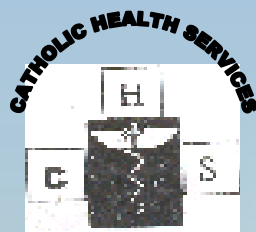


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AdHoc Committee

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD June
2019 TO November 2020



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INTRODUCTION

This report covers the period June to November 2020, and states out how the grant from the Diocese of Portsmouth intended to provide emergency assistance to Internally Displaced Persons victims of the ongoing armed conflict within the Archdiocese of Bamenda and refugees in neighbouring countries through the AdHoc Committee created for the purpose was used.

The numbers of displaced persons continue to increase though acts of violence recorded so far are not as many as during the previous period. This could largely be justified by the fact that basic needs like food, water, healthcare and education to name just these, are not available in the village communities so the tendency of men, women and children moving to Bamenda city and its environs in order to benefit from these services. Though there is a remarkable presence of National and International organizations in Bamenda to respond to the needs of the victims and affected persons, reaching out to everyone is a big challenge because of difficult access to those in the bushes and in no little way the effects of the global pandemic-Covid-19 in relation to the conspiracy theories associated with it.

During this reporting period as well, we are still within the transition period with the taking over of canonical possession of the Archdiocese of Bamenda by His Grace Archbishop Andrew Nkea.

ACTIVITIES

The sum of 10,666,462frs CFA was received as converted and the various allocations were made as agreed previously among the 3 Services that make up the AdHoc Committee to the tune of 50%, 40% and 10% respectively to Social Welfare/Caritas, Health Services and Justice and Peace Service.

A first withdrawal of about 50% of the total grant was released to the tune of 5,369,462 FRS pending complete release of the balance in the month of December 2020.

*130 families have been assisted in various forms;

- 6 with accommodation for 6 months each,

- Food supplies and non-food items,

- 3 parishes equally received food items for total of 100 host household for 432 individuals,

- hospital bills incurred in the months of May, June and September were cleared up, health assistance was provided to mostly children and pregnant girls and women between the ages of 16 to 32, and 2 for delivery including one who gave birth to triplets,

- Provided legal support on behalf of 5 victims of sexual gender-based violence,

- Supported a family head of 5 with alternative livelihood packet after facilitating his release from detention and his commercial motorbike confiscated at the gendarmerie brigade,

- The support group 'Struggling Women' formed by the Health Commission with close to 20 female IDPs were trained in the production and commercialization

of liquid soap and other detergents to assist them boost their income and keep their group alive after the training,

16 of them received startup capital of 30,000 FRS each, while another lady received a Complete Industrial Chain-Stitch Embroidery Machine after having gone through training for the purpose.

It should be noted that priority is given to children, pregnant women, persons with disabilities and the elderly for any kind of assistance.

The triplets and their parents with Sr. Louisa



Training female IDPs in Book keeping



A Complete Industrial Embroidery Machine



CHALLENGES

- Updating data on IDPs is a very challenging exercise as they continue to move in search of safety and livelihood and since violence is ongoing unabated, and no signs of political will to end violence is in sight. When we program field visits to follow up on their activities and wellbeing, we realize they moved out of town and many more new ones are registered
- Inability to assist every vulnerable IDP

On a concluding note, we continue to canvas for more support so that while we address emergency support to victims we could equally ensure them early recovery programs that could assure their stability and hope to contribute to peace as they look forward to return to their communities no longer as victims but as survivors.

The balance of the grant has been preserved to prepare Christmas packages for identified IDPs so a short report on that will be made and forwarded by the end of December 2020.

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