

CBR Effata Annual Report 2022



Some deaf youngsters in Ingoré.

General information

CBR Effata is a Dutch foundation. CBR stands for Community-Based Rehabilitation, an integrated approach to support people with a disability in areas with very limited (medical and educational) resources. CBR Effata aims to provide information and support to people with disabilities in Nigeria and Guinea-Bissau. The website is www.cbr-effata.org

CBR Effata Netherlands is closely related to the independent partner organizations “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)
- Mrs. Corrie Corbijn (secretary)
- Mrs. Eline Nieuwland (treasurer)
- Mr. Willem Buitendijk
- Mrs. Femmie Lagendijk
- Mrs. Ellina van Moolenbroek
- Mrs. Mariëtte van Moolenbroek
- Mr. Wim Otte

Advisory Board

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

- Mr. Jaap Braaksma
- Mr. Huib Cornielje
- Mr. Teus Dorresteyn
- Mrs. Ellen van den Hil
- Mr. Steef Post
- Mr. Lenard Prins

Employees

CBR Effata has 98 permanent employees.

- 1 Dutch (parttime)
- 93 Nigerians
- 4 from Guinea-Bissau.

Project Supervisor

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

A. Projects in Nigeria

CBR Effata is involved in a number of projects in Ebonyi State at 3 locations:

- In Onuenyim Iseke: Inclusive Primary School "Effata".
- In Omorodu Iseke: Eye Unit, Orthopedic Unit and Vocational Training Unit
- In Nwofe Agbaja: AIDS Ministry
Inclusive Primary School "Bethel"
Inclusive Secondary School "Berea"
Water Project "Rehoboth"

Onuenyim Iseke

1. Inclusive Primary School "Effata"

Since 1999, CBR Effata has been providing primary education to deaf children. In 2015 the school became inclusive, which means that students with and without disability attend the same classes. 2 new classrooms were built, and the office building was expanded. At the end of 2022, the number of children was 234, 52 of whom were deaf. Three teachers are deaf.



Some pupils of Inclusive Primary School "Effata"

Omorodu Iseke

1. Eye Unit

In 2022, an ophthalmologist came twelve times for consultations and operations. Our staff went regularly for “Outreach” to treat patients or refer to the center of CBR Effata in Omorodu. In 2022, 10,393 consultations were performed, and 623 eye operations were performed. Persons who could no longer be operated on, were offered “mobility and orientation training” to promote independence.



2. Orthopedic Unit

An orthopedic doctor visited CBR Effata four times in 2022 for consultations and operations. In total 1,268 consultations and 137 operations (91 patients) were performed. 21 children with cerebral palsy received support and 59 people were helped with crutches and calipers. 8 people were given a wheelchair, 5 young people an artificial leg. Each month, 44 people were treated with anti-epileptic drugs.



Before surgery



After surgery

3. Vocational Training Unit

In 2022, 89 deaf people and 8 young people with a physical disability have been trained in their chosen profession (for example hairdresser or carpenter). 14 students were helped at the School for the Blind in Iboko; 45 students with physical disabilities attended mainstream education with the support of CBR Effata.



Deaf welders

Nwofe Agbaja

1. AIDS Ministry

AIDS Ministry started in 2004. In 2022, 893 HIV tests were conducted. 72 people were helped with ARV. 62 people came to the support group every month. 75 AIDS orphans were helped with education and food. 60 Aids orphans (teenagers) received vocational training in Nwofe. Twenty completed their training and were replaced by twenty new students. A youth camp was held with a total of 270 teenagers, 112 of whom had a disability.



Bible study group with deaf people in youth camp

2. Inclusive Primary School "Bethel"

This school started in 2010. In 2022 there were a total of 441 students, 19 of whom had a physical disability and 42 orphans from the AIDS program. A new exam hall was completed.



Some students at Inclusive Primary School "Bethel"

3. Inclusive Secondary School "Berea"

In 2014, the Inclusive Secondary School "Berea" started. Students with and without disabilities are welcome at this school to promote integration. At the end of 2022, there were a total of 504 students, 92 of whom were deaf and 24 with a physical disability. Four teachers have a disability.



Morning Prayer Inclusive Secondary School "Berea"

4. Water Project "Rehoboth"

This project was started in 2017. In 2022, 221 water tanks (cisterns) of 5,000 liters were built. 102 people with disabilities (blind) and widows received a free cistern. 17 masons (12 of whom are deaf) were trained. 5 small cisterns were made to wash hands in the corona pandemic. These were distributed to churches, schools and hospitals.



Training for 5,000-liter cistern



Happy widow with water cistern

B. Project in Guinea-Bissau

In 2014, a new CBR project was started in Bissorã, northern Guinea-Bissau. Guinea-Bissau is one of the poorest countries in the world and has a relatively high prevalence of persons with disabilities. In 2019 the project moved to Ingoré. In 2022, more than 1,300 people with a disability were helped with medication (such as antiepileptics), artificial limbs and wheelchairs. More than 130 young people were financially supported to go to school, including 108 deaf young people. 63 young people with a disability learn a skill in the community (vocational training). 10 people with disabilities received a micro-credit. In cooperation with a local organisation, 100 water cisterns (5,000 litres) were built and 15 masons were trained.



New deaf children Ingoré



Deaf mason Guinea-Bissau

C. Donors.

The following organizations contributed financially to the projects:

- Siloam Development Foundation, Canada
- Special Needs, Woerden
- Jars of Clay Foundation, Kamerik
- Clean Water, Healthy Villages, Holten
- Gifts from private individuals and churches.

Onesimus



Many years ago, Onesimus came with his mother to the orthopedic doctor in our center in Omorodu. He was born with cerebral palsy (muscle paralysis). The muscles in his legs were weakened and he had joint contractures. He had surgery on both legs to make them straight again. He was given braces and crutches and learned to walk with them. Together with his twin brother Aka, he started at our Primary School Bethel, which he attended through sixth grade. His brother helped him with fetching water, cooking and cleaning.

Onesimus's parents live 2 hours away and never visited because they don't have the money for transportation. They have 9 children and cannot afford school fees and food.



In primary school



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After primary school his brother Aka went home and Onesimus continued at our secondary school Berea. He was given a wheelchair to get to school and for long distances. At school he only uses braces and crutches.

After school and on Saturdays, Onesimus learned how to repair radios, fans, flashlights, and so on. When he finished the training, he started his own shop. He uses the income for food and house rent.



In Secondary School