

# Sharecare Ghana



## Annual Report for the Year ended 2019

Sharecare Ghana is an association of people with autoimmune and neurological conditions, including families and caregivers. The association, founded in 2006, was registered in November 2007 as a non-profit organization, and launched in 2008.

Charity Registration Number : CG 094052017

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Social Welfare Reg. Number : DSD 3972

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Registered Address : P.O. Box CT 4910  
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Accra  
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Executive Council : Doris Ahiney Armar - Chairperson  
Adwoa Sey  
Farida Bedwei  
Nana Yaa Agyeman

Company Secretary : Nana Akwasi Awuah

Bankers : GCB Bank Ltd

Auditor/Accountant : Portfolio Financial & Management Systems

Broad Objectives : To create awareness about autoimmune and neurological conditions; support and advocate for people with these conditions and promote research into these conditions and the disabilities they cause.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We said farewell to Mr. Joseph Gadagbui (popularly called Mr. Gad) in September after he passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Mr. Gad served as Company Secretary for 10 years and was pivotal in establishing Sharecare Ghana as a credible non-profit organization. May he rest in perfect peace.

The position of Company Secretary had to be filled and Nana Akwasi Awuah, Executive Council Member graciously accepted our request that he become Company Secretary. Thank you, Nana Akwasi; Sharecare Ghana looks forward to you impacting your experience and world of knowledge on us.

We entered 2019 with a fair amount of panic because Liliane Foundation and SWEB Foundation had stopped direct child assistance at the end of 2018. This meant no funds for 16 children at the Sharecare Rehabilitation Centre, our community-based rehabilitation project. By the second quarter of the year, the funds had dwindled and therapy sessions for the children had to be reduced to two times a week. The rent for the centre was also due. A good friend of Sharecare Ghana kindly put the word out and raised funds to cover the rent for one year. Aviation Alliance Ltd. also resumed monthly donations, which kept the centre afloat.

We went cup in hand to several organizations and the Ministry of Inner-city and Zongo Development heeded our call and paid the school fees of six children and rent for the centre for one year. A big thank you to the Minister and his team for their kind support.

Our Christmas party came on thanks to the Lordina Foundation, our MP Dr. Zanetor Rawlings, Hon. John Majisi, BBnZ Live Foundation, Church of Pentecost and Bishop Charles Hackman. We thank the sponsors of the party and those who supported us throughout the year and look forward to more support. We especially look forward to a positive response from the Korle-Klottey Municipal Assembly on our request for recognition as the assessment centre of the district in line with the Disability Law of Ghana.

The Women Have Wings Fund of Tides Foundation approved our proposal titled “Improving Mobility and Speech for Children with Disabilities” in December, which means therapy at the centre can continue in the coming year. The award was in honour of Ms. Farida N. Bedwei.

To Sharecare members, Executive Council and staff, we say ayekoo! and may God continue to guide us in the year to come.

In gratitude,



Nana Yaa Agyeman

# REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2019

## 1. ACTIVITIES: CBR, ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS CREATION

### SHARECARE REHABILITATION CENTRE

As part of advocacy for Sharecare Rehab Centre to be accepted as the assessment centre for Korle Klottey under the Disability Law of Ghana, Sharecare Ghana sent several letters to the National Council on Persons with Disability, the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection and the new Korle Klottey Municipal Assembly. The Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Mrs. Cynthia Morrison, visited the centre in May and proceeded to the Department of Social Welfare premises known as “Zone B” because Sharecare had suggested it as a potential place to relocate the centre. The outcome of this and the letters is not yet certain.



**Mrs. Cynthia Morrison, Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection with community elders, Sharecare members and GFD President**

The Head of the Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Health Science of the University of Ghana, Dr. Peter O. Ndaa visited the centre and promised to send interns there. He said he was happy with the set-up of the centre.

Other visitors were a team from The Trust Specialist Hospital to see how the centre was operating and officials from the Ministry of Inner-city and Zongo Development to donate to the centre.

Physiotherapy sessions were held two times a week - Wednesdays and Fridays and the centre worked with five volunteers, two of whom were occupational therapists referred by “Project Abroad”, and two others through SWEB Foundation. The last volunteer stayed with a parent of a child with disability and was at Sharecare Ghana for three months.



An end of year party was organized at Mmofra Park (Dzorwulu) on 20<sup>th</sup> December.



## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Parents Support Group (PSG)



As part of Sharecare's commitment towards assisting the parent support group in their income generating activities, a day's training was organized in detergents, disinfectants and bleach making. A two day business management course was also held.

Five mothers who demonstrated their acumen and professionalism displayed their products at an exhibition organized by the SWEB Foundation on the final day of the LINC conference held at GIMPA.

The PSG activities were part of the liquid soap project sponsored by Ghanaman CRG Trust Fund which equipped 22 parents with income generating skills to earn incomes to provide for their children. The business development course was in collaboration with Africa Innova and at the end participants were presented with certificates of participation.

The Ghanaman CRG Trust Fund sponsored project ended successfully in July and final reports were submitted. Sharecare Ghana retained an amount of GHC5,000 as a revolving fund for new or expanding businesses of the mothers.



### Member Support Group

The support group meeting is a platform to educate members, share and channel information among members. Speakers in 2019 included Mawunyo Yakor-Dagbah, president of Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations (GFD), Derrick Omari, Executive Director of Tech Era Ghana and Nii Anyetei Akogyeram and Valerie Sogbe, Sharecare members who shared their life stories.



