



Brothers Ikebuego 5 and Edwin 7: Recovered from severe malnutrition after two weeks at Elugwu Ettam Health Centers



# AMURT NIGERIA

Ebonyi State: Primary healthcare \* Maternal Health \* Water  
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# COMMUNAL CONFLICT INTERVENTION



Offia Oji Health Center was burnt on 15 August



Food aid prepared at the AMURT office



AMURT staff organizing drugs and medical supplies



Fleeing families was a common sight in July and August

The communal conflict that broke out in January and spread to Offia Oji Project area in May, escalated during July and August, before the situation improved in September. The violence in July saw over 450 family homes burnt in the frontline villages. On 15<sup>th</sup> August Offia Oji Health Center was attacked and burnt. During most of the period the Offia Oji Health Center operated from classrooms at Egwuagu Secondary School. During the height of the crisis in July and August more than 1200 families were forced to flee the violence. They settled in villages in Offia Oji and Ephuenyim project areas. AMURT conducted enumeration of all the displaced families in the project area and document 8354 internally displaced people from 1236 families, nearly all famers who depend on their farms for food and income. Disease, hunger and malnutrition became rampant. AMURT started a program with free medical care for displaced children in Ephuenyim Health Center and Egwuagu temporary site. Health workers visited every home to assess the IDP children. Food aid for the most needy families were distributed on the basis of the assessment.



# Malnourished children



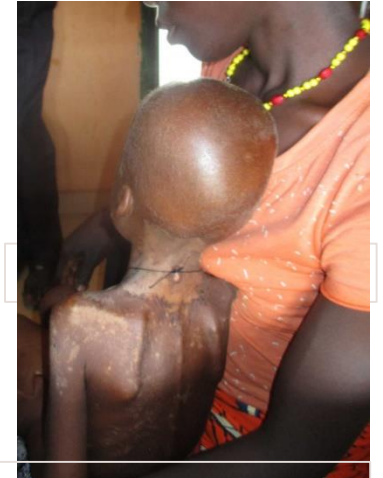
. Food aid to families



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. Severe kwashiorkor – protein deficiency



Koserachi – before and after



Onyekachi – before and after





# Food Aid and Free Medical care to IDPs



In August AMURT conducted an enumeration of internally displaced people in all the villages in Okpuitumo Ndeagu, that is the project areas of Offia Oji and Ephuenyim Health Centers. More than 8000 displaced people were documented. The survey was followed up with house to house assessment of all the children. Close 20 % of the families had malnourished children. More than 40 severely malnourished children have been admitted at Ephuenyim and Offia Oji Health Centers since late August. AMURT has provided food packages to more than 200 families. And free medical care to close to 1000 children so far.



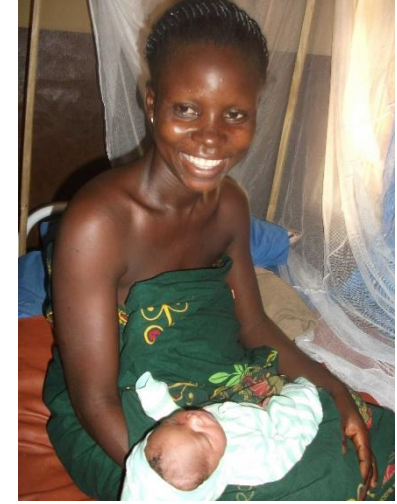
# Maternal Health



Happy mothers from Elugwu Ettam & Odeligbo



Midwives Rita and Juliette with twins at Gmelina



Mother and baby at Inikirii



Smiling babies

## APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2017

Health Center deliveries	479	Family Planning	
Deliveries after referral	24	Implants	214
Ambulance referrals	65	New method	423
Obstetric referrals	26	HIV Tested	1121
Maternal deaths	0	HIV Positive	8
Ante-natal first visit	1341	Blood transfusions	66



# AKPARATA SPORTS FACILITIES



Akparata Girls Football Team.



Akparata Youth Football Team



Akparata School new playground



Children from Akparata Primary School thanks AMURT Italy

AMURT in Italy has sponsored children's sports programs in several countries including Togo and Burkina Faso. This summer Akparata Primary and Secondary school was lucky to benefit. The AMURT assisted Akparata Health Center is located on the same grounds. With funds from AMURT Italy, we were able to build one soccer field, one basketball court and two volley ball courts with balls, pumps, whistles and four full team set of jerseys and shorts for the football teams. We also installed a playground for the primary school children with two swing sets, two slides and two merry-go-rounds. Everything was handed over to the community and the school on 11<sup>th</sup> July.



# Economic Empowerment



Four more women empowered in the Gmelina group



The group in Elugwu Ettam was able to empower four more women in September.



Monthly meeting of Offia Oji group.

