

**BRIEF REPORT ON BRANDON AND CANADIAN INTERNS FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
TO PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION**

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The Presbyterian Community Based Rehabilitation (PCBR) received funding amount to **Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Ghana Cedis, and Ninety Nine pesewas (GH 4,220.99)** from Brandon and Canadian Interns from the University of Calgary which support 16 clients/caregivers to undertake income generation to enhance social inclusion in society. The clients/caregivers were selected from the five operational zones of PCBR with various physical disabilities across the four districts CBR operational area. At a mini durbar gathering of CBR Staff, Dr. Caesar Apentik, Clients, and the media (radio Builsa) clients/caregivers were encouraged to look beyond their disabilities and make their life more productive for themselves, immediate family and society in general. Four stabilized psychotic and four epileptic clients as well as four physically disabled each took home a sewing machine, whilst four (4) selected CP mothers were given start-up capital ranging from Two Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH 200.00) to Four Hundred and Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH 400.00).

Brandon was an international UK volunteer that has work with CBR in 2014. He has great passion to support and put a smile on the face of the vulnerable in society. This had resonated in him fundraising to support PCBR. Presbyterian Community Based Rehabilitation (PCBR) had since 2008 enter into a partnership program to host students from the University of Calgary as interns to get experience whilst working with CBR on International Community Development on disability issues in a developing country. The partnership has been a great success and the last cohort of interns who came during the summer fund raises to support PCBR activities on their return home. These funds have made it possible to support the 16 clients/caregivers to engage themselves actively in income generation activities.

Parents/caregivers of cerebral palsy children are into groups known as cerebral palsy self-support groups to share ideas and experiences which consequentially reduced emotional stress and worries over their children conditions as well as lost business. It is evident that mothers of cerebral palsy children have lost their business or job due to the time needed to attend to these vulnerable children. There is no supportive program to assist these mothers to regain their business. PCBR, realizing this form these groups and to build their capacity in advocacy and lobbying skills as well as liaising with financial institutions on how they can support them to

regain their business. The requirement of collateral security to get support from financial institutions is a major obstacle. So, part of this fund therefore supports some members of these groups.

The beneficiary clients comprise ten (10) physically disabled, six (6) Cerebral palsy mother (caregivers).

This support is a revolving fund support, where clients/caregivers received a sewing machine or business start-up capital which had to be repaid in two years with 10% interest starting this year for those who received business start-up capital. Those who received sewing machines will start to pay immediately after completion of their apprenticeship training and start to work. The recovered money with interest is given to another set of clients/caregivers with the same terms and conditions.

It is important to note that the beneficiaries were full of joy and smiles and express their appreciation to Brandon, Lennin and the entire donors for providing this financial assistance to them. One beneficiary say **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!**.



*Figure 1: Mr. Maxwell Akandem Standing behind the table and addressing the gathering and being recorded by local journalist from radio Builsa in Red shirt.*



*Figure 2: Professor Caesar Apentiik standing behind the table and addressing the gathering and being recorded by a local journalist from radio Builsa in Red shirt.*



*Figure 3: A client receiving her sewing machine from Professor Caesar Apentiik Lecturer of University of Calgary*



Figure 4: A client receiving her support from Mr. Akandem Maxwell PCBR-Coordinator with Dr. Caesar Appentik as University of Calgary Representative

**APPENDIX: LIST OF BENEFICIARIES**

|     | <b>FULL NAME</b>     | <b>SEX</b> | <b>Age</b> | <b>DISABILITY</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b>                    | <b>ITEM RECEIVED</b>          |
|-----|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.  | Aparing Akachariba   | Female     | 17         | Epileptic           | Chuchuliga Nawaasa – Ajambusi yeri | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 2.  | Ajadogbil Rebecca    | Female     | 29         | Psychosis           | Badomsa                            | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 3.  | Achundaan Akos       | Female     | 34         | Psychosis           | Wiaga Chiok                        | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 4.  | Adayempai Rose       | Female     | 25         | Psychosis           | Bachingsa                          | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 5.  | Agana Felicia        | Female     | 23         | Psychosis           | Kobelinsa                          | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 6.  | Atongkolie Atengbisa | Female     | 18         | Epileptic           | Wiaga Chiok                        | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 7.  | Nyaabire Atampoka    | Female     | 35         | Physically disabled | Sirigu-Dazango                     | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 8.  | Abuah Akennam        | Female     | 20         | Physically disabled | Sirigu-Wuingo                      | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 9.  | Kawia Badiamo        | Female     | 20         | Physically disabled | Chiana Abulu                       | Sewing Machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| 10. | Anongwine Salina     | Female     | 37         | CP mother           | Sirigu Busongo                     | GH¢400.00                     |

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|--------------------|------------------------|--------|----|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11.                | Anamah<br>Azinzaka     | Female | 37 | CP mother           | Kandiga-Longo       | GH¢450.00                        |
| 12.                | Adayueba Azemi         | Female | 40 | CP mother           | Sandema-<br>Kobdema | GH¢400.00                        |
| 13.                | Amajongye<br>Akaapabah | Female | 35 | CP mother           | Chiana Gwenia       | GH¢450.00                        |
| 14.                | Avakanpo<br>Akurikuri  | Female | 38 | Epileptic/Psychosis | Sandema             | GH¢200.00                        |
| 15.                | Ayepilie<br>Agumanab   | Female | 44 | Epileptic           | Sandema-Balansa     | GH¢200.00                        |
| 16.                | Akeriwo<br>Wenigakori  | Female | 21 | Physically disabled | Katiu               | Sewing<br>machine<br>GH¢231.5.00 |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |                        |        |    |                     |                     | <b>GH¢ 4,415.00</b>              |

Note the difference of 194.01 was added to Presbyterian CBR PROJECT