



# PROFESSIONALS FOR HUMANITY (PROFOH)

*Medical . Water . Education*

**Incorporated: Germany, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Nepal, Ivory Coast, and United States.**

"We I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy.  
I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy. "

**Kahlil Gibran**

## **Q1 REPORT JAN-MARCH 2015**

### **Greetings to all members and volunteers of PROFOH.**

Last year our organization made some difference in the lives of numerous people across the world. We also had a fair share of challenges, especially with EBOLA. In spite of these, we positively impacted thousands of lives in Nigeria, Ghana, Nepal, etc, where preventable diseases are still rampant, drinking water is one of the greatest luxuries and millions of children are not in school .We decided to extend this report to mid April to cover one year anniversary of Bring Back Our Chibok Girls.

A million thanks to our members and volunteers for giving of your time and resources. You made it possible for PROFOH to stay at the front lines.

### **PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR - PROFOH NOMINATED ONE OF ITS OWN.**

**Jan** -MedicalMissions.org: Physician of the Year Award to honor physicians who give back in their community and around the world through medical missions work...

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between an angel of God and some humans because of the latter's devotion and dedication to humanitarian causes. But as a humanitarian organization with nearly twenty years of experience, we've developed the knack of identifying angels in human form in our midst. Dr. Brian Camazine, President, Earthwide Surgical Foundation based in Texas and Board Member of PROFOH, was had already won PROFOH in-house 'Physician of the Year' award. Therefore, his nomination for the Medical missions organization award was unanimous and hailed, considering his service to humanity in three continents. Dr. Brian Camazine is an angel in human form. Surgery is more than just a profession for Dr Camazine. "I consider myself lucky," he says, "because my hobby also happens to be my job."



**Dr. Camazine recent surgery at NCH Nigeria-Jan.2015**

## PROFOH MATERNAL CARE MISSION AT A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN NIGERIA

**Feb-** There is something unique about Africa. For the most part and Nigeria in particular, there are two seasons - Rain and Dry season - approximately six month each in a year. During the rain season –there is upsurge of pregnancies. As a result, more deliveries are recorded during the dry season. Three years ago PROFOH conducted a medical mission in Ogbomosho in Oyo State, West of Nigeria. A local midwife approached Dr. Quartemont with a complain. She was tired of taking an average of 20 deliveries per day and asked what could be done to reduce the number of deliveries that occur in her hospital. The doctor schooled her on the reasons behind the upsurge of deliveries during the dry season and suggested that if only she (the midwife) do away with the rain season, there will be a drastic reduction in the number of deliveries. The import of the message was not lost on her.

Our first clinical mission this year was at the Warri Central Hospital. It was primarily to educate women on pre natal care. Lately, there has been an increase in still births and ectopic pregnancies in the region. PROFOH decided on proactive measures to reduce the morbidity and mortality that could arise from these pregnancy-related diseases. We are glad to inform that the project was highly successful as over 20,000 pregnant women benefited from the service. But we regret to note that since the number that turned up far exceeded our expectations, crowd control was poor. At the end, all were served. We were pleased to have been able to serve these women before leaving Warri, Delta State According to WHO, every day, almost 400 women die from causes related to complications of pregnancy and childbirth. Severe bleeding during pregnancy, delivery or after childbirth is the single biggest cause of maternal death and can kill a healthy woman within three hours.



**PROFOH first clinical mission-Over 20.000 women showed up**

## **IRS APPROVAL: PROFOH IS NOW A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION**

**Feb-** The Secretariat is pleased to inform that PROFOH is now a Tax Exempt Organization in the US. PROFOH was incorporated in Texas in 2013 and almost immediately applied for 501 Status. Part of the letter from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States of America reads, "We are pleased to inform you that upon the review of your application for tax exempt status, we have determined that you're exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code Effective date of Exemption: April 1, 2014."

The international Board of Directors is grateful to Dr. G.B Gbaanador for his tireless effort and sacrifice, in time and resources that ensured that the organization got the approval from IRS. We will also want to thank Ms. Angela Chester Johnson and Cliff Jarrell for their efforts. We would also like to thank our Chairman, Phil Nugent for his quality leadership.

Finally, we congratulate all members, volunteers and supporters of PROFOH. We wish to gently remind all directors and members, particularly those in United States, where the giving is more established, to intensify fund raising efforts. We need funds to accomplish the lofty goals of our organization.

