



**REPORT ON OUTREACH
AND WORLD
HEMOPHILIA DAY
CELEBRATION AT WA**

8th-17th of April 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Ghana Hemophilia Society is devoted to breaking the shackles of hemophilia on affected persons, their families and nationwide. In view of this, it has embarked with help from other partners on various program geared towards achieving this objective.

One of such program is going on an outreach to educate, create awareness and identify more cases on hemophilia.

On the 8th-17th of April 2019, another of such program was organized at the Upper West Region, Wa to help create awareness, identify more cases of hemophilia and also provide the necessary treatment needed.

PREPARATIONS AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY CELEBRATION.

On the 8th of April 2019, A three-member team from the Ghana Hemophilia Society set off from Accra at 5:30pm to the Upper West Region, Wa for the outreach and World Hemophilia Day celebration. On their way to Wa, they picked one hemophilia nurse; Limmy Sarpong at around 11:34pm at Kumasi making a team of four. The team arrived in Wa on the 9th of April at around 8:27am and were welcomed by the Regional Representative; Alhassan Abdul- Nasir, a native of Wa making a team of Five. Just after settling down, the team went out to the Wa Regional Coordinating Council and the Wa regional hospital to meet the medical director (Dr. Naa Gandau) and some senior nurses to announce their presence in the region, to confirm receipt of the letters sent out and to also give out some flyers, outreach and world hemophilia day celebration banners to aid in awareness creation. At the end of the meeting with the Medical Director of Wa and his able staff members, he requested for a day to have a brief presentation on hemophilia for the nurses and some medical practitioners around.



10th April,2019.

On this faithful day which is Wednesday, the team of five; Nana Yaa Adjei (Programs Manager, GHS), Limmy Sarpong (Hemophilia Nurse, KATH), Maxberald Bubu (staff and patient, GHS), Christiana Angmor (staff) and Alhassan Abdul-Nasir (Regional Rep.Biomedical Scientist, Wa) went to various radio stations in Wa; Home FM radio 99.7 and Progress radio 98.1 FM to have a discussion on hemophilia and educate the public on the disease. The team also went out to mount up some banners and posters at vantage points. The Information Service Department was also visited to request for the information van and an interpreter in their local dialect to aid in the awareness creation.



The team at Home Radio FM in Wa.

11th April,2019



On Thursday, the team continued with the awareness creation by visiting another radio station called Radio Upper West 90.1mhz/93.9mhz to educate the public on the disease condition, hemophilia.

Just after the education at Radio Upper West, the team dashed to the Wa Nursing Training College to have a short meeting with the Principal, the Vice and the Administrator to confirm their invitation to the World Hemophilia Day Celebration.



The GHS team in a meeting with the Principal, Vice & Administrator of the Wa Nursing Training College.

At the end of the meeting, a day was scheduled for a presentation on hemophilia to the students to give them prior knowledge about the condition since they are future leaders and first point of call in the Health Sector.

On our way back from the Nursing Training College, we visited some CHPS compounds at Dondoli and Tampaalipaani; sub towns of Wa to educate the nurses working there about the disease condition, hemophilia and also invited them to the World Hemophilia Day Celebration.





THE TEAM AT A CHPS COMPOUND AT A TOWN CALLED DONDOLI IN WA.



THE TEAM AT ANOTHER CHPS COMPOUND IN TAMPALIPAANI.

The team then went round with the information van together with an interpreter to create awareness, educate and give out flyers to people on the streets, markets and lorry stations to



make the disease hemophilia known to them and also invite them for the free screening on the World Hemophilia Day on the 17th of April 2019 at the Jubilee Park in Wa.

12th April,2019

On Friday, the team started its day's activity by having a short presentation at the Wa Regional Hospital as requested by the medical director for nurses and other workers from other districts in Wa.



A PRESENTATION AT THE WA REGIONAL HOSPITAL



Just after that presentation, the team did another presentation on hemophilia to the students of Wa Nursing Training College to educate them on the diagnosis, care and treatment of hemophilia.



A PRESENTATION AT THE WA NURSING TRAINING COLLEGE

After that presentation, the team had arranged to go to some mosques to have a talk on hemophilia. So we were divided into groups with an interpreter for each group and went to various mosques to have the talk on hemophilia.







A TALK ON HEMOPHILIA AT THE MOSQUE

13th April,2019.

The awareness creation continued through to Saturday. The team again went to a radio station called Puopeli FM 92.7 GN radio to have another talk show on hemophilia.

