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All Aro (USA), Inc.

Arochukwu Medical Mission Report



*Aro Renaissance Through Community
Development Initiatives!*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE MEDICAL MISSION

AAUSA successfully carried out its maiden Medical Mission to Arochukwu from June 28 through July 02, 2004. The newly completed AAUSA Medical Clinic building, in Arochukwu, was used for the mission. The medical mission team provided medical consultation services and dispensed drugs to approximately 1350 patients, including prominent Aro personalities like His Majesty, Eze Aro - Mazi Vincent Ogbonnaya Okoro, CFR; His Royal Highness, Mazi Kanu Okereke Kanu - Eze Ibom Isii; His Royal Highness, Mazi Okorafor Uroh - Eze Ezeagwu; and members of Okpankpo.

THE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

A total of ten (10) adults and four (4) children from AAUSA families volunteered and traveled to Arochukwu to support this august mission. Two (2) doctors and three (3) nurses, Americans recruited from the Ajalli mission, volunteered and helped with the Arochukwu mission. In addition, four (4) doctors and eight (8) nurses practicing in Nigeria also volunteered for the mission.

\$200,000 OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

A total of \$25,450 in Medical mission pledges was collected from chapters and individuals and used in defraying most of the expenses. Twenty-one boxes (21) - over 1400 pounds- of drugs and medical supplies were shipped from the US, while tropical medication was purchased in Nigeria. The mission is estimated to cost approximately \$28,000. The direct cost of drugs and medical supplies is approximately \$13,000. The street value of these supplies is over \$200,000. Direct shipping cost for these supplies is about \$5,400. Other expenses for local logistics and incidentals came to \$9,600.

EXTRAORDINARY PERSONAL SACRIFICE

It is impossible to measure the total cost of this mission, especially since all volunteers paid out of pocket for cost of air travel, local accommodation, and various miscellaneous expenses. Only God will pay back the volunteers. This monumental accomplishment was made possible by various groups of people:

THE VOLUNTEERS THAT TRAVELED TO AROCHUKWU

You sacrificed your time, your money and your emotions in boldly facing the challenges of uncharted territory – the Mission. Without your labor of love our success would have been marginal.

THE AAUSA MEMBER CHAPTERS

You contributed materially and financially, without your financial and moral support this mission would not have been possible.

MEDICAL MISSION COMMITTEE

Your passion in organizing the mission, and enduring the less than perfect availability of funds and facilities helped in overcoming the inertia of a maiden mission.

NZUKO ARO NIGERIA

Your guidance, commitment and presence through the period provided the encouragement needed for such pilot mission.

THE ARO CLINIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your financial support for the medical building provided the platform to actualize the mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

AAUSA accepted the recommendations and would ensure that future missions are planned and executed in line with the recommendations. A key recommendation noted the importance of all volunteers departing from a location in USA. Other highlights are: the Nzuko Aro- Nigeria- should be expressly involved and responsible for coordinating the local logistics including custom clearance, hosting of non-Aro volunteers, transportation, etc.

Another important recommendation called for fund raising to equip the center and provide utilities such as electricity, borehole and medical diagnostic equipment. The sustainability of the clinic and the spirit of volunteerism should be emphasized; and proper inventory of pharmaceutical and medical supplies established.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

A total of \$12,000 approved by AAUSA was made available to the Mission Committee through the Chair and Vice Chair. The retirement of the amount by the Chair was accepted. Additional \$5,000 incurred in Nigeria and approved by AAUSA has been acknowledged. The remaining funds were used for shipping, local logistics and contingency.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Medical Mission Report was received by AAUSA Secretariat and upon review and consideration at a joint session meeting of the EXCO and Patrons of November 23, 2004 accepted the report with minimal correction. AAUSA wishes to thank all Chapter Presidents and members for their dedication, contribution, and unwavering support for this AAUSA initiative. We appreciate you very much and will continue to ask for your future participation. For our administration, that is what *Aro Essence* is all about. Thanks immensely!

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Mazi Jidefor Oji Exec. President	Mazi Mike O. Ukoha Secretary General	NwaMazi Val Emesih Financial Secretary	Mazi Okey Okereke Treasurer	Mazi Damian Orji Vice President
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