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MEMORANDUM OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, GOMBE STATE ON THE SUCCESSFUL ACTIVATION OF DR -TB TREATMENT CENTRE AT INFECTIOUS DISEASE HOSPITAL (IDH) ZAMBUK.

PURPOSE;

The purpose of this memo is to inform the council on the monumental milestone of activating the DR - TB Treatment centre in Zambuk.

BACKGROUND:

The treatment centre in IDH Zambuk was build and handed over to the State Ministry of Health by Agbami Partners in 2014. This was followed by some strategic renovations by Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN), after signing Memorandum of Understanding with the sole aim of setting an ideal DR- TB Treatment centre model. IHVN also provided equipments and human resource training to Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and Social workers who will provide care to DR - TB from the State and other neighbouring States in the zone.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Successful activation and enrollment of new DRTB Patients.
- IHVN provides logistic support for feeding and daily maintenance of the facility.
- Received referrals from neighbouring States; Yobe, Adamawa States respectively
- State Government drilled a functional bore hole with an overhead tank powered by solar panels
- Security units were deployed to the centre by the State Government.

CHALLENGES:

- Security post was abandoned during the renovation process.
- Constant erratic power supply to the facility.
- Establish a separate ART site within the unit, as co- infected patients are also admitted in the centre.
- A catering unit within the centre will help minimize the transit time of transporting food from outside the domain of hospital.
- A sustainability plan is being work upon considering the dwindling support from foreign donors.

PRAYERS:

Council is invited to note:

1. The existence of an established DR - TB Treatment centre in Gombe State which will support the care of all DR TB patients in the State and the entire zone at large,
2. The fact that other States may wish to copy from this good practice, especially with the peculiarities of insurgency in the North East

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