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GWAGWALADA, ABUJA.

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- 2. Provide clinical teaching in all medical fields at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.**
- 3. Carry out health-related researches to the benefit of humanity.**

MANAGEMENT

From the CMD



Prof. B. A. Ekele

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Welcome to the second edition of **UATH BULLETIN** for the year 2020 (Volume 3, No. 2). The most important event for this quarter (April – June) is the global storm or pandemic that landed at the FCT, Abuja on 21st March 2020 and the subsequent response. We have therefore christened this the **COVID-19 Edition!**

We had the privilege of hosting the Honorable Minister of Health; Dr. Osagie Ehanire on 4th February 2020, when he requested that we provide a temporary Isolation Center for the FCT as the one under construction within our premises was only 60 percent completed. We promptly obliged by offering the newly constructed 32-bed Accident and Emergency Ward. The rest is now history as too many events followed in quick succession that we may not have the space to enumerate all of the events.

But we must recognize the visit of the Senate Leadership on 4th March 2020, led personally by the Senate President, Distinguished **Senator Ahmad Lawan**, to confirm the level of preparedness of the Isolation and Treatment Center. In a press conference after the visit, the Senate President confirmed to the World

that UATH, Gwagwalada was not prepared to manage COVID-19 patients because money had not been released to complete and furnish the Treatment Center under construction. That was the tonic required to unlock activities that have turned around our Center!

By 21st March, when we admitted the first set of COVID-19 patients (3 stat), only basic furniture and equipment were available for the frontline workers. A very precarious situation! Then Manna began to fall from 'heavenly bodies' like FCT Administration, NNPC, Mainstream Foundation, Julius Berger, JAMB, Seven-up Bottling Company, Stallion Empowerment Initiative, European Union, Food Pantry Group, Greater Nigeria Initiative, Premium Pensions, Smile Train, Ginos Ventures, Amokachi Foundation, Dunamis International Church, MDCAN, MWAN, NANNM, NLC, other Unions, Associations and individuals too many to mention. At that stage, we knew failure was not going to be an option!

On the part of the Hospital Management, a 40-man strong, voluntary, multi-specialists, COVID-19 Team was inaugurated with a Consultant, Clinical Immunovirologist, **Dr. Thairu Yunusa** as Team Lead. NCDC provided the preliminary training for team members while practical orientation was undertaken at the Mainland Infectious Disease Hospital, Yaba, Lagos. Of note is that all clinicians in the UATH COVID-19 Team are Consultants. We had to put our best foot forward as the first Teaching Hospital in Nigeria to manage Covid-19 patients. All eyes were on us!

As at the time of writing this piece, we had managed over 180 patients and still counting since the first three patients were admitted. We give God the glory in terms of the results and outcome of patient management. The calm, cool, committed and compassionate frontline workers coupled with the very huge material

support from our benefactors might have also contributed to the success story. *Mr. Sunday Isah*, our ace photographer captured the visits of some of the benefactors with his lens and the other COVID-19 related stories abound in this edition of the Bulletin for your reading pleasure.

Again UATH Gwagwalada, was in the news for good reason as **Nurse Kehinde Bawa**, became the first winner of the Helen MacArdle Nursing Prize at the University of Sunderland, UK, where she also bagged a First Class, in the B. Sc. Nursing program. The Board Chairman, **Dr. Sam Sam Jaja**, has directed that she should be invited for recognition at the next Board Meeting.

The West African College of Surgeons has equipped and donated a Surgical Skill Laboratory at the 2nd floor of the Trauma Center with a Plastic Surgeon, **Dr. Amina Abubakar** as the Desk Officer. Needless to say that our institution is honored and privileged to host the Immediate Past President (IPP), the Secretary General (WACS) and some respected Council members of the College. These are the men behind the mask! We salute them!!

The fraudsters that opened a Facebook account using my details have not changed strategy! They ask vulnerable, victims to pay some amount for employment (usually one hundred thousand naira) or pay registration fees to supply laptops to the Hospital. They still use the same numbers: **09029503744; 07082341308; 07087423710; 08027615606** and one **Dr. Egbe** is the adopted name of their contact. Please do not patronize them; they are chronic conmen and conwomen! This edition is dedicated to all the frontline workers and other workers that have contracted the disease in the course of duty. We wish them complete recovery!

Happy reading, wear a face mask, stay safe and God bless!

