transfer of Sr. Cecilia Adache earlier in the year, the Bishop, Most Rev. John Akin Oyejola appointed a new Diocesan Health Coordinator.

Marian Pilgrimage:
Marian Pilgrimage is an annual programme in Osogbo Diocese and it is popularly known as Oke-Maria. The health facilities in the diocese, the Nurse's Guild and other medical personnel outside the diocese supported the diocese to give free medical services to people at Oke-Maria 2020. We experienced a great shock in 2020 when we lost a priest, 6 Youths and a Woman in a ghastly motor accident, some were also injured as well but all glory to God who took perfect control of everything. We pray for the happy repose of the souls.

Corona Virus Pandemic:
It is no longer a news that corona virus has invaded the world which became a serious threat to lives in Nigeria since early 2020. The health unit of the diocese was able to educate people especially in the church on corona virus and the need for adherence to precautions. Also, health facilities in the diocese were strictly supervised in adhering to the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in attending to patients and patient must be screened before entering or accepted into the facility. The Catholic health facilities in Osogbo Diocese remain opened throughout the lockdown and curfews and at a point became only facilities that attended to people with health challenges during the pandemic while others including government hospitals refused to attend to people.

Seminar: There was a seminar on Infection, Prevention and Control on COVID-19 around August 2020. It was piloted and supported by the Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria. The seminar aimed at educating the frontline health workers both Catholics and non-Catholics in Osogbo and its environs about COVID-19, and how they can prevent themselves and others from being infected. The participants from health facilities and groups were encouraged to cascade the knowledge in their respective work places.

Head of Health Facilities Meeting with the Bishop: The challenges of year 2020 were obvious, yet the health facility heads were able to come together with the Bishop. The progress of the health facilities in the diocese which is of utmost importance was emphasized by the Bishop and various strategies that could be devised for better success were discussed while he thanked all the health workers for their sacrifices.
New Clinic: During the course of year 2020, precisely in October, God blessed our diocese with a Primary Health Centre erected in one of our parishes. It was blessed and opened by the Bishop and ever since people of the town and its environs have been enjoying medical services.

EndSARS Protest: We thank God that the health facilities in the diocese still struggled to open 24 hours amidst the dangers that surfaced during the EndSARS protest. None of our facilities was vandalized except the mother facility that the hoodlums brought a patient and beat one of the doctors to forceful attend to their patient even when the doctor did not refuse at any instance. But we thank God there was no causality.

Hospital Board Meeting: Despite the challenge of Covid-19, we still managed to have Diocesan Hospital Board Meeting where we deliberated on the progress of the hospitals and clinics in the diocese.

Challenge

Due to the outbreak of Covi-19, many programmes planned were unable to hold. Also, Government did not support any of our facility during the lockdown and curfew even when they know we are part of the Essentials.

Conclusion

Amidst the trying moment, the facilities in our diocese maintained the face of the church by being there for people who needed care even when other facilities failed to attend to people including government hospitals during the lockdown and curfew. We will continue to be witnesses in season and out of season. As a diocese we thank God for His support though the year was highly challenging. We thank our Bishop, Most Rev. John Akin Oyejola. We thank all health workers for the sacrifices made. God bless us all. Amen.

Rev. Fr. Simeon Oyetunmbi
Health Coordinator

PANKSHIN DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

We were able to carry out free medical outreach in some of the denaries. They are as follows:

1. Pankshin denary - conducted laboratory test, treat and gave drugs to four hundred people. Some were scanned for various problems.

2. Mangu deanary - 150 people received treatment and laboratory test was also carry out on them.

3. Bokkos denary, 150people treated for malarial, Hepatitis, blood pressure etc.

We had celebration with the orphangs and the poor in the diocese. Here are some of the pictures taken with the orphans. With the outbreak of Corona virus pandemic, we couldn't continue.





We had physiotherapy treatment to those with arthritis numbered 100 and those with other health conditions 200 people.

Thank you.

Rev. Sr. Pauline Morkwap
Health Coordinator

SOKOTO DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

THE Catholic Diocese of Sokoto is made of four States: Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina and Kebbi. Located in Northern Nigeria large population are farmers, herdsmen, mining, hunters, blacksmith and trading.

Who We Are

With strong foundations in the catholic social teaching that urges concern for the sick and in accordance with the exemplary lifestyle for Jesus Christ whom the Church holds as its founder, Holy Family Mother and Child Healthcare Centre which was established in 1999 by the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto, is a non-profit oriented organization that aims to provide accessible and affordable health care services to thousands of Sokoto residents. It is a non-profit oriented organization with outstanding performance, who care for the needs of all and sundry irrespective of ethnic or religious background.

Guiding Operational Principles

In carrying out our work, we are steered by the following values:

VISION: The attainment of a future, in which the dignity of the human life is upheld, and people live healthy and productive life with mutual respect for one another in communities, bound together in trust and justice and thereby Reflecting the Kingdom of God.
MAIN GOAL: Improve access to quality health care and services.



Community outreach



Visit by USAID officials to Sokoto health office

The diocese has two health centres in Sokoto township and Malumfashi in Katsina. The activities are the same with Health Centre (2); Laboratories – 2; No of Personnel – 30; Doctors – 3 with 1 part-time; Health Coordinator - 1; Administrators – 2; Accountant -1; Ambulance -1; Administrative vehicle - Nil

Need Assessment 2020

1. Few qualified essential staff
2. Upgrade the laboratory; staff and equipment
3. Relocate laboratory away from outpatient department to reduce spread of infection, and improve quality of care

4. Envisage Diagnostic Centre to serve larger portion of society and boost revenue
5. Establish mortuary or independent pharmacy
6. Project proposal writing: Vehicle, Solar, Equipment, etc.



