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Peace - Work - Fatherland

Subject: Summary of Activities and immediate Needs  
Submitted to Ashua-eh For Evaluation and  
Assistance:

Mr/Mrs Bruhin

We are glad and blessed to have been visited  
by you. Your presence has given you the  
opportunity to assess for yourselves and have  
first hand information on the population of  
the Mayo Danké District and our Health Centre.

The Catholic Health Centre Mayo Danké  
serves a population of over 20,000 people in  
the Mayo Danké District. The District is made  
up of a mixed population consisting of the  
Foulbés and Haoussas as dominant groups.  
Smaller groups include the Yambas, Mambilas,  
Bourmoums, Banzo and Borono. These groups  
have different customs and life styles and  
carry out different economic activities.

The population lives in a purely rural setup  
with animal husbandry and farming as their  
major sources of income. The per capita  
income is low and hence very poor living  
conditions.

The people cannot meet up with medical and other financial responsibilities. Thus your involvement in this area will be very much appreciated by the population and will give more meaning to your philanthropic work.

The Catholic Health Centre serves as the Major Health unit in this District, with over, 2300 curative cases, 200 deliveries and about 600 admissions per year. It equally carries out preventive, rehabilitative and promotive Health Activities.

Our zeal has been to persistently improve our services to the advantage of the impoverished population. The Health Centre is situated some 57km away from the Nearest Hospital in Banyo where we refer cases especially surgical cases. On several occasions relatives of patients have been unable to meet up with Hospital bills let alone Transportation cost and have been forced to abandon patients to die when referred.

The greatest aspiration of the Catholic Health Centre has been to setup a well equipped mini theatre so as to enable them carry out emergency minor operations like caesarian section, Herniorrhaphy, Appendectomy, Laparotomy etc.

Through support from Italian benefactors we have been able to acquire

- \* A powerful generator (for electricity)
- \* A caesarian section set.
- \* A hot air steriliser
- \* Some forceps
- \* A suction machine

On our part we have bought

- x An oxygen extractor machine.

Some theatre requirements still needed include

- \* A Theatre bed
- \* Anaesthetic machine
- \* An electric cautery machine
- \* Movable operating lamps - shadowless.

NIB Even with the presence of the mentioned instruments the theatre proper has not been constructed and they are packed up in the drug store. our greatest ambition therefore is the building of a Mini theatre to house these instruments and thus permit us to start the Surgical department.

For now we have a sketch plan of an 850M x 810M Mini theatre whose cost <sup>estimate</sup> has not been done. If this project is feasible within your lines of activities then the cost estimate will be made and sent to you.

In the dentistry department we are equally in need of a drilling machine for tooth filling. Our hospital beds are old and outdated we will equally be please if they are renewed.

Generally we are always in need of Consumables Like: dripsets, \* Transfusion bags + sets, \* Syringes \* Sutures of all varieties (Chronic, Plain, Vicryl Denon, PDS, Silk) and sizes \* Scrub brushes, \* Drapes and towels, \* Theatre wears, \* Drip Stands Camular of all sizes, \* Catheters, \* Sphygmomanometers \* Stethoscopes, \* Tourniquets,ambu bags etc.

The Health centre is equally unable to meet up with some of its very important financial obligations and thus are forced to run into debts.

Our wish is that the ASHIA-eh should consider the Mayo Dante Health centre as a Pilote centre for their philanthropic activities in Cameroon. We would be glad to be your partners in the amelioration of the living condition of the inhabitants of Mayo Dante, particularly in the improvement of ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> Health ~~facilities~~ condition.

We thank you immensely for the support already recieved and we assure you we will stand by your objectives which certainly should include rendering health services at the lowest possible cost for the rural population.

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