YEAR STARTED	GROUP CENTER	ORIGINAL MEMBERS	EMPOWERED AT START	CURRENT MEMBERS	CURRENT EMPOWERED
2015	ODELIGBO	15	10	43	40
2015	EPHUENYIM	12	8	28	27
2016	OFFIA OJI	22	10	22	22
2016	ELUGWU ETTAM	11	7	21	15
2017	GMELINA	11	8	23	15
2017	OFFIA OJI Conflict widows	10	7	10	9
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>128</b>



# EXPANSION and UPGRADE at ODELIGBO HEALTH CENTER



After renovation and upgrades completed in July Odeligbo Health Center had its first caesarean section in August. Since then seven caesarean sections, two elective and five emergency, have been conducted. This allows us to make life saving interventions more swiftly and at a lower cost. With the upgrade Odeligbo Health Center has seen a remarkable increase in patronage, in terms outpatient, inpatient and deliveries.



Above: Dr. Serge and Dr. Clifford with one of the C.S. babies.  
Below: The mother and baby from the first C.S. done





# I NEED 2 KNOW – Youth peer educators



**“I NEED 2 KNOW”** is a new network of youth clubs being piloted by AMURT in the Ephuenyim project area. 24 youth have been trained as peer educators. They have gathered youth in their villages to teach and discuss about **reproductive health and issues affecting youth in the villages.** So far close 400 youth has been participating in the meetings. The teen club leaders went on a weekend excursion to Abakaliki in September.



# New project area in Mgbalukwu, Ogbeagu, Onicha LGA



Community meeting at Mgbalukwu Health Center



AMURT staff Ogbonna and Ibiam at community meeting



Women at Ojigbe electing maternal health promoters.



The community provided the labour for the reinforcement pillars of the structure.

In accordance with the MOU with Ebonyi State Govt., AMURT started the work at Mgbalukwu in Ogbeagu Ward, Isu community in Onicha LGA. The government has posted six health workers. AMURT has provided materials for repairs and structural reinforcements for a health center constructed in 2013, but never used. The community has taken responsibility for all the labour. AMURT has already held meetings in every village in Ogbeagu ward and completed the enumeration of women of child bearing age, the election of maternal health promoters, drilling of borehole for the health center.



# Special Assistance



Usomaka from Offia Oji health center was referred for C.S. to St. Vincent hospital. She has a very short stature and normal delivery was not possible. She and baby are now very fine.



Baby Ndubishi from Ephuenyim Health Center had life saving surgery intestinal obstruction sponsored by AMURT.



Ifeoma was on her 9<sup>th</sup> pregnancy with only alive. After her first baby she lost seven babies during birth or just after birth. She had caesarean section at Odeligbo Health Center and it was successful. Everyone were very happy.



Chukwuemeka was close to death from malaria. She needed urgent transfusion, but with 0- blood group it was difficult to find a donor. She was referred to St. Vincent and her life was saved. AMURT sponsored the blood and the treatment for her.



# New AMURT office in Abakaliki



In August AMURT moved into a new office at the corner of Ogbinna Ogba Street and Onwe Road. This photo taken after the weekly staff meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October. Standing left to right: Christian Olugu – driver, Steven Ike – IT student, Dr. John Omogo – doctor Effium, Ohaukwu, Rita Obiakor – head midwife, Michael Obinwa – M&E, Mary Ogochukwu – midwife Elugwu Ettam, Afuluenu Onu – economic empowerment coordinator, Anayo Ugwu – lab scientist, Effium, Ohaukwu, Ejike – driver & WASH, Lawrence Ezeali – driver, Peter Chukwu Elem – WASH manager, Ibiam Iro Oji – program officer/community management, Ogbonna Agha – M&E manager, Daniel Ejiofor – head lab scientist, Agatha Ugwu – midwife Inikiri, Dr. Clifford Ejiofor – doctor Ikwo, Dr. Martins Agu – medical director, Dr. Christian Ezugworie – doctor Ekumenyi, Abakaliki, Dr. Stephen Bayero – NYSC doctor, Marvelous Nworie – driver Ekumenyi. Sitting: Nnachi Nkaa Johnson – head driver, Sunday Nwonoku – driver, Nnenna Echem – midwife Akparata, Norah Nwankwo – family planning, Chinwendu Anago-Amanze – health education/family planning coordinator, Martha Egwu – office manager/accountant, Paul Haligha – construction supervisor, Juliette Okeke – midwife Gmelina, Peter Emmanuel – driver Ikwo. Absent : Dr. Serge Agu – NYSC doctor, Francesca Mgwoke – midwife Ephuenyim, Maryjoy Umoke -advocacy Adline Onu – house assistant, Israel Igwe - WASH



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Brotherly yours,

Dada Tor Bjoernsen, AMURT coordinator in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, Nigeria

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