UATH Staff in High Spirit – Senate President

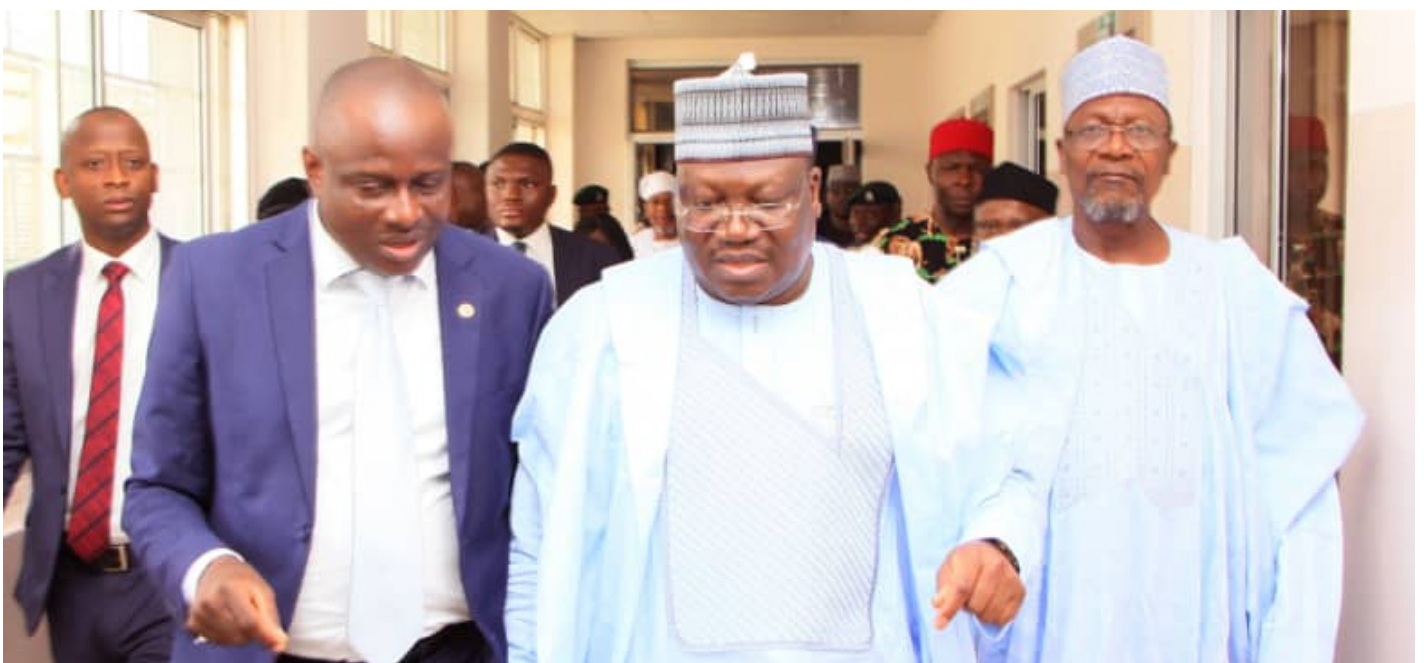
The Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Distinguished Senator Ahmed Lawan, visited the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital on 4th March 2020, to inspect the Isolation and Treatment Center and ascertain the state of its preparedness to receive and treat any case of the dreaded Corona Virus. He was elated to see the hospital staff in high spirit to discharge their responsibilities but was disappointed when he realized the construction of the project was still ongoing. He affirmed that Six Hundred and Twenty Million Naira (N620,000,000.00) was appropriated to Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) for the building and furnishing of the Isolation Centre. The Senate President promised that he will do everything within his power to interface with the appropriate authorities in ensuring the release of the funds within the next 24hours.

The Chief Medical Director of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele had earlier briefed the Senate President on the poor state of the Isolation Center. An agreement was reached with the Honorable Minister of Health and the Management of UATH to create a temporary Isolation Centre pending when the assigned centre under construction will be ready. Senator Ahmed Lawan said from the briefing of the Honorable Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire, the situation of COVID-19 in the country is stable but as legislators, it is their responsibility to ensure that the right measures are put in place in case of any eventuality. He added that the leadership of the National Assembly considers COVID-19 as a national emergency which should not be left only to the Senate Committee on Health. In ensuring that the temporary site is well equipped, he directed the Senate Committee on Health to

do a follow up.

He further said ‘it is unfortunate that Nigeria, being the largest economy in Africa with a population of over two hundred million people is yet to complete it’s Isolation Center in the Federal Capital Territory’, adding that no investment is too much for the health of Nigerians’. He recounted that the country was still confronted with Ebola, Lassa fever and now the Corona Virus, but government will not relent in putting proper measures in place even after the war against the Corona Virus pandemic is won, as the country needs to be prepared for future epidemics.

