

Replicable Model For Curing Malnutrition in Nigeria

Problem: According to UNICEF, one in five Nigerian children die before their fifth birthday. MARYCARE® conducted first rural Medical Mission in Ejemekwuru, Nigeria in January of 2011 treating 600. Majority are severely malnourished, many with serious previously undiagnosed medical conditions.

Majority live on less than \$1 a day and cannot pay for travel to urban hospital.

Uneducated in basic health care and prevention of disease.

Proposed Solution: In Ejemekwuru, Nigeria, MARYCARE® cooperative will introduce foods to cure malnutrition based on UN “Plumpy Nut”, vitamin-enriched peanut butter; but with vitamins provided through locally grown Moringa leaves.

Moringa oleifera leaves contain all essential vitamins, minerals and amino acids and trees introduced by Innocent Ihemedu in 2005.

Through concomitant MARYCARE® health education program, locals train as health workers, learn to give oral rehydration, Plumpy-Nut, life saving interventions.

Affordable nutrition and health care lay foundation for health, development and job creation.

MARYCARE® Cooperative introduces cultivation of peanuts to area, dehydrates moringa leaves, mixes with peanut butter for town of 10,000 people in 2012.

Solar panels designed and made gratis by engineer, Wyatt Andree, light and electrify.

Impact, Outcomes:

Infant, child, maternal morbidity, mortality decrease.

Malnutrition reduced.

Replication to rural areas of Nigeria unserved by health professionals, programs.

Management, Financing:

Health Coordinator Rose Ndubuaku supervises Nigeria doctors, nurses, health workers. Greenwich World Hunger donated \$3,000. MARYCARE® donors fund.