## **NETZKRAFT GERMANY OFFERS PROFOH MEMBERSHIP**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March-** The letter signed by Dr. Jo Becker and Gertrud Sivalingam stated the obvious ...we read about the dedicated work of your organization with great interest. Gladly we offer you the chance of becoming a participant in the Netzkraft Movement. You only have to tell us that you agree to become a participant in the Netzkraft Movement. Then we put the jointly agreed portrait of your organization, with all contact details, on our website. There are no costs or obligations.

The Netzkraft Movement is a multidisciplinary, international network of more than 2300 organizations throughout the world who are socially, politically, ecologically or spiritually involved. The participants offer mutual support and work towards common objectives include: international body for peace, human rights and environment within the United Nations, Sustainable eco-social economic development, etc. Our response shall be subject to the decision of the Board of Directors.



**More than 2300 organizations are represented.**



## PROFOH MARKS WORLD WATER DAY WITH A PROMISED TO DO BETTER

**20th March-** PROFOH agrees with UNICEF that access to drinking water has been one of the biggest successes of the Millennium Development Goals. But for 748 million people around the world, just obtaining this essential service remains a challenge. In spite of remarkable progress of access to improved drinking water since 1990, significant disparities persist. Of the 748 million people globally still without access to potable water, 90 per cent live in rural areas, and are being left behind in their countries' progress. For children, lack of access to safe water can be tragic. On average, nearly 1,000 of them die every day from diarrhea diseases linked to unsafe drinking water, poor sanitation, or poor hygiene. For women and girls, collecting water cuts into time they can spend caring for families and studying. In insecure areas, it also puts them at risk of violence and attack. UNICEF estimates that in Africa alone, people spend 40 billion hours every year just walking to collect water. Building on a successful roll-out last year, UNICEF and partners are again this year engaging the public in a social media campaign with the hashtag #wateris, to help raise awareness.



It takes about two miles for this girl to get water to her parent in Mosimi, Ogun State

## PROFOH MARKED WORLD TB DAY WITH HIGH LEVEL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN.

**24th March-** PROFOH, a leading member of WHO STOP TB Partnership. TB is a disease of poverty, it spreads like wildfire through places where nutrition is poor, living conditions are overcrowded, and treatment doesn't exist—infecting and killing millions of people in the poor nations where we work. We can do better. We have to do better. Drug –resistant TB has been a major concern to our organization. With other Partners, we plan to intensify advocacy campaign on TB in Nigeria. We're aiming at helping many more patients with tuberculosis get access to TB drugs. To mark the day, we issued the following statement. "No one should die of a curable disease and yet every 30 minutes someone will die of Tuberculosis. TB is a disease of poverty, which spreads like wildfire through prisons, slums, and shantytowns where nutrition is poor, living conditions are overcrowded, and treatment doesn't exist—infecting and killing millions of people"



**Dr. Philips.HOD PROFOH Medical attending to this little boy during Gokana medical mission**

## **UNICEF UK THANK PROFOH FOR MORDERN SLAVERY LAW**

**26 March-** Cull Hayley of UNICEF UK mail to PROFOH reads: Today is a big day. It's a moment to feel proud. This afternoon, the Modern Slavery Bill became law. And it's thanks to you that this new law will really change the lives of trafficked children. When we launched our campaign a year ago, we knew the government's Modern Slavery Bill was a historic opportunity to protect children in danger of trafficking. Yet the draft Bill didn't go far enough to keep children safe. Over the past year, more than 70,000 UNICEF UK campaigners have signed petitions, sent letters, spoken to MPs and raised awareness on social media. You've been passionate and tireless, and the government has taken notice. Meanwhile, we've been busy developing policy and talking to decision-makers to make sure the message gets through.

The final Act that passed today has a much stronger focus on children, and it includes significant measures that wouldn't have been achieved without campaigners like you. Our work does not stop here. There is more that we can and must do to protect children from the danger of trafficking here in the UK and around the world.



**Young women trafficked from Africa to Rome, Italy.**

## PROFOH INVITED AS OBSERVER TO UNITED NATIONS FOR NGOs BRIEFING.

**7 April**-Our organization received a letter from the UN office in Vienna inviting us and requesting official names of delegates, PROFOH has been classified as relevant non –profit organization by the United Nations thus invited as observer for four years running and have attended three of such impressive briefing in Vienna Austria .This year briefing will be held 4,June 2015.PROFOH shall also be participating in another United Nations event( WFP and Fleet Forum) in Italy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June. We hereby request interested members who would like to make the official delegations of PROFOH to send their names and private emails to our secretariat not later than 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015.it shall be forwarded to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in accordance with resolution 4/6 entitled Non –governmental organizations and the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation. In the past, our participation has been very impressive, last year PROFOH was selected a committee member. We look forward to rewarding outing in June.



