



## "AFRICA KEEPS THE HOSPITALITY'S LIGHT ON"

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### Presence of Congregation in Bata (Equatorial Guinea)

The Congregation went to Bata, in the Equatorial Guinea, in the 1980 (see CHAF n°6).

**The Mental Ill Health Care Centre S.B.M.** (Bata) was founded to answer to the frequent calling of Bata's Bishop as for the need of care for the mentally ill. It was inaugurated in the 2012. It was built thanks to the aid of the Spanish Agency for Cooperation in the Development, on the land of the Episcopal Conference and in front of the Major Seminar of Bata.

This is the only Mental Ill Health Care Centre of the Country and of this reason patients come here from every area of the Country included the Isle of Malabo.

The health care team is made up for:

- ◆ 5 nurses: two are sisters and two are public employees;
- ◆ 2 auxiliaries of nursing, one of them are a public employee;
- ◆ 1 part time auxiliary of community nursing ;
- ◆ 1 part time educator specialized in the accompaniment of alcohol addicted ones.
- ◆ 1 volunteer and manager sister ;
- ◆ 1 driver
- ◆ 1 cleaner

### Charter of Services

- out patients consultation for mentally ill and epilepsy.
- Medical examination and support groups for Alcohol addiction;
- Psycho-social rehabilitation programs for chronic mentally ill;
- Care for homeless ill, home and prison consultation.
- Assistance to our health area's countries
- On going education for health care professionals.
- Education/awareness 'seminars about mental healthcare.

### The Centre answer to two challenges:

- 1.- Taking care of people suffering for mental ill who are totally abandoned.
- 2.- Answer to our Hospitaller Charisma which ask us of "Making real the love of God to the mankind, especially the mentally ill ones" .

By having people named by the Government of the Country, the Centre in the future will self manage.



### Community Group

1. **Ma. Sonsoles Sánchez Portero (Vice-Superior) and CHAF Committe**
2. **Antonia Plata Cañadas**
3. **Delphine Mingnanguibe**

### Prayer for Community and Mission of Bata (E.G.).

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 Bata (G.E.)** and at the same time we ask the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred heart of Jesus, Saint Agustine, Saint Benedict Menni, and of the sisters who have gone before us. Amen.