



**REPORT ON TRAINING,
OUTREACH AND SCREENING
ORGANIZED IN BONO
REGION.**

30th October, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Ghana Hemophilia Society (G.He.S) is committed to breaking the shackles of hemophilia on affected persons, their families and the country at large. For this reason, it has embarked with the help from other partners on various programs to achieve this objective.

An outreach program was organized in Bono Region to increase advocacy, training for healthcare professional and a screening exercise for patients' identification.

On 30th October,2021, two project officers of the Ghana hemophilia society took off from Accra and arrived safely in Sunyani. They lodged at Tyco City Hotel. The idea was to create awareness in churches around Bono Region the next day.

On 31st October, 2021, the two project officers left the hotel to meet representatives of Bono Region information department as their help was needed to create the awareness.

The representatives were Mr. Maxwell Asempra (driver) and Mr. Ruben Oliver(communicator). The following churches were visited

1. Catholic church
2. Presbyterian Church
3. Emmanuel Congregation
4. End time Crusaders
5. Ebenezer Congregation
6. Calvary Methodist
7. Citadel House of royals
8. St. Anselm's Anglican cathedral

In all of these churches, the presence of the Ghana hemophilia Society was announced and the project officers together with the communicator from information service department were allowed to talk to the congregation. We informed them of the training and the screening exercise and encouraged the people to come out in their numbers for the screening, which would be conducted at the Bono regional Hospital.

All the questions that were asked were given the appropriate answers. The presence of the communicator has very helpful as the churches were familiar with him since he was from the information service department.



Awareness creation around the churches came to an end around 2.30pm.



At 4:00PM, we went to three towns namely Yaahemaa, Kootokrom and new Domaa to create awareness. The communicator made the announcements whereas the two projects officers shared flyers to individuals and explained the condition to them.





On Monday 1st November, 2021, the two project officers left the hotel again to meet with Dr. Kumi (Bono Region Deputy director for Clinical Care). He took the responsibility to disseminate information about the training to various districts in Bono Region thus we had to meet him in person to thank him.

In the meeting, we asked if he had informed the Regional Hospital's Laboratory about the screening. Dr. Kumi instructed us to go there in ourselves as he was going to meet and discuss it with the head of laboratory later that day. We proceeded to the Regional Hospital where he met the medical Director (Dr. Newton), who introduced us to the head of Laboratory (Mr. Osei)

The meeting was successful as Mr. Osei told us to allow our Biomedical Scientist to come around and inspect their laboratory to check if everything was in order for the screening.

We left the hospital to follow up on radio stations we had sent letters to before arriving in Sunyani. This was to find out if we could be given airtime to educate the public about Hemophilia and also announce the screening date.

We first went to space FM who agreed to interview us on 3rd November, 2021. The second radio station was moonlight FM who complained about a fault with machines thus unable to hold an interview session. The third was storm FM who gave us 1.00pm the next day being 2nd November 2021. The fourth was Ark FM who gave us 9.40 am the next day being 2nd November, 2021. The fifth radio station was Dinpa FM who said their transformer was burnt so could not give us an appointment. The last two radio stations were heaven and Nimdie FM stations. We got an appointment with Nimdie only.



We returned to the hotel at 4.30pm and the director (Dr. Mohammed) together with Nurse Limmy and the driver (Mr. Tenu) had also arrived at the hotel by then.

On Tuesday 2nd November 2021, the driver left very early to Kumasi in order to bring the facilitators to Sunyani. Meanwhile, the director, nurse Limmy and the two project officers left the hotel to various radio stations.

Our first appointment was with Ark FM at 9:40am. We got there at 9:30am. The interview started and the director, nurse and project officer answered all the questions that followed. The presenter was surprised at the mention of hemophilia as he had never heard of it before. At the end of the interview, the official number of the Ghana hemophilia society was announced to the public as they were encouraged to come for the screening.

The second appointment was with Nimdie FM which started at 11:00am. The host was very interesting which made the interview lively. As usual, the director, nurse and project officer answered all his questions and by 1:30pm the show came to an end.

The next radio station was Storm FM and the appointment time was 1:00pm so we rushed to the office of the deputy director for clinical care to notify him to send reminders to the participants since the training was on 3rd November 2021.