Special Services

- Tuberculosis – Diagnosis and Treatment
- HIV/AID – Diagnosis and Treatment

Ongoing Project

- ✓ Diagnostic Centre – Under Construction as shown in this picture

The Holy Family hospital is accredited with the following:

1)	National Health Insurance Science	-	2018
2)	Certificate of In cooperation	-	2018
3)	Certificate of Registration	-	2006
4)	MAAYOIT Health Insurance	-	2019
5)	Salus Trust	-	2017
6)	Action Plus	-	2019
7)	Baston Health Insurance	-	2021

Activities

We offer a range of services in area of maternal mortality and mobility reduction

- ✓ Consultancy services
- ✓ Primary health care services
- ✓ Outreach services based on community needs
- ✓ Outpatient department services
- ✓ In patient admission
- ✓ Reproductive health services, antenatal deliveries, post-natal
- ✓ Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS
- ✓ Immunization
- ✓ Health education and promotion
- ✓ HIV/AIDS services
- ✓ Tuberculosis services
- ✓ Laboratory health services
- ✓ Promotion of safe water and basic sanitation
- ✓ Provision of essential drugs
- ✓ Appropriate treatment of common diseases and injuries

Sign:____
Rev. Sr. Ann An-Iko, OP
Health Coordinator

UMUAHIA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The year 2020 was significant both for the entire world in general and for our hospital in particular. However, despite all odds, we were able to make remarkable achievements and therefore stood out among the rest of other medical facilities both government and private. The following therefore, aside the usual day to day caring for the patients, are the summaries of the activities we carried out in the year 2020.

1. Renovations

Our hospitals within the year embarked on renovation projects to give a face-lift to our hospitals' structures. At the Madonna Catholic Hospital Umuahia, the entire hospital building was repainted; new stairways were constructed; some of the wards were re-tilled. Madonna also constructed hand rails on walk ways especially the staircases to enable stable movement of our patients and their relatives. At Madonna also, there was a re-plumbing of the hospital conveniences and sewage system. At Mercy hospital Ihechiowa, the aluminum windows for the upstairs of the hospital was completed; also, the entire hospital building was re-painted and the toilet/bathroom section were upgraded with tiles and new toilet seats. At St. Michael's hospital Ariam, a new building and hospital structure was erected and commissioned.

2. Procurement Of New Equipment

Within the year 2020, several medical equipment were procured by our diocesan health facilities. In our Hospitals, we now ultra-modern equipment such as digital X-ray with a digital processor, ultramodern scan machine with Echo cardiograph, oxygen concentrators etc. With these, our hospitals have expanded the horizon of her service delivery.

3. Madonna College of Health Technology, Olokoro, Umuahia

The diocese through Madonna catholic hospital began a College of Health Technology called Madonna College of Health Technology within the year. This idea was conceived in January 2020 and was vigorously pursued to actualization. The approval for the college has been gotten and the process of accreditation of the various courses/departments is on course.

4. Chapel for The Sick

Within the year, the Madonna Hospital embarked on the project of building chapel for the sick. When this project is completed, it will provide a befitting place of worship for our patients. It will also grant them access to the holy Eucharist as a tabernacle will be installed in it. Although the foundation stone was laid in 2019, it was developed in 2020. At the moment, the chapel has been decked and we are looking up to its roofing. Already in St. Michael's Ariam, there is a convent with a chapel where the sick and their patients can go and pray.

5. Distribution Store

Within the year 2020 also, we established a link with Fidson Pharmaceutical Ltd. This connection/link enables the purchase of medical infusions in large quantities. Madonna catholic hospital, therefore became a distribution centre for infusions such as Normal Saline, Metronidazole etc. to other centres especially our diocesan owned medical clinics in the hinterlands. These products are distributed to them at affordable rates as against what they purchase from the market.

6. Medical Outreaches

Our hospitals embarked on several medical out-reaches during the year. Most of them were done in the rural areas through the assistance of local parishes and other traditional institutions. Through these outreaches, medical care and services such as treatment of malaria, typhoid and provision of eye glasses were provided for the less privileged in the rural communities at affordable rates.

7. Response to COVID-19

In compliance to the WHO guidelines on curbing the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to ensure smooth running of the hospital and safety of our workers and patients, several precautionary measures were taken. At Madonna, the hospital transferred her G.O.P.D to a 100-capacity tent stationed in the hospital premises where patients were attended to. This arrangement guaranteed social distancing and adequate ventilation during the period of doctor-patient consultation.

In our other clinics, running water taps, hand sanitizers were stationed at various strategic points to enable patients to sanitize their hands. Countless face masks also were made readily available for both our staff and patients. We ensured that no one entered the hospital without washing and sanitizing the hands or without face masks.

8. Training of Staff

Within the year, we organized trainings for our health workers. At Madonna hospital, a seminar and workshop aimed at enhancing capacity building of our personnel was organized. While some of these seminars were internally organized, the others were organized by the state government.

Conclusion

1. We thank the Almighty God for seeing us through the year 2020. We thank the Church and the Bishops also for the efforts they made by donating the church owned hospitals to the Federal Government for the management of the COVID-19 at the heart of the pandemic.
2. We have plans under way to improve on the activities of the previous year. We are optimistic that this year 2021 will bring more prospects our way.

Many thanks!

