



Diploma Graduation ceremonies and visit of the Inspector

On October 3rd, the graduation ceremonies took place for those who ended their studies for the Diploma Course level.

All of our finalists passed the last State exams. Among them 7 bursaries supported by the Trustees. As always ceremonies were composed of many speeches and shows. Graduation ceremonies were organized together with ARU Nursing school. From local government authorities via the religious to the students themselves, with songs and music to make



National anthem



The joyful BHAKO (bursary), the new midwife

ceremonies attractive. The strong time was with the oath taking by the new health professionals. Advice and encouragement were given to the graduands and their families. Pastor BOTOSA from Toussaint Cathedral gave useful advice from the bible in Proverbs 12 : 1. Following him were both the 2 heads of the Diploma Course and Aru Nursing School. Finally, the local government authority gave the last advice before closing all with the national anthem and the last prayer for the ceremony. The lunch closed definitively this joyful party. In addition to all that the Diploma Course received a visit from the Nursing School Inspection to think how to help other nursing schools within region to improve the quality of teaching, based on our model. The last year our School was the only which succeeded with 100% at the Last

National exams, while others got as low as 0 %.

Diploma course Action plan with the Communities

As usual, the Diploma course finalists who left ARU campuses from November for their last year training,



Welcoming the Inspector at IPASC

within their local communities were back to campus. The training will take 8 months and consists of leading communities through an action plan based on a local health problem identified locally by the same community. Usually, each student has to identify a health problem as threat to the community where he is sent for the training. After about 2 months, each of them presented the preliminary results of their



Diploma course, 3rd school year students (Midwifery and Community Health)

works within the local communities to a board of evaluators composed of Diploma course full time teachers, for 5 days. This way of doing things makes our alumni 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 from long ago by the local people regarding the health.



The Diploma Course Head with the 7 happy bursaries among graduands (from left to right) : Munguromo, Uroci, Bhako, Kahindo, Epalata, Bhanya and Baraka

Some of them were asked to be back for the job : we quote some of them Mr UPARPIU and Mrs KAHINDO for ARU REFERRAL HOSPITAL, Mrs BHAKO for ANIA HOSPITAL, Mr BERO and Mr DJALUM for KAMBALA Hospital,...

On next ending January, finalists will have to present the second round of the action plan, the case studies and the written national last exams (first part) Sponsorship Program led by Mama Gill is really a blessed program. Regarding it, with the kind support of Friends of IPASC, 10 new bursaries are from this school



Mandrosi Nyisi, a new bursary

year, assured to end their studies for the Diploma Course level.

Combatting Ebola epidemic

Ebola is still a serious threat for Ituri area as Beni (in North Kivu) still shake with that disease. This because traffic is intense between the 2 regions.



Briefing to the Communities Relay Teams (Kambala Health Zone)

For 3 days (from 21 to 23 of October, a huge IPASC team went down to Kambala Health Zone for training. 2 weeks ago, the IPASC Health Promotion team received training from Difaem (Institute for Medical Mission) Germany with the support of Bread of the World (partner of IPASC). The training topic focused on the Management of haemorrhagic fever due to Ebola virus. That took place in Bunia. At Kambala Health Zone, nurses in chief and Community Relay teams were told about appropriate measures for fighting this disease.

Big format poster at Katanga Check - point



In addition to that, hand – washing materials and sensitization posters were given to the Health Facilities and strategical areas as Check – points, markets, hospitals,...



Washing – hand (SIMBI market, gateway.

Thermometer and loudhailers were given to Kambala Hospital for the checking when entering the Hospital compound in case of the epidemic declaration within the region by the Health authorities.

All these were possible with the support of IPASC partners (Friends of IPASC – Trust/UK, Difaem and Bread for the World, Germany) to whom we are grateful.

Organizations Security training in Bukavu

Bread for the World (Germany) wants to reinforce the comprehension of the security within organizations it is supporting. So, for 6 days of August (2nd to 7 of August), all the Great Lakes partners of BFW, for Eastern DRC, met for training about Organization security (included physical and communication security). Among IPASC with John and Jacques, there were other organizations from Bunia, Bukavu, Goma and Beni.

Protection International (a specialized organization in the security frame) taught these organizations how to see to the security of an organization staff members, compound, materials, especially the management of e – mails and phone calls. Security software was shared with the organizations which participated in the briefing. The same information was retransmitted to the IPASC team as recommended by the organizers.

Fresh News

From the last school year, the IPASC diploma course Midwifery section is among the selected nursing schools countrywide for testing the new midwifery program. The national program is built on the original midwifery program from that of the IPASC Diploma Course. The first step of the project started with a briefing to teachers for this section regarding the

new midwifery teaching program sent to us from Kinshasa. An expert in the matter came from Goma for the briefing.

But this year Mr. Jacques BYUCINDA, the Head of Diploma Course was selected for the same program to teach at Nyankunde Nursing School as expert to the Program in the region. The demand came from Kinshasa.



Elections and security situation countrywide

Elections march together with the security.

Aru security situation still from the beginning of this year is at least quiet. On the contrary, South of Aru is seriously shaken; we mean Bunia and its surrounding areas. (Walendu Bindi area). There, the FRPI militia regularly attacks on the government army (at least each week) are forcing people to move. Djugu Territory entered into the same situation with many attacks on civilians. Recently many attacks are reported and are about to turn in to an ethnic conflict. Mahagi Territory is affected. The end solution is pending.

However, for Bunia, it still where the security situation is problematic.

The electoral campaign has begun but not peacefully between some candidates; even here in Aru. Supporters are about to fight one team to another. According to that, the International AIDS day this year, was quietly celebrated, without motorized caravans.

We don't know what will occur regarding elections results.

Your support in daily prayer to us is of a great need.

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