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St Kizito Clinic applauds Chevron Nigeria Limited's support for the fight against Tuberculosis

Explaining the value of the digital ex-ray machine, the management of the clinic says the digital imaging bypasses the films chemical processing, provides immediate image preview and availability, it enhances the images' quality and allows us to digitally transfer the results for consultation in real time. More than 20,000 patients will benefit from this upgrade.

"This great stride will greatly increase effective TB screening towards identifying TB sufferers: TB remains the world's deadliest infectious disease and require acceleration of efforts to end its epidemic," a statement by the clinic said. "Chevron Nigeria Limited's (CNL) support to St Kizito Clinic started in 2005 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," the statement added.

Nigeria is among the countries with the highest burden of TB in the world, a disease with fatal consequences if not diagnosed and treated adequately. "In our country less than 25% of all TB cases are diagnosed, increasing the fatalities from an otherwise curable disease. 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.

In the last 30 years, St Kizito Clinic has treated more than 2,000 TB cases. As a recognized TB and HIV Centre, working in close collaboration with the Lagos Ministry of Health, St Kizito Clinic in Jakande Housing Estate is one of the comprehensive diagnostics and treatment TB DOTS centre with experienced and trained health personnel and standard laboratory operating in Eti-Osa, and Lagos Island LGA.

Dr Alda Gemmani – St Kizito Clinic Medical Director says: *"We are grateful to CNL for the consistent support provided to Loving Gaze through the years. Previously, CNL donated a mobile X-ray machine and film processor which allowed us to commence Radiology service at St Kizito Clinic in 2014. This achievement has been vital in upgrading the quality of our services, especially for a prompt diagnosis of TB, cardio-respiratory diseases and orthopaedic pathologies. After having done so much for St. Kizito Clinic, CNL has turned another dream into reality by donating a digital x-ray machine as a replacement for the analogue one, thus helping to significantly upgrade our X-ray service. This new machine will enable our radiology service to deliver quality, dynamic, modern and faster service. On behalf of the patients, staff and management of Loving Gaze, we say a big thank you to CNL. We are committed to continue to offer quality care to the people we serve."*

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

ABOUT ST KIZITO CLINIC

Since 1991, St Kizito Clinic offers affordable quality health care to the most vulnerable in Lagos, through three Clinics in Lagos, all of them located in poor communities: Jakande Housing Estate (Lekki), Idi-Araba (Mushin), Oreta (Ikorodu) and, since 2018, with an outstation in Ibeju Lekki. Every year we treat 63,000 patients, offering comprehensive diagnostic and laboratory exams, specialist consultations (gynecology, pediatric, ophthalmology, dentist, fertility and maternal care),

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immunization, pre and post-natal care, pharmacy and nursing. We support malnourished children through our three nutrition centers and almost 1,000 babies have been born in our Maternal Clinic.

ABOUT LOVING GAZE

Loving Gaze is an independent not-for-profit organization, with more than 30 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 200 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.lovingaze.org

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