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ACTIVITY REPORT

ORGANIZE AWARENESS-RAISING, COMMUNICATION AND HEALTH SERVICE ACTIVITIES (PRENATAL CONSULTATIONS, POSTNATAL CONSULTATIONS, FAMILY PLANNING-VACCINATION, SCREENING FOR BREAST AND CERVICAL PRECANCER CELLS, SCREENING FOR DIABETES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, HIV SCREENING, PREVENTION OF OBSTETRIC FISTULAS AND GBV) IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE HEALTH WELL-BEING OF COCOA-GROWING COMMUNITIES IN GUIBÉROU.





Introduction

As part of our commitment to community development and improving the health of cocoa farmers, Ülker and Fildisi Cocoa funded a mobile healthcare consultation in the **Gôh Region** from November 19 to November 23, 2024, in partnership with **ONGS2V**. This initiative aimed to address the healthcare needs of rural populations in Guiberoua while raising awareness among young girls about menstrual hygiene, a vital yet often overlooked subject crucial to their well-being and empowerment. Two sites in Guiberoua were selected: the villages of **Lébré** and **Tchogo**.

Objectives:

1. Facilitate access to healthcare for rural communities.
2. Raise awareness among young girls about the importance of menstrual hygiene and break associated taboos.
3. Distribute 500 reusable menstrual hygiene kits to promote sustainable management of menstruation.

Opening Ceremony

The event began with participation from local authorities (including the deputy sub-prefect), the village chief, the health authority representative, Fildisi Cocoa officials, and the president of ONGS2V. The ceremony, dubbed the **Cocoa Festival**, saw high community turnout, with the primary request being the construction of a health center in the village.

1. Deliverables:

- **Medical Team:** 1 doctor, 2 nurses, and 8 midwives.
- **Facilities:** Areas were set up for free medical consultations, awareness sessions, and distribution of menstrual hygiene kits.
- **Community Engagement:** Mobilization by ASC agents and community leaders.

1. Medical consultations

Services Provided:

- a. General consultations.
- b. Prenatal care for pregnant women.
- c. Contraceptive options.
- d. Cervical cancer screenings.
- e. Blood tests (urea, glucose, hemoglobin).

Medicine: Essential drugs were distributed free of charge based on prescriptions.



3. Awareness sessions

Interactive workshops led by specialists addressed:

- Proper menstrual hygiene management.
- Best practices for using reusable kits.
- Dispelling myths and misconceptions about menstruation. Participants shared experiences and asked questions, fostering open dialogue.



4. Distribution of menstrual hygiene kits

- **500 kits** were distributed (200 in Lébré and 300 at Zomadré College), including reusable sanitary pads, storage pouches, cotton underwear, and user guides.
- Practical demonstrations were provided to ensure proper use and maintenance of the kits.

Results

Activity	Number of Community Member Benefited
General consultations	398
Prenatal care	56
Contraceptive services	104
Menstrual hygiene kits	500
Cervical cancer screenings	38
People sensitized	1320

Impact:

1. Health Impact:

- 10% increase in attendance from 2023 to 2024.
- 500 adolescent girls equipped to better manage their menstrual cycles.
- Reduced risk of infections caused by poor menstrual hygiene management.



2. Social Impact:

- Strengthened confidence among young girls to manage menstruation with dignity.
- Community-wide awareness of menstrual hygiene, reducing social stigmas.



- ✓ Raising awareness among communities on the importance of menstrual hygiene, thereby reducing social stigmas.

Challenges

- High attendance required rigorous queue management.
- Need to increase drug stocks to meet high demand.
- Continued follow-up with young girls to ensure optimal use of the kits.



Recommendations of ONG SAUVONS 2 VIES

1. Replicate this type of activity in other rural localities to reach a wider audience.
2. Strengthen collaboration among stakeholders to ensure regular follow-up.
3. Develop training sessions for mothers and adult women to sustain good hygiene practices.

This fairground consultation, supported by ÜLKER and FILDISI, was a success thanks to exemplary community mobilization and the commitment of partners. The distribution of menstrual hygiene kits has helped to meet a crucial need and lay the foundations for better menstrual management in the Guiberoua region. We thank all the actors involved and hope to continue these initiatives for a lasting impact.



PICTURES OF THE ACTIVITY

