

Report In-School Programme

➤ Title of the meeting/programme

In-school education on Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) and screening (Otitis externa for School Children and Teachers) and sensitisation programme on HIV & AIDS prevention.

➤ Venue, Date, Time

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| Anyinam Methodist Junior High School | <i>06.10.16, 10 – 11.15am</i> |
| Sansu Methodist Junior High School | <i>10.10.16, 10 – 11.15am</i> |
| Tutuka Junior High School | <i>14.10.16, 10 – 11.15am</i> |
| Obuasi Academy | <i>20.10.16, 7.30 – 8.45am</i> |
| Owusu Sampa Junior High School | <i>25.10.16, 12 – 1.15pm</i> |
| C.K.C. Senior High School | <i>27.10.16, 1 – 2.15pm</i> |

➤ Purpose/objectives for the meeting

Extending the Public Health interventions of SSF into six Junior and Senior High Schools in Obuasi in the academic year 2016-2017, while the sensitisation programme should bring a benefit to the School Children and Teachers. One of the main objects of the work of SSF as a not-for-profit, independent, non-governmental organisation is the awareness, community outreach and prevention education on HIV & AIDS. This programme gives the School Children and Teachers the chance to talk about the topic with health care professionals. Since the ENT nurse of Obuasi is present during the programme, the education about Otitis media and the according ear screening is a special offer.

➤ Attendance = total, Gender, others

So far, approximately 1000 School Children were reached in total in the six High Schools. There was a more or less equal distribution of female and male School Children. Furthermore, there were always about two to three Teachers present.

➤ Organizers of the programme + partners

The programme was planned, implemented and evaluated by Adwoa Serwaa Bonsu, ENT nurse at the Obuasi Government Hospital and Volunteer of SSF for this programme, and Larissa Bolliger, Intern of SSF. Louis Acheampong as the Executive Director of SSF and Charity Appiah as the Administrative Officer of SSF were supporting the programme.

➤ Outline

The programme at the High Schools was organised according to the following schedule:

- Power Point Presentation about Otitis externa (approximately 10 minutes)
- Power Point Presentation about HIV & AIDS awareness and prevention (approximately 40 minutes)
- Offering of free ear screening concerning Otitis externa for School Children and Teachers (up to 1 hour)

➤ Main issues as discussed +conclusions +recommendations +actions to be taken, mention names for reference

As in every programme, we faced some chances and challenges. The main challenge was the planning of the schedule for the High Schools, since Adwoa is very much involved at the hospital and Larissa was occupied with additional office work. At the end of the first programme, the decision was made, that Adwoa will implement the programme at the Junior High Schools on her own, since the language barrier of Larissa's inability to speak Twi was too huge to overcome. Therefore, Larissa was organising the programme from the office. At the Senior High School, the programme could be held in English, so Larissa was participating in the last High School. Smaller technical challenges could be solved on the spot and whenever possible, the Power Point Presentations were shown using a projector. A challenge and a chance at the same can be seen in the underestimation of the needed time. The School Children and Teachers showed good interest in the presentations, which evolved into interesting and educative discussions. Therefore, there were often second appointments arranged for more ear screening. Printed versions of the Power Point Presentations were handed to the Junior and Senior High Schools that were reached through the programme.

➤ Next steps

The base for further implementation of the programme is given in terms of contact details of the Headmasters and Headmistresses of the High Schools, available Power Point Presentations, etc. The involved High Schools show interest in a cooperation in the long-run and are very open-minded to invite us again, to reach more of their School Children, for the presentations and ear screening as well. Since Larissa's internship is coming to an end, her participation is not possible anymore, but Adwoa is in contact with the High Schools to make further visits possible.

➤ Conclusions

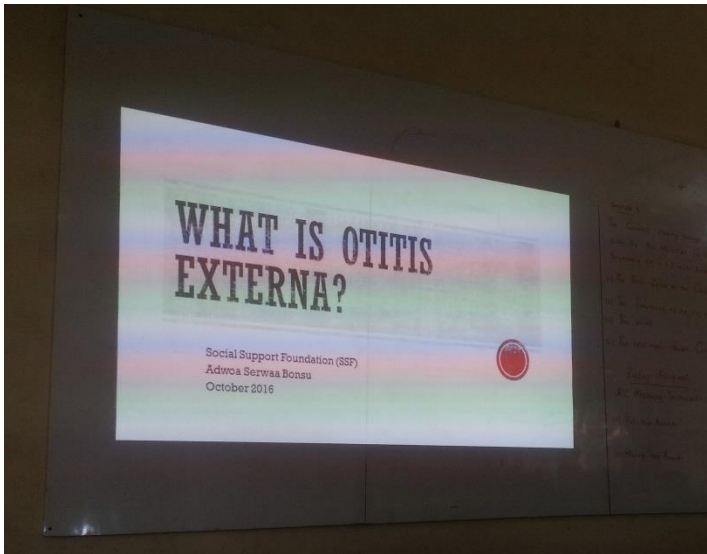
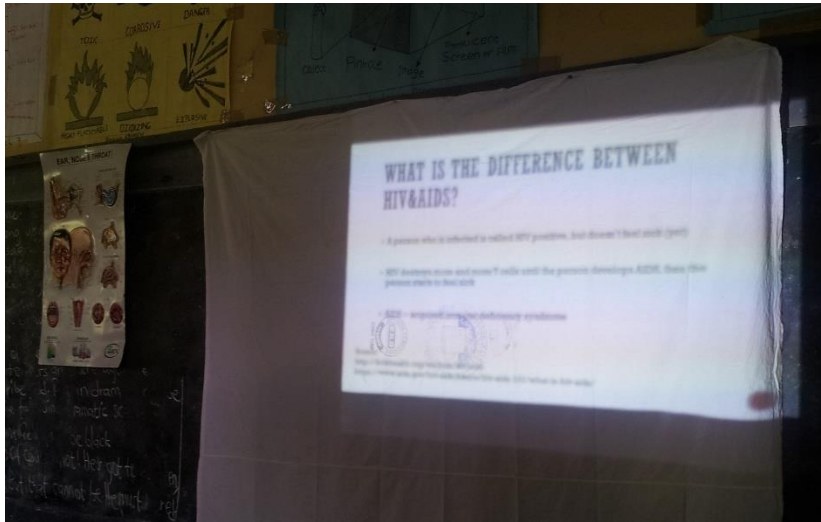
As in every programme, thorough planning is a key point and should get enough attention. Close contact by phone between Adwoa and Larissa for adaptations of the schedule and regular feedback on the programme's progress to each other assured to overcome many challenges. It can be concluded, that due to the interest of the High Schools in further cooperation, the programme can be valued as a success with great potential for further development.



Picture left: Adwoa is teaching at the Anyinam Methodist Junior High School

Picture below: Power Point Presentation about HIV & AIDS at the Anyinam Methodist Junior High School

Picture below: Power Point Presentation about Otitis externa at the C.K.C. Senior High School



Picture above: Adwoa is teaching at the C.K.C. Senior High School



Picture left: Adwoa during ear screening at the C.K.C. Senior High School