

# INSTITUT PANAFRICAIN DE SANTE COMMUNAUTAIRE

## SPRING 2017, IPASC NEWSLETTER



### Water Day celebration

Water supply is still among one of the greatest problems worldwide, and particularly in Aru. This year, the day was celebrated in thought and prayer between local and international organizations



Long Jerrican queue (Looking for safe water in Aru)

which have water supply as objective with IPASC. Together with the local government authorities they thought about how to increase the water quantity regarding the population number using it. It's known now that Aru, the Territory capital, has more than 100.000 inhabitants for the same quantity of water, built in year 2001 for about 20.000 inhabitants. The situation is going to be worse with the arrival of thousands of refugees from South – Sudan.

Quickly a short – term project regarding the rehabilitation of an old water well near Aru football stadium was set up. The project will be supported by IPASC with partners of water supply concern.

### Case studies: presentation and Exams

As usually, the Diploma course finalists who left ARU campus from November for their last years training, within their local communities were back at campus. The training had taken 8 months and consisted of leading communities through an action plan based on a local

health problem identified locally by the same community. Added to that, each student followed 4 cases of local diseases with sick people attending the Health Centre where each student did his/her training. After about a year, each of them

presented the results of their work within the local communities

to a board of evaluators who came from the Health Zone Office, Health Facility and Diploma Course from 07 to 12 May 2017.

This way of doing things makes our alumni the more efficient and full health workers within their communities. As a result, most of them were already appreciated where they worked as they really contributed to change much of bad behaviours practised for a long period of time by the local people regarding the health.

Some of them were asked to return for employment with the same communities.

At the end of June, finalists presented case studies and practical tests to a board of examiners;

these in addition to the written national last exams that they presented from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.



Opening ceremonies for the State exams for finalists, with prayers led by Mr. DRUDRA, the head of



Diploma course, 1<sup>st</sup> school year students (Midwifery and Community Health)

Now they are waiting for the results from Kisangani where questionnaires were sent for correction. This academic year our Diploma course had 25 finalists (16 for Community Health and 9 for Midwifery).

### Next Phase, IPASC Project

The project for the next phase is going to be sent to our partners. As a prelude to that, the IPASC team, has begun to write the new Health, Development and Environment project for the following phase which will take 3 years (2018 – 2021). Some further arrangements are to be done regarding the content.

The project is focused on HIV and AIDS issues, water supply among local communities and Mother and Child Health.

In a lesser part, students will be included in the project, following the IPASC objective: that of increasing the number of qualified health personal within the IPASC intervention areas. Supporting Financial Partners are to be searched for.

### The new latrine for Anglican Church Aru Hospital

This latrine is among one of several latrines built in the surrounding area



The Anglican Church, Aru Hospital new latrine (light blue); built by the beneficiaries and

for health centres and schools, where IPASC carried out its activities through the Health

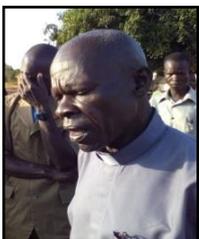
Promotion Service. The opening

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ceremony will take place in the presence of the Anglican Hospital, Anglican Church and local government Authorities. Women's representatives and others local organizations will be present at the official ceremonies. The latrine was built by the Aru Anglican Church Hospital, supported by IPASC. Thoughts will be focused on thanksgiving and how to get other model latrines according to the national standard for Hospitals. And this time, the local community should contribute at a higher percentage of the work. Solutions are to be found so that other latrine work may be planned during the next year.

### Patricia J. Nickson day



Rev. Canon David ADOROTI praying before giving a brilliant testimony of Pat's life

This year 2017, on April 26<sup>th</sup> we remembered for the 6<sup>th</sup> year, since the death of the founder of IPASC, the late Rev. Prof. Dr. Pat J. Nickson

who left us for the heaven. IPASC will never forget the work of Pat. A short church service was held as usual for IPASC members and friends. Together we shared remembrance of the late Rev. Prof. Dr. Pat J. Nickson.

### New initiative!

The very good news is that from the next school year, the IPASC diploma course Midwifery section will be among those selected from nursing schools countrywide for testing the



Mrs. TINIA ANGWEZU, one of the sponsored students (a finalist) presenting the case

new midwifery program. The project is supported by the Japanese Cooperation. The national program is built on the original midwifery program from that of the IPASC Diploma Course. The first step of the project will start with a briefing to teachers for this section regarding the new midwifery teaching program sent to us from Kinshasa. An expert in the matter is going to come from Kinshasa for the briefing. Your support through prayer is needed.

### Aru Security Situation from April up to date: a short retrospective

The Aru security situation is still quiet from the beginning of this year. On the contrary, South of Aru is seriously shaken; this includes Bunia and its surrounding areas. (The Walendu Bindi area). There, the FRPI militias regularly attack the government army (at least each week) is forcing people to move. Recently an attack on a cattle herd was about to turn in to an ethnic conflict. The Minister in charge of internal affair was sent by the government to solve the problem. The end solution is pending. However in Bunia, the security situation is problematic. However it is quiet in Aru, where gunshot has not been heard for a time now. In the next Newsletter, we will attempt to give more details of the security situation in Bunia as we are able. Your support in daily prayer for us is of a great need.

### New Change

Our news for you is that from January 2017, a great change is observed within the organization. IPASC (Aru Campus) is now part of the Aru Diocese of the Anglican Church. The Aru campus is one of the Departments within Aru Diocese.

As for Bunia University College, it became from the same month the Health & Development faculty of the Anglican University of Congo.

### Want to give?

Maybe you want to support the work of IPASC in the north – east of the DRC. Your donation is needed and will be of great help such as: assisting PLWHIV, orphan children due to HIV, building public latrines, building safe water sources among villages, paying for fistula surgery expenditure,...or sponsoring penniless students Through Friends of IPASC Trust; a charity organization based in UK, bring us generously your gift. It will always reach us in full. Thanks for your graceful donation.

### Want to know more?

Perhaps you want to find out more about the new change within the organization; how training is organized; what are our particulars; how is the life on the both 2 campuses; what the new change looks like for IPASC within the Anglican Church or what are activities carried out by IPASC,... Please, find us on our website: [www.ipasc.net](http://www.ipasc.net) or mail us to: [ipascrdc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ipascrdc@yahoo.co.uk)

If you live in Congo, please visit us to our new *Eastern Campus* (Pat Nickson Campus) located in SIMBILYABO QUARTER, LOPIDI II Avenue Bunia. If you are in ARU, QUARTIER RUMU, Av. TOONGU (Behind the Anglican Church, Toussaint Cathedral).

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