## CHIBOK GIRLS REMEMBERED ONE YEAR AFTER.

**14 April**-Today marks one year since the tragic kidnapping of over 200 girls from their school in Chibok, north-east Nigeria, and the #BringBackOurGirls campaign that captured the world's attention. Since then, hundreds of children have been killed, thousands have been abducted or forcibly recruited by armed groups, and more than 800,000 children have been forced to flee their homes. In recent months, the violence in north-east Nigeria has increased. The number of children running for their lives within Nigeria, or crossing over the border to Chad, Niger and Cameroon, has more than doubled in the past year. Children are in danger like never before. Many children have been traumatized by what they have experienced. Over the past months, our organization has provided more than 2,000 children at Mararaba Primary School, near Abuja with writing desks and psychological support to help ease the pain and cope with emotional distress. We are also working to provide clean water, nutrition and education to children affected by the conflict in the northern part of Nigeria, Dr. Prince of PROFOH has made several visit to Internally Displaced Persons camp. We call on the Nigeria Government to do everything in its power to bring back the Chibok girls.





## NEWS, UPDATES & EVENTS

**INVITATION**-Fleet Forum, Geneva Switzerland and their long-time partner the World Food Programme(WFP) of the United Nations will host this year's meeting in Rome, Italy, from **Wednesday, 3 June - Thursday, 4 June 2015..** WFP is the world's largest humanitarian organization. PROFOH attended one of such impressive meeting held in Dubai, UAE in 2013.

In a related development, our very own Elizabeth Filippouli, CEO of Global Thinkers Forum, PROFOH long- time partner, invited us to; Democracy and Values - How Democratic Societies Foster Shared Values and Hold Leaders to Account a Global Ethics Network Conference in Athens, Greece, **April 25, 2015** by Carnegie Council and Global Thinkers Forum

**MOU**-PROFOH and Stand Up For Africa Project UK(SU4A) is in advance stage to sign a two years MOU-The Project is for medical assistance, screening and treatment for STD's including HIV & AIDs, safe drinking water and anything to improve the quality of life for citizens in need throughout the continent.,

**MISSION**-Next Medical Mission will commence in **May 2015**,the mission will be led by Dr. Brian Camazine, locations will include NCH also Known as Mission Headquarters and very likely to be in Gokana ,Rivers State, Akwa Ibom or Kogi State

**WEBSITE**-Our official English website down but not out no thanks to Bluehost the official service provider and host of the site, we have paid a total for five years one year before the expiration 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 and four year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2015.Please bear with us .We need all the assistance we can get to fix the technical hitch as they called it. Bluehost is headquartered in Timpanogos Pkwy, Orem, UT, United States. However our German language site is running and will be updated by Board member and Country Director- Germany- Markus von –Have soon.[www.profoh.org](http://www.profoh.org).

**EXPANSION DRIVE**- Dr. Conrado is about to fly the organization flag in Honduras, preparation is on going to have it incorporated in that country, he is a member of the Board of Directors and has participated in several medical missions in Africa and Latin America on behalf of PROFOH, he has also represented the organization at the World Bank Spring Meetings in Washington, DC. In a similar development, Ajay Singh, Advisory Board member, left his London base to Kathmandu ,the Nepalese Capital to energize PROFOH members ,he was instrumental in the incorporation of PROFOH in that country ,Ajay was met on arrival by Singh Anita, Country Director PROFOH, special thanks to Ms Anita for all the remarkable work she doing in Nepal. Ms. Amena, Advisory Board member will also be leaving the Los Angeles, United States to India in few days time to discuss the possibility of PROFOH incorporation in India; she has already secured an appointment with one of India largest non-profit organization on possible collaboration with PROFOH India. Board member Ajiboye has almost conclude PROFOH incorporation in Ireland, Special thanks to Ajiboye and Dr. Prince for the hard work in Dublin.

**COMEROUN GOVERNMENT**- Renew calls for our presence. Three weeks ago the call from the Cameroonian Embassy in Abuja did not come as a surprised as we have been invited by the country three years ago by same Government to impact the lives of vulnerable people. We are committed to fly the PROFOH flag in Douala, Cameroonian.