

JEAD FOUNDATION FOR BREAST CANCER ANNUAL REPORT

In a society where traditional and religious beliefs continue to be the pillar of the thinking of the people, the management of medical entities remain challenging. It is therefore one of the main reasons why breast cancer patients keeps presenting in the advance states.

Emphasis needs to be placed on early detection of diseases, hence the need for awareness creation of self-breast examination.

SPREADING THE JEAD GOSPLE OF EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER THROUGH THE STREETS OF EASTERN REGION



A MEMBER OF JEAD FOUNDATION SCREENING TEAM TEACHING SELF-BREAST EXAMINATION.

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PARTICIPANTS OF SCREENING DONE AT AIRPORT POLO COURT

SUMMARY OF 2015 BREAST SCREENING

Date	Venue	No. of people screened	No. of suspected cases	No. confirmed cases
14 th February 2015	Gomoa Akropong C/R	185	10	3
6 th April 2015	Polo Court, Accra	42	2	0
9 th May 2015	Koforidua Palace	106	5	3
15 th August 2015	Anglican Church Kibi	162	8	3
24 th October 2015	Pentecost University, Accra	79	2	0
11 th December 2015	Assemblies of God, Effiduase	56	2	1
TOTAL		630	29	10

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CLIENTS BEGINNING PREPARED FOR SCREENING

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Counselling of clients

The foundation played an instrumental role in counselling clients to accept their condition, once they were diagnosed with breast cancer. Aside reassuring and restoring the hopes of these clients, she helped in explaining the treatments options in a language common and understandable to the clients. Mrs Awuah-Darko always followed up with calls and visits to these clients.



COUNSELLING SECTION BY MRS AWUAH-DARKO (FOUNDER)

SUPPORTING CLIENTS WITH PAYMENT OF BILLS

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Eight clients diagnosed as having advance breast cancer but could not afford their bills were supported by the foundation. These clients had their hospital bills which included surgery fees and cost of drugs all paid for. Two clients were sent to the oncologist for Radiotherapy with all expenses covered by the foundation.

SURVIVOURS MEETING



SURVIVOURS OF BREAST CANCER IN EASTERN REGION

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As part of the activities to celebrate the month of breast cancer, the foundation organized the first ever survivors' meeting in Ghana on the 10th of October 2015. This historical meeting took place in Koforidua Regional Hospital in the Eastern Region. The meeting which brought together over thirty-five (35) survivors, was graced with the presence of the founder Mrs. Judith Ellen Awuah-Darko. There was a presentation on post-surgery rehabilitation and physiotherapy. The people present at the meeting were taught exercises that could help prevent shoulder stiffness and lymphedema of the limb where the axillary lymph nodes were cleared. Many clients shared their experience on how they went about with the chemo-radiotherapy. They were also cautioned on people who give false information about breast cancer management on the media. The meeting ended with members pledging to serve as advocates against late presentation of breast cancer patient



FOUNDER SPEAKING AT THE 1ST SURVIVOURS MEETING HELD AT KOFORIDUA

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CREATION OF BREAST CANCER WARD

To fulfil the promise by the foundation of making the patients comfortable during the period of chemotherapy administration, a two bed side ward was constructed at the surgical block of the Regional Hospital Koforidua. This side ward was inaugurated as part of the on-going projects to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the hospital. The

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number of clients receiving chemotherapy on the surgical ward keeps growing and as a result of that, there was competition for space which lead to postponement of chemo sections for patients on certain occasions. To address this issue which kept recurring every now and then, the foundation took it upon herself to create this two bed fully air-conditioned side ward where the clients quietly, privately and peacefully receive their treatment.



FOUNDER OPENING THE DOOR OF THE NEWLY CREATED SIDE WARD FOR CHEMOTHERAPY. SEEN IN THE PICTURE ARE THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY

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DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL KOFORIDUA.



THE MRS AWUAH-DARKO ADDRESSING A TEAM OF HEALTH WORKING DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE SIDE WARD.



JEAD CHEMO WARD

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Losses

The foundation unfortunately lost 3 of her daughters on account of advance breast cancer with lung metastasis in 2015. It is the prayer of all members that their soul rest in peace and GOD grant them a perfect resting place.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2016

The Foundation is expected to screen 2000 peoples in 2016, with visits **to KROBO ODUMASI, KADE, ATIBIE, AKWATIA, NSAWAM AND ODA.** The radio and TV talks will also be done as well as talks in churches and other social gatherings. A minimum of 15 clients are likely to benefit from the hospital bill and treatment support plan.

It is the wish and prayer of all that the foundation will achieve 100 % early detection for more effective treatment.

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SCREENING TEAM.