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**ST. KIZITO CLINIC OPENS THE MATERNITY HOME AT JAKANDE HOUSING ESTATE, LEKKI**  
**Thanks to SNEPCo, Co-VENTURE and NNPC**

Loving Gaze, is pleased to announce the opening of the 24 - hour maternity home at the St. Kizito Clinic, Jakande Housing Estate, Lekki. A development realized with SNEPCo, Co-venturers and NNPC support.

The Maternity Home works in closed cooperation with other Clinic's departments dedicated to pregnant women. The maternity home boasts of nine well trained and experienced midwives, and a gynaecologist. The space exclusively dedicated to the Maternity Home is thought to welcome women in a comfortable, sterilized, warm and professional atmosphere.

Our medical staff is constantly trained and supervised by St Kizito Medical Director to support medically and psychologically our patients. We set up an up-to-date facility, comprising of: waiting room, delivery room, labour room equipped with delivery beds, O2 cylinder, ultra sound machine, surgeon adjustable tools, baby warming lamps, and a lying in ward with five bed and five baby cribs. The new ultrasound machine we recently acquired allow us to have a complete fetus assessment and print quality image of the anatomy scanned- GE Logiq V5 -acquires precise image in 3D technology, providing accuracy in measurement and color Doppler for the following exams with the 3 different probes: Abdominal, Obstetrical, Gynecological Vascular/peripheral vascular, Transcranial Pediatric, Musuloskeletal, Urological, Cardiac and Biopsy.

On top of all, the availability of a stand by 45KVA generating set ensures that the maternity home has power supply round the clock.

Dr Alda Gemmani - St Kizito Clinic Medical Director - says, "*Our Maternity Home wants, first of all, welcome pregnant women and their new born with love and care. Each of them is a unique person living a special moment, they deserve the best loving and professional care. St. Kizito Clinic has provided basic health care for the unprivileged communities in Lagos for the last 25 years, offering daily consultations, treatment of common and communicable diseases, x-ray and ultrasound, laboratory exams, dentist and ophthalmologist care. But we also always cared for women, with a gynaecologist care, ante and post natal service, immunization, pharmacy dispensing and children nutrition centre.*

*In all these years we noticed that most of the pregnant women we assisted, opted to give birth either through Traditional Birth Assistance (TBA) or home birth, and this is the case for most women in the country. According to the WHO reports of 2013, in Nigeria, only 4 in 10 births are delivered with the assistance of a skilled provide, placing Nigeria among the countries with the highest maternity mortality rate.*



*This evidence, along with the demands of the women we assisted, convinced us to open also the Maternity Home. Our objective is to offer professional, caring and loving maternity and delivery services to pregnant women, at an affordable cost. We welcome women with low risk delivery, while women with high-risk delivery are referred to an accredited hospital or medical facility.*

*Thus we are indeed most grateful to SNEPCo/NNPC for their continuous support: in 2013, SNEPCo, renovated buildings, donated an ambulance as well as furniture and medical equipment. In 2014, to tackle oral disease, SNEPCo helped us to set up a Dental Unit. In 2015 they agreed to work on the development of the Maternity Unity St Kizito Clinic in Jakande Estate, contributing immensely to make it a reality for all our women.*

#### **ABOUT LOVING GAZE**

Loving Gaze is an independent not-for-profit organization, with 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. For more info, visit our website: [www.lovinggaze.org](http://www.lovinggaze.org).

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