

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA FOUNDATION GHANA (OIFGhana)

2020 REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation Ghana is an organization that exists to help people living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) with care, management and support within Ghana.

OI also known as brittle bone condition is a rare genetic bone condition, which causes the bones of some individuals to be brittle and break easily with or without any apparent reason. This condition makes individuals with such conditions to be physically challenged and thus need assistance and support from society.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the organization are;

- To educate and create awareness of OI in Ghana.
- To help people understand, respect, accept and improve the quality of life for people living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta.
- To advocate for quality health care and treatment for OI patients.
- To help solicit for adoptive aids and mobility equipment for people living with OI.

The organization's vision is to advocate for the establishment of Osteogenesis Imperfecta treatment Centre in Ghana since there is none in the country.

OFFICE

The foundation operates from its office at house number 2 at Pedu, Abrewa Gyimisiwa close in the Cape Coast metropolis.

COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| a. Director | Mr. Harold Stewards Amonoo-koufi |
| b. Director | Nicole Ama Abrahm |
| c. Director | Justina Yiadom-Boakye |

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION

The foundation is affiliated to Heart to Heart foundation- USA, OIF Europe and OI parents Group

STAFFING

The foundation has nine (9) voluntary staff members.

ACTIVITY FOR 2020

The activities of the foundation were heavily interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, in view of that all projects activities of the foundation were put on hold.

FUND RAISING

The organization was unable to raise funds through donations using our Social media interactions –Whatsapp, YouTube and Facebook due to covid-19 pandemic.

CHALLENGE

The organization's major challenge is funding as the OI condition requires huge financial resources to treat. Due to the challenges that were brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, most of our planned activities have been withdrawn or cancelled, which may lead to other financial and social challenges.

FUTURE PLANS

The organization's future plan is to bring all parents and people living with OI to form a formidable Association to advocate for quality treatment and Centre for OI patients.

COMMENDATION

We would like to thank our social media friends, donors, volunteers and partners who in diverse ways supports the foundation.

CONCLUSION

We are pleased with the progress we have been able to make over the years, even though the COVID -19 pandemic did not allow us to carry out any of our proposed projects for the year. We however look forward to continuing with our advocacy and programs in the coming year. Above all we thank the Lord for the strength He has given us to do this work and His hand of blessing in the work.

