ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022
THE ORGANISATION
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation Ghana is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation set up to improve the quality of life of people living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) in Ghana through education, awareness creation, treatments and mutual support. The Foundation was inaugurated on 6th May 2017, a wishbone day (International Awareness Day for OI), and set up by Mrs. Justina Yiadom-Boakye, a mother of a child living with OI.
Due to the little to no information and unavailability of coherent data on the nature of the disease in Ghana, she struggled her way through to providing medical care for her child, which inspired her to champion the cause of setting up an organisation which will ensure the wellbeing and survival of the highly vulnerable OI patients through awareness creation and advocacy support. The complexities that accompany the management of Osteogenesis Imperfecta also known as brittle bone disease and its inadequate information on its management in Ghana, birthed the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation-Ghana.
MISSION

To improve the quality of life of people living with OI in Ghana through education, awareness creation, treatments and mutual support.
OBJECTIVES

01
To create awareness and advocate for quality healthcare and treatment for OI patients in Ghana

02
To assist in providing medical support to people living with OI

03
To offer welfare and livelihood support to caregivers of OI patients

04
To embark on research and provide information pertinent to the African setting.

04
To extend support to other disability groups and the community at large.
THE BOARD

OIF-Ghana is governed by a three-member Board which includes the President, Justina Yiadom-Boakye, two Directors, Nicole Ama Abraham and Professor Harold S. Amonoo-Kuofi.
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This comprises the Team directly involved in executing the day to day business of the Foundation.

This includes the President, Vice President and the Medical director.
VOLUNTEERS

The Executive Committee has been supported by our formally appointed volunteers which have included Secretary, Public Relations Executive, Executive Coordinator in charge of Media and Public Relations, Project coordinator, Webmaster and Medical professionals.

In addition to these volunteers, the Foundation has received volunteer support from others who come to support the Foundation on an ad-hoc basis.
ACHIEVEMENTS

The year 2022 marked OIF-Ghana’s 5th anniversary since its establishment. The following have been the positive developments achieved over the year;
ACHIEVEMENTS

01 Established and kept actively running each quarter, the OI Clinic which comprises the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) of medical professionals.

02 Identified and had a new addition to the number of OI kids the Foundation provided medical support to.

03 Expanded visibility on Osteogenesis Imperfecta through the support rallied from individuals and organisations to commemorate and celebrate Wishbone Day.

04 Received and honoured some tv and radio media invitations to augment awareness efforts.
ACHIEVEMENTS

05. Organised a training session for medical students of the University of Cape Coast on OI care and management which adds up to the public awareness efforts.

06. The Vice President took part in a conference on OI care and management.

07. Organisation of OIF-Ghana’s maiden Durbar that encouraged stakeholders participation in the agenda of creating and raising awareness on the OI condition in Ghana.

08. Partnered with MTN Ghana for a caller tune subscription to promote OI awareness.
ACHIEVEMENTS

09
Improved engagements and page following on the Foundation’s socials. i.e. Instagram and Facebook.

10
Launched a distinctive brand identity for the organisation (Logo, letterheads, call cards, etc.)

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Launched an OI awareness campaign on social media dubbed OIF-Ghana Educates

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Website was revamped to improve user/visitor experience.
ACHIEVEMENTS

13. Many new requests of collaboration indicated increased visibility.

14. Transparent relationships developed into some new companies involved in OI Clinic project.

15. Placed in another application for a national OI day (Wishbone Day) declaration and observation in Ghana.

16. Started the process for a google not for profits account.
The challenges faced have been primarily, funding. They include;

- Funding constraints experienced in carrying out the Foundation’s activities especially the OI Clinic.

- Inability to get May 6th declared as a national OI awareness day.

- Inability to carry out Christmas party for OI kids and their caregivers as well as the OI medical team due to finance constraints.
CHALLENGES

- Inability to partner various collaborations to extend help due to financial constraints.
- Inability to put office space in shape due to financial constraints.
- Inability to carry out research for the OI variants in Ghana.
PROJECTS & EVENTS

The year 2022 had a series of projects and activities that were undertaken in anticipation of the set goals for the year.

