



**BAPEJU SMILE FOUNDATION
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**REPORT ON THE VISIT AT BETHANY VIACAM ELDERLY
HOME – NKLOMESSENG, YAOUNDE (16/03/2024)**

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1. INTRODUCTION

In line with the framework of the Charity and Solidarity department of Bapeju Smile Foundation (BASMILE), meeting the needs of the vulnerable and patients is one of the strategies implemented to meet their objectives. This event was organized in order to meet some of the major challenges this elderly home face such as feeding and financial need to ensure day by day running of the home. This report highlights the results of the project and areas for improvement.

Team composition

The coordinator, volunteers, invitees

1.1 Objective

Overall: To meet the needs of the old people at Bethany Viacam

Specifically:

- To provide toiletries such as toilet rolls, detergent; adult diapers.
- To provide food items to ensure their nutritional needs
- To provide financial assistance.

2. METHODOLOGY

- Prior to the program, an official phone calls were addressed to the Director of the Bethany Viacam concerning the visit to the home.

- Personnels visited the home for preliminary assessment of the needs/challenges.
- A plannification meeting was held with the team members to deliberate on the roles and responsibilities of each member.
- At the commencement of the activity, the Supervisor of Bethany Viacam gave a warm welcome to the Bapeju Smile foundation and showed the team around the home.
- The donations were gladly accepted and the event ended with a word of thank from the elderly person, sharing the good news of God and a closing prayer.

3. RESULTS

Situational analysis of Bethany Viacam

- Bethany Viacam was established in 1985 with a total of 25 bed places to accommodate the old people.
- This elderly home solely depends on donations to ensure its existence. Over the years, sources of donations have been through private, missionary, NGOs and the government (Social Welfare department)
- The Home accommodate old persons from all parts of the country and fewer record international old persons.
- Old persons at the time of the visit had longevity in the home ranged from 2 to 25 years and their ages ranged from 60 to 95 years.
- Majority of the old persons do not have relatives/children/spouse as was the case of 81 years old Godliva Ngana from the North west part of the country, Others has been abandoned by their family members

and some their family members come seasonally to visit them as in the case of Nanji Beckline

- There are four individual responsible for the day to day management of the home, donations and personal gifts from relatives are shared equally among all, they are fed 2/3 times daily.

Statistical analysis

A total of 21 old persons were present and benefited from the donated items as seen on the table below.

Needs	Donated items	No. of beneficiary
Nutritional needs	Rice	21 Persons
	Ovaltine	
	Milk	
	Canned tomatoes	
	Sardines	
Sanitation and Hygiene needs	Adult diapers	
	Soaps	
	Detergents	
	Toilet rolls	
Financial support	50,000 FCFA	

4. CONCLUSION

The event met its objectives by donating highly requested items to the home and putting smiles on the faces of the elderly persons at Bethany Viacam.

ANNEX



Picture 2 : Commencement of the event



Picture 1 : The arrival of the team



Picture 3 : Visit old persons on their bed





Picture 4 : A word of gratitude from the home supervisor



Picture 5 : Group picture