The Senate President admitted that not having Isolation Centers across the country is an oversight, and the National Assembly will ensure that this is corrected. He promised that Isolation Centers will be built in all geo-political zones in preparedness against future outbreak.



The Senate President, Distinguished Senator Ahmed Lawan, and the Chief Medical Director of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. B A. Ekele during his visit to Isolation and Treatment Center at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

NNPC Supports UATH with Medical Equipment and an Oxygen Plant

In a bid to support the fight against Corona Virus in the country, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) made donations of Oxygen Plant, ventilators, a brand new ambulance, and other medical equipment to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital COVID-19 Treatment Center.

The NNPC Group Managing Director, Mallam Mele Kyari said he was very happy to support the institution. He also congratulated his team for being proactive in a time of health crisis in the nation. He added that nobody envisaged the situation the country found itself, for this reason the fight against the dreaded virus should not be left to Federal Government alone.

Mallam Mele Kyari said, as a center designated for the treatment of Corona Virus, NNPC in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Petroleum had announced the initial support of Thirty Two Million Dollars to the Presidential Task Force (PTF) for the fight against Covid-19. He promised that NNPC will continue to support the Centre to ensure that this global challenge is surmounted, encouraging the Chief Medical Director to make judicious use of the equipments donated by the Corporation.

The Chief Medical Director of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele in his welcome address said, since the construction of the Isolation and Treatment Centre in the hospital premises and the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the hospital has been receiving

dignitaries and supports from different government agencies like Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Institute of Human Virology (IHV), and Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA). He said however, the support from (NNPC) was likely to be the most significant intervention, adding that the NNPC has come to relief the hospital of the huge burden that has confronted Management since the outbreak of the pandemic.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Director of Administration, Nigeria Centre for Disease

Control (NCDC) Mr. Abdullahi, whose organization also got a brand new ambulance from NNPC extended his gratitude to the Chief Medical Director and Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). He noted that the Federal Government cannot do it alone, that is why they are calling on other government agencies and individuals to support the fight against COVID-19, stating that he is very delighted to see NNPC support the UATH Treatment Center and NCDC. Finally, he said his Director General will be glad to receive the good news when he submits his report.



Ambulance and other medical items donated by the Nigerian National Petroleum Cooperation (NNPC) to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

Covid-19 Accreditation Team Visits UATH

The COVID-19 accreditation team from the Federal Ministry of Health headed by the Lagos State Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi visited the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada on the 3rd of April 2020. The Chairman of the team, Prof. Akin Abayomi said they were directed by Federal Ministry of Health to assess the infrastructure at the Treatment and Isolation Centre of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in order to ascertain whether the facility was well equipped to be granted accreditation.

Prof. Akin Abayomi said Nigeria had experienced quite a number of infectious diseases like Ebola and Lassa fever, but each has a different pathogen that has to be dealt with on its own merit. He added that presently, the country is dealing with COVID-19 which is different from Ebola and needs a well ventilated environment to treat people infected with the

virus. Essential medical equipment, bed spacing, flooring surfaces and attitude of staff are on the check list for the accreditation of a facility.

The Chairman of the team reiterated that COVID-19 is not an air borne infection but it is transmitted through droplets. The main area of concern in the human body is from the neck upwards, which includes the Mouth, Eyes and Nose (MEN).

The Chief Medical Director of the

University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele in his welcome address said he considers it an honor to welcome the COVID-19 accreditation team even though the news of the visit was very sudden.

He also used the opportunity to thank the Lagos State Government for the warm reception given to him and his team during his visit to Lagos State Infectious Disease Hospital and Isolation Center, Yaba, Lagos.



Third from left: Chairman, COVID-19 accreditation team Prof. Akin Abayomi, addressing the Chief Medical Director UATH, Prof. Bissallah Ekele, House Manager, Dr Vivian Kwaghe and other members of UATH Team during the visit of the panel to the Isolation and Treatment Centre.

