



AWINBONO FOUNDATION GHANA

Activity Report 2016



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Introduction

Awinbono Foundation Ghana is an NGO that seek to provide access to health care services in Bongo district in the Upper East Region. This region is the second poorest regions in Ghana and Bongo District is the third poorest district (67.4%), out of 13 districts in the Region.¹

The Foundation started officially in 2013 and is collaborating with Stichting Awinbono (www.awinbono.nl) in the Netherlands. Stichting Awinbono aims to improve access to health care in Bongo District in Ghana by supporting the projects of Awinbono Foundation Ghana with funds and advice. Since the start of the foundation, staff who worked for the foundation, worked on voluntary basis because, there is not much funds to pay salaries. Despite no salaries, the available staff who equally had their full-time jobs, worked as much as they could to achieve set targets.

There are different projects the foundation planned to implement. The first project was an obstetric ultrasound clinic which will provide ultrasound scans to women who are pregnant. The second project is a laboratory and the third a chemical shop, all in Bongo. The laboratory will provide service to pregnant women who have not been able to do the required test due to unavailability of lab services in some of the sub-districts and the chemical shop would serve the township of Bongo for first aid bases.

In 2015, the focus of the foundation was on the obstetric ultrasound clinic whereby attention was given to the renovation of office space for the ultrasound clinic, importing the ultrasound machine, training someone to operate the machine and as well start the renovation of office space for the laboratory and the chemical shop. Focusing on one project at a time became necessary in order to learn from it our strengths and weakness, while planning for the implementation of the rest of the project in the coming years.

¹ Ghana Poverty Mapping Report. Ghana Statistical Service May 2015.

Mission and Vision

The mission is to provide access to health care. Providing access to health care, we are respecting the people's right to health services.

The vision is, Awinbono Foundation will provide access to health care in clinical services and maternal health care with a special attention to patient centered care and the implementation of health projects.

Objectives

Our main long term objectives are:

1. Mobilize funds locally and internationally for the construction of a medical center (OPD and maternity services) in Balungo in the Bongo District.
2. Import medical equipment and supplies for the provision of health care services.
3. Mobilize internal and external resources (human, physical and financial) for project implementation and community health development.
4. Cooperate and maintain a good relationship with Ghana Health Service/Ministry of health, District Assembly and other alairs in healthcare services.
5. Host foreign volunteers who wish to live and serve our communities.
6. Joining the National Health Insurance.

Priorities for 2016

Awinbono Foundation main priorities are organized around the projects that we intend to implement.

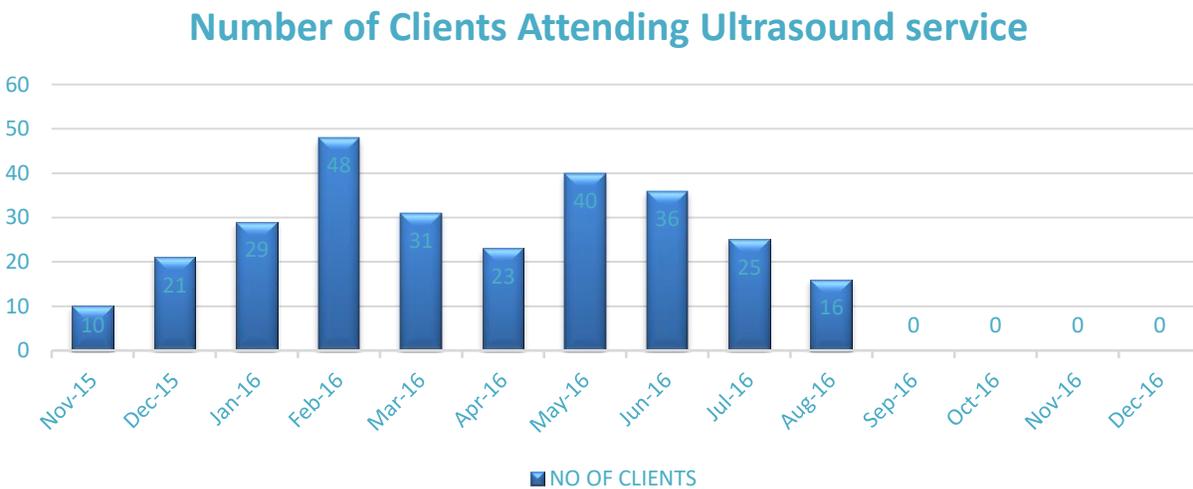
1. To sustainably manage an Ultrasound scan, laboratory and pharmacy services for pregnant women.
2. To start marketing the operations of the ultrasound clinic and charging clients who come for scans before we join the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS).
3. To equip the laboratory and stock the chemical shop.
4. To go green by installing solar panels for electricity.

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Khadija Alangdi was appointed manager to manage the operations of the ultrasound, laboratory and the pharmacy. She visited the clinics and Health Centers in Bongo Sub-Districts to talk to the staff about the services offered by our clinic. Radio announcement and jingles were carried out to create awareness and promote our services as well. Following the marketing activities, clients started coming for our services. The cost of making an ultrasound was 10 Ghana cedis.



At the beginning of 2016, our target for the ultrasound attendance was 30 clients in a month. We were able to meet the target of 30 clients for 4 months, thus February, March May and June, refer to graph below.



The ultrasound machine got spoiled in August 2016 and we were not able to work with it till the end of 2016.

