

"AFRICA KEEPS THE HOSPITALITY'S LIGHT ON"

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History of Congregation's presence at Takoradi (Ghana)

The bishop Charles Sam was the first one who wanted to see the rise of a Centre in his diocese, which could take care of mentally ill and homeless persons. This was one of his dreams. In the 1998, The Health Committee of the Country, the Health Care Service of dioceses (catholic) of Sekondi suggested a plan to respond to this need.

In the 1989, a psychiatric nurse was called to start this program. It was established that to Sekondi-Takoradi took place the installation of this service, by the Primary Health Care Centre Damien", opening its own doors to the department of Psychiatry on march 1995. This was managed by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

In the 2000, the Congregation of the Hospitaller Sisters was invited by the Dioceses to take charge of the Psychiatric unit of this Centre. Some sisters begun to co work by the 2002 with the goal of taking the charge of the management of it, replacing the previous community who was leaving.

In the 2006, the Province of England proposed a discernment in the sight of a possible restructuring of the Centre.

b) Psychiatry: it welcomes men and women from 17 to 60 years (generally), pharmacologically stabilized and followed by the doctor of the Psychiatric Hospital of Akaful or by the Health Care Services of Sekondi-Takoradi.

Human resources:

Besides the sisters, the Center counts on the local staff paid by the government of Ghana, and on the general services staff paid by the Province of England.

There is a national social service in the Ghana, although not good, which refund late. The 90% of the clients who seek help to the Centre are enrolled to the social service. The rest of money is private.

The Centre self produces an its own cleanser and antiseptic soap (Dettol, liquid soap, parazone, cleanser bar of soap for hands) in order to reduce the costs.

The 2016 statistics:

Psychiatry service:

- * Medical examination: 564
- * Home medical examination 37,
- * Guiding toward other structures: 44
- * Help to a group of poor patients

Primary Health Care Service:



1. **GEORGINA DONZING**
Superior, Director

2. **ANASTASIA GIFTY ACQUAYE**
Vicesuperior, Bursar

3. **MARGARET AFFUL**
Pastoral

Prayer for the Community and Mission of Takoradi (Ghana)

Oh God, father of believers, you multiply on Earth the sons of the promise, with gratefulness for the adoption and for the Paschal mystery, you did your servant Abraham the father of all Nations, as you had promised. Today we are here before you to entrust the work of the Hospitaller Committee of Africa (CHAF). You raised in the Church, the charism of hospitality, we give you thanks for the seed planted in Africa, so that today as yesterday and forever, we commit ourselves like Abraham, out of our self interests, out of our securities, out of our personal projects to enter into the great Congregational Community project in Africa, where everyone wants to be the actors and the steward in its construction. Grant that we may hear Your voice and follow the example of our Father in faith. We ask you today **for the community and for the Mission of Lubango (Angola)** and at the same time we ask the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred heart of Jesus, Saint Augustine, Saint Benedict Menni, and of the sisters who have gone before us. Amen.