Daniel Amokachi Salutes Staff of UATH

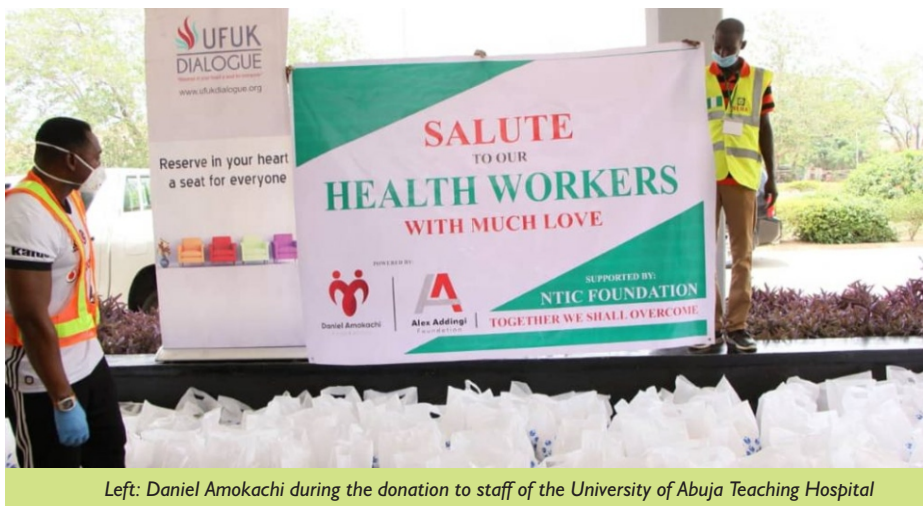
Former Super Eagles player and assistant coach, Mr. Daniel Amokachi on 20th

April, 2020 visited the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Isolation Center with Alex Addingi

Foundation and NTIC Foundation to salute the efforts of the frontline health workers of the hospital. The three foundations which have been working together in the past twenty years donated 100 packs of food items to the hospital frontline workers.

Mr. Daniel Amokachi said 'since we cannot do the work by ourselves, and our hearts have been with the frontline health workers combating the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic, most especially the junior staff like the cleaners and security operatives,

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Left: Daniel Amokachi during the donation to staff of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital

Mainstream Foundation Furnishes Trauma Center and Donates 350KVA Generator

To support the fight against COVID-19 pandemic, Mainstream Energy Solution Limited has brought succor to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital COVID-19 Treatment Centre in the areas of immediate need.

The company was established in 2011 and currently contributes to about 20% of electricity generation in the country. The company generously supported the Isolation Centre with a new 350KVA Perkins generator, Medical equipment, PPEs and the furnishing of rooms at the Trauma

Centre for the accommodation of frontline healthcare workers.

The Managing Director/ CEO, Engr. Lamu Audu said it was a pleasure to make the donations on behalf of the Board of Directors of the company. He added that the company was happy with the Hospital as the foremost Teaching Hospital in the fight against the pandemic.

According to Lamu, he acknowledged that the company had established a foundation as part of its goals to reach out to the host communities as their Corporate Social Responsibility

(CSR). In this light, the Board of the company approved some amount of money to enable them intervene in the fight against COVID-19, hence, the choice to support the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital as one of the health facility within the Federal Capital Territory and willing to offer more support to the hospital in the future. Finally, he promised that his company will take up the bills incurred in the hotel accommodation of the front line staff.

Responding, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele sincerely appreciated the gesture and goodwill of Mainstream Energy Solution Limited, stating that the company was the first major private company that has come to the aid of the hospital since the outbreak of the Corona Virus.

Prof. Ekele said beside the donation of medical equipments, the provision of accommodation for the frontline health workers has boosted their morale and the hospital remains grateful. He noted that the intervention of Mainstream Energy Solution, Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation and other agencies have contributed immensely to the successes recorded in the management of COVID-19 patients in the facility.

In conclusion, he also used the opportunity to solicit for further assistance in the area of perimeter fencing of the Treatment /Isolation Centre and financial incentives to the front line staff. The Managing Director promised to consider the new request.



The Managing Director, Mainstream Energy Solutions Limited handing over documents of the items donated to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital to the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele.

CMD meets Consultants on Preparedness for COVID-19 Response

The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah Ekele met with Consultants on the 23rd March, 2020 over the state of preparedness for the COVID-19 response. The objective of the meeting was to seek the collective opinions of the Consultants on how to curtail the spread of the Corona Virus in the hospital and the activation of the Treatment Center. He said the views received from the meeting will subsequently be discussed forthwith with the Honorable Minister of Health. During the meeting, the Chief Medical Director extended the greetings and appreciation of the Honorable Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire to all health workers. He said he was convinced beyond reasonable doubt that the trained members of COVID-19 'Team A' will soon be overwhelmed

with the number of patients being admitted. He therefore requested that all departments should provide volunteers for training as there was an arrangement on ground to extend the number of beds at the Treatment Center to accommodate more patients.

