



PEACE OF CHRIST FOUNDATION
USER

[ANNUAL REPORT (OUTREACH)] The outreach project started in May 2015 as a sequel to the PCC resource centre for advice and support. The aim of the project is to identify, register and support children living with intellectual disabilities in communities within the Nkoranza South and North districts using community based approaches. It is also to create public awareness about the rights of the children and change negative perceptions people have about persons with intellectual disabilities using multi-faceted and multi-disciplinary approaches. The overall objective is to improve the social conditions of children with intellectual disabilities through advocacy, awareness creation and collaboration building. The specific objectives are: a. To activate community members to accept and respect the rights of children with intellectual disabilities b. To erase the negative perceptions people have about intellectual disability c. To encourage community members and parents to take responsibility for their children with intellectual disabilities d. To form parents supports groups and empower them to take good care of their children with intellectual disabilities e. To undertake small scale livelihood projects for young adults with intellectual disabilities. f. To advocate for the inclusion of issues concerning children with intellectual disabilities in policy decisions]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is a summary compilation of the quarterly reports of the outreach project from January to December, 2025. The report regroups the individual activities into general headings.

The thematic areas discussed in this report include the following:

- √Home visits
- √Antiepileptic drugs support
- √Parents support groups activities
- √Daycare centers
- √Referral for physiotherapy
- √New identification
- √Donations
- √training workshops for DC staff
- √Public education and awareness creation
- √Visitation by Dutch foundation members
- √First aid boxes
- √A plot of land acquired at kyeradeso
- √Fiddle supported
- √Two children gained admission into the school of deaf in Jamasi Kumasi
- √Assistive device
- √Challenges
- √Forecast for 2026

Some of the salient points in the report include but not limited to the following:

1. A total of (112) children visited
2. 11060 tablets of antiepileptic drugs were distributed to support children from poor families. This figure is increased and above the 9000 tablets distributed in the year 2024.
3. A total of (17) PSHG meetings were held
4. A successful training workshops were organized for staff from the DC.
5. About (19) children were referred for physiotherapy
6. Two children gained admission into school of deaf in Jamasi Kumasi
7. Fifteen new children identified.

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HOME VISITS



Home visits constitute the monthly routine activities carried out in line with the outreach project. Usually, these visits are done in communities where clients are located. The visits afford me the opportunity to interact with clients and their families to ascertain progress made and challenges encountered. However, parents are advised on the need to ensure their children are care for while they lived in the communities. Their rights as disabled children are enshrine in the constitution of Ghana that grants them the opportunity to seek for redress in the law court of competence jurisdiction when client is abused physically, or sexually. In this view, all outreach children throughout the year have enjoyed their right to live and dignity as compared with other people in the community. Except Princess who suffered sexual abuse in the house when no one was around to rescue her from her abuser. A total of 112 individuals and families were visited throughout the period more than the previous year 2024.

During the period of reporting, the Board of PCC led by the General Director and other network members have visited the daycare centers to ascertain its progress and challenges confronting the DCs across Nkranza and its surroundings. They interacted with children and had meetings with the caretakers to find out if they are faced with challenges at the centers. Remarkably, the General Director was impressed with the level of progress and encouraged workers to keep up the team work and ensure every child is safe at the center. He said, one of the places these children can feel good and safe is at the daycare center.



DISTRIBUTION OF ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS



During the period under review the outreach coordinator distributed twelve thousand and sixty (11060) tablets of antiepileptic drugs to twenty (20) young adults with epilepsy. Despite drastic released of financial burden on parents, it also help parents to see the positive effect of the drugs thereby help change their perception of resorting to pastors and native doctors for non-existent cure. This intervention has helped many young children who previously would either fall into fire or water with wounds and sometimes dying in the process. People sometime would not come to their aid when they are experiencing the attack due to the negative perception they have about them. I've engaged community members on several grounds and sanitized them against the common beliefs of witchcraft and demonic spirits and discouraged them from resorting to negative means of cure. The antiepileptic drugs intervention is one of the most effective ways that helps prevent crisis situations of our clients. Throughout the period few children have experienced less epileptic seizures due to the effectiveness of the

antiepileptic drugs offered to children. Some Parents have not being to pay for the 20gh agreed on by the board of PCC. Parents were thankful for the support and appeal for the continuation of the support. The number of tablets distributed in 2025 is more than and above that of 2024.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING



PSHG constitutes parents of children living with intellectual disability who live in the same community and have their meetings monthly to leverage on issues concerning their children well-being. It forms part of the outreach stakeholder's consultation and decision making in line with children living with IDD. Parents are the mouth piece of advocating for the rights and well-being of their children in communities. This

is because of how some children are treated badly base on their disability nature of life. During the period of reporting, about seventeen (17) times (PSHG) meetings were organized with parents to deliberate on issues concerning their children. Some key points discussed are; regular attendance of children at the centers. Parent's contributions like soaps, detergent, T-roll, foodstuff just to mention few. A moments of low tent out of parents for meetings were recorded due to lack of interest in discussing repeated issues at meetings which bored them. Lack of cooperation among some parents base on individualistic expectation. But in my conclusion I have enjoyed better cooperation from most of the parents as compared it in 2024. Going forward the team ensure the monthly meetings are organized to discuss important pressing matters.