Rev. Fr. Dr. Anokwuru Christian Uche
Health Co-ordinator

ONITSHA ARCHDIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Gratitude

I wish to thank you for obliging us this rare opportunity to highlight some of the activities that took place in our Archdiocesan health facilities in the year 2020. Ours is a sharing in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ through provision of wholistic healthcare services that are qualitative, accessible, affordable and which affirm the sanctity of human life and respect for human dignity.

Onitsha Archdiocesan Health Facilities

The following are the health facilities we have in Onitsha Archdiocese: St Charles Borromeo Specialist hospital Onitsha, Holy Rosary Specialist Hospital & Maternity Onitsha, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital & Maternity Awkaetiti, St. Martin Hospital & Maternity Ugwuagba, Immaculate Heart Multispecialty Hospital Aguleri, Immaculate Heart Hospital & Maternity, Umudioka, St. Joseph's Hospital & Maternity Ifite-ogwari. We also have a number of clinics across the Archdiocese being managed by these hospitals.

Medical Outreaches

Medical outreaches were held in our hospitals, some parishes and some town halls for various ranges of health concerns with special considerations the elderly, those with some underlying ailments and those with eye problems. The people gained free consultation with our doctors, free laboratory investigations, and free drugs. These medical outreaches were sponsored by either the Archdiocese or her partners.

COVID 19 Pandemic

Immediately the news of COVID-19 broke out, the Archdiocesan Health Directorate convoked an emergency Board meeting where awareness about the pandemic was created, and a COVID-19 taskforce was set up to ensure compliance of each hospital to resolutions reached at the meeting. Some of the measures we put in place include:





- Some Personal Protective Equipment were shared to all the hospitals.
- A functional wash hand basin with soap for washing of hand for all who enter our hospitals.
- Checking of temperature with our infra-red thermometers, and applying of hand sanitizers at the gate and in some of our units.
- Insistence on the use of face mask before entering the hospitals.
- Some drugs like Vitamin C were daily being given to each staff to boast their immune system.
- Reduction of the number of patient relatives to one if necessary and stoppage of every casual visits to the hospital.
- Erection of isolation centres at Borromeo hospital Onitsha and Immaculate Heart Hospital Aguleri while waiting areas were created in our other facilities from where suspected COVID-19 patients were transported to the isolation centers.

In addition, the Italian Bishops Conference and the Caritas Internationalis through the Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria provided online (Zoom) training of some hospital staff on COVID-19 infection

prevention and control (IPC) using the national curriculum developed by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). They also supplied medical hardware and hospital consumables.




COVID-19 Palliatives

To cushion the harsh economic reality occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archdiocese on many occasions shared a number of food items to the less privileged and to our hospital staff. Items shared included: bags of rice, tubers of yam, beverages, cartons of noodles etc.




Rev Fr Basil Ekwunife, Ph. D
Health Coordinator

MAKURDI DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Preamble

The Integrated Health program of the Catholic Diocese of Makurdi is a faith-based organization, in the year under review; IHP witnessed a catalogue of challenges due to the COVID 19 Pandemic with its devastating effect on the citizenry. Patient flow in our health facilities was grossly affected due to the phobia of people not to contact the disease at the health facilities. Other project activities too were slowed down due to social distancing.

Achievements

The following were the achievements and success stories recorded by IHP during the year under review:

1. Sensitization and vaccination of 1038 school children made up of 722 males and 316 females for the prevention of hepatitis with vaccine in 14 selected Catholic schools across the diocese.
2. IHP, Stabilized power (light) at Bishop Murray medical centre as well as the IHP head office (HIC). Purchase of new vehicle for Bishop Murray medical centre Makurdi.
3. Repair of Hilux van to grade 1 for St Vincent hospital Aliade. Installed CCTV cameras and Catholic Star radio at Bishop Murray medical centre worth millions of naira.
4. Installation of TVs in all the wards and GOPD in Bishop Murray Medical centre.
5. Hooking of Bishop Murray medical Centre to Benue State water board. Renovation and maintenance of IHP piggery farm. Supported the medical bills of indigent persons Vulnerable children (VC/ their caregivers, etc.).



Bishop Murray Medical Centre.

Hospital equipment, drugs, lab items & anti-snake venom worth millions of naira were bought and installed at both St Vincent's hospital Aliade and Bishop Murray medical Centre Makurdi.
See pictures below:







Modern medical equipment at Bishop Murray Medical Centre



The new seats for antenatal hall of Bishop Murray Medical Centre

St Vincent's hospital Aliade: Named after St. Vincent De Paul it.s Patron Saint. St Vincent de Paul was known for his humanitarian and charitable works towards the poor and marginalized in the society. His motto is: *"the charity of God urges us". The hospital was built in 1974 and kicked 0ff as a cottage hospital after being officially commissioned on the 2nd may 1975 by J. D. Gomwalk - the then Governor of Benue plateau State.*

The half a kilometer access road to St. Vincent's hospital Aliade which hitherto, was deplorable has been reconstructed and given a new look.



Best wishes!

Rev. Fr. Peter Paleva
Health Coordinator

KAFANCHAN DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT
(ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL, ZONKWA)

Introduction

First and foremost, we give glory to God for His ought most protection we have enjoyed from the mayhem of the pandemic covid-19 that none of us as front liners from the Catholic facilities has experienced any outbreak or attack despite the lack of PPE to help protect us from being infected by the virus but our case was so unique and this is due to God's protection. Amidst the pandemic life was so difficult and challenging due to lack of PPE and within these difficult moments we were able to forge ahead.

