

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST FOUNDATION**

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***OUTREACH PROJECT REPORT – JANUARY TO MARCH, 2026***

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## INTRODUCTION

The outreach project was started purposely to identify, register and support children living with intellectual disabilities using community based approaches. The project also aims 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 of the project is to improve the social conditions of children and young adults with intellectual disabilities within the Nkoranza South and North Districts.

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 support 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 covered three months requirement of the outreach team to tester the management of the progress of the project in respect of activities undertaken. In the months under review, the team carried out the following activities in line with our mandate to impact the general wellbeing of children with intellectual disabilities:

- ✓ Home visits
- ✓ Antiepileptic support
- ✓ Parents support group meetings
- ✓ Daycare centers
- ✓ G F D meeting
- ✓ Games
- ✓ New house for Kyeradeso DC
- ✓ A training workshop on case management and ISSOP
- ✓ New client
- ✓ Payment of rent for forikrom DC
- ✓ Way ford

Some of the outstanding points in this report include:

1. The outreach team visited over 34 communities as part of the home visits
2. We have successfully organized(5) parents self-help group meetings
3. Twenty (20) children benefited from the free antiepileptic drug distribution
4. I attended case management workshop for stakeholders

## HOME VISITS



An important but regular activity of the outreach work is home visits. The team ordinarily, visits children with intellectual and other multiple disabilities in various villages and towns within our area of scope to find out their general state of affairs. The visits give us the opportunity to meet parents face to face and offer useful pieces of advice to them and caretakers of such children. At the time of visit the client was doing washing of his dirty clothes.

During this first quarter of 2026, an average of 34 communities were visited concurrently over the period. Two student Doctors during their stay in PCC went out with the team to see and understand the concept of the DCs. They are

Kirsten De Groote and Femke Steeman. Both made donations of T-roll and ball to support Nkwanta DC and Forikrom DC. We would strengthen to reach out new clients within our scope of areas in communities.

## ANTIPILEPTIC DRUG SUPPORT



Antiepileptic drug is one of the interventions of outreach's work that has changed many lives significantly through the monthly distribution of dosage to children and young adults living with epileptic condition in various communities across Nkoranza south municipal and north district. Helena, a client with an outreach team member and the mother standing by was so happy that her daughter has moved from offbeat to even person as she reckonings the time she was identified with very devastating condition as compared to her current

state of life. The mother was so much filled with joy and thankful to the team for supporting Helena in separate ways till now. The intervention which started at the very onset of the outreach project, has helped to mitigate the negative impact of epilepsy on many of our clients. Those who were using various unauthorized methods like local herbs and spiritual means, have since changed and embraced the set of the drugs to reducing the effects of the condition.

During the period of reporting, the team distributed 3600 carbamazepine tablets to children who are from poor and needy families. With this financial burdens many children suffered most awful seizure for which reasons many falls into fire or water getting wounds and dying eventually. Thankfully, the board of PCC is set to providing more support and relief to children and families if on a condition they would show their commitment to the success of the project.

## PARENT SELF-HELP GROUP MEETING



The parent support help group consist of parents of children living with IDD, outreach team and other opinion leaders. We mostly meet and discuss issues concerning the children's wellbeing and the state of the daycare centers. During the months of reporting some issues were discussed which includes nonpayment of okada money, soap and T-roll to support the daily up keep of the children at DCs. At the end of the first quarter of 2026, the team had organized only five general meetings with parents across the four DCs. This number was as a results of some parents unable to regularly attend meetings due to idealistic demand and expectation from the board of PCC through its outreach team. We will continue to engage with parents to help them explore new strategies to support the project growth either than always asking for more aids.

