

ETOILE BRILLANTE CHILD SURVIVAL INTERVENTION

AN UPDATE FOR
CALDERWOOD
BAPTIST CHURCH





TOGO

YOUR IMPACT over the last quarter:



15 mothers and their babies are being supported.



3 babies were born, attended by a health professional.



3 women are exclusively breastfeeding their babies in the first six months.



3 mothers are pregnant.



GROUP ACTIVITY

A group of mothers during a workshop about providing good nutrition for children. The activity was designed to help them prepare nutritious and balanced foods so when their children begin eating solid foods, their diets that will help them grow.

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS

During breastfeeding awareness activities at the centre, mothers are taught how to correctly breastfeed their babies. Here, a mother demonstrates one of a few correct positions to ensure good attachment and easy feeding for her baby.



FAMILY ROLES

Each family member has a role to play in creating an environment conducive to a child's positive development and wellbeing. During a group activity at the centre, the mothers played a puzzle game. They drew and cut out designs showing what they believed were the different roles each family member played in their child's life.





MEETING WITH FATHERS

Equally as important as the mothers' education, is the fathers. Talks are held at the centre, designed specifically for them. Here, the fathers were reminded of the importance of their role in creating a positive family home.

HOME VISIT

Home visits are an important part of the Child Survival intervention; they give each mother an opportunity to be heard and encouraged. They also give the mothers a chance to learn and grow. This home visit focused on teaching methods and activities to help the mother become attached to her baby, as motherly bonds are integral to a child's emotional, social and behavioural development.



A MOTHER YOU'RE SUPPORTING

“Dear Sponsor,

I am Akouvi, mother of Kokou. My husband and I are farmers with a family of two children. Before my registration at the Survival intervention, I was pregnant with my fifth child. Unfortunately, after my first child, I only gave birth to stillborn babies, and I did not go to prenatal consultations. It caused great difficulty in my marriage.

One day, my husband learned of a centre registering pregnant women; we did not hesitate to go and inquire for registration. Today, I am one of the mothers. I started doing the CPN (foetal monitoring system) in a health centre with experienced staff and today I carry a beautiful boy that we love very much. I received care after giving birth by caesarean section and the health problems of myself and my child are managed. ...”



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“..We benefit from home teaching and during group activities with other mothers. We are also grateful for the nutrition kits we receive every month.

I noticed a big change in my married life; I did some things that caused disputes between my husband and I, but thanks to teaching, peace reigns more than before. I thank Almighty God for the grace He has given me, and will continue to give me for more testimonies.

Akouvi.”





HEALTH AWARENESS

Healthy mothers and babies are of high importance and why medical examinations are held regularly at the Child Development Centre. In this photo, the doctor and his medical assistant are raising awareness during a medical check-up. He assured the mothers they are there to assist them and their babies should they need any medical advice or help.

BAG MAKING

The mother in this photo is in the middle of learning how to create bags. The activities are designed so mothers can utilise the skills outside of the centre and generate income, helping to increase self-sufficiency and decrease unemployment.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for your support. It is making a life-changing difference to the mothers and infants of Gnita community.

“Safeguarding the health of women and children is critical for future generations to prosper.”

- Gates Foundation