Progress Report

1. Renovation of the laboratory department in progress.
2. Purchase of a new **ECG** machine.
3. KADCHMA enrollees has significantly risen from 2, 157 in November to 5, 393 in December.
4. Replacement of burnt inverter.
5. Increment of staff salaries.
6. Purchase a new centrifuge machine for the laboratory department.
7. Building of a new G.O.P.D. still in progress
8. Repairs of abacus 380 machine for the laboratory department.
9. Personal Protective Equipment from the German government through CHAN.
10. Patronage is gradually picking up.
11. Purchase of some surgical equipment.
12. Purchase of a new turbo 8 horse power diesel generator.
13. Renovation of doctor's quarters flat No. 4.
14. Building of a befitting chapel for the spiritual growth of both staff and patients in progress.

Event That Took Place Amidst Covid-19 Over the Year

- The health coordinator, medical officer and matron made a presentation on COVID-19 prevention and control. After which it was printed and distributed to the diocesan priests, other neighbouring hospitals and other diocesan facilities.
- Medical team conducted a medical outreach in some villages around the diocese, thereby creating awareness on COVID-19.
- Seminar on infection prevention control was also held in the hospital




The diocesan health coordinator presenting a talk on COVID-19



Mr. Solomon Daje Presenting on disease infection prevention and control.

CHALLENGES

1. The major challenge faced is the continuous high volatility in the daily market price of drugs.
2. Our Scanning machine is quite old.
3. Attrition of doctors
4. Poor electricity supply.
5. Inability to change some of the machines and equipment that are obsolete.

RECOMMENDATION/WAY FORWARD

- We hope to continually review prices of drugs subject to the market changes. Although effort has been made to get a reasonable number of enrollees under the KADCHMA program, but we are still striving harder to convince more people to enroll in our facility.
- Serious efforts and advocacy to encourage referrals of complex cases to the facility by other hospitals/clinics and even traditional birth attendants around Zonkwa.
- Batteries and panels should be increase as alternative source of power to avoid overdependence on PHCN and generator fueling.
- People should be encouraged to present sick relatives within a reasonable time and not when the situation gets critical.

Conclusion

I wish to first and foremost acknowledge the great vision, the continued insights, efforts, the unalloyed support, immense contributions, priceless guidance and the tireless understanding of our amiable Proprietor and Bishop - Most Rev. Julius Yakubu Kundi towards restoring St. Louis Hospital to an enviable standard, even when compared to her contemporaries and other teaching Hospitals at large. I wish to also thank my Doctors, Nurses, the entire hospital staff and the Hospital Board members for their inputs contributions towards the progress and the gradual restoration of the glory of all our facilities.

Signed:

Rev. Fr. Henry Peter Boman
Hospital Administrator

UROMI DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

The Catholic Diocese of Uromi provides comprehensive health care facilities. St. Camillus hospital, located at 23 mission road Uromi, in Esan North East Local Government Area of Edo State, also runs a comprehensive HIV/AIDS/ DOT TB services. The activities carried out in the Catholic Diocese of Uromi in 2020 included preventive, curative and rehabilitative services. This holistic care to our clients/patients reflects our concern for the integral human development of the whole person: physically, emotionally socially and spiritually.

To achieve our goal of improved service delivery and care to our clients/patients from all walks of life, the hospital organized training at the beginning of the year on Customer Satisfaction, Loyalty and Retention for all the staff of our health facilities. The training had started yielding some fruits before the Corona Virus outbreak. Consequently, some of our targets and plans were interrupted following the restrictions because of the Covid-19 pandemic, which is a global disaster.

Highlights of Tte Activities for The Pastoral Care of The Sick 2020

- Preventive Health Care Programme: This included:
- Primary Health Care carried out in some rural communities around Uromi, Ugboha, Ewu, Ebelle among others. This included health education, immunization, nutrition education and demonstration based on local food available
- Ante-natal care
- Health counseling and testing for HIV/AIDS

COVID-19 Pandemic

With the outbreak of Corona Virus, even before it became a pandemic, the hospital re-enforced her infection prevention control to include other wider initiative along the line of COVID-19 guidelines and protocols. We applied this (infection control) both at the hospital and at the community level.

The role we played to strengthen/supporting infection control programme that are already operational by the management system of our health facilities included:

- Education of all categories of staff on infection control.
- Education on current practices
- Update on changes
- Pre-admission Screening
- Strict Adherence to Universal Precautions such as use of gloves, masks protective eye wear/shields wearing of gowns/aprons during procedures.
- Hand washing and use of sanitizer placed at strategic areas. Samples of patients suspected to be presenting symptoms similar to Covid-19 were sent to Irrua Specialist Hospital for testing.




Community Outreach to Ugboha Community

Care of The Elderly: The Bishop of our diocese in his love and concern for the elderly established a home for the elderly: Home of Mercy and Peace, that is currently been managed by the Sisters of St. Louis. The health department organizes team of staff to visit the home every week, hear their complaint, encourage and treat their ailments.




Visit To The Home For The Elderly: Home Of Peace and Mercy, Uromi

Home-Based Care: This includes the care we give to our clients/patients in their homes, most especially those with HIV/AIDS, TB, critically sick and those who can benefit from palliative management.

Establishment of Health Committees in Parishes: The diocese has functional established committees in some parishes, notably at Saint Dennis, Ugboha and at Christ the King, Ebelle. However, as a result of the covid-19 pandemic, physical in person meetings did not hold in 2020, because of the risk of community transmission.

Meetings of The Diocesan Health Committee and Commission: The Catholic Diocese of Uromi has functional established members of Health Commission and committee. However, physical meetings were not held as in previous year because of Covid-19 pandemic.

Conclusion: The hospital is ready and willing to partner with donor agencies of local and international standing in providing better, affordable and effective and efficient care to her clients/patients. Even though so much has been done, there is still so much more that we can still do, but for some of these challenges among others: reduced funding from our implementing partners, very little direct intervention from the government.

