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Chevron donates x-ray machine to clinic

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CHEVRON Nigeria Limited has donated Mobile X-Ray Machine to Kizito Clinic, in Jakande Estate, Lekki Lagos.

The donation is in line with the Chevron's efforts in pursuit of its corporate responsibility obligations with the views healthcare as a crucial social service that needed support. Chevron therefore implemented health intervention programmes in the broad areas of malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Mass de-worming of children, rivers blindness, cancer awareness and primary healthcare delivery in Lagos State and across Nigeria.

Chevron has partnered with Kizito Clinic over the years with the aim to add value to people's lives in Jakand, Lekki and Lagos State at large. Chevron donated a chest clinic to St. Kizito Clinic in 2005 and also provided the center with Tuberculosis fighting drugs in 2009 including annual donation of N3million to the clinic as part of their efforts to combat Tuberculosis in Lagos.

The General Manager, Policy, Government and Public Affairs, Chevron Nigeria Limited Mr. Deji Haastrup, said the gesture was to improve healthcare delivery, adding that Chevron did not only donate to Kizito Clinic alone but they extend it to other health institutions. "We have donated facilities to the Ibeju/lekki General, Igbo Efon Maternity Centre, and Okun-Afa Health Center. We donated a medical incinerator to Epe General Hospital; we also appreciate the support of Lagos State government for partnering with us to execute these projects".

He continued: "In help to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS, Chevron, through the Global fund, directed \$55 million to grants in six countries where it operates, including Nigeria, though this contribution, \$5 million was directed to HIV/AIDS grant managed by the National Agency for the control of AIDs (NACA). On December 2, 2013 Chevron corporation; committed an additional \$5 million over two years to the

Global Fund to target the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) services in Nigeria. This commitment raises Chevron's investment to fight these pandemic in Nigeria with \$10 million and our 8 years investment in the Global Fund to \$60 million to help to improve healthcare delivery in Nigeria.

"World Health Organization, ranks Nigeria 13th out the top 22 high burden tuberculosis countries in the world, it is our hope that the donation of the mobile X-ray unit to St. Kizito will improve considerably the diagnosis and monitoring of tuberculosis especially among children, and it will reduce the risk of Tuberculosis in the high populated area of Lagos State, while also eliminate hazards of spreading and co-infection, which could increase risk or result in deaths of inhabitants. With this donation, not only would the scourge of tuberculosis receive a considerable blow, but improved diagnosis for other prevailing health challenges affecting majority of patients assessing the clinic to ensure promotion of quality and equitable healthcare delivery in Nigeria", he said.

The parish priest, SS Philip and James Catholic Church, Lekki Region, Very Rev. Monsignor (Prof) Francis Ogunmodede said the donation was evidence for St. Kizito to care for the good health and general welfare, development of the people of the community. "I want to express gratitude for remembering St. Kizito Clinic and donating the machine will help the clinic to eradicate tuberculosis and other deadly diseases in the community".

"I must commend Management and staff of Kizito Clinic for their humanitarian and medical care for the people in the ghetto town of Jakande in Likki Lagos. Please continue you good work. We need other companies; also to join Chevron to bring more facilities to St. Kizito Clinic in order improve on their provision of health services to the community", he said.