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ST KIZITO CLINIC INAUGURATES DENTAL UNIT
Thanks to NNPC/SNEPCo continuous support to the Clinic's Health Care Initiatives

St Kizito Clinic has provided basic health care for mostly the unprivileged in Lagos for the last 25 years, through three establishments: in Ilasan-Jakande, Lekki; Idi-Araba, Mushin and Oreta, Ikorodu.

The clinic provides maternal care, ante and postnatal services, immunization, pharmacy and runs two nutrition centres for malnourished children. St Kizito Clinic also offers daily consultation and treatment of common diseases like malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, measles, skin infections, eye problems, non communicable diseases, HIV and TB.

Today, thanks to Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCo), St Kizito Clinic in Jakande, Lekki, inaugurates a Dental Unit, aimed to provide oral and dental care to the local communities she serves.

Oral diseases represent a major public health problem due to their high prevalence and significant impact on general health. Periodontal disease and dental caries are two major oral health problems, while others include malocclusion, traumatised anterior teeth, dental fluorosis, and oral tumours. Dental health issues are yet to receive priority attention due to competitive health demands resulting in high prevalence of the consequences of poor oral health.

The Clinic's daily consultations revealed poor oral health and dental hygiene among both the adults and the children, especially with the most vulnerable. This not only causes pain but loss of working hours, leading to a reduced income for the family, with its antecedent sequelae. The Clinic started preventive dental services and educational programs among the patients and the students of the SS. Peter and Paul and St John Schools, managed by Loving Gaze. Still, the need of a dental unit to address the patients' needs grew due to the lack of an assessable and affordable dental clinic in the area. Thanks to the prompt support of NNPC/SNEPCo, St Kizito Clinic inaugurates today her own Dental Unit. It will enable essential preventive and curative dental services, reducing teeth decay and loss as well as prevent dental complications that could be potentially life threatening amongst 70,000 patients and school children yearly.

SNEPCo's support to St Kizito Clinic has continued till date in recognition of the professional daily work of the centre, which remains an important basic health care provider for the community, serving over 70,00 patients every year.

Dr Alda Gemmani, St Kizito Clinic Medical Director says: *"Thanks to NNPC/SNEPCo generous donation we are now able to offer dental care to the Eti-Osa, especially among the unprivileged community, a quality service at affordable costs. Furthermore, while we continue our educational activities among our patients and the students of the two schools we manage, now we are also able to treat them. It makes a great difference."*



Mr Tony Attah, Managing Director, Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCo), explains that the company he represents supports health programmes throughout Nigeria. *“This donation is in line with our ‘tradition of care’. Together with NNPC and other partners, we have built a robust health programme as part of our broader corporate social responsibility efforts. The company views healthcare as a crucial community service that is at the core of our success as a business.”*

Equipment:

- Gnatus Synchrus G4 Dental Chair. Chair for patient accommodation during dental treatment, driven by control pedal, where commands are sent from the electronic board to two engines responsible for the mechanism movement of the seat and backrest of the chair.
- This equipment has the function to accommodate the patient in a comfortable way, for performance of odontological practices.
- Certified Quality system EN ISO 9001/2000 and EN ISO 13485/2003

Accessories:

- SIRIUS G8 Dental Light - Gnatus
- Water Unit Synchrus G4- Gnatus
- Synchrus G8 H Delivery Unit – Gnatus
- Compressor and Stabilizer
- Stools
- Mobile X-Ray machine (Timex 70E)
- Amalgamator machine
- Instrument tray with cover stainless
- Instruments (Dental exam set, scalers, elevators, etc)
- Dental demonstration model with brush
- Country of origin: Brazil.

ABOUT ST KIZITO CLINIC

St Kizito Clinic has 25 years of experience in Nigeria. We serve the unprivileged community in Lagos and Taraba State, through educational activities, basic health care service, women empowerment and vocational training. Run by a multi-cultural team of 150 Nigerian professionals, Italian expatriates and international volunteers. We recognize and respect each individual life and dignity without gender, religious or ethnic boundaries. We believe there is a desire for joy, hope and positive change in each of us. Our purpose is to serve with care, joy and professionalism people in need, to ignite hope and seeds for growth.

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