### **MOBILE PHYSIO**

Since 2015 Aviation Alliance Ltd. has supported Sharecare Ghana's mobile physio project, which involved sending a therapist to the homes of registered children who could not access facilities at the centre, and was amended to transporting the children to the centre so more could benefit. Aviation Alliance suspended the support at the end of 2018 and graciously resumed in March 2019.

This support helped fill the vacuum created after Liliane Foundation/SWEB Foundation stopped direct child assistance at the end of 2018.

Aviation Alliance Ltd. sponsorship was used to pay allowances to the physiotherapists, making it possible for about 30 children with neurological disabilities to have therapy during the year.

## **2. PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKING**

### **GHANA FEDERATION OF DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Sharecare Ghana was part of activities of Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations including Inputs on the Rights to Information Bill; review of a survey done by African Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) on disability; draft of the Employment Equity Policy (EEP); validation of a manual for guidance and counseling for educational institutions; and review of the draft for the sexual reproductive health right research.

A stakeholders' validation session to review the draft disability specific shadow report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Ghana also took place.

### **GHANA NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ALLIANCE**

Sharecare Ghana was part of activities of Ghana NCD Alliance. The Advocacy Agenda document was completed, and media training held for the effective launch of the document. The launch took place in April and was attended by the Deputy Minister of Health.

A mobile float was organized by the Alliance in Accra in May to create awareness on non-communicable diseases. Community-based awareness campaigns were held in the Volta, Ashanti and Western region to create awareness in remote communities in the country.

In June, a three day Train the Trainer workshop took place at the NCD Alliance headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Participants from eight countries including Ghana were trained to increase the impact of national NCD Alliances in their respective countries in line with the Advocacy Agenda of persons living with NCDs. Christopher Agbega, Sharecare's Advocacy Officer, was there.

### **SPAID**

Due to the end of funding the Child Empowerment Programme by Liliane Foundation a network made up of 19 countries in Africa was established with the name LINC Africa. Once a year the network meet to discuss plan and activities for the year. Ghana hosted the 2019 LINC Africa Conference at GIMPA and as part of the conference there was an exhibition of the programmes/activities of LINC Africa organizations.

SPAID members participated in this exhibition by displaying photos and items on the SWEB stand.

Member organizations of SPAID also met in May to start preparations for an annual general meeting.

### **INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PATIENTS ORGANIZATIONS**

Patient Solidarity Day 2019 was observed on December 6<sup>th</sup> under the theme: Accelerating Progress for Safe Patient-Centred Universal Health Coverage. The International Alliance of Patients Organizations (IAPO) had asked patient organizations to remind the world that World Health Organization Member States had adopted a resolution on global patient safety, and recommitted to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030 through scaling up global efforts to build a healthier world for all.

Sharecare put up a video on social media from the Our View Our Voices advocacy on non-communicable diseases to mark the day. <https://ncdalliance.org/news-events/news/new-our-views-our-voices-mini-films-from-ghana-and-india-launched>.

### **3. FUNDRAISING & FINANCES**

#### **Investment**

Investment with Liquide Consult yielded Gh¢10,800 in 2019.

#### **Dues**

Membership dues paid for the year amounted to Gh¢2,035.00

#### **Donations**

The Ministry of Inner-city and Zongo Development supported Sharecare Ghana with a year's rent of Gh¢2,400.00 for the Sharecare Rehab Centre and school fees for six children amounting to Gh¢10,194.

The Women Have Wings Fund of Tides Foundation gave a grant of \$5,000 for "Improving Mobility and Speech for Children with Disabilities". Donations were also received from Dr. Joyce Aryee, the Lordina Foundation, our MP Dr. Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings, Hon. John Majisi and many individuals who helped us pay our rent.

#### **Finances**

Total income for the year was Gh¢69,487.35 as against Gh¢112,092.18 the previous year and expenditure was Gh¢51,958.27 as against Gh¢97,644.68 the previous year. Investment of GhC30,000 in fixed deposit was rolled over. The detailed financial report is attached.

### **4. SHARECARE ESTABLISHMENT**

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022**

Activities carried out during the year formed part of the implementation of Sharecare Ghana's Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022. The organization in addition approached a number of hospitals and organizations to partner in activities, but results were not seen.

#### **Executive Council**

The Executive Council met twice in 2019. Ms. Roselyn Adadzewaa Otoo resigned from the council in May because of her busy schedule and Mr. Joseph Gadagbui passed away in August. Executive Council members decided to work with the reduced number, and appoint Nana Akwasi Awuah as Company Secretary, which he accepted.

#### **Management and Staff**

Management met weekly to review project implementation, and was supported by two national service personnel and interns from the University of Education, Winneba.

### **5. CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT**

The financial challenges at the Sharecare Rehabilitation Centre worsened after the second quarter when the support from Liliane Foundation through SWEB Foundation ran out.

The centre could still not employ the social workers and physiotherapists though they continued to receive allowances thanks to Aviation Alliance Ltd. The centre was also unable to employ a speech therapist. The Audiology Department of University of Ghana made it clear that the number of working days at the centre would not be beneficial for the proposed internship programme.

The Northern Region branch of Sharecare Ghana did not carry out any activity which brings into focus the need for resourceful people to be brought on board in the region.

**Prepared by:**  
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