

New hope for 400 children in a poor community in Abidjan

The AMAN-International Foundation donated medicines to the infirmary of the EULALIE BLAH High School in Abobo-Kennedy

Abidjan-Abobo (18.05.2006) - Within the framework of its aid actions, in particular to underprivileged children, the Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation, Marie Ginette AMANI, made an important donation of medicines made up of several batches of about forty different products, to the "EULALIE BLAH" High School in ABIDJAN-Abobo-Kennedy, on the occasion of an official ceremony which was held this Thursday

Following an invitation from UNAJECI (National Union of Youth of Côte d'Ivoire), Section ABIDJAN-Abobo, the President of the AMAN-International Foundation had been able to see the difficult living conditions of the population of the Abidjan neighborhood ABOBO-KENNEDY, including

- the difficult access to the houses of this precarious district because of the non-bituminous roads,

- the non-existence of playgrounds causing the occupation of the roads by children (streets transformed into

 - soccer fields etc.),

- the blatant insalubrity due to the deposit of household waste and heaps of garbage on every street corner

and even in the alleys of the houses,

- the inexistence of drainage channels causing the stagnation of infectious sources of waste water etc.

From this previous visit to ABOBO-Kennedy, more precisely to the EULALIE BLAH High School, the President of the AMAN-International Foundation was convinced of the emergency needs of the inhabitants of this underprivileged neighborhood whose low purchasing power did not always allow them to have access to primary health care in the local health infrastructures and to medicines, even of first necessity.

This situation was all the more deplorable since children are the most vulnerable and the most important group constantly exposed to precarious sanitary and environmental conditions and to opportunistic diseases such as malaria, thyroid fever, meningitis, various infections and avitaminosis.

The statistics of the doctor of the EULALIE BLAH High School in ABOBO-Kennedy, Dr. Jules YAO, presented to the

Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation, had established that - each year - the small infirmary of the high school was "confronted with 60% of the cases of malaria and thyroid fever among the students, that is to say approximately 400 children each year. Unfortunately," Dr. Yao lamented, "the cabinets in the school infirmary were hopelessly empty, so I had no means to provide primary health care to the children. Everything is missing!"

The opinion of the Director of Studies at EULALIE BLAH High School was the same: "Faced with an increasingly restrictive budget, due to the many efforts already made to reduce school costs, the school no longer has sufficient means to pay for its students. The school no longer has sufficient resources to deal with this increasingly dramatic situation, and we are powerless to do anything about it.

Very moved after her visit to the EULALIE BLAH High School, Marie Ginette AMANI contacted the Director of the Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation in Berlin, Professor Bernd-Dieter FRIDRICH, who responded immediately and favorably to this action in view of its proven urgency. Indeed, he spontaneously assumed from his own pocket all the expenses of this first donation to the young people of the high school in order to "give an example and communicate a message of generosity in order to encourage individuals or private structures to bring their support to the actions of help of the Foundation AMAN-International for the benefit of the underprivileged people".

Thus, this Thursday, May 18, Marie Ginette AMANI, Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation for the support of underprivileged children and young women, let her heart speak during a ceremony organized at the Lycée EULALIE BLAH in ABOBO-Kennedy.

She proceeded to the delivery of an important donation of basic necessities composed of several batches of about forty different products for the supply of the infirmary of the Lycée EULALIE BLAH. These different batches of products include among others

- Medicines against malaria,
- antibiotics,
- vitamin complexes,
- painkillers,
- serums,
- compresses,
- injection material,
- hygiene products and disinfectants as well as
- minor surgery equipment

"It is often said: A healthy mind in a healthy body! By donating these medicines to the EULALIE BLAH High School, the AMAN-International Foundation hopes that the children will benefit from adequate care so that they can follow the school program in the best possible way," emphasized the Foundation's President.

"I hope that the infirmary will make good use of it for prevention and rapid intervention so that the rate of sickness will drop considerably, and even better, that the infirmary will be 'empty' of patients! This is my wildest dream for the children of the EULALIE BLAH High School in ABOBO-Kennedy, of the Ivory Coast, and even of the world.

It is on this note of hope that President Marie Ginette AMANI concluded by confiding that the AMAN-International Foundation was expecting a collaboration in relation to the follow-up of the action carried out, which will further motivate the taking into account of the other concerns submitted.