The Chief Medical Director said it was no longer news that the Federal Ministry of Health was constructing an Isolation Center for treatment of all infectious diseases but unfortunately the building was not fully completed before the outbreak of the pandemic. Hence, the Honorable Minister of Health had asked the Chief Medical Director to provide a temporary Treatment Center for the management of positive cases.

The visit of the leadership of the National Assembly was to fast track the furnishing of the temporary Center and the completion of the

permanent Isolation Center.

The CMD, affirmed that the NCDC had provided adequate personal protective equipments (PPEs) for the frontline health workers to use at the temporary Treatment Center. He also said that some members of the UATH COVID-19 Team had visited Lagos Isolation Center for some orientation.

He confirmed that three Covid-19 patients were admitted on Saturday, 21st March 2020 at the Center and were responding to treatment.

All the suggestions from the Consultants on the effective management of patients at the Treatment Center were collated for implementation.

It was also decided that there should be gradual scaling-down of activities at the Main Hospital especially the Out-patient clinics in obedience to the NCDC guidelines especially on social/physical distancing.



The Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele making a point during his meeting with Consultants to activate the COVID-19 Isolation and Treatment Center

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we have come to donate this packs of food to ease their pain and show our appreciation for the good work they are doing'. He also promised that this is the first phase of the visit since nobody knows when this pandemic will be

defeated. He added that if the spread of the virus persists, they will revisit the hospital with Personal Protective Equipments. Responding, the Chief Medical Director University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah

A. Ekele sincerely appreciated the Foundation for coming to the aid of the hospital at a critical time of need, as nothing is too small to support the fight against the virus. He prayed that God reward them abundantly.

Sustainable Social Development and Empowerment Network Donates Medical Equipment to UATH

Sustainable Social Development Network founded by Shell employees in Brunei donated medical items

in support of the fight against COVID-19 pandemic to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

Mallam Ismail Usman, a Manager in Shell Brunei on behalf of the Foundation, expressed delight in donating the token as a form of goodwill to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital COVID-19 Treatment Centre for the good work the hospital is doing in catering for patients infected with the Corona Virus.

Responding, on behalf of Federal Ministry of Health, the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele sincerely appreciated the donation from the Foundation. He appealed to other agencies and individuals to also donate to the course, to help reduce the burden on government.

Prof. Ekele prayed that God will replenish the Foundation for the goodwill donation.



2nd left: The Manager Shell Brunei, Mallam Ismail Usman, 3rd from left: Team Lead, Dr. Thairu Yunus, Chief Medical Director, (UATH) Prof. B. A. Ekele, CMAC, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong, House Manager, Dr Vivian Kwaghe, during the donations by Sustainable Social Development and Empowerment Network.

Ginos Ventures Donates Medical Items to UATH

Ginos Ventures donated medical equipment and Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) to support University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Isolation Centre in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. The Managing Director of Ginos Ventures, Mr. Lawrence Gbolagun said, the donations were made to support the institution which his company has had a very good business relationship with over the years, at this critical time of need. He said the token is like giving back to an organisation that has supported Ginos Ventures. Responding, the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. B. A. Ekele sincerely appreciated the company for the goodwill

donation saying that nothing was too small at this time that the

Hospital was in need of support.



From right: Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof B A. Ekele, Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, Dr Nicholas Baamlong, House Manger, Isolation and Treatment Centre, Dr Vivian Kwaghe and the Managing Director/CEO Ginos Ventures, Mr. Lawrence Gbolagun during the donations by the company.

Valedictory Party for Retirees of the Department of Administration

In honour of four of her retirees, the Department of Administration, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital organized a send forth party as a mark of appreciation for the services rendered.

During the occasion, the Chief Medical Director of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele congratulated the retirees. He remarked that retirement is a thing of joy and was delighted to be part of the celebration. He also commended the Director of Administration, Mrs. K. M. Adebajo for organizing the event suggesting that other departments emulate this good

gesture.

The Chief Medical Director also requested that the list of all retirees for the year should be compiled to enable Management plan for a bigger ceremony. Finally, he wished the retirees the best in their future endeavors.

The Director of Administration, Mrs. K. M. Adebajo in her remarks said she was happy to see the faces of the retirees and that they were highly appreciated. She said only God can reward them for the meritorious services they rendered, and prayed that their children will reap the reward of their dedication in the service of the hospital. She added that the

party was organized by the Administrative Department to honor the retirees and that soon the hospital will invite them for a farewell party.

