

REPORT

ON THE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE DIOCESE OF KUMBO

SPONSORED BY
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GERRARDS CROSS, ENGLAND
2019.

Narrative and Financial Report for 2019

Period: May to October 2019

Name of partner Organisations: This project is jointly executed by the staff of Diocesan Family Life Office and Leader Couples (trained technicians of the Apostolate in the Parishes). It is funded by St. Joseph's Parish Gerrards Cross London, the Diocese of Kumbo and a local contribution from the beneficiaries. The project activities were implemented in 3 parishes where more people were affected (Kumbo, Meluf and Kikaikelaki) and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre where most of the IDPs are seeking refuge.

The Bishop of Kumbo – Bishop George Nkuo is the legal holder of the Project, represented by the Diocesan Financial Secretary Fr. Shey Oliver Ndi.

An over view (Brief description of the activities realised within the period).

In October 2018, when the Cameroon military entered Kumbo, they suspected areas in Kumbo, Meluf and Kikaikelaki Parishes of harbouring Separatist Fighters and set many houses there ablaze including human life in (Meluf), property and food stuff. Most of the victims were very innocent of the situation. The Diocesan Family Life Office through Assistance on Humanitarian needs of the children and their families set out to provide care and support to the affected persons by the on-going Socio-political crisis in the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon. This was done through a holistic and pastoral ministry to the affected persons. Through the following activities;

- Care and support to the affected by providing food to 50 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) for the month of June 2019 at the Pastoral Centre
- Building resilience in children by providing psychosocial support counselling to the children affected by the death of their parents especially those whose parents were killed (shot dead) in their presence by the Cameroon military.
- Psychosocial support counselling to the affected.
- Ensuring good health through the payment of hospital bills.
- Protecting the families by preventing them from wandering from one place to another in providing corrugated sheets for roofing the burnt houses.

The above activities will be seen from some of the pictures and some appreciation letters from the beneficiaries.

The on-going crisis in the English speaking regions of our country has gradually degenerated into an armed conflict and has continued to claim lives, destruction of property, increase in insecurity thus rendering basic activities especially those that require movement almost impossible except by bike. Within the Diocese of Kumbo, there are road blocks impeding movement from one parish to another.

As a church institution, we resulted in working closely with the parish priest and the Leader Couples of the Apostolate. Through these people, we could reach out to the persons in the parishes. During the implementation, we realised many broken families (husbands or wives displaced,) husband killed in front of the wife and children, increase in the number of Orphaned and Vulnerable children caused by the death of their parents shot in front of them, families living in bushes, at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, young boys and girls joining the Separatist Fighters as the only way to revenge for the death of their parents (child soldier), unplanned teenage pregnancies from displaced young girl, some involved in prostitution in broad day light increasing the possibility of HIV/AIDS infection and abortions.

One of the most challenging thing we met in the field were people whose houses were burnt while they were hiding helplessly in the bushes watching the military setting their houses on fire. This caused a lot of trauma to the people. This group of persons needed more psychosocial support counselling.

S.N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A	INCOME FROM THE DONOR IN FCFA Exchange rate (£1=750)	5,941,447.5
1	Money raised from appeals in St. Joseph's Parish Gerrards Cross, London £3,591.93	2,693,947.5
2	Contributions through regular standing orders £4.330.00	3,247,500
2.1	TOTAL INCOME FROM THE DONOR (£7,921.93)	5,941,447.5
3	INCOME FROM THE DIOCESE OF KUMBO	1,998,550
4	LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FROM THE BENEFICIARIES	600,000
TOTAL INCOME		8,539,997.5
B	EXPENDITURE	
1	Feeding at the Pastoral Centre for the Month of June	4,500,000
2	Payment of Bills at the Hospital	900,000
3	Purchase of Zinc	1,840,000
4	Rafters	500,000
5	Transportation of Zinc	200,000
6	Molding of bricks, feeding of workers and nails by 10 families	600,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		8,540,000
Eight Million Five Hundred and Forty Thousand Francs		

We the staff of the Diocesan Family Life Office, the Bishop of Kumbo Diocese – Bishop George Nkuo join the voices of the beneficiariers in their respective communities to sincerely thank you for putting a smile on the faces of many people in the Diocese of Kumbo.

We do extend our sincere gratitude to the Parishes, the Parish Council, those who give standing orders who happily accepted our proposal to use the educational funds for the humanitarian needs of the children and their families. The program has changed the lives of many and given them hope for the future.

Your generosity in supporting this program is highly appreciated.

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Re. Assistance to 50 IDPs at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Kumbo for the Month of June 2019 Sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish Gerrards Cross.

The Diocesan Family Life Office Bishop's House Kumbo through the sponsorship of St. Joseph's Parish Gerrards Cross wish to inform the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Diocese of Kumbo, that 50 IDPs will be sponsored in the month of June 2019. The above office is aware that the IDPs based at the Pastoral Centre need a number of items such as; Medical, sanitation, feeding, clothing, water and electricity. The Family Life Office and her partner the Christians of St. Joseph's Parish will cover the feeding for one month as stipulated below.

S/N	Description	Amount	Number of persons	Number of days	Total
1	Breakfast	500	50	30	750,000
2	Launch	1,500	50	30	2,250,000
3	Supper	1,000	50	30	1,500,000
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH					4,500,000
Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Francs.					

Done in Kumbo on the 1st May 2019.


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Services:

(1) Natural Family Planning (all modern methods); (2) Counselling - marital, youths, adults, terminal diseases; (3) Integrated Family Life Education Programme; (4) Abortion Rescue and other pro-life activities - "Youth For Life" etc. ; (5) Single Parents/ Widows Programme; (6) Home-Based Care; (7) School of Parents; (8) Care-Giving to Orphans + Vulnerable Children (9) Marriage Enrichment Weekends/Marriage Encounters; (10) Christian Family Movement (CFM); (11) HIV/AIDS Education; (12) Trainings.