The planned projects and activities included but not limited to the institution of the quarterly OI Clinic, Wishbone day celebration and Durbar, OI awareness programs and events, among others.
The OI Clinic was organised four times in the year 2022, i.e. January, April, August and November.

Prior to the OI Clinic’s inception, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation Ghana since 2017 to 2021 had had in operation, a Pamidronate Treatment Project (PTP) which focused on providing the administration of pamidronate infusion, a rather rare and costly drug used to reduce the rate of bone fractures and resultant bone pain of an OI patient at no cost to the beneficiaries.
Currently, nine (9) kids living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta have been identified by the Foundation and have been beneficiaries of the free medical treatment provided by the OI Clinic.
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- To provide a free specialised and tailored medical care for the management of children with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI).
- To provide a consistent and dependable specialised clinic with the right medical experts acquainted with skills in the care and management of the OI condition.
- To use the project as a platform to sensitise and boost awareness and management of the condition.
The OI Clinic is organised by the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation Ghana (OIF-Ghana) in conjunction with the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital (CCTH) at Cape Coast.

The Teaching Hospital assists with the provision of the technical expertise and Clinic space to carry out the OI Clinic project.

The OI Clinic project is a two-day clinic, which has seasoned specialists with a wealth of experience in handling OI cases.

The team of specialists include; Consultant Paediatrician, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Ophthalmologist, Specialist ENT, Dental Surgeon, Radiologist, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, and Clinical Psychologist.
OI CLINIC CHALLENGES

The challenges of the OI Clinic have been primarily, funding. Since its inception, the Clinic has seen support from various individuals and organisations in various forms. Nonetheless, funding has been one major issue.

The Foundation as the year comes to a close intends to establish an OI Clinic Fund that will secure the future and sustainability of the OI Clinic.
OIF-Ghana Training
In the build up efforts towards the annual international Wishbone day celebration and increasing awareness of OI condition in Ghana, the Foundation organised a training and information session with medical students from the University of Cape Coast.

This was organised in May and the training was done by the Vice Presidents of the Foundation who is a Medical Doctor by profession.

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OIF-GHANA
STAKEHOLDERS
DURBAR
Globally, May 6th is recognized as an International day for people living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta. Although this day is yet to be observed by all due to limited awareness on the condition, the World Health Organization and the mother organisation of Osteogenesis Imperfecta, OIFE, have set May 6th aside as what is popularly referred to as "Wishbone Day".
The Foundation in a bid to increase various stakeholders involvement in the Wishbone Day celebration organised its maiden Durbar to amass the collective efforts of all stakeholders who mattered in the care of people living with OI in Ghana under the theme; "1Voice4OI: The essence of a collective approach to OI."

The Durbar which was organised at the forecourt of the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital had in attendance government officials from the Social Welfare, the Medical Director of the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital, the CEO of COA FS who was represented by a Senior Lecturer from the School of Biological Sciences at University of Cape Coast (UCC), representatives from various support organisations, renowned media houses, students from various fields of learning, OI Kids and their caregivers, medical professionals, and the public.
WISHBONE DAY CELEBRATION
This year's Wishbone Day celebration saw an increase in support of the general public in observing and celebrating Wishbone Day. Traditional media and non-traditional media such as TV, radio, social media, letters were screened the various mediums that were engaged to commemorate the celebration.

Celebrities and various organisations joined in the celebration with video recordings of themselves encouraging public awareness support on the condition. The theme for this year's Wishbone Day was; #1voice4OI which had customized T-Shirts printed and sold to commemorate the Day.
APPRECIATION
The Foundation is entirely grateful for all the support throughout the year 2022. Certainly, all its planned activities, especially the ones which we were able to carry out would not have been possible without the support of the various individuals and organisations that have provided support in both kind and cash.
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Thank you for supporting our cause, together we can make a difference! We appreciate it all and we look forward to growing bigger and better to extend an outstretched arm to improve the quality of life of kids and families living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta condition.