## DAYCARE CENTERS



At the end of the first quarter of reporting the team supervised the four daycare centers within our area of scope in various communities. Children attend the centers on the daily bases and participate in program till time of closing. The caretakers

have taken good care of the children during each activity with them at every half an hour and focusing on the children ability of what they can do. The team will not loss of sight of using different tactic to monitor how things are going at each DC and will report as it is to the board. We wish to state that, everything is going well at all the centers except to say not every time all children are coming to the centers.. Two student Doctors during their stay in PCC took went out with to visit the four DCs and try to understand the concept of the DCs. They are Kirsten De Groote and Femke Steeman. Both made donations of T-rolls and ball to support Nkwanta DC and kyeredeso DC. The team was so thankful to them for this kind support received. One troubling problem the team encountered was that a worker was caught using phone during program period. Another issue was the late start of program which happened consistently that may affect the success of the project. The team has since resolved those issues and will monitor them closely and report back to the board what happened next.

## GHANA FEDERATION OF DISABILITY



The outreach team together with PSHG leaders and the leadership of the self-advocate group had a meeting with GFD leadership to deepen our relationship at the moment and work together towards the interest of children living with IDD and their families. We raised an issue of neglect in equitable disbursement of the common fund to each disable child in the municipality. A cognizant agreement was built to give 2 or 3 of our clients to benefiting from the fund every quarter throughout the year. We will follow up on this to ensure our clients are benefited from the fund.

## GAMES



The outreach team in collaboration with Peace of Christ foundation organized games amid the children and workers of both PCC and outreach on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2026. The primary reason was to socialize and build good rapport among ourselves. During a moment like this these children always enjoy their feverish with other children and happy themselves when remembered. We commend that this kind of program should be organized twice every year. This would assists their reasons to always be at the DCs. The team would continue to engage with parents and their children on the need to organize such programs and how that their children should also attend the centers on the daily bases. It was an exciting moment for all of us.

### NEW HOUSE FOR KYERADESO DC



The Peace of Christ Foundation through its subsidiary outreach project has established four daycare centers in and around Nkoranza south municipality. In the previous reports I indicated how the land was acquired and subsequently new building is ongoing to its beam. This is the third building out of which two were built from scrip to finishing. The building indeed will service a purpose of providing safe sanctuary for these children at each center. Maintains culture will be ensured for longer use of the

building. The facility will be opened onto children with IDD who are willing to attend the center on the daily bases. The team will deepen our relationship with parents and other stakeholders to ensure the project progresses.

## **A TRAINING WORKSHOP ON CASE MANAGEMENT AND ISSOP**



The municipal social welfare doctorate has organized a one day training workshop for its key stakeholders in the municipality regarding the requirements in handling case management towards vulnerable children. Areas of children becoming vulnerable include child trafficking, child labor and child marriage just to mention few. According to the director of social welfare children are the victims of everyday abuse thus would need individuals or appropriate bodies to help them

and apprehend the perpetrators. Stakeholders were informed to be watch dogs in their areas and report issues of such to institutions responsible for strict actions to be taken. Participants took turns and asked a lot of questions and contributions to the topic.

**NEW CLIENT CALLED CINDY**

Cindy is a girl of 8 years old born with downsyndrom condition. She lives with her parents and other siblings in a small cottage. She's a candidate for our DC in kyeradeso but very challenging to access the DC because she cannot walk to and fro the distance. The team has already engaged with the family to find appropriate solution to this problem. But our initial option is to get her a bicycle which the

brother can pick to and fro every day. We will explore other options to resolving the problem.

### PAYMENT OF RENT FOR FORIKROM DC



The Managing Director of Peace of Christ Foundation together with the outreach Manager presented a cheque of ten thousand eight hundred Ghana cedis to the church of Methodist forikrom breach for a rent of two years. This comes as a result of the expiration of the two years rent free offered to the Peace of Christ Foundation to provide care and nontoxic environment for children with IDD.

### **WAY FORWARD**

On the way forward, the outreach team will continue to crack down into more innovative ideas through operative discussion and planning with management of PCC, parents and other interest bodies like the social welfare directorate, to creating better social environment for all our clients.

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