Rev. Fr. Julius Ekoh
Health Coordinator

ISSELE-UKU DIOCESE

The Hospital Management Board of Issele-Uku Diocese was constituted by His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese and charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Ensure that the core Catholic values, aims and objectives of establishing the Hospitals are strictly adhered to in the Management of the Hospitals;
2. Oversee the management activities of the Hospitals;
3. Formulate policy for the growth of the Hospital;
4. Oversee and undertake Boardroom management functions of recruitment of top management staff and their discipline and progression except in emergency situation and such shall be reported to the Board;
5. Interface between the Bishop and the Hospital Management. This means all strategic management decisions must pass through the Board to the Bishop to ensure robust inputs and recommendations to guide the final decision of the Bishop;
6. Undertake routine check on the Hospitals, including administrative and financial audits;
7. From time to time recommend to the Bishop current best practices and terms of engagement of those managing the hospitals to ensure competitiveness of the Hospitals;
8. Hold quarterly board meetings;
9. The Coordinator shall keep records of the Board activities, execute decisions of the Board and maintain an office for purpose of supervision.

The Board in 2019 decided to pursue a 3 Point agenda for the year 2020, which are:

I. Massive Infrastructural Expansion to accommodate the growing medical demand within the Diocese;
II. Aggressive Medical Enlightenment programme and
III. Free Medical coverage for indigent patients.

In the year 2020 Issele-uku Diocese besides performing the functions above, together with the Diocesan Catholic Nurse's Guild had a free medical outreach in twelve communities: Issele-uku, Ukwunzu, Ugbodu, Idumuje-Unor, Obomkpa, Isheagu, Olodu, Abah-Unor, Abavo, Agbor, Ibusa and Ogwashi-Uku.

A three-day programme where the team of three doctors and five nurses visited the above towns, at different times, with the cooperation of their traditional rulers and church leaders was carried out. The team gave lectures on the need to be health conscious especially for people above forty years of age on the following areas: Prostate, Cancer, Diabetes, Blood pressure, etc. and advice proffered accordingly.

When the pandemic of COVID-19 began, we included education on the need to maintain every protocol recommended by the NCDC in our enlightenment program. At the end of the enlightenment programs, those willing, are tested beginning with the vital signs; then test of sugar level and in few occasions, HIV tests were performed. Then drugs were administered when necessary.

Mechanisms for continuity were put in place for each town. However, financial constraint is dwindling our efforts as the activities were mainly from voluntary personnel and little contribution from the diocese.

A critical review of the Medical Board's key programme for 2020 which has been adjudged successful gave birth to the current 2021 programme which are basically a continuation of last year's programme but with renewed emphasis as follows:

1. Continuous aggressive Medical Enlightenment programme in the face of the worsening global pandemic;
2. Continuous Free Medical coverage for indigent patients and
3. Continuous massive infrastructural expansion to achieve projected target.

Rev. Fr. Jude Onyebadi
Health Coordinator

DOMINCAN SISTERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Introduction

The St. Dominic Catholic Hospital is owned and run by the congregation Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in the archdiocese of Ibadan Nigeria. It is located in Ogungbade village a suburb of Ibadan City, about 10km away from popular Iwo Road roundabout. It has been rendering service to the people of Ogungbade and its environs since 2003. Through its operations it has saved many lives and created job opportunities to young professionals and artisans.



Front View St Dominic Catholic Hospital

The hospital offers serene and hygienic environment blended with friendly staff members that makes healing and recovery rapid. We not only treat but we provide wholistic care and family support. The hospital has maintained zero maternal death during labor, delivery and post delivery for the past two year and wish to sustain this record. That is why staff training and retraining is on the priority list.



Our services

Our staff members are friendly and professional in their different fields. We go beyond ethics of the profession; we imbibe the culture of love and compassion which is evident in all we do. We offer the following services: General outpatient clinic, Private outpatient clinic, Admissions, Antenatal clinic, Immunization, Maternity care, Accident and emergency care, Specialist services, Orthopedics, Obstetrics and gynecology, Pediatrics

Urology, Family medicine, Surgery, Diagnostics, Laboratory, X-ray, Ultrasound

Outreach services

Meeting people in their environment where they are comfortable to disclose their health challenges is one of the means we adopt to ensure people have access to health care services especially the hard-to-reach areas.





Other activities

Making children happy is one of the things St. Dominic Catholic hospital takes seriously. In as much as it is not in the school setting but we organize activities that make children have different notions about hospital and which help to remove the phobia of hospital -injection syndrome. With our activities many parents testify that when they mention St Dominic to their children, they are happy to follow them to the hospital because it not only a place to take "injection" only but it is also a place to experience excitements.

Children at Christmas event organized by the hospital

Statistics

Year	*Daily*	*New Adult*	*New Children*	*New ANC*
2019	15,228	2021	504	299
2020	11,457	1792	440	322

Covid-19 has a great impact in the operations of the hospital as we recorded significant reduction in the number of people that visited the hospital in 2020 comparing it to the number that visited in 2019

Thanks

Sr Ijeoma Okoye, OP
Hospital Administrator

YOLA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

The year 2020 was a challenging one because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we thank God for the services still carried by our facilities.

