



PROFESSIONALS FOR HUMANITY (PROFOH)

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**"We can't help everyone,
but everyone can help someone."
Ronald Reagan**

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Greetings to all PROFOH members and volunteers.

It is an exciting period of renewal in which we are undertaking several new initiatives. To support our work, we are seeking to expand to several countries to strengthen and grow our presence around the world and to establish new partnerships and alliances; and also to raise funds. The agenda is built around learning from our experience so far and looking ahead.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

WHO DECLARES NIGERIA GUINEA-WORM FREE

January 2014, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared Nigeria guinea-worm free with effect from last year. Already, the global health body has issued the country with a certificate to confirm the development. The Health Minister, Prof. Onyebuchi Chukwu, presented the certificate, signed by the Director-General of WHO, Dr. Margaret Chang, to members of the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in Abuja. The certification by WHO is a global recognition of how far Nigeria have come and the success of the work that has been done to rid our nation of this scourge. Dr. Larry, an official from the Federal Ministry of Health, called our office to thank us for our contribution towards the eradication of the disease. We responded that our contribution was little. This was out of modesty because our organization treated several patients with the disease.

PROFOH COMMENCES OPERATION IN NEPAL.

February, PROFOH was officially incorporated by the Nepalese Government, This was made possible by Singh Ajay from his London home. He has coordinated the activities from there for the past one year. With the incorporation and commencement of micro-projects we hope to contribute to Nepal's sustainable development. The Country Director is Singh Anita, a seasoned development activist in Nepal. The imposing office is at Mandikhateer Ward in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu.

FIRST MEDICAL MISSION, April 23-May 7th

At the time of filling this report the mission is still going on. However, this mission was probably the most challenging one in recent years, The electricity generator broke down several times, there were other logistical problems. The team leader Prof. G.B. Gbaanador ,who had already prepared 85 surgical cases before the arrival of Prof. Stuart Quartermont and Dr. Conrado Ordonez ,with the assistance of local doctors our team was able to take the operating room of Terabor General Hospital in Ogoniland.(same hospital our team conducted the last medical mission in November 2013) Rivers State Nigeria by storm, they performed ten major surgeries on the first day. The train moved to another location, Bosom Hospital in the heart of Port Harcourt with better facilities to handle high risks patients. In spite of this serious challenging we have performed 30 surgeries and saw hundreds of patients. The team train is about on the move to Anambra State some 200 miles from Gokana venue of the mission. Details of the mission will be in our subsequent report; They are expected to leave for the US on the May 8th.

PROFOH INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED STATES

The long awaited United States incorporation has come. The organization was officially registered in the State of Texas and the certificate was issued by Nadita Berry, Texas Secretary of State. As stated in the accompanying notice of registration, it is important that PROFOH continuously maintain a registered agent in Texas at its address to which the Secretary of State will send a request to file a periodic report. We have commenced the process of 501 status. This is being done with assistance from Prof Gbaanador, Angela Chester Johnson and Cliff Jarrell who is originally from the state of Mississippi. Additionally, Dr. Ama Saran, Dr. Conrado, and some other members will be added to the Board. Special thanks to Prof.G.B Gbaanador and Angela Chester for believing in the dream of expansion.

PROFOH AT IMF AND WORLD BANK SPRING MEETINGS, April 11-13, 2014

As always, our very own, Board member Angela Chester Johnson represented the organization at this year's IMF and World Bank Group Spring Meetings, in Washington ,DC. Ms Johnson also led our team at last year's spring meetings. The 2014 meeting is the third from the World Bank Group, the first was the World Bank Board of Governors meeting held in Tokyo Japan October 2012. PROFOH is also member of the Bank Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) - a coalition of donors, governments and CSO partners launched by the World Bank in 2012 with the goal to improve development results by supporting capacity building for enhance citizen feedback and participation. This is part the World Bank's focus in the provision of strategic long-term support to civil society organizations that strive to provide social accountability programs. Over 700 CSO representatives from more than 65 countries participated in the Civil Society Program during the 2014 Spring Meetings. The Program, which spanned a week from April 7 – 12, featured orientation sessions on the WBG and IMF, a CSO Round table with Executive Directors, and a CSO Reception. The highlight, however, was the Civil Society Policy Forum which comprised 65 policy dialogue sessions held on a wide range of topics. Details, www.worldbank.org

