

## **FANTSUAM FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT, 2020**

This is the annual BOT meeting for 2020. The last meeting was in January and since then it has been impossible to arrange any of the regular quarterly meetings. We have however, been able to maintain contact with most Board members, asking their views, advice and support where necessary.

The year 2020 started on a positive note as our peace building project targeted the 2020 Easter and EID celebration. For the first time, Kafanchan Christian and Muslim youths were going to provide security cover for worshippers during the EDI and Easter celebration. But this plan was suspended due to the COVID situation. Following closely on the COVID lockdown, there was an outbreak of violence in some of our host communities of Ungwa-Anjo in May, Kukum-daji and Zipak in June/July leading to deaths, casualties and destruction of properties.

Fantsuam has got involved in providing relief for some of the victims and some grains will be delivered to Ungwa Anjo today Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Covid-19 had taken its toll on Fantsuam foundation since the lockdown started in March 2020. Most of our activities came to a halt and two of our income-generating departments had to be suspended due to the lockdown. We wish to acknowledge the support of the chairman and some FF friends who provided N350,000 so that FF did not have to pay half salary to staff during the period of lockdown.

The following are the major highlights of our opportunities and challenges since the last Board meeting of January, 2020.

1. Recruitment of a total of 56 volunteers for the CIHP program on HIV prevention and treatment began in January and continued in February
2. JAMB registration successfully took place in January
3. The organization was able to make a further advance payment for the software developed for us at a cost of 5.4M. So far 3.4M has been paid
4. The Ungwa Masara road upgrade took place successfully, and was commissioned on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2020
5. The project on Early Warning system that would have gone towards resolution of the use of the EID prayer ground started in Feb
6. The Fantsuam CBT hosted the 2020 JAMB examinations on 14<sup>th</sup> March
7. Fourteen block grants for the renovation and provision of furniture to schools in Jema'a was undertaken
8. Fantsuam was able to continue the provision of food palliatives which started during the lockdown. In November, 140 food parcels have been distributed to older persons in Kafanchan
9. A former staff of FF, Bala Dada, sent two pickup loads of food stuff from Kaduna to support the food palliative distribution efforts

10. An insurance cover has been taken out with AxA Insurance, Kaduna. We have paid 50% of the annual premium and hope to pay the balance by end of December, 2020
11. A new un-funded project, the Zipak Botanical Garden has started. The architectural design has been completed and some planting have been done at a cost of 50,000. There is a full-time gardener to take care of the ZBG
12. The following projects have been approved and are being undertaken at the moment
  - a. Inclusive ICTs for People with Disabilities to provide free digital literacy training to them and offer them free smartphones to access relevant internet sites. Such sites have information on various Government-sponsored COVID support
  - b. Open access for students and CHEWS to use the internet and FF facilities for their studies and career development
  - c. Deployment of sustainable broadband for Fantsuam Foundation. Mr Seyi is actively working with the engineer in charge of this project to ensure we get broadband internet service
13. Management has decided to install and unveil a plaque in memory of a long-time and good friend of Fantsuam Foundation, Mr Greg Jones. The plaque will be unveiled at the end of this annual Board meeting.

PS: The Director of Administration is unavoidably absent at today's meeting because her daughter has been on hospital admission in Abuja for over two weeks now. We wish her daughter a quick and full recovery.