The diocese has five facilities. Most of hem are not fully operational due to poor patronage and lack of enough equipment in them. They are:

1. St. Francis hospital, Jambutu
2. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gombi
3. St. Mary's Clinic, Numan
4. St. Joseph's PHC, Jada
5. St. Mary's PHC, Yadim

Activities carried out in 2020

- Health care services
- Maternal care service
- Immunizations
- Health Education: anti-natal care services
- COVID-19 sensitization: e.g. distribution of preventive items by the bishop
- HIV/AIDS services
- Free medical care by the bishop to the IDPs



Maternal & Child Care @ St. Francis Hospital



Distribution of covid-9 palliative to the IDPs by the bishop

Challenges

1. Poor patronage
2. Stigmatization on our facility because of HIV/AID care services
3. Lack of adequate drugs

4. Lack of workers because of poor enumeration
5. Our services are expensive compare to the Government services that account for lack of patronage
6. Lack modern facilities



Distribution of hand sanitizers by the bishop

Conclusion

We make bold to say that, despite challenges, our hospital and clinics are still meeting up to the mandate of Christ which is the spiritual and physical wellbeing of humanity. We appreciate the bishop who always assists in helping to give free medication to the IDPs and those who are in need. We will continue to work, pray and see to the development of our facilities and to offering better medical services to those in need.

Rev. Fr. Ferdinand Hayi John
Health Coordinator

OWERRI ARCHDIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

PREAMBLE: We thank God for his unmerited favours on all of us.

1. The Catholic Bishops Conference of Italy through the CSN donated hospital equipment worth of $12,000 to Holy Rosary Hospital Emekuku.

2. Many Staff of our Catholic Health facility attended Covid-19 training and the step down.

3. The Health office also had a training workshop for the heads of our Catholic Schools with the Archbishop in attendance.

OGOJA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Achievements

1. Infrastructure

Building/Renovation, construction of gate, Construction of the entrance to the Labor and Gynae Wards, inscription on the gate, painting of Wards, soak-away at the doctor's quarters, grading of the hospital entrance roads, Construction of new culvert, renovation and fixing of chief matron office, Construction of a gang way between the OPD and the ward, Installation of thunder protector, Solar inverter, construction of store cum restaurant, replacement of broken pipes and taps, fixing of Dr's consulting rooms, crèche project, Fixing and servicing of the manual boreholes, Repainting of wards, installation project, Renovation of the eye clinic and creating of more offices to serve as specialty unit (Urology, orthopedic, dental, ophthalmology and plastic surgery, new plan water system, Fencing of the hospital mortuary, Fumigation, office furniture, television sets in all the wards, split-unit Air Conditioners, Painting of the theater unit, Refrigerators, industrial lightning arrestors, administrative block, Tiling of Seminarian's Room, Construction of Six (6) External Toilets, Revamping of the St. Joseph Eye Clinic through Partnership, Seventy (70) Plastic Chairs, Construction of Drainage, New Office Space for the Store Man, Hall for CLWHIV/AIDS by Jhpiego, Renovation work at the School of Basic Midwifery Lecture Hall Extension, New Apartment for Gynaecologists, Erection of an Incinerator, and Mounting of Nine (9) Inverter Powered CCTV Cameras.



Catholic Maternity Hospital, Moniaya - Ogoja

- Equipment

X-Ray machine, Elisa Micro Plate Reader, Spectrophotometer, mattresses for the wards, reservoir, water pump, new Linear, Curvilinear and Transvaginal probes, Digital Scan, new power pack for the X-Ray department, flat screen television for scanning, new Oxygen, concentrator, repairs of equipment, pulse oximeter, upgrading of hospital laboratory by UNHCR, purchase and maintenance of hospital vehicles, Purchase of plastic jars, repairs and replacement of damaged equipment, Finecare Immunoassay machine, motorcycle, Purchase of instruments/sphygmomanometers, purchase of theatre materials and sewing of operation gowns for the unit, general repairs of equipment/machines in the facility, Electronic Thermometer, Nebulizer, Aeropart Sv6-Flow Splitter, Filter Sets, Oxygen Mask, Spare Humidifier, Nasal Prongs, Op-Surgical Mask, pen touch, trolleys/ drip stands/ Air

Conditioners, solar installation project, operating tables, autoclaves and suction machines, hand drill machine, a metallic ladder, a lawn mower, Diathermy Machine, fetal Dopplers for the maternity unit and lenses for the eye unit, solar incubator, Macintoshes for the theater, spectrophometer machine, Laserjet 4x1 Printer, New Pumping Machines, Haemoglobinometer, Weighing Scale and Water Extracting Machine, Repair of Sysmax KX-21N Machine in the Laboratory, 4000W Max Power Speaker, Laserjet Printer, New Drapes for Maternity , Theatre Staff and the purchase of wheelchairs.

2. Extra-Clinicals
Establishment of Pig farm, Fish Farms, Goat Farm, Planting of economic trees and live tree fencing, environmental aesthetics/flowers, Compound Landscaping, Installation of Inverter at the Farm, Provision of Indoor and Outdoor Sporting Facilities, Construction of Fingerlings Hatchery, Fencing of Piggery and Fish Ponds, Expansion of Agro-Plantation Feats, and establishment of Broilers/Layers Poultry Farms.



The Bishop touring the fishery farm



The piggery

3. Electricity
Restoration of power supply (PHCN), Purchase of 150KVA generator, Maintenance of 100KVA and 60KVA generators, Re-wiring of a cross section of the Hospital quarters, Restoration of Major Security Lights, Street Lights, Installation of Solar system and inverters.

4. Employment/ Specialized Staffing
Employment of doctors, pediatrician, nurses, accountant, recruitment of volunteer staff, medical lab staff; laboratory scientist (histopathologist).

5. Pharmaceuticals
Donation of drugs/outreach, visit to rural clinic with professionals, drug/management committee meetings, Printing of 20,000 drug bags, adequate and sophisticated stocking.

