St Kizito Clinic applauds Chevron’s support in fight against Tuberculosis

St. Kizito clinic, Lekki Lagos has commended Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) for upgrading the analogue x-ray machine it donated to the clinic in the past, to a digital x-ray machine. This is part of CNL’s support for the fight against tuberculosis (TB) in Nigeria.

Explaining the value of the digital x-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 Ele-Osia 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 percent of all TB cases are diagnosed, increasing the fatalities from an otherwise curable disease. Over 10 percent of the national burden of Tuberculosis is reported by Lagos State making 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 Ele-Osia, and Lagos Island LGA.

Alda Gemmani, St Kizito Clinic Medical Director said: “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.”