DAYCARE CENTERS



The daycare centers provide safe haven for children with intellectual and multiple disabilities which gives parents the opportunity to go about their normal duties of work and pick them up after work. During the year 2025, under review I overseen the four daycare centers successfully despite some ups and downs which accounted for low turnout at some centers. One of these challenges is parents' expectation as to what they would get in returns after their children are brought to the DCs. On the average, the four daycare centers have performed so well throughout the period as compared to previous years when some centers were faced with countless problems. New measures were introduced to curb such challenges and improve attendance at the various centers.

REFERRAL FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY AND SURGERY



During the year under review the outreach coordinator referred a total of nineteen (19) children with IDD who have physiotherapy needs. Some of the children came from far and near villages both Nkoranza south municipality and North district. Mrs. Inge a specialist from Holland attendant to them and recommended various set of exercises to parents and guidance to do same at home. She also gave orthopedic shoes to correct club foot among children.

NEW IDENTIFICATION OF CLIENTS

During the year 2025, I identified fifteen (15) new clients from various communities and they were captured on the data of outreach project. Out of this numbers two are suffering from epileptic condition and have received antiepileptic drug for the period of reporting. We wish to continue this support in the year 2026.

DONATIONS

During the period of reporting, some churches and individuals made donations to support our DCs as part of their social responsibilities towards children living with IDD in the communities. Records of donors were written for future reference. The items include; biscuit, assorted drinks, soap, sachet water and many more. This gesture is an indication that, the individuals, churches and associations are impressed with the concept of DCs and thus willing to support children with IDD. We will widen our advocacy drive to reach other individuals and groups to support in this direction.

TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR DC STAFF



During the year 2025, training workshops were organized by the outreach coordinator for staff from the four DCs to build their capacity for effective discharge of their duties with good conduct and professionalism. These trainings were necessary because certain lapses were detected for which reasons quality of work required from the staff kept going down from time to time. One other reason was to prepare them mentally and psychologically fit while having programs with the children. Topics delivered were. 1 to establish good rapport with children 2. How to use materials with the children. 3 how to use first aid boxes and many others. The facilitators were the Education Director (Jeannette Van-Galen, the Director of PCC (Dassebre Amponsah Emmanuel) and the outreach coordinator (Emmanuel Boyan). Mr. Dassebre took participants through how to use the first aid box in managing a crisis at each DC. Mama Jeanette taught the staff what to do first before having a program with the children; set all materials ready 10 minutes before starting the program, call or visit a child who did not come to the center after one or two days, report every issue or information necessary through the coordinator and avoid directly reporting to the Director of PCC or anybody's else. Shows good behave towards children and colleague workers. Since after the workshops staff showed positive attitude towards the children. And all other steps they have strictly followed. We are of expectance good behaviors improve in the year 2026 report.

PUBLIC ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS CREATION



As part of outreach's means of disseminating information to the general public concerning children living with intellectual disability. I visited AKYEA FM 99.1 and FABEA FM 97.4 among others and engaged with listeners in and around the Nkoranza South Municipality and North district. However, I also engaged with other groups and associations like head dressers, Sims tress and unions, churches Topics for the discussion include. The causes of intellectual disability and how to manage it, secondly, respect for their right at everywhere they find themselves. The panelists who took tens in the discussion were a parent, a child and the outreach coordinator. About five people called in and expressed their gratitude to outreach and board of PCC for introducing outreach to support many young children who are IDD and establishing DCs in some communities to offer a decent place for children during day time while their parents go about their normal duties and picked them up later in the evening. Going forward this segment of engagement will continue.

VISITATION BY DUTCH FOUNDATION MEMBERS

During the year 2025, under review I had the privileged to visit some communities with four Dutch members on a separate grounds to understand the level of progress made and challenges faced. Interestingly, each one of them was impressed with the achievement made. They all encouraged me to up the good work in the following year 2026 which I promised to do so for the sake of these children with IDD. The members include; INGE, JEANNETTE KELIN, DR. SOFNNE, PASTOR YANIKA AND HERMAH.