6. Remuneration
Prompt payment of staff, contractors and suppliers, Christmas Bonus to all staff, presentation of awards, incentives to PALs and PWDs.

7. Covid-19 Preventive
There was a two-day intensive training on COVID-19 infection prevention and control facilitated by Dr. Emmanuel Okechukwu from the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria Abuja funded by Catholic Relief Services as well as palliative equipment from CHAN, benches outside the OPD, veronica buckets, stools, sanitizer and infrared thermometers, Hand Wash Machine, Hand Dryer , Assorted Face Masks Antiseptics, PPE Surgical Mask, Class IIR, PPE Gloves S, Examination, PPE Gloves M Examination, PPE Gloves L Examination, PPE Surgical Gowns, PPE Face Shields, PPE Ffp2/Kn95 Face Masks, Apron (Rubber) Carton, Digital Thermometer With Spare Battery, Pulse-Oximeter With Spare Battery, Goggles, Infrared Thermometer, Wash Stations, Safety Box, Face Shield, Gown, Face Mask (Cotton Material), Hand Sanitizers (4 Ltrs), Liquid Soap (20 Ltrs), Disinfectant (Bleach -21litrs). training on Covid-19 for a doctor, a nurse and an M&E officer sponsored by the Cross-River State Government, Anti-Corona Campaign and Resistance,

8. Transport/Mobility
The purchase and repairs of Vehicles, Hospital Motor-Cycle, Refurbishing of the Eye Clinic Jeep, and purchase of tires for the Hospital Hiace Bus.

9. Seminar/Training/Workshop
Anti-Hepatitis/Diabetes/TB/HIV Campaign, Surgical Training for Doctors, Work Shop for Midwives and annual Continuous Clinical Education for all staff

10. Accreditation
- School of Midwifery

Rev. Fr. Joe Macus
Health Coordinator

ZARIA DIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Introduction

The purpose of the Annual Report is to highlight services provided under the period. These services were provided based on our vision where respect for and the dignity of human life is upheld and people irrespective of heterogeneity live healthy productive and integrated lives, bound together in communities in which love, trust and justice reveal the presence of the Kingdom of God.

Zaria Catholic Diocese has five (5) Health Care Facilities with St Martin De Porres facility situated at Lero Junction in Wusasa and four Primary Health Centers in rural communities. Since its inception it has continued to struggle to provide Health Services to the people of Zaria and its rural communities. The Health Care Services of the Diocese for the year under review provided Primary (Prevention) Secondary (Curative) and Community Based Care and Support services (Promotion Health) to the people of Zaria Emirate in particular and Kaduna State in general. These were provided based on the mission of sharing in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and also based on the wholistic approach that affirms human dignity and respect for the human life.

Diocesan Facilities: The Diocese has five (5) Health Care Facilities, a hospital facility situated at Lero Junction in Wusasa and four Primary Health Centers in rural communities. St Martin De Porres hospital facility is 9 beds space facility with out-patient unit, a theatre, laboratory and a delivery room. All the units are well equipped with basic necessary equipment and Personnel to provide adequate and quality services.



Front view of the Hospital

A total of 2,416 Persons were seen and treated in the year under review by the Health Services of Zaria Diocese. This is made up patients seen in the hospital – Females (335), Males (151), Children Males (58), Females (15) and surgeries minor and major 13 and Community Out-Reach - 1,857 persons seen and treated.

Scope of Services:

Services offered are Primary/Secondary care that include the following; Preventive, Promotion and curative, community awareness and sensitization, Child welfare services including immunization, Nutrition education and demonstration, General medical care; General surgical care, Obstetrics /Gynecology services, Scanning Services, Laboratory Services with community screening for communicable and non-communicable infections;

hepatitis, HIV/AIDS prevention, diabetes, blood pressure screening and referral for appropriate management ABUTH in Shika. The staff strength currently is thirteen (13).

Activities
The Health Services on taking in October 2019 were in poor state with no staff. By January 2020 recruitment of Staff was carried out toward resuscitating the Health services of the Diocese in general and the hospital in particular.

Out-Reach Activities For advocacy, mobilization and sensitization in Parishes within Zaria and rural Communities was carried. Twelve (12) Parishes were visited before the corona virus out break



Meeting in session with Community and church Leaders

Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) Assessment
The Diocese has five (4) Primary Health Care Centers scattered across the Diocese. These are in Ungwan Yawa, Danladi, Zangon Tama and Tsunnin Mayau



PHC Danladi





PHC T/Mayau



PHC U/Sarki

These however have not been functional for sometimes. Having taken over the facilitation of the health services it was necessary to pay a visit to see and assess their current state. Visits were scheduled with the Parish Priests in whose Parishes the PHCs are situated. Assessments carried out and all the PHCs were met in pretty bad state.

Community screening and immunization: In the hospital and Parishes for hepatitis, meningitis, HIV AIDS counselling and testing and other laboratory investigations for other infections were carried out. Persons who tested positive for one infection or the other were treated or referred to appropriate facilities for appropriate management while those for immunization have been taking their vaccines. The total number of Persons seen during the Out-Reach is one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two (1,992).

Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

A free breast and cervical cancer screening was organized in collaboration with The Good Shepherd Parish Graceland and Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN) Centre for Health Education and Life Promotion (CHELP) for women and 135 attended and were screened,





Achievements:

These achievements were as a result of support of the Bishop and improved advocacy and collaboration with the Priests of the Diocese

1. Renovation of the hospital and the procurement of laboratory equipment with financial assistance from the Diocese
2. Initiation and setting up of a Community Based Care Program to facilitate community based activities.
3. Setting up of the Health Commission for the Health Services
4. Registration of the hospital to participate in Kaduna State Contributory Health Management Authority (KADCHMA)
5. Improved World Aids Day collection and Celebration of World Aids Day(WAD)
6. Collaboration with the Health Department of the Zaria Local Government

Challenges

1. Lack of funds: This is the one challenge the Health Services is facing in the process of the ongoing resuscitation of the services that have been in poor state physically and structurally.
2. Economic Recession and corona virus out break: With the Federal Government openly acknowledging recession in the country with COVID 19 out-break, the health sector has been badly hit with high cost of inputs and low patients patronage leading to poor revenue generation.
3. High Cost of Medical consumables/Supplies: Based on the above prices of medical supplies in the market are very high, leaving the burden on the patients who hardly are able to cope.
4. Poor light supply: To facility leading to increase spending on generator fuel

Way Forward to Overcome these Challenges

- Direct Bulk Procurement of Drugs: Subject to the availability of funds, procurement of drugs directly from the producing Pharmaceutical Companies would reduce high cost of drugs being procured courtesy of middlemen pharmaceutical shops around the State
- Alternative Source of Power: Supply of light to the facility is very poor that is affecting hospital procedures that depend on the constant availability of light such as the Theatre, laboratory, delivery unit and other essential processes in the hospital. Hence the need for an alternative source of power has become very necessary in the hospital.
- Collaboration with Stakeholders: This is one way of creating a synergy with others. Some of these stakeholders includes but not limited to: The State Ministry of Health, Traditional Institutions, Educational Institutions, Government and Sister Health institutions within our catchment areas.
- Alternative Source of Income: Following the poor internal income generation due to poor patronage as a result of poverty in the communities there is need to devise alternative and aggressive means of funding. This can be achieved through the Kaduna State Contributory Health Management Authority (KADCHMA), exploring Community NHIS scheme and project proposal to national and international Partners.

Appreciation:
First of all, I appreciate God for seeing us through the year 2020. The report cannot be completed without the recognition of the efforts and the support of the Bishop and the Priests of the Diocese for their unflinching support throughout the year. The Staff of the Health Service are wonderful people and I am indeed proud of them for keeping the fire burning despite the challenges that came our way. May God see us through the year 2021. In a very special way, l appreciate our collaborator especially the Zaria Health Department for their support for immunization. And to all our clients, thank you and may God bless you



Sr. Mary Bulus, OLF
Health Coordinator

KADUNA ARCHDIOCESE HEALTH DEPT

Brief History

St. Gerard's Hospital is a faith-based organization which was founded in 1957. The hospital is a secondary healthcare centre with a community base care and support unit that addresses community-base interventions. The hospital is a non-governmental and non-political institution aim at rendering quality health care services to humanity. It also has two outstations at Issa and Dogon Kurmi in Kagarko local government of Kaduna state.

Vision: To be the foremost faith based-holistic health care provider of choice in Nigeria.

Mission: To provide quality health services that respects the sacredness of life in our community through commitment, teamwork and medical education.

Services: The hospital attended to 54,613 patients in 2020. We offer the following range of services to the community: Ultra sound scanning, radiological and laboratory investigations, Antenatal care, Physiotherapy, endoscopy, intensive care, dental, maxillofacial, neurology, orthopaedic, and other specialist services, pharmaceutical services, gene Xpert, immunization, farewell home, and comprehensive ART to our clients within and outside Kaduna State.

On COVID-19

With the Novel COVID-19 pandemic, the hospital has strategized it existing structure through; strengthening of IPC Committee, training, awareness creation, advocacy meeting with community gatekeepers, and distribution of IEC materials to expand Infection Preventive and control measures in order to break the chain of transmission in the community.

The Committee's responsibilities include;

- Strengthening of Infection Prevention Control In the hospital and her responsibilities include:
- Facilitate and support the training of the staff.
- Encourage communication among the involved disciplines and among the different departments in the facility.
- Monitor and evaluate IPC activities –supportive supervision
- Implement effective advocacy and behavioural change approaches on IPC



Distribution of COVID-19 IEC materials by community volunteers

Training Programmes

1. The Hospital is running a Family medicine residency program which was accredited by National Postgraduate Medical College and West African College of Physician Faculty of family medicine to train doctors to become consultants.
2. The hospital trains students to become registered nurses
3. St. Gerard's Hospital has a Foundation that is registered under the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) to carry out her corporate social responsibilities to the community with emphases on those who could not have access to healthcare facilities and are situated in hard-to-reach communities.

HIV/AIDS Care and Support

HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT); Antiretroviral therapy (ART); Out Patient and in-Patient services; Community Mobilization/ sensitization; Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT); Early infant Diagnosis (E.I.D); Peri-natal services; Reproductive health service/counseling; Referral/ Networking; Health Education; Community systems strengthening; Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)

Medical Outreach

- The hospital had medical outreach at Kurmi Gwari, St.Peter's Sabo, St. Pius Romi, St. Matthew's Television, Kurmi Tsohowa, Kajuru, Dogon Kurmi, and Issa communities.



Dispensing of drugs during medical outreach

Challenges

1. The Hospital needs new equipment to replace those obsolete and non-functional ones such as CT-Scan, C-Arm, CPR machines etc.
2. The structure of the facility needs to be upgraded in order to meet the global standard.
3. Difficulties in retrieving money owed the hospital by the Kaduna State Government for the treatment of victims of communal clashes.

Signed:

Dr. Shurkuk, C. Bako
Medical Director