The interview at Storm FM was a success. Madam Naa who happened to be the host asked many interesting questions which were all addressed by our director, nurse and project officer.

We finished with the radio stations by 2.30pm and returned to the hotel. The driver had arrived together with our facilitators by the time we got there. We planned to go to Berekum later that day to create awareness.

The information Van picked us by 4.00pm and we travelled to Berekum. One of the project officers together with nurse Ellen shared flyers and explained the condition to people in the market areas as the communicator made the announcement. Meanwhile, the other project officer together with our biomedical scientist from KATH and the driver also went to the regional hospital to inspect their laboratory.

We returned to the hotel in the evening to prepare for the training the next day.





The team with the morning show host at Ark FM





The team with the host of Nimde3 FM



The team with the host of Storm FM





The team with the host of Space FM

3RD NOVEMBER, 2021. TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The venue for the training was Tyco City Hotel. The program was set to begin by 9:00am. Participants started arriving and were registered by the project officers. A documentary on hemophilia was streamed for the few participants that were seated as others were yet to arrive. The MC for the program was Miss Christiana Angmor. The opening prayer was said by Ellen Oduro. Rahamatu Adams introduced the dignitaries. Dr. Kumi (deputy director for clinical care) was the chairman. He gave the welcome address. The executive director of Ghana hemophilia Society (Dr. Deen) gave a short address after which Dr Emma lectured on the overview of hemophilia which was the first session of the program. Questions and answer session followed then we took a coffee break.



It was time for the second session of the program where we usually break into groups of doctors, nurses, biomedical scientists and physiotherapists. Dr. Emma lectured the doctors. Limmy Sarpong lectured the Nurses. Cedelle Andoh took charge of the physiotherapists and Jerry John also lectured the biomedical scientists.

All the facilitators had printed slides which were shared to the various participants by the project officers.

There were three media stations to cover the program (Adom tv, Citi TV and Angel TV). The group sessions ended and all participants got together again. Certificates were issued to few participants by the executive director and the chairman.

The chairman gave his closing remarks and the executive director thanked everyone who made it to the program. It was now time for group pictures after which everyone moved to the restaurant to have lunch. Below are some pictures of the training.



Dr. Emma Serwaa Gyawu during the overview session





Participants listening attentively during the overview session





Dr. Emma leading the doctors discussion during the group sessions



Mr. Jerry John leading the laboratory scientists discussion





Cedelle Andoh leading the physiotherapist



Limmy Sarpong leading the nurses discussion



Group picture of participants at the Bono Region training

04th NOVEMBER, 2021 SCREENING DAY AT THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

The screening team arrived at the regional hospital by 8:00am to begin the screening exercise. Meanwhile, one project officer went with the information van round town reminding the public to come to the regional hospital to screen.

At the hospital, those who had come for the screening were registered by the project officer, nurse Limmy and nurse Ellen took their samples whilst Jerry John run PT and APPT tests on them.

The screening team waited patiently as the individuals came in slowly. The exercise came to an end at 5:00pm. The total number that gave samples was 29 with 14 showing high APPT results. The samples were going to be transferred to Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital the next day for the last test (Factor Assay).



Whilst the screening was ongoing, the driver drove Dr. Emma back to Kumasi and returned to Sunyani by 3:00pm. Cedelle Andoh also went back to Berekum. Below are some pictures of the screening.



05TH NOVEMBER, 2021. DAY OF DEPARTURE

The executive director (Dr. Deen) set off by 5:30am from Sunyani to Kumasi alone since all of us would not fit in the car. The plan was that he joins us in Kumasi after we drop off Limmy Sarpong and Jerry John. Ellen Oduro did not join our car since she had some other appointments to take care of in Sunyani.

The rest of the team (driver, Limmy, Jerry and the two project officers set off from Tyco City Hotel to and arrived in Kumasi by 10:00 am . Limmy alighted on the way after which Jerry was taken to the Hospital to preserve the samples

We picked Dr. Deen from Kumasi KFC and headed to Accra. It rained on the way to Accra hence there was much traffic. We arrived in Accra by 7:00pm. The driver dropped off everyone and returned the car to the rental company.

