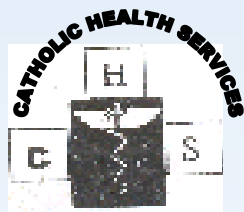


ARCHDIOCESE OF BAMENDA

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM THE DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

[Author Name]



DECEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

Into its 4th year and counting, the populations of the North West and South West regions continue to live in fear and insecurity as the conflict transforms from one stage to the other with no sign of mitigating the violence or finding solutions to the cause of the conflict is envisaged. This comes with a consequential acute need of humanitarian interventions. It is the backdrop of insecurity, violence and instability that human casualties continue to be recorded in very high figures in the north west region and particularly within the archdiocese of Bamenda. Human rights abuses and violations continue with impunity as the justice system seems to be powerless in the midst of all these, leaving protection of citizens in such emergency into the hands of UN Agencies, International NGOs and local organizations. The consequences of such disorder abound; cases of aggravated kidnappings, number of displaced persons, those that loss their lives in the process, others homeless and dispossessed of their properties and homes, simply put, the atrocities are topping the chart. Humanitarian organizations UN systems and INGOs have settled in but the situation keeps worsening by the day as the needs of victims and potential victims in terms of food, shelter, healthcare and wellbeing, education, to name just these keep rising at an alarming rate.

The Archdiocese of Bamenda through the Ad Hoc Committee pays attention to the IDPs particularly in responding to some of the most crucial needs. This is done by first of all identifying the the IDP during which time information gotten is assessed to confirm the state of the concerned as well as his/her needs. Specific tools for Such data collection have been designed and are updated as often as necessary.

This report dwells strictly on the use of assistance made available by the diocese of Portsmouth. The paragraphs that follow details how the funds received were used as weel as a finacial run down including supporting documentations.

THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND

The emergency situation continues to be alarming, as violence persists just everywhere. Particularly in Bamessing the situation has been dire for the last 4 weeks with wanton atrocities 7 persons were summarily executed including a nursing mother and her child and more than 1000 persons have all moved to Babanki parish where they are seeking refuge. The situation of persons living with disability is a course for concern, in Widikum the situation very challenging where over a 100 persons are in need of assistance.

In the midst of all these the Committee tries to reach out to all and particularly the most deperate. Our response is targeted towards distribution (food and non food items) and protection (health, access to justice and recently undertook shelter). spontaneously as the need arises. By the time of compiling this report, shelter was provided for 4 families with a total of 10 children all headed by their mothers.

In as much as food continues to be the most assessed need, but during this reporting period the request for healthcare has been high and even more costly with technical

advise of the health coordinator it was resolved that mostly children and pregnant women will be attended to for the meantime. Notwithstanding emergency health conditions not related to the mentioned groups could be exceptionally taken care of. In the month of November 2019, **72 patients** received medical attention in St. Blaise Clinic while the rest **18** were treated in The Martins Medical Center earlier this year and in the month of September. More than 25 families displaced to 4 locations; Vianney Center in Bafut, Widikum, Babanki, received food items.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

On 8th November 2019, the sum of 2,500,000 FCFA to cover the cost of hospital bills and food supplies for 97 persons, with children and babies making 22.3% of the total attended to, for ante natal 23.2%, deliveries 7% and 48.% were treated for other ailments and surgeries. It is important to note that more than 95% of those who were given medical attention are within the age range of 1 week to 39 years old. And majority of those with disability are the elderly

A total of 25 families of approximately 6 persons per household received food supplies.

A total of **1,917,850 FCFA** spent for medical bills, and **610,000 FCFA** for food supplies. This means a total of **2,527,850 FCFA** was spent for the reporting period the account actually stands at a deficit of **1,418,054 FCFA**

SOME PICTURES

Assessment of some beneficiaries (living with disability) in widikum before distribution.



Fr. Paul blessing beneficiaries during distribution



One of the 4 families with 2 children who has been provided shelter



Caritas staff delivering non-food items to beneficiary at her shelter



Caritas staff visiting new babies at St. Blaise Clinic



CONCLUSION

On this note, we would like to register immense gratitude to the Christian community and people of good will in the diocese of Portsmouth who continue to support our efforts to bring hope to the hopeless especially during this time of need.

Accept our sincere best wishes for Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020.

For the Ad Hoc Committee Team

Laura Anyola Tufon

December 2019