Similarly, the Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong congratulated the retirees and prayed that God should open ways for them to remain relevant in the society. Dr. Baamlong advised and encouraged those that are still in active service to start planning for their retirement because it is inevitable. In his goodwill message, the Head of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Nimfa Zwalbong appreciated the Director of Administration for organizing the party. He also appreciated one of the retirees, Mr. Sule Otu Omeiza for his punctuality and dedication to duty during active service. He added that staff be mindful of their activities at work because they may never know who is watching. Mrs. Agnes Agulana, the Head of Internal Audit appreciated all the retirees for their selfless services, and the good legacies they left in the hospital. She also commended Mr. Sule Otu Omeiza for being the best Top Management Committee Secretary the hospital has ever had.

Responding on the behalf of other retirees, Mr. Yusuf M. Atose thanked the Department of Administration for organizing the event and for also giving him the opportunity to serve in three divisions of the Department. He said the retirees appreciated the gesture and are happy to have retired in good health.



Mr. Sule Otu Omeiza receiving gift from the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele during the valedictory session organized by Administrative Department in honour of retirees.

UATH Nurse Bagged First Class and Won Prize at the University of Sunderland, UK.

Mrs. Kehinde Bawa currently working as a perioperative nurse in University of Abuja Teaching Hospital broke fresh grounds at the University of Sunderland last summer, graduating with a first-class Bsc. (Hons) in Nursing and became the first recipient of the University's Helen McArdle Nursing prize.

In her words, "my learning experience at the University of Sunderland has given me a lifetime added value in both personal and professional development" and that critical thinking skills, the role of effective teamwork and good communication can help to make a good nurse. The management of



the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital congratulates you for

achieving this feat. Congratulations!!!

NASU FCT Council organizes a One Day Workshop

The Non-Academic Staff Union, FCT Council organized a one day workshop for her members at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.

Comrade Abdulmumini Abdullah, the UATH Branch Chairman, while delivering his welcome address expressed happiness for the approval given to the union to

host the workshop in the hospital premises, and his sincere gratitude to the Chief Medical Director, Prof. B A. Ekele for his immense support in making the workshop possible. He further stated the fact that the workshop will go a long way, not just in benefitting the participants to have wealth of experience in unionism alone, but will help to improve members in

their primary assignments as career civil servants.

The FCT Trustee, Comrade Adebola Michael further reiterated the fact that unionism has gone beyond what it was in the past and union members must know how best to negotiate so as to achieve better results. While declaring the workshop open, the National Chairman of NASU, Barrister Hassan Makolo stated that NASU is an enviable union by others because they have the largest number of members from University, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education, research institutes and project bodies. He further emphasis that being trained is the greatest tool one can have and the workshop has come timely because members need to be properly educated both at the state and national level.



From left: Former National Deputy President Comrade Michael Malo, National President Comrade Hassan Makolo, FCT State Chairman, Comrade Michael Adebola, Trustee FCT, Comrade Andrew Zakari



Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Distinguish Senator Ahmed Lawan signing University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Visitors Register during his visit to the Hospital.



Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Distinguish Senator Ahmed Lawan addressing the press during his visit to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Isolation and Treatment Center.



Right: Honorable Minister of Health; Dr. Osagie Ehanire being conducted round the Temporary Isolation and Treatment Center of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital by the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah Ekele during his visit to the Hospital.



3rd from left: The Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. B A. Ekele with the Group Managing Director, Mallam Mele Kyari and his team during their visit to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.



Left: The Managing Director, Mainstream Energy Solutions Limited being led by the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital to the Isolation and Treatment Center.



The Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Cooperation (NNPC) Mallam Mele Kyari presenting the items donated by NNPC to the Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele



3rd from right Chief Medical Director UATH, Prof. B. A Ekele in a photograph with staff of Mainstream Energy Solutions during their visit to inspect the construction of the fence for the Isolation and Treatment Center



Senior Pastor Dunamis Church International, Pastor Dr. Paul Enenche addressing the press during the donation of some drugs and food items to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.



European Union donating Food items to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital COVID-19 front line staff.



Nigeria Labour Congress led by the President Comrade Ayuba Wabba donating Personal Protection Equipments PPEs to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Covid-19 front line staff.



Global Initiative for Peace, Love and Care donating detergents and Personal Protective Equipments to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.



Smooth Join Commercial Ventures donating Medical equipments to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital.



Representatives of Julius Berger with the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital top management during the donations of beds and mattresses as palliatives to the hospital's Isolation Centre.



