



COMMUNITY BASED  
REHABILITATION  
PROGRAM

# CBR Effata Year Report 2020

## 1. General Information

CBR Effata is a Dutch organization. CBR means Community-Based Rehabilitation, a strategy to support persons with a disability in areas with limited (medical or educational) resources. CBR Effata aims to give awareness and support to people with disabilities in Nigeria and Guinea-Bissau. Website [www.cbr-effata.org](http://www.cbr-effata.org)

CBR Effata Netherlands cooperates with NGO “CBR Effata” in Ebonyi State, Nigeria, and “RBC Effata” in Guinea-Bissau.

CBR Effata Netherlands is registered as a charity foundation (ANBI) in the Netherlands.

The Board and Advisory Committee do not receive income for their activities.

### Board:

The board in the Netherlands:

Mr. Jurjan Aman (chairman)

Ms. Corrie Corbijn (secretary)

Ms. Eline Nieuwland (treasurer)

Ms. Femmie Lagendijk

Ms. Ellina van Moolenbroek

Ms. Mariëtte van Moolenbroek

Mr. Wim Otte

### Advisory Committee

CBR Effata has an Advisory Committee with persons who have experience in international relations, education, health, CBR, fundraising, security, etc.

Mr. Jaap Braaksma

Mr. Huib Cornielje

Mr. Teus Dorrestein

Ms. Ellen van den Hil

Mr. Steef Post

Mr. Lenard Prins

### Project Supervisor

Mr. Frank van der Maas is the project supervisor for CBR Effata. He initiated several projects in Ebonyi State, Nigeria, and the North of Guinea Bissau. A Committee of friends takes care of his support (financial, insurance, etc.) through a group of sponsors.

## 2. Projects in Nigeria

CBR Effata is involved in several projects in Ebonyi State, Nigeria:

- Inclusive Nursery and Primary School “Effata” in Onuenyim Iseke.
- Eye unit, Orthopedic unit, and Vocational training unit in Omorodu Iseke.
- Aids Ministry in Nwofe Agbaja.
- Inclusive Nursery and Primary School “Bethel” in Nwofe.
- Inclusive Secondary School “Berea” in Nwofe.
- Water Project “Rehoboth” in Nwofe.

Due to the Corona pandemic, the programs' activities were different from planned.

Schools closed for many months, visits from doctors were difficult, and the transport was at a standstill. But, then, everything was back to normal at the end of the year.

These quiet months were used for new construction and renovation, training of staff, and production of teaching materials, including 40 videos with Bible stories in sign language.



*Training management Senior Staff*

### **Onuenyim Iseke**

#### **1. Inclusive Nursery and Primary School “Effata”**

Since 1999 this school provides primary education to deaf children. In 2015 the school became inclusive, which means that students with and without disabilities attend the same classes. The total number of students at the end of 2020 was 270, of whom 70 deaf. Five teachers are deaf.



## **Omorodu Iseke**

### **1. Eye unit**

In 2020 an ophthalmologist came 13 times for consultation and operations. However, because of the corona pandemic, our staff went only a few times for "Outreach" to the villages to treat patients or refer to the centre of CBR Effata in Omorodu.

In 2020 7,791 consultations were done, and 476 patients operated on. In addition, people who could no longer be operated on were offered mobility and orientation training to promote independence.

### **2. Orthopedic unit**

An orthopedist visited CBR Effata three times in 2020 for consultations and operations. In total, 1,210 consultations and 48 operations (71 procedures) were performed.

Ten children with cerebral palsy received support, and 36 people were helped with crutches and braces. Five people were given a wheelchair, nine young people an artificial leg.

Each month, 60 people were treated with anti-epilepsy drugs.

### **3. Vocational Training unit**

In 2020, 73 deaf people and 16 young people with a physical disability were trained in their chosen profession (e.g. hairdresser or carpenter).

Fifteen students were helped at the School for the Blind in Iboko, 50 students with physical disabilities attended regular education with the support of CBR Effata.



## **Nwofe Agbaja**

### **1. Aids Ministry**

AIDS Ministry started in 2004.

In 2020, 601 HIV tests were conducted. Seventy-six people were helped with ARV.

Fifty-six people came to the support group every month.

75 AIDS orphans were helped with education and livelihoods.

50 AIDS orphans (teenagers) are receiving vocational training in Nwofe.

A youth camp was held with 312 teenagers, 175 of whom were disabled.

A new office, laboratory and storeroom were built.



## 2. Inclusive Nursery and Primary School “Bethel”

This school started in 2010.

In 2020 there were 453 students, of whom 23 with a physical disability and 44 orphans from the AIDS program.

New offices, library and staff rooms were built.

## 3. Inclusive Secondary “Berea” in Nigeria

In 2014 Inclusive Secondary School “Berea” started.

Students with and without disabilities are welcome at this school to promote integration.

At the end of 2020, there were 453 students, 108 of whom were deaf and 25 with a physical disability. In addition, four teachers have a disability.

A new exam hall was built, and several classrooms were renovated.

## 4. Water Project “Rehoboth”

This project started in 2017.

In 2020, 100 water tanks (cisterns) of 5,000 litres were built. Twenty people with a disability (blind) received a cistern for free.

Thirteen masons (10 of whom are deaf) were trained.

Sixty small cisterns were made to wash hands in the corona pandemic. These were distributed to churches, schools and hospitals.

A new office and warehouse were built.

Five guest rooms and a kitchen have been built for visitors to all Effata projects.



*New offices Bethel and exam hall Berea*





### **B. Project in Guinea-Bissau**

In 2014 a new CBR project started in Bissorã, northern Guinea-Bissau.

Guinea-Bissau is one of the poorest countries in the world and has a relatively high prevalence of people with disabilities. Therefore, in 2019 the project moved to Ingoré.

In 2020, more than 700 people with disabilities were helped with medication (including anti-epileptics), prostheses and wheelchairs.

More than 120 young people were financially supported to go to school, including more than 90 deaf young people.

Forty-four young people with a disability learn a skill in the community (vocational training).

Twenty-nine people with a disability received micro-credit.

In collaboration with a local organization, 200 water cisterns (5,000 litres) were built, and ten masons (two of them deaf) were trained.



*Deaf students in Ingoré.*

### **C. Donors**

The following organizations have contributed financially to the projects:

- Stephanos Development Foundation, Canada
- Special Needs, Woerden
- Jars of Clay Foundation, Kamerik
- Youth League NRC, Woerden
- Clean Water, Healthy Village, Holten
- AFAS Foundation,
- Friends of Effatha, Zoetermeer
- Gifts from private individuals and churches.