

## Medical Initiative for Africa Abuja (MIFAA)



***MIFAA is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) raising awareness about healthcare and Importance of taking preventive actions. "Health Is Wealth." We are a group of ordinary healthcare professionals reaching out to our communities through collaboration with individual Nigerians and corporate organizations alike. One at a Time!!!***

**Corporate Affairs Commission Registration Number: CAC /IT/NO 95198**

### **Organization Overview**

We started by performing free healthcare assessments around our practice areas and realized that majority of our patients could not afford basic medical care. Many are poor unemployed and would not qualify for the basic National health Insurance scheme operated by the government.

We also realized that the educated ones were very ignorant about preventive health care and hence would show up in the clinics or hospitals with severe forms of preventable health care challenges (Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Stroke, Diabetes and complications etc). In a nutshell we would contribute money out of our earnings and purchase enough medications and would visit different facilities and assist patients. The more we did this the more we realized the need to step up our scope of activities, hence the idea came up to form the organization.

Our activities run throughout the week and year, we perform health education and awareness programmes in our communities and also utilize social media to spread our messages. Also, wherever we need to visit facilities to provide care, our dependable group of volunteer medical and paramedical personnel are ready to deploy. We work with governmental, nongovernmental and faith based organizations to impact our communities and educate them about their health.

We have a minimum pool of about fifty (50) volunteer medical and paramedical personnel on standby and we pull from this group to minimize burn out. We also have a logistic support team that work with our team.

We are a charity non- governmental organization registered by the corporate affairs commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. **Corporate Affairs Commission Registration Number: CAC /IT/NO 95198**

## Location of Services

### MAP OF NIGERIA



*Google Maps*

### **December 2012 -Makurdi North Central Nigeria**

Provided free HIV/AIDS testing and preventive education to communities in the area due to the high incidence of the disease. Also, provided referrals to positives so they can have access to antiretroviral medications (Tested more than 15000 individuals over a period of 1 year).

### **January 2013-Onitsha South Eastern Nigeria**

Performed free health care screening against communicable and non communicable diseases to over 5000 inhabitants of a rural community, we screened and treated diseases such as Hypertension, Diabetes, skin infections, wound dressing, sexually transmitted diseases, deworming, glaucoma diagnosis and cataract diagnosis. We referred many patients to government hospitals for follow up care.

### **March 2013-Enugu in South eastern Nigeria**

Visited a rural community and carried out the same sets of activities as above. We provided services to about 3000 individuals.

### **August 2013-Aiyede Ogbese Akure South West Nigeria**

Collaborated with sister agencies and carried out health outreach providing free medications, free consultations and health talk to an agro community of over 5000 individuals.

### **January 2014-Kaduna North Central Nigeria (Jere Community)**

Collaborated with sister agencies and carried out health outreach providing free medications, free consultations and health talk to an agro community of over 4000 individuals.

### **April 2015-Abuja FCT Bwari Community North Central Nigeria**

Conducted Schistosomiasis treatment in a population of over 2000 individuals during an outbreak, deworming and providing a source of potable drinking water to the community of about 2000 people.

### **June 2015-Kubasa Village, FCT Abuja North Central Nigeria**

Carried out free medical treatment and health screening in a community of about 1 000 people and dewormed about 300 children and adults.

### **October 2015 -Abuja FCT North Central Nigeria**

Provided a health education talk on prevention and treatment of Diabetes and Hypertension during a weeklong anniversary of a faith based organization.

### **February 2016-Akure Ondo State South West Nigeria**

Conducted free health screening, health education and treatment in a church organization targeting mainly the elderly population and assisted in referrals to area hospitals.

## **October 2016 -Abuja FCT North Central Nigeria**

Our organization participated in the Breast Cancer awareness month by providing information and education to eligible patients and family members.

## **January 2017-Minna North Central Nigeria**

Visited a correctional Facility in the above institution and provided free medical care to the inmate population of about 2000, treating both communicable and non communicable diseases.

## **February /March/April/May 2017 Abuja FCT North Central Nigeria**

We have conducted about 7 free medical outreaches providing free medications, free treatment and referrals to different communities in and around the FCT in Abuja. We have worked with many organizations who have supported us with funds needed to purchase medications and consumables for our activities.

We visited communities such as:

- 1) Jikowi
- 2) Bwari (2 times)
- 3) Jabi (2 times)
- 4) Bassa Community about 4 hrs away with travel on land and sea.
- 5) During the recent Meningitis outbreak in Nigeria, we participated by collaborating with the federal government and responding agencies in disseminating information about the disease. Our President participated in on air education activities reaching out to the entire listening population of FM 104.5 transmitting from Abuja with reception thousands of miles away.
- 6) We have provided services to more than 5 000 individuals during these outreaches.
- 7) Finally, we will be returning with more medications to treat periodic outbreaks of skin disease (Scabies) and hope to provide additional medications to address the needs of the inmates and their staff. (Hypertension Diabetes, Malaria, Typhoid and other ailments). We will also provide enough health education materials and equip the care givers with enough information about preventing such illnesses forestalling an epidemic outbreak.

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