



2021 Annual Report

Our focus continues to be on Healthcare, Education and People's empowerment. Unlike in 2020 when all travels were halted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we were bold enough to venture out. We took four trips to Nigeria, and we accomplished a lot although, our signature program, Medical Mission, was not considered. The risk for it due to the Pandemic was overwhelming.

With each trip, we developed better idea of solving human problems and empowering people to sustain their lives. We forged alliances in the Healthcare and Farm programs. We provided Grants. We built a scholarship platform, made donations to support institutions and persons who needed help.

Healthcare:

While we could not be on the ground to treat thousands of patients, we aligned with established healthcare centers like Regions Stroke and Neuroscience Hospital in Obinze, Imo State and Medical City Hospital in Egbu, Imo State to care for any patient that presents to their facility in the African Primary Healthcare Foundation Program. Their treatments are paid for by the Foundation. Depending on the severity of illnesses and the expertise sought, some patients had been sent as far away as Port Harcourt to Bariel Medical Center Ltd, or Umuahia on the account of African Primary Healthcare Foundation (APHF).

We have also partnered with Dr. Camazine's Earthwide Surgical Foundation operating in Uruakpan, Cross River State, to perform Breast Cancer and Tumor surgeries on patients of African Primary Healthcare Foundation.

APHF not only pays Physician and Facility Fees, it provides for transportation and feeding for the patient and the accompanying family member.

Grants:

In the early 2021, we gave out grant money to support small businesses. About 150 small businesses in Ohaji, Ikeduru, Owerri North, benefited from the gifts. While some recipients applied the funds to improve their businesses, some did not. The program did not yield as much result as expected in these regions. However, the funds to businesses in Isuikwuato were gifted as tools of trade to the businesses. Depending on the needs, people received sewing machines, electric generators, etc.

In the final analysis, there must be other ways to make a lasting impact in the lives of the needy. We turned our attention to Co-operative farms and delivery of clean drinking water.

Farms/Co-operatives:

Isu-Onicha Women's Co-operative, supported by "The John Ogbu Development Fund", has been operating successfully as reported in 2020. Membership in the co-operative has increased from 45 to 60 women. In 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ogbu fund provided material and financial support for the women of the co-operative and CHONA school staff. A cash donation was also made to the women of the co-operative. The donation was used by the women to build low-cost stalls for their market center. Another two-room-space business center was rented. The Rice Destoning Machine, which was commissioned in January 2021 was installed in one of the rooms. The second room serves as the administrative office of the co-operative.

In 2021, AIMS co-operative was lunched in Isuikwuato, Abia State. Since then, APHF has constructed a farm road in Amune, Ovim to the site of the community farm. This farmland is properly situated by Nnuocha stream (a tributary of Cross River).

African Primary Healthcare Foundation is Partnering with Songhai Regional Center for Rural Agricultural Development in Amune, Ovim in Abia State and Ndukwe, Amasiri in Ebonyi State. APHF has already donated funds for six boreholes for clean water for the villages in the nearby developing farm area in Amasiri, Ebonyi State. The boreholes are already providing water for the villagers.

Providing clean water is an integral part of our overall healthcare scheme. In good health, children can grow to learn and become healthy and productive citizens-provided they can afford the cost of education. Hence, we continue to expand on our education/scholarship programs.

Education/Scholarship:

The primary objective of the APHF Scholarship Fund is to educate and empower talented students who lack the financial resources to acquire the necessary education or skills they need for life. As such applicants must demonstrate the talents and aptitude to succeed in their chosen endeavors.

- Demonstrating financial needs can be documented by means of family income or the attestation of a community leader trusted by APHF.
- Demonstrating talent can be documented by previous academic performance, verified admission to an accredited and recognized place of study or training.

In 2021, APHF built a scholarship platform for our website to make it easy for us to accommodate and process the applications we receive.

Charitable Donations:

We continued to support organizations that share our common goals. Most notably, we renovated St. Monica's Dormitory in Owerri Girls Secondary School, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria.

We donated towards the "Virtual Learning Center" at Government Secondary School Afikpo.

We provided fund to SHIFT Nigeria for a water borehole and contributed also to Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas.

We donated two vehicles to families that needed them.

2022 Projects:

While we will continue to support the programs we currently have at hand, we have already taken up two additional projects.

- **Community Programs :**

Ohaji: We will break ground this February for a "Skills Acquisition Center" in Umunwaku, Ohaji. This center will have a Computer Lab. It will train Carpenters, Masons, Tailors, Electricians and Caterers. A Bakery and Event Center will also be included.

AIMS Co-operative Ltd: Throughs AIMS Co-operative Limited, we will provide support for Skills Acquisition in Isuikwuato, provide grants to women and small businesses, provide support for cooperative farming in Isuikwuato and housing for widows.

- **Education Program:**

A second dormitory, St. Augustine's in Owerri Girls Secondary School will be renovated starting this February.

Through the John Ogbu Fund, 74 plots of land will be acquired. The land will be used for agriculture and the construction of a vocational center.

We plan to continue our charitable giving to the following Charitable Organizations:

Government Secondary School Afikpo

Government College Umuahia

Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas



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