

REPORT OF DENTAL SERVICES IN THE CATHOLIC CLINIC IN BACHABORDO/DIOCESE YENDI , 7th – 11th of September

In February 2017 the chairwoman of the German NGO DENTAL-VOLUNTEERS visited the healthpost in Bachabordo, a community in the Mion District of the catholic diocese of Yendi in the northern region of Ghana.

Dr. Agnes Wagner was very impressed about that catholic clinic , sponsored by the German association HOPE FOR GHANA, and decided to support the project with free dental services to the local people.

On 7th September 2017 the Executive Secretary of health could meet the three young volunteer dentists (Julia L., Jana S., Simon J.) in Tamale and bring them with all necessary dental equipments to Bachabordo.

To the chief and his elder they paid a courtesy call; the clinic staff had already prepared the room and was helpful in a lot of details.

The first day started with screening of 98 children because the priority was given to establish a school dental healthcare for the future.; some urgent extractions were done. On the second day 48 patients got the necessary treatments according their conditions: Extractions, fillings, scaling etc. including medication.

On day 3 and 4 another 20 and 21 patients got urgent and helpful treatments.

Especially for the children the dental volunteers were demonstrating why and how it is so important to brush the teeth; brushes were given to the smaller pupils.

The idea is to install a school dental health care for prevention and to avoid the painful teeth problems for the future.

Most of the 188 patients were from Bachabordo, 5% came from surrounding communities like Tatale, Tamale and Damanko (Volta Region of Ghana).

Photographs and videos were saving the daily situations of these dental services.

All the presented different complaints of the teeth and gums were serious, many oral and facial problems could be treated and observed in the following days.

So the people were very grateful about the provided dental services and hoping to be continued in future such helpful activities .

As well in other health facilities of the diocese this programme should run.

Before leaving Bachabordo the team said farewell to the chief who expressed his gratitude and wished them well.

The dental volunteers went back to Tamale and proceeded their dental actions in Damongo diocese.

Result:

The image of the Diocese Yendi was promoted .

So we wish to sustain the partnership and the collaboration with the NGO DV as service for many dental problems and prevention for the future.

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