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SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE AGENCIES

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND OTHER COLLABORATIVE AGENCIES

As part of our mandate, we collaborate or work hand in hand with other departments or agencies such as the Police, the Court, and the hospital to take care of the Welfare of the community people.

The Department collaborate with the police in handling cases of children in conflict and or contact with the law by protecting the identity and the privacy of the juvenile. Providing care and protection for the abandoned by sending them to the hospitals for checkups and find foster parents and place them in children homes for adoption after a conclusive investigation. The Department also assists homeless persons especially accident victims to the hospital and also help trace the relatives of accident victims.it is also the mandate of the Department to ensure that juvenile offenders are not mingled with the adults in the cell.

AT THE COURT

At the Court, we assist them with Social Enquiry reports on Juvenile and Family Tribunal cases. Some of these cases include paternity cases, Custody cases, children in conflict or contact with law. The Director of Social Welfare is a member of the Juvenile court.

Also, at the Court, a social enquiry report was provided to them upon request on a case of compensation for applicant after marriage separation. Other requests were made by the court for our office to provide a number of social enquiry reports but our office couldn't do so because of lack of funds to carry out that mandate.

AT THE HOSPITAL

At the Hospital, we collaborate with them on cases such as abandoned children, abandoned patients, offering psychosocial counselling to patients and relatives, serve as guarantors to patients/relatives who wants to quit medications because of lack of money. We sometimes offer feeding to abandoned children/patients in the hospital wards and also provide money to purchase certain drugs which are not in the hospital.

At the Hospital, there was a case of an abandoned baby with the grandmother at the children's ward. They were abandoned by the father of the baby who after spending some amount of moneys on the baby and there wasn't any improvement. Our office was informed after the grandmother of the baby insisted that they were discharged to go home.

The nurses saw that if they were discharged to go home, the baby was going to die therefore the need for our intervention to help the old woman and the baby to stay. So, we came in and counselled the old woman and she agreed to stay for the baby to go through medication. Our office was providing the necessary feed for the baby and also food for the old woman and some drugs which were bought outside the hospital. After some number of weeks, the baby was ok and was discharged to go home. An officer from our office accompanied them home.

AT THE POLICE STATION

At the police station, a case in relation to an abandoned baby with a toilet attendant lady in Accra. The said baby was abandoned on the toilet attendant by the supposed mother who disappeared after freeing herself in toilet. The baby was brought to Bimbilla and the office was informed about it. The case was reported to the police after the information got to the office, the child was rushed to the hospital for medical checkup. Clothes and feed were provided for the upkeep of the child while our sister office in Accra was contacted for the necessary procedures for tracing the relatives of the baby. The baby was returned to Accra for further investigation. A police extract was obtained by our office from the police and the baby was sent back to Accra for further investigations.

Another case at the police station was a of an abandoned child by a mentally unstable patient at Taali, a village near Bimbilla. The said child was left in Taali by the mentally unstable mother and has since been living with a particular family for quite some time. The Chief Executive Officer of the Nanumba North Assembly upon hearing this saw the need for the boy to be assisted by the department of Social Welfare and therefore reported it to the department for redress. This child was given the necessary basic support as efforts were made to contact our sister office in Accra at the area where the said child claimed they used to stay to do the necessary checks and investigation. After enough information was gathered about the family of this child in Accra, a police extract was obtained again from the police and the child was re-united with his family in Accra.

There was also a case reported to the police about an abandoned baby in a church at Simniboma; a community near Juanayili in the Nanumba North Municipality. Our attention was drawn by the police and we had to come in to assist for the child to get some medical attention. After some weeks at the Bimbilla hospital the baby was referred to TTH for further treatment because of a condition which needed the attention of a physiotherapist. But unfortunately, the child was pronounced dead at the Nyohani children's home where she was accommodated while being sent

to the hospital from time to time. While the child was at the hospital, our office and the police tried our possible best to trace the parents of the baby based on information gathered.

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