

2022 – THE YEAR SO FAR



Dear Friends,

24 July 2022

I trust that you are all well by His Grace. The first half of 2022 was full of challenges, but kept the spirit high and got many things done, thanks to the hard work of the staff and your fantastic support!

NEW HEALTH CENTER IN AGUOTU, ISHIELU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

In partnership with the government, community and the Rotary Club of Abakaliki, we opened another health center and project area. A Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation was approved last year, and the funds came through in May. The grant has paid for the equipment of the health center, a new borehole and training of health workers, maternal health promoters and clinic management committee. The grand opening took place on 5th July and the patronage has been very good.

RENOVATION and EXPANSION OF EPHUENYIM HEALTH CENTER

Ephuenyim Health Center opened in 2010. This year, the community was able to carry through a major renovation of the original health center building. The roof was raised and laboratory, pharmacy, labor ward and general ward were enlarged to meet the demands. The inauguration of the new building took place on 28th June.

AMURT PASSES NEW MILESTONES

AMURT passed a total of 24,000 births in the health centers since we started in 2010. We also crossed 1,000 cesarean sections since the first in 2017. In May AMURT managed a record for one month, 56 obstetric emergencies, in the health center and through referrals to AEFUTHA.

STRENGTHENING HEALTH CENTERS SELF-RELIANCE

This year, AMURT has made strengthening the self-reliance of the health centers the top priority. We have increased revenue and tightened the financial management. All the health centers now maintain computerized accounts. In addition to paying all support staff, the health centers now also pay a number of health workers. Our development goal is to ensure the long-term sustainability of the health centers.

ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

We welcome new staff Odinachi, as we added Uloanwu and Ohagelode project areas to the ASRH program. A pamphlet was produced to spread awareness of the dangers of substance abuse. Eight teenage mothers have supported to learn skills to support themselves and their baby. The unit was active during Menstrual Hygiene week with programs in many schools.

A NEW BATCH OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Ten trainees from the health centers have qualified for scholarships to become qualified health workers, as part of AMURT's capacity building program for the communities. AMURT has hosted 72 IT students from June to August.

NINE NEW BOREHOLES

The AMURT WASH team completed the drilling, installation and training for nine boreholes, in Ikwo, Ezza South, Ishielu and Ebonyi Local Government Areas. A new program has started in Afikpo North.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Our annual "Every Life Counts" fund raising drive was successfully concluded in January. From January to June we did 78 pediatric surgeries: 62 in the health centers and 16 at AEFUTHA teaching hospital in Abakaliki. During the same time, we have done 169 cesarean sections in the health centers and supported 22 at AEFUTHA.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The team of community health education workers conducted 42 meetings reaching a total of 2682 people in villages throughout the project area with key messages: dangers of herbal concoctions, low birth weight, importance of hospital delivery, danger signs in pregnancy, the advantage of early presentation, and importance of ante-natal check ups.

Brotherly yours

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Agutu HC: first delivery & staff on 5th July



Ephuenyim HC: renovation & enlarged laboratory



Births at Ohagelode, Offia Oji and Mgbalukwu



Training on computerized account at Uloanwu HC & IT students from School of Health Ezzangbo at AMURT



Hope Secondary School, campaigns against drug abuse and sensitization on menstrual hygiene



Children taste water of new borehole at Obeeche



Health education at Item Amagu