Donation to Hôtel maternel of the Ministry of Social Welfare and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso

Foodstuffs, household cleaning products and schooling fees for five children in need; these are the details of the donation that "WHO / APOC Social Welfare Initiative" presented on 15 May, 2014 to the Hôtel maternel of the Ministry of Social Welfare and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso.

In her welcome remarks, Mrs. Raymonde Pauline Traoré, Director of Hôtel maternel, presented the centre created in 2007 as a host structure for children in distress which now shelters 53 residents. The aim of this centre is to contribute to the protection and development of marginalized or excluded children and adolescents.

After Mrs. Traoré’s remarks, Dr. Jean-Baptiste Roungou, Director of APOC, recalled that upon his arrival in Ouagadougou in June 2013, as the APOC Programme Director, he shared with his team his desire to see the APOC staff make a voluntary contribution, however small it might be, to the efforts of those who dedicate their lives for the most disadvantaged in Burkina Faso, a country which has hosted the headquarters of the Programme for more than three decades. After the idea had received a favorable response from all staff and the support of the WHO Representative in Burkina Faso, "WHO / APOC Social Welfare Initiative" was born and proposes that an annual theme be developed for some segments of the population of Burkina Faso. "This is the first fruit we are presenting to you today," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Dr Djamila Cabral, WHO Representative in Burkina Faso, promised to donate medicines to the centre in a short run and commended her collaborators for this laudable initiative, while assuring them of her support for further actions.

The last speaker, Mr Adjima Gbangou, Secretary General of the Ministry of Social Welfare and National Solidarity, expressed his gratitude for this substantial act, on behalf of the Minister, the children and their parents.

It is in a friendly atmosphere that the ceremony ended with the signing of the guestbook by the WHO Representative. ♦ —/2

Guestbook signing
Group photograph at the end of the ceremony
«Aunties » pampering kids
Photos gallery of the ceremony

Symbolic donation by J.B. Roungou and D. Cabral to S.G. Ministry of Social Welfare and National Solidarity

Parents were present at the event

Touring the centre for disadvantaged children

Conversation with the kids

Dr Grace Fobi with new-born and mother

Residents in their sewing workshop

A few products of the sewing workshop

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