After the talk show, the team paid homage to various sub chiefs (Naa) of Wa. We visited Naa Abdullah Abdul-Razak, Naa Robert Logan, Konle Naa Seidu Armar and finally at the paramount chief's compound to educate the chief (Wa Naa) and some elders at the palace on hemophilia. Van announcements still continued at the market square and other neighboring towns like Kpasalga, Kambole, Fongo, Kpaguri, kumfubiela, Tindama, Dondoli, Tampaalpaani, etc.



GHS team with the Paramount chief and other sub chiefs of the Wa traditional Area.

14th April,2019.



On Sunday as most believers will go to church to give reverence to their Maker, the GHS team also visited some churches to continue with the awareness creation on hemophilia and also to announce the free screening on the World Hemophilia Day. Some of the churches visited were The Amazing City of Wonders International, Lighthouse chapel International and St. Andrews Catholic Church. (Cathedral)





AWARENESS CREATION AT A CHURCH

The team also had a meeting with one adolescent group called the Female Reproductive Health Foundation to rehearse a drama on hemophilia and the documentary on Hemophilia was also shown to help them propagate the message of hemophilia.

15th April,2019.

On this brighter day, the team with zeal visited the Municipal Chief Executive of Wa to confirm the venue for the celebration and to also invite to be a part of the celebration. A few follow ups were done on some invited guests for the World Hemophilia Day Celebration.



16th April,2019.

The GHS team had a morning show on Puopeli FM 90.1 GN radio for the discussion on hemophilia and announce the free screening and the celebration of World Hemophilia Day. And the documentary was aired on radio to create awareness.

The team with the information van went to the environs of Wa to make the final announcement for the World Hemophilia Day Celebration and free screening happening at Jubilee Park.



THE TEAM DOING A ONE-ON-ONE TALK ON HEMOPHILIA WITH THE PEOPLE

Other follow ups and arrangements were made to make the celebration a memorable one.



The chairman Naa Ali Pelpuo Yelmaana (Busaa Naa) accepted to chair the program and wished everyone present their very best of the Day.

The Programs Manager then read the speech from the president of Ghana Hemophilia Society and Press released from the World Federation of Hemophilia(WFH) and also briefed the gathering on the achievement of the society, total number of patients in the society's record, the estimated number of potential persons living with the condition yet to be identified and the factors provided to patients.

There was a vivacious dance performance by the cultural troupe from Tumu traditional area, Wa.

Thereafter the special guest for the Regional Minister, Mr. Gilbert Nuuri-teg addressed the gathering and gave his support for the celebration and the Ghana Hemophilia Society.

Another breathe taking performance took place by the Female Reproductive Health Foundation. They staged a play depicting an elite and non-elite families with children suffering from hemophilia and how they sought for treatment. They also delivered a poem on Hemophilia.

Maxberald Bubu; a patient and staff of Ghana Hemophilia Society shared his experience on living as hemophiliac. He talked about how his parents took him to various herbalists, pastors and health workers in search of treatment until he met Ghana Hemophilia Society who provides him with factors and now living his life as a happy man.

The Chairman Naa Ali Pelpuo Yelmaana (Busaa Naa) gave his closing remarks by giving his support to help identify more hemophiliacs in the Region through the various traditional heads, Regional Coordinating council and RHDS.

Nurse Limmy Sarpong then gave the vote of thanks and closing prayer.

SCREENING

The Free screening was the main item after the celebration. A team of 10 medical professionals headed by Our Regional Representative who is a Biomedical Scientist. A Total number of 260 people reported for the Screening. The Screening Includes Routine Vital Signs, BP, Random and fasting sugar Check, Malaria, syphilis, Voluntary HIV testing, Hepatitis and PT and APTT.



APPT and PT were done for only potential patients who through the administration of questionnaire were eligible. Out of 260 people who reported for the screening, 25 were screened for PT and APTT. And 4 came out with abnormal PT & APTT. We further recommended a sample to be sent to Kumasi for further examination and possible Factor Assay. PT & APTT screening is still ongoing at the region to help identify more cases



PICTURES OF THE SCREENING SESSION



MEDIA COVERAGE

The World Hemophilia Day celebration was covered by Joy tv, Citi tv, Adom tv and GBC media. The programs manager was also interviewed to enable them propagate the message on Hemophilia worldwide.

CONCLUSION

In a nutshell, the program was successful and the turn up was substantial. Most people at least got an idea on hemophilia because initially they had no clue of what hemophilia was all about.

Photograph sessions followed and then departure.



A PICTURE WITH THE PARAMOUNT CHIEF AND SOME HEALTH WORKERS



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