From Right: Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital. Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele, Managing Director, Julius Berger Nigeria, Engr. Dr. Lars Richter, CMAC, Dr. Nicholas Baamlong.



Medical and Dental Council Association of Nigeria MDCAN donating Personal Protective Equipments PPEs to U.A.T.H Covid-19 front line staff



Stallion Empowerment Initiatives donating Bags of Rice and Cartons of Fish University of Abuja Teaching Hospital front line staff .



Christian Medical Association donating palliatives to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital front line staff .



National Association of Nursing and Midwives U.A.T.H Chapter donated Personal Protective Equipments PPEs to Hospital



Greater Nigeria Initiative NGOs donate food items to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Covid-19 front line staff



The Chief Medical Director UATH, Prof. B A. Ekele in a group photograph with the team of Premium Pension Managers during their visit to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital



The New Isolation and Treatment Centre



The newly installed 350KVA Perkins generator donated to the Isolation Centre by Mainstream Energy Solution Limited



Ambulance donated by Julius Berger Nigeria Ltd.



Ambulance donated by Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)



UATH Frontline Workers at the Isolation Center.



UATH Frontline Workers.



5th from right: Middle: The Chief Medical Director, Prof B.A. Ekele receiving a donation from the leader of the Smile-Train Group, Dr. Amina Abubakar.



Middle: The Chief Medical Director, UATH Prof B. A Ekele receiving a donation from the leadership of Medical Women Association of Nigeria, FCT Branch, Dr. Aisha Umar.



Oxygen Plant donated by Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)



Left: House Manager of the Isolation and Treatment Center, Dr. Vivian Kwaghe receiving a donation from NTIC Foundation on behalf of the frontline workers.



4th from Right: Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele receiving a donation from Family Worship Center, Abuja.



5th from Right: Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele in a photograph with the accreditation panel of the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria and Consultants of the Department of Internal Medicine.

Premium Pension Supports UATH COVID-19 Treatment Center with Cash Donation

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), a team of Premium Pension Managers led by Mal. Umar Sanda paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Medical Director, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital on June 4th 2020 and presented a cheque of One Million, Five hundred thousand Naira (N1,500,000.00), as support

towards the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

While presenting the cheque, Mal. Umar Sanda said this widows mites donation would give the Management the flexibility in managing some of challenges they might face. He noted that the Hospital is doing great in the fight against the Corona Virus and promised to stand by the

Management as an industry in this difficult time.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director, Prof. B. A. Ekele thanked Premium Pension very sincerely for the honour and donation.

The Chief Medical Director said all the successes being recorded so far is attributed to the donations received from friends of the Hospital. He assured Premium Pension that their donation will be put to judicious use. Prof Bissallah A. Ekele said there is a lot of pressure on University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Treatment Center because of its status as a teaching hospital, hence very sick COVID-19 patients are often brought to the facility. He also noted that the biggest challenge facing the institution are COVID-19 patients with renal problems.

Finally, he thanked the organisation who had recognized that Government cannot do it alone, stating that his doors are opened for a collective fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, since no one knows when it will end.



The Managing Director Premium Pension Plc, Mal. Umar Sanda presenting a cheque to the Chief Medical Director, UATH, Prof. B A. Ekele to support the fight against COVID-19.

Smile-Train Group donates Personal Protective Equipment to UATH

SMILE-TRAIN UATH, a group of Health Professionals on 3rd June, 2020 paid a solidarity visit to the Chief Medical Director and the Management team with a donation of personal protection equipments (PPEs) in support towards the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

The team leader, Dr. Amina Abubakar, said their visit was necessitated by efforts of the Chief Medical Director and his team in the

management of the COVID-19 cases in the isolation center and the achievement recorded so far.

The Chief Medical Director, Prof B.A. Ekele, thanked the group for the efforts and concern in providing some relief materials.

He further reiterated that these materials will be used for its purposes since no one knows when the COVID-19 would end, stating that two (2) UATH staff who were infected with the virus had fully

recovered and discharged. Prof. Ekele stated that the main concern of Management presently is to concentrate on all the entering points of the hospital (Emergency Units).

In the same vein, the Director of Administration Mrs K. M. Adebajo, expressed happiness on the donation of the (PPE) and prayed for God to guide and sustain existence of the group.

Dunamis Church International Supports UATH COVID-19 Front Line Staff

The General Overseer, Dunamis Church International, Pastor Dr. Paul Enenche and his lovely wife Dr. Becky Enenche were on a goodwill visit to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital on 22nd May, 2020 in view of the Covid-19 situation in the country. The leadership of the church made the donation of anti-malaria drugs and other drugs with food items to the front line staff attending to COVID-19 patients.

