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ST KIZITO CLINIC INAUGURATES THE X-RAY UNIT
Thanks to Chevron's continuous support against Tuberculosis

Nigeria is among the countries with the highest burden of Tuberculosis in the world, a disease with fatal consequences if not diagnosed and treated adequately. Over 10% of the national burden of Tuberculosis is reported by Lagos State making it the state with the highest burden of TB in Nigeria.

Back in 2005, concerns about the high prevalence of tuberculosis led to the decision of setting up a Tb /DOTS center by St Kizito Clinic. This effort was recognized by the Lagos state Ministry of health, which formally designated St Kizito Clinic as a TB/DOTS site operating with FMOH/NTBLCP guidelines of Nigeria.

Chevron Nigeria Limited's (CNL) support to St Kizito Clinic started then and has continued till date - a recognition of the professional daily work of the centre, which remains the only comprehensive diagnostic and treatment TB- DOTS unit with experienced and trained health personnel and laboratory operating in Eti-Osa LGA. Since 2005, St Kizito Clinic has handled over 8,000 visits with more than 1,200 patients treated successfully of Tuberculosis.

With sputum microscopy, pulmonary tuberculosis is accurately diagnosed; unfortunately more than 70% of cases remain undetected in Nigeria. The collaboration of CNL with St Kizito Clinic to provide a mobile X-Ray unit will considerably improve the diagnosis and monitoring of Tuberculosis especially among children, smear negative cases, extra pulmonary, and the immune-compromised.

Dr Alda Gemmani, St Kizito Clinic Medical Director says: "More than 300 tuberculosis cases and suspects annually will benefit from this service with better outcomes. Furthermore, the radiological investigations in the clinic will potentially improve access to comprehensive basic monitoring and investigative health care for over 65,000 particularly among vulnerable populations. This would include management of many other ailments of public health importance including cardiovascular respiratory and degenerative conditions."

Deji Haastrup, General Manager, Policy, Government and Public Affairs, CNL, explains that his company supports health programmes as part of its Social Investment programmes. *"This donation is in line with the NNPC/Chevron Joint Venture's "Tradition of Care," which includes a robust health programme as part of its Corporate Responsibility obligations. The company views healthcare as a crucial social service that is at the core of its success as business,"* he said.

Facts & Figures

- Equipment: Jolly 30 Plus Mobile Radiographic Unit with X-ray tube Toshiba, Ecomax Film Processor, MHT Mobile horizontal table with fixed tabletop and Column Bucky Stand.

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- Country of origin: imported from Italy by BMI Biomedical.
- Fund received from Chevron 6,500,000

ABOUT LOVING GAZE

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