A satisfied and grateful client visited the manager with a guinea fowl after giving birth to a baby boy, as was determined by the sonographer during the scan of her pregnancy. She came to show her baby and thank us for the good care.

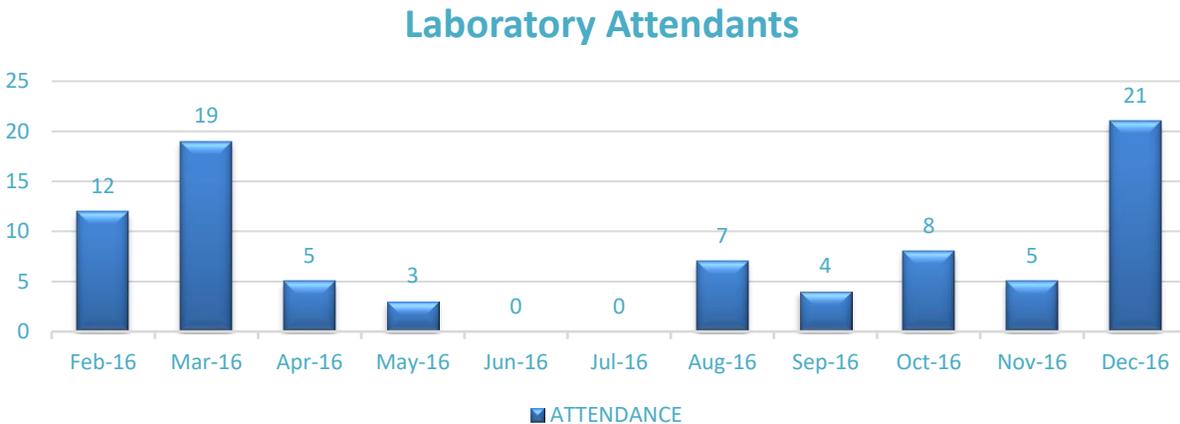


In May 2016, a summer hut was constructed to serve as an open waiting area for the ultrasound or laboratory, where the pregnant women can wait in the shade until their turn for a scan or laboratory diagnosis.

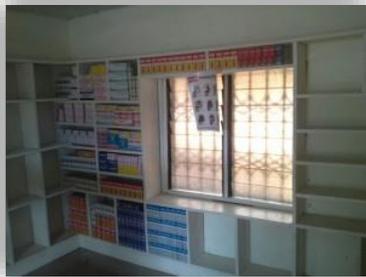


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Stichting Awinbono, our partner in the Netherlands, purchased a centrifuge and a full blood count machine for the laboratory. The equipment was brought to Ghana by a volunteer of 'Meet Africa'. With these equipment, more blood tests can be done in the laboratory. Below is a graph showing clients attendants.



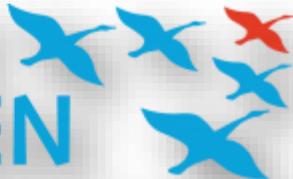
In June 2016, the Pharmacy Council of Ghana visited the chemical shop for regulatory purposes and was satisfied with the outcome. We finally could start selling first aid medications to clients in the month of August 2016. Below is a graph depicting clients attendants.



To go green by installing solar panels for electricity

As part of our priorities for 2016, going green was one of them and it did come to past. The foundation was able to implement this project, which will significantly reduce our cost of electricity. This was made possible with support from our partners Stichting Awinbono, in collaboration with ZLTO Gemert and Wild Geese, all in the Netherlands.



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Construction of 2 Out Patient Department (OPD) rooms in Balungo

One of our aims is to construct an OPD in Balungo, in order to contribute to the access of health care in Bongo District. Work was started in 2016 to make the necessary preparations and that led to the application for a building plan with the District Assembly. The permit to build was approved and fun raising activities also started. We hope to start building in 2017.



New staff member

Since November 2016, we have a new staff member in the clinic. She is Janet Azongo and works in both the laboratory and the pharmacy. She has done the two-year education as a nurse assistant. She is responsible for selling the medication and performing rapid diagnostic tests in the laboratory.

A Visit by our partners in the Netherlands

During the Christmas holidays 2016, Sikko Beukema and Meike Akurgo-Beukema of the Board of Directors of Stichting Awinbono, our partners in the Netherlands, visited Awinbono Foundation Ghana to see the projects in Bongo. As part of their visit, a promotional activity was organized. For this purpose, the local people were invited to attend a talk on Hepatitis B and Typhoid fever. In addition, there was a lottery to sell baby clothes brought from the Netherlands. Throughout the afternoon people could measure their blood pressure and those with high blood pressure received counselling. In total, more than 200 people came to the promotional activity.



Financial Report 2016

As indicated, the foundation is collaborating with Stichting Awinbono in the Netherlands. We receive funding from our partners in 2016 for the implementation of the solar project, the summer hurt to serve as a waiting area, and funds for administrative cost. Below is a table indicating financial situation in 2016.

Income/funds	Expenditure	Balance
51,104.35	47,637.93	3,466.42

Income generating activities

The Ultrasound, laboratory and chemical shop generated income in 2016.

Activity	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Laboratory	794	51.2	742.8
Chemical shop	523.5	71	452.3
Ultrasound	3,115	1,606	1,509
Total	4,432.5	1,728.2	2,704.1