While presenting the donation, Pastor Paul Enenche

appreciated God for his mercy and love over our dear country, stating that the impact of the virus in the country is less as compare to the developed countries. He said many people had predicted millions of death in Africa, but to the glory of God almighty the situation of African countries is better than the rest of the world.

Pastor Paul Enenche said they have come in solidarity with the health workers and to appreciate them sincerely for the good work they have been doing for the country and

prayed that God will continue to be with them. As at the time of his visit, he affirmed that since the inception of the Corona Virus pandemic, University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Treatment Center had received Eighty One (81) positive cases out of which Sixty Four (64) patients recovered and were discharged and three 3 deaths was recorded. He appreciated the medical personnel for these wonderful statistics saying that the survival rate of COVID -19 patients in University of Abuja Teaching Hospital is 96%. The general overseer of the church said when the first index case of Corona Virus was recorded in the country it seem nothing could be done to salvage the situation but presently we have had many discharged cases. He promised to assist the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Treatment Center from time to time.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Prof. Bissallah A. Ekele appreciated the leadership of Dunamis Church for the goodwill donation, adding that they are the first religious group who have come to the aid hospital since the outbreak of this deadly virus. He said the battle to combat COVID-19 pandemic is a very enormous one and that no donation is too small or too big at this critical time of need.



L-R: Mrs K.M. Adebajo (DA); Dr. N. Baamong (CMAC); Dr. Becky Enenche (Dunamis Church); Dr. Paul Enenche (Senior Pastor, Dunamis Church) and Prof. B. Ekele (CMD) in a group photograph at the occasion.

High Chief
RAYMOND ALEOGHO
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14th May, 2020

Permit me to express my heartfelt appreciation and profound gratitude to you for your concern, prayers and good wishes that you mercifully extended to me particularly and the other members of my extended family during my sojourn at the Gwagwalada Isolation Center for Corona Virus infection. I am eternally grateful to you for the encouragement, the support and the love. I am eternally grateful to God that all nine members of my family were discharged and tested COVID-19 NEGATIVE. All my colleagues in DAAR Communications Plc were also discharged without any fatalities.

I pray that the good Lord will cure all those affected by COVID 19 in our dear country and indeed globally.

I equally pray for you and your beloved ones, that the Almighty God will continue to bless, protect and guide you whilst this pandemic last and beyond. The Lord shall continue to shower you with His infinite love and mercy. Please keep safe and strong.

Once again, kindly accept the assurances of my best personal wishes and regards.


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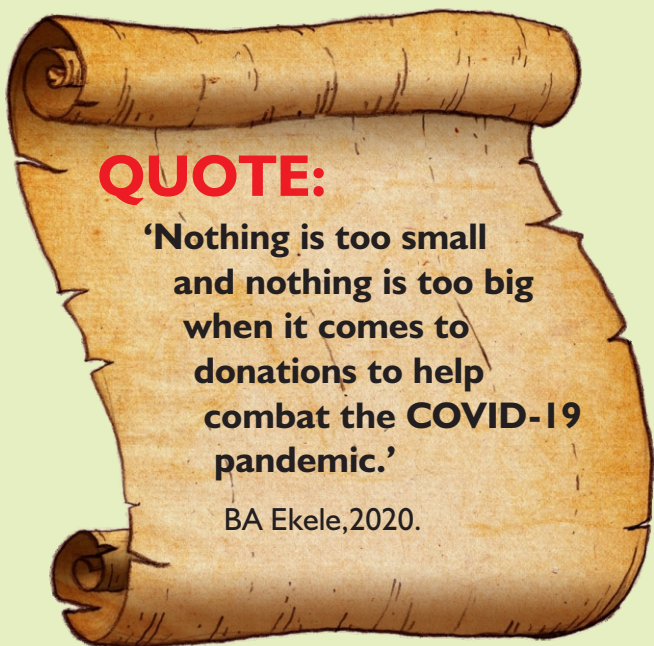


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3. Persons with persistent cough or sneezing should stay home or keep a social distance, but not mix in crowd.
4. Make sure you and people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene, meaning cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief or tissue into your sleeve at the bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
5. Stay home if you feel unwell with symptoms like fever, cough and difficulty in breathing. Please call NCDC toll free number, which is available day and night, for guidance: 0800 970 0000-0010. Do not engage in self-medication.
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