Pastor Yanika a member of the Dutch Foundation visited PCC with her daughter Ama Yanika. During the period she spent time at the Ananse daycare center to interact with the children and the workers. She was very impressed with the progress made considering how the concept was implemented to give opportunity for these children to spend quality time learning something very important at the center while their parents go about doing their work without fear. She also appreciate parents for their little contribution towards the running of the centers. She further advise the workers to put in their best during the working hours and keep doing the good work with all the experienced they gained from PCC just to work at the center.

FIRST AID BOXES



First aid box is an immediate solution in managing a home or office crisis while the affected person is referred to an appropriate health facility for further and better treatment. This kind of treatment does not need a Doctor or a qualified nurse but someone who is trained on how to use the basic materials available to manage the situation at hand before seeing a Doctor for proper treatment. For this cause the outreach PCC in collaboration with the board of PCC conducted a first aid training session for its DC staff and equip them handle accident emergency which many occur with a child or a staff. A student Doctor called Amber visited PCC and during her stay she went on a trip with the outreach coordinator to witness a PSHG meeting in Nkwanta DC. During the meeting she noticed an issue on the agenda that has to do with a child who had a cut after falling from a wall and bled badly before he was taken to a nearby health facility for treatment. Out of this report she promised to fund a complete first aid boxes for the four DCs which include Kyeradeso DC, Nkwanta DC, Ananse DC AND forikrom DC. While complying this report at the time the four first aid boxes were delivered to the four DCs to serve the intended purpose. Parents have expressed their gratitude to Miss Dr. Amber for this kind support offered to their children and will forever be remembered for fulfilling her promise made to them during that meeting.

A PLOT OF LAND ACQUIRED AT KYERADESO





The DC in kyeradeso was established barely a year with a total number of 8 children living with IDD. The center currently is under a class room belonging to the municipal education directorate which means we could be evicted any time soon. For this reason, the board of PCC has purchased 70*80 acre plot of land ready for developing it as a DC. The general Director, the Education Director, the Director of PCC together with outreach coordinator and accompanied by the assemblyman who doubles as the contact person for the Nkwanta DC visited the site. We acquired the land from an individual who for some reasons sold out the land to us for our intended purpose of developing DC. Document in relative to the land has been received pending the development of the land between first and second quarter of the year 2026.



FIDDLES SUPPORTED

Fiddles and Godden were identified by outreach team in 2019. The two are brothers and have suffered borne deformity that cause them to drop out of school. The team subsequently wrote to the board for support to enable them walk and also attend school. We donated wheelchair, walker and uniforms to them to enable them to go back to school. After several follows up they were back in school learning and performing very well in class. The wheelchair and walker are still in good condition. On my last visit together with a student Doctor called Amber Godden was home from SHS simply because he owns PTA due and needed also one per of trouser to go back to school. I officially informed the board and the board agreed to support him again the second time. Currently, Godden is back in school attending classes with his colleagues. The family sincerely thank the board of PCC for this kind support they have received.

TWO CHILDREN GAINED ADMISSION INTO JAMASI SCHOOL OF DEAF



During the period under review, the peace of Christ foundation through its subsidiary (outreach project) supported Twice brothers to gain admission into Jamasi School of the deaf.in Kumasi. The two children are junior and senior (Dayi and Naa) in their local parlance. Both were born with the condition of deaf and dam confirmed by a qualified Doctor after they were tested. The two were also tested in the school as part of the assessment conducted proving beyond all reasonable thou that they cannot hear nor talk. Base on this, the Education Director of PCC had a discussion with the outreach coordinator and the board of PCC giving reasons why these two children should be supported to have a meaningful life in the future. Subsequently, the board agreed to the Director's idea to support the two children in the school of deaf in Jamasi Ashanti region Kumasi. Both children were sent to the School of deaf for assessment test and they were confirmed completely deaf and could be enrolled into the school for learning. Admission was issued to us on the same day with the prospectus to be provided. After one week both children were sent to the school to start learning and acquiring some skills to live an independent life in the future. PCC paid for the fees, items for junior, transportation in and out during the assessment and the admission period. The parents also bought items for the other child

DEVICE SUPPORT



In the year 2025, the outreach coordinator supported about eight (8) children with basic assistive device who were intellectually disabled. These individuals were supported to enable them move and carry through with activities of daily living. These assistive devices include six foldable and two specialist wheelchairs. Some of the beneficiaries have since accessing public places in and around.

Statistically, the number of persons supported with assistive devices have increased as compared with four beneficiaries in 2024.

CHALLENGE (s)

The major challenge the team faced in the year under review has to do with the lack of cooperation of some parents in working together as a group for the collective interest of their children with disabilities.

FORECAST FOR 2026

In 2026, we will continue with public education on radio, community clinics, and in churches. We will also work towards strengthening our parents support groups and empower them. We intend to scale-up to cover some more communities in the Nkoranza North district in the year 2026.