

A REPORT ON A MEETING HELD AT THE ASODI'S OFFICE TEZE MARCH 21 2009.

The meeting started at 11 am instead of 10 am as initially planned. There was roll call which was closely followed by an opening prayers said by Mr. Mbah Bruno the coordinator for widikum.

In his word of prayers, he called on God to bless us and to take each and everyone safely.

The next point on the programme was the reading of a twelve point agenda by the president general of ASODI.

The president began by thanking them (the coordinators) for coming and for their voluntary work to ASODI and the entire Momo Community.

He also said that the St.Johns sent lots of greetings to them and that some Congratulatory cards were sent to them by St.Johns, unfortunately they have not yet reached him. When they come he said, he will send them down to them.

The president told the coordinators to arrange all the three groups of people that ASODI takes care of them for a video coverage to be done on the 25th of April this year. This will be done at Teze for lower Ngie Orphans and Andek for upper Ngie Orphans. Due to the limited resources ,the exercise will be done only for Ngie.

On this day food, drugs will be given to all the three classes of people being taken care of by ASODI.

The next point that came up was report from the various coordinators. Widikum started by saying that he came in with three of his coordinators from that subdivision. This he said is an indication that he has penetrated the entire Widikum subdivision and has fifteen coordinators. He continued that he takes ASODI'S activities so seriously in his subdivision. He said he is leaving no stone unturned in Widikum in as much as ASODI is concern with all his sub coordinators.

Meanwhile, the statistics for all ASODI's death patients are not available but he will send them to the president he said. I have confidence in ASODI's work in Widikum he said.

Other coorinators that took the queue were Abebung, Umon, Ajei, Andek, Etwii, Ebang, Azem, Bonabufei, Akuwu, Mbengwi, Njikwa etc.

In all their Reports, they said that the drugs are not frequent and this can give room for drug resistance to patients

.The President explained that ASODI IS DOING ALL ITS BEST TO GET THE DRUGS REGULAR but for the fact that the needs of he children are numerous and the means at their disposal is limited.

However, he said they are still knocking at doors and going extra miles to getting more funds from different sponsors to get all these done effectively but that the Orphans should pray for the steps they are taking in all these.

Most of coordinators complained of the following,

More of the Orphans to be enrolled into Secondary school this year,

Need for more birth certificates to be established this year.

Need for more Orphans to be in Vocational training institutions like Sar SM Andek Ngie where they can be trained for two years in a trade

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The need for more food to be given to some of the Epilepsy patients and Orphans and on a regular basis.

Some of the Orphans who were on vocational training need sewing machines they still reiterated.

The president of ASODI also said that the Ministry of Public health Yaoundé has asked them to form an Association made up of only people living with Epilepsy in the North West Region with Representatives all over the seven Divisions that make up the Region, get it legalized and send it down to them before it is late so that they shall use this Association to work in partnership for the benefit of these Patients and ASODI shall play the technical/supervisory role.

This is why he (the president) has asked them to come up with village executives of people living with Epilepsy so that these can eventually form the Divisional executive.

Meanwhile, the entire coordinators' body were told to submit their lists for the Orphans items to be supplied in September by May this year so that this will give ample time for ASODI to canvas for funds that will carry this on well from many other sources in and out of the Country.

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Mr. Feigwo Geoffrey and Abaaba Aloysius came next and thanked ASODI and the St Johns for what they are doing. They gave summary reports on the activities of upper Ngie/lower Ngie respectively and suggested that much care too should be extended to the Disabled ones of ASODI who are blind, physically disabled and some mentally disabled as well.

Most of them should be involved in vocational training so as to better their lives.

In response, the President of ASODI said, this is what they are working on, to try to centralise ASDOI's activities in the Region by starting up a training/rehabilitation centre, epilepsy treatment centre, mental health treatment center all to take care of these people well.

The proposal he said has been drawn up and we are only looking for Funders now.

Other issues like the 10th anniversary of ASODI, the president's admission into the World federation of Neuroscience nursing, the eminent extension of the epilepsy research to other parts

of Momo when the results of the previous one will be out and funding sort, a big thank you from the Fon of Teze who was present to all the coordinators marked the day.

There was time for refreshment, in which the coordinators had enough food and drinks along side with the distribution of their transport requisition which amounted to some 150.000frs.

More than three quarters of the coordinators attended the meeting which took three hours.

A closing prayers was made and everyone departed only to meet again in April for the video and July for the need assessment meeting as usual.

Akoufei Abraham took this Report for the day.
Edited by Jerome.