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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. They are paid allowances because, there is not much funds to pay full salaries. Despite on allowances, the available staff 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 other to learn from it our strengths and weakness, while planning for the implementation of the rest of the project in the coming years.

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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. Coorperate and mentain 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 2017

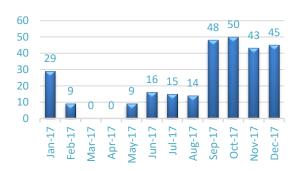
Awinbono Foundation main priorities are organized around the projects that we intend to implement.

- 1. To continue ultrasound, laboratory, and chemical shop services to the people of Bongo and beyond.
- 2. To construct a mechanized borehole to provide water for the Clinic in Balungu.
- 3. To construct 2 OPD rooms in Balungo.

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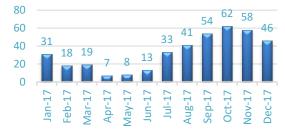
The ultrasound attendants in the first 6 months of 2017 was not so much. The main reason was that, the only sonographer we had was not able to work full time. From September till December, the sonographer worked full time and the attendants increased and ranged between 43 to 50.

Ultrasound Attendants



The laboratory is equipped with a blood count machine, a microscope, a centrifuge and rapid diagnostic tests for malaria, hepatitis b, and HIV/AIDS. In the first half of 2017, laboratory tests were also low. In June to December, there was an increase in the attendance with the highest attendance been 62 in October.

Laboratory Attendants



The chemical shop followed a similar trend with the ultrasound and laboratory. Comparing 2016 and 2017, there is an increase of attendants by 50%. Activities that were carried out to increase client attendance included; talking to people in the market about our services, radio announcement and awareness campaigns by going from house to house.

Chemical shop Attendants



To construct a mechanized borehole to provide water for the Clinic in Balungu.

A mechanized borehole was constructed in our land in Balungo. With this borehole we have water to use for the construction of the OPD and maternity buildings and also for the use of the facility and clients.





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

One of our aim was to construct 2 OPD rooms in Balungo, in other to contribute to the access of health care services in Bongo District and beyond. The necessary documentations were made to obtain a building permit from the District Assembly. An amount of 29,139.89 Ghana cedis were received from Stiching Awinbono in partnership with Wilde Ganzen to build the 2 rooms. In August 2017, the 2 rooms were completed.







Financial Report 2017

This financial report is a summary of funds donated to the foundation and also the income generated from the laboratory, ultrasound clinic, and the chemical shop.

Donations received

Doner(s)	Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Stichting Awinbono and	To build 2 OPD	30,096.02	26,703	3,393.02
Wilde Geeses	rooms			
Stichting Awinbono	Mechanized Borehole	10,482	10,482	0
Stichting Awinbono	Administration	12,018	4,398.8	7,619.2
Total		52,596.02	41,583.8	11,012.22

Income generating

Activity	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Laboratory	4167	2074.8	2092.2
Chemical shop	4870.4	1272.4	3598
Ultrasound	5694	4645.6	1048.4
Total	14731.4	7992.8	6,738.6