

# ASSOCIATION OF ORPHANS AND THE DISABLED

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## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF ASODI

It was a very remarkable year in the life of ASODI in that she registered a lot of Successes. Most of all what had been earmarked in her previous year's plan of Action and not accomplish were implemented this year. Though challenging the year was, ASODI made successes in sending/sponsoring 57 Orphans in Ngie at African Pioneer College Teze Ngie- Momo Division, North West Province. 16 Orphans will be completing tailoring training drawn from all the 19 villages of Ngie under ASODI'S Sponsorship, 4 orphans currently taking carpentry, 4 others training in Hairdressing and 16 of the Orphans in the upper villages of Ngie undergoing Goat Rearing for their lives.

In the area of income generating activity, ASODI has been carrying out the buying and selling of Palm oil, thanks to her partnership with the Catholic Relieve Services, Yaounde Cameroon who financed them with 400,000frs. Meanwhile, she registered a renounced success in Epilepsy Management as she expanded the free Phenobarbital giving exercise to other 3 Sub Divisions in Momo Division, namely Njikwa, Mbengwi Central and Widikum Covering more than 700 Epilepsy Patients.

Many thanks to our Volunteers who are spread out in all these areas as they do the Phenobarbital distribution for us.

The long awaited Biomedical research in Epilepsy was launched as a lot of ground work has been done for it to be implemented this 2008. God is so great and kind to us, as early this same year the Ministry of Public Health sent Dr. kuotong Rogers a Public Health Doctor to come and take statistics from us so that the Ministry should know what we are doing and assist us though we are still waiting for this to happen.

The year ended with ASODI receiving a letter of Encouragement /Congratulation from the Honourable Minister of Social Affairs Cameroon for the work she is doing to vulnerable persons in the area of assistance.

Serious sensitization work was done to guardians, Epilepsy patients in Ngie by Irene Elliott and Mary Douglas with Ambanibe Jerome all neurologic nurses on the launching of the Epilepsy Biomedical Research in Ngie. It was indeed a blessed year to ASODI.

Continuous assistance was given to over 1200 orphans in Primary Schools in Ngie in the area of school materials like books, Uniforms, food all round the year and foster parenting with need assessment continue to be the watch words in carrying out our activities not forgetting the bottom- top approach in all our projects.

Nevertheless, this work would not have been successful if some people did not join hands, we begin with the Christians of St. John's Presbyterian Church USA who are

doing a lot to assist us financially, the Catholic Relieve Servicesour parteners in Yaounde, the hardworking and tireless coordinators of ASODI in Momo Division..

The sick kids hospital/university of Toronto in Canada, the Provincial Delegate of Social Affairs North West , the Divisional Delegate of Social Affairs Momo and Staff, the Chief of Brigade control North West just to name a few. May God reward them all.

We also like to thank the District Medical Officer for Mbengwi Dr. Ajabmoh Henry for his relentless support and collaboration. May God reward him abundantly.

In addition, the Religious and Traditional authorities of Ngie together with the administration make us proud as they are always behind us.

Meanwhile, the foster parents/guardians of Epilepsy patients are a force for us to reckon with.

We will end here by thanking Professor Njamnshi Alfred who is currently going through our file at the Ministry of Public Health Yaounde Cameroon, that for the short time we have worked with him, we admire and cherish his fatherly support. We beg God to cement our relationship/ partnership with his Ministry so that together we can help the needy in Cameroon and make them independent and proud people.

That was a resume of what we did, below are the activities, days, personnel involved that we carried out and the difficulties we faced.

<b>N°</b>	<b>Activity Carried out</b>	<b>N° Involved</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Remark</b>
1.	Writing of 2006 End of Year Report	ASODI'S staff	2/5/01	Well done
2.	Needs Assessment for Orphans, Disables, Epileptic patients	Coordinators (30) of ASODI	5/2/01	Total assessment was carried out for 2007
3.	Distribution of Epilepsy drugs free to patients in Ngie	500 in Teze and Andek	25/26/01	Not well attended to.
4.	Distribution of Epileptic drugs to patients in Widikum, Mbengwi and Njikwa	Coordinators/205 patients of Epilepsy	26/31/01	Exercise well done
5.	Distribution of Youth day gifts to orphans.	Coordinators/600 orphans in Ngie	5-10/02/07	Assisted them for Youth Day
6.	Celebration of Youth day in Cameroon	Coordinator/1400 orphans /300 Epilepsy patients/ 100 Disables.	10-11/02/-7	Well attended
7.	Meeting with Dr. Kuotong Rogers	ASODI'S Staff	5-8/03 07	Statistics were given to him on Epilepsy to take to Ministry of Public Health
8.	Distributing drugs to Epilepsy patients in Ngie	Coordinator/500 epilepsy patients	9-10/03/07	31 tablets of drugs were given each
9.	Distribution free of drugs to patients in Widikum, Mbengwi and Njikwa Sub Division	Coordinator/250 epilepsy patients	10-31 <sup>st</sup> 03-07	250 Epilepsy orphans attended to
10.	Distribution of Epilepsy drugs to patients in Ngie	Coorditor/350 patients	1-24/04-07	Attended to them all

