

# MARYCARE EJEMEKWURU

## FMCS

### REPORT FOR MAY 2016

The Marycare projects in Ejemekwuru are working properly now, especially the Health Centre, Peanut project and Skills Acquisition Project.

**HEALTH CENTER:** The health centre has been yielding results since inception, taking care of the health needs of the people of Ejemekwuru and its neighbors. Both the elderly, the youthful, men and women and children benefit from our services.



Mr George Duru whose picture appears in this report is an indigene of Ejemekwuru. He testifies that when he first came to the health centre he was very ill. He could hardly talk, walk or even think properly. His condition was very bad, he had a severe case of high blood pressure. When he was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri, he found the hospital doctors to be on strike. He was then brought back home and came to register at the MHC. He says that but for that visit to MHC, he would have been a dead man by now. He says that he was warmly received and treated for his

ailment. He is now fully recovered and keeps reporting to the health centre for checkup and collection of his drugs. Asked about his opinion of the center, he commends it as an efficient place where the services he received gave him the impression that he was in a more developed country. He commends the centre for their enriching health talks and prayers. He said he got drugs and was introduced to the use of Moringa leaves.

So far the MHC has operated for 14 months, running doctor's clinic every Thursday.

The month of May was no exception. We had doctors for all the Thursdays in the month.

We are still hopeful that the NYSC will post a doctor to us as the batch presently in camp is posted. So far we have got the accommodation for the youth corps doctor ready.

Our staff took part in the training for HIV testing by the Ministry of Health. A side lab has been set up as required.

#### **PEANUT PROJECT:**

The peanut project this year took off later than that of last year. This year, 20 persons are in the project and they all got peanut for planting on the land provided. Mr. Maurice Nwadike, the facilitator of the project, has lectured the participants and is in the process of monitoring the progress of the project.

#### **SKILLS ACQUISITION PROJECT (SAP):**

The 3rd person has been successfully apprenticed for skills in motor mechanic. His agreement was signed on 24th May for a 3-year training period. His name is Daniel

Ifeanyi Onyejiuwa. His father is a local carpenter, his mother is a petit trader in foodstuffs. The boy could not complete his school certificate exams because of financial difficulties.

The 4th on the line is Master Chinaemerem Uwandu. He said he left school two years ago when he could not pay for his exams as a result of his father's ill health. His father is a driver while his mother is a farmer and petit trader. He wants to be a motor mechanic. We hope to fix him up in the next two weeks.

Uchenna Boniface who is seeking to learn metal works is still searching for accommodation close to the place of work.

For Vivian Ogugua and Ijeoma Glory Durugbo, we are still looking for places where their fees will be better affordable.

The first candidate, Mr Chigaemezu Ezeji, who lost his father two years ago, is still in his training in wood work. His master informs that he is regular at his work.

The second person, Mr Nduka Onyejiuwa has completed his 4 weeks training as a driver. He has obtained a certificate from the driving school and is awaiting capturing for his National Driving License.