PROFOH HEADQUARTERS INNOVATE WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS

Our headquarters in Germany has commenced innovative ways of fund-raising. Members collect old technology (German Standard) and sell them for recycling. The funds obtained will be used to finance our projects in Nigeria, South Sudan and Ghana. The German team is led by Markus von-Have and Janice Kuhn. They will inspect and coordinate specific programs to be embarked upon by the organization. There have been plans to relocate our international secretariat from Geesthacht near Hamburg to Munchen. This is subject to the Board's approval.

WHO RAISED ALARM ON THE UPSURGE OF CANCER IN AFRICA



Heads –Male and Female

The recent alarm raised by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) on the upsurge of cancer in Africa is worrisome to PROFOH. The alert served as a wake-up call on our organization. Not surprisingly, the IARC alarm came just as the world marked the World Cancer Day with the theme, "Debunk the Myths". That occasion provided an opportunity for all to raise a collective voice towards improving general knowledge about cancer and dismissing all misconceptions about the disease. There are four myths about cancer including: there is no need to talk about cancer; there are no signs or symptoms; there is nothing a victim can do about cancer and he or she does not have the right to cancer care. These over arching myths have helped to compound the cancer burden, especially, among thousands of poor sufferers in Nigeria in particular and Africa as a whole. The time is, therefore, ripe for critical stake holders to rally round and confront the scourge. There is no doubt that cancer has become a major public health issue in Africa. The disease is now rampant to the extent that at least practically every African knows someone who died of cancer. The situation is such that except something is done to curb the epidemic, more and more Nigerians would fall victim thereby aggravating the poverty scourge.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Board of Directors unanimously appointed three great Americans into its international Board this quarter. Chairman and Board members are excited to share with you the appointment of three Advisory Board members and two country directors - Fredy G. Coster of Ivory Coast and Anita Singh of Nepal. After an extensive search, Dr. Phil Christopher Nugent, Mr. John Henderson and Dr. Lorinda Liang has graciously accepted to serve on our Board. This took effect from January 1, 2014. Their appointment is another step in our growth and transition as a maturing organization. The modest successes and progress PROFOH has achieved can be attributed to the Board for providing leadership. I'm sure you will enjoy getting to know these remarkable people. I know they will be as committed as you have been to the future success of the organization and to our continued work on behalf of the world's forgotten people. In this position, they will provide strategic vision and leadership for PROFOH. They bring a lifetime of experience in global affairs to fulfilling PROFOH's mission to provide quality health care, safe drinking water and further education of forgotten people across the globe. Details of their profile will be available soon on our website. www.profohmed.org

MEDIA ON PROFOH

Anthony a volunteer with PROFOH sent an article to development dairies details can be found at the link below.
<http://developmentdiaries.com/profoh-sustains-mission>

UPCOMING PROFOH EVENTS

1. DFID is the British government international development agency. It is funding an awareness program on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) across Lagos State Nigeria. Gabassawa Women and Children Empowerment Initiative, our long standing partner will be performing this awareness advocacy in the State in the next quarter.
2. Following resolution 4/6 adopted in Marrakesh, Morocco, at the fourth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CoSP/UNCAC), UNODC is hereby pleased to invite your organization to participate in a Briefing for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), which will take place on the margins of the fifth session of the Implementation Review Group (IRG) on 5. June 2014, in Vienna International Center, Vienna.
3. On behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, I am honored to invite you to the first annual Sustainable Energy for All Forum and global launch of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024 to be held on 4 - 6 June 2014 in New York.
4. We are pleased to inform you that the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP) will be held from 6 to 10 October 2014 in Vienna, Austria.