11.	Distribution of drugs to patients in Mbengwi	Coordinator/50 patients	25/04/07	Attended to them in Mbengwi
12.	Distribution of drugs to patients in Njikwa	Coordinators/35 patients	29/30/04	Well managed
13.	Celebration of labour day	Coordinators of ASODI	1/05/07	Some attended in Mbengwi
14.	Distribution of drugs in Ngie	Coordinators/500 patients	2/10/05	Done in Ngie at Andek – Teze
15.	Distribution of drugs in Njikwa, Mbengwi and Widikum Sub-Divisions	Coordinators /250 Epilepsy Patients	10-25/05/07	Done at various centers in Ngie
16.	ASODI applied to join International League against Epilepsy	ASODI and ILE	May 5 <sup>th</sup> 07	Still under studies not well confirmed
17.	Distribution of School Uniforms	Coordinator/18 orphans	May 18 <sup>th</sup> 07	18 Orphans in lower Ngie received uniforms
18.	Payment of School fees	Coordinators/ASODI's Staff	May 20 –25	Payment of School fees to 20 orphans in College and 150 in Primary schools in Ngie
19.	Surgical operations on Keliods on ASODI's Disables	14 Disables treated surgically free in Widikum.	May 14 – 28 <sup>th</sup> 07	Mau God be praised.
20.	Distribution of drugs in Ngie	Coordinators/500 patients in Ngie	June 5 – 11	Work well done
21.	Distribution of drugs in Widikum, Njikwa & Mbengwi	Coordinators/ 205 patients	June 16 <sup>th</sup> 07	Work carried out
22.	Celebration of International day of the African child	Orphans/Coordinators in Ngie	June 20 <sup>th</sup> 07	Sensitization was done on the importance of the day
23.	Celebration of National Solidarity day in Yaounde with Minister of Social Affairs	ASODI's President/other Associations in Cameroon	June 22 – 26 <sup>th</sup> 07	A day well attended in Yaounde
24.	Inspecting all the Goats under the goat rearing programme in Ngie	ASODI's Coordinators 16 orphans concern	June 28 – 30 <sup>th</sup> 07	Goat project is doing well
25.	Placing Orphans for carpentry , hairdressing (8 of them)	ASODI's Staff	30 <sup>th</sup> June 07	Doing this in Ngie
26.	Distribution of drugs in Ngie	ASODI's Coordinators	1- 10/ 07/07	ASODI

27.	Distribution of drugs in Widikum, Njikwa and Mbengwi Sub Divisions.	Patients 205/ Coordinators	15 – 30/07/07	ASODI
28.	Needs assessment for Orphans for school.	Coordinators / Orphans		ASODI
29.	Authorization from IRB of Alpha Royal Clinic Bamenda for epilepsy Research.	IRB/ASODI	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Good work done
30.	Authorisation from National Ethics Board Y'de Cameroon for epilepsy Research.	IRB/ASODI	Same	Good work done
31.	Received the final Approval for Research from IRB University of Toronto Canada	IRB/ASODI	August 1 <sup>st</sup> 07	Good work done
32.	Distribution of Epilepsy drugs in Widikum, Njikwa and Mbengwi	Coordinators/ patients (205)	5 – 20 <sup>th</sup> August 07	Good and they showed improvement
33.	Distribution of Epilepsy drugs in Ngie	Coordinators/patients	22/24/08 – 07	Improvement
34.	Distribution of 2500 books, pens, pencils to orphans for school	Coordinators, provincial Delegate of Social Affairs, Chief of Brigade Social Affairs, Divisional Delegate of Social Affairs Momo/ 1400 orphans	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 07	Work well distributed and much cherished
35.	Meeting/planning for research on Epilepsy with Lynn Cockburn one of the investigators from University of Toronto	Lynn and Jerome President of ASODI	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> 07	Planning rightly put in place.
36.	Reception of grants from Catholic Relieve Services for Income generating Activity to help 1200 orphans in Ngie	ASODI/AI Chris representing C.R.S . Y'de.	Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> 07	Boosting of ASODI's work
37.	Distribution of drugs in Ngie	500 patients	Oct 11-12/07	Improvement
38.	Distribution of drugs in Widikum, Njikwa and Mbengwi	130 patients	15-20 Oct. 07	Improvement
39.	Distribution of drugs in Ngie	300 patients	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> 07	Improvement
40.	Reception of a letter of encouragement from Minister of Social Affairs Yaounde Cameroon	ASODI	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> 07	Congratulations ASODI.

41.	Arrival of Team from Canada for Research on Epilepsy	Mary Douglas and Irene Elliott	Nov. 25/07	Good start for Research work in Ngie
42.	Official Launching at Andek and Teze and meeting with all Coordinators/Religious/traditional authorities in Ngie	Team with people of Ngie	Nov. 29/07	Good meetings
43.	Meeting with guardians of people suffering from Epilepsy	Team with guardians	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> /07	Excellent meeting
44.	Departure of team from Ngie	Irene, many Douglass and Jerome	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> /07	Nice departure
45.	Distribution of food to orphans for Christmas	1300 orphans took food for Christmas	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> /07	Orphans impressed
46.	Deposit f documents at Ministry of Public health.	President ASODI	Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> /07	Nice move for collaboration

#### **DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED ON THE FIELD.**

- Inadequate funds to accomplish projects
- No Electricity in the area of Ngie
- Poor Road Infrastructure in the area of Intervention
- Inadequate personnel /specialists for work
- Needs to construct an office/rest house for visitors
- No means of movement for ASODI's staff which makes work laborious and difficult
- We need collaboration from International Organisations so as to combat the numerous problems of the vulnerable groups of persons at our care.

**DON AT TEZE NGIE THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2008**

*Sign : \_\_\_\_\_*  
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***President ASODI.***  
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