

## CLOSING 2016 WITH THE IYA FOUNDATION.



It is traditional practices that during the most popular December Christian feast, hundred of millions of persons around the world gather to share a moment of untainted love in communion with the Christ over a well deserved meal.



This year, the Iya foundation brought the sharing a bit sooner than “FATHER CHRISTMAS”, to some sick persons in the southwest region of Cameroon.

Close to one hundred persons gathered to share a Christmas lunch at the Buea Hemodialysis center in Cameroon, in an event organized by the

Kidney-Health oriented non-for profit organization “THE IYA FOUNDATION”.



The gathering was aimed at providing that special glimmer of hope to persons suffering from kidney related diseases.

The event started at 10:00 am kicking off with a knowledge sharing session jointly coordinated by a member of the board of directors of the foundation,



Wele Elangwe, assisted by the president for the association of persons living with the disease, Mr Tambe.

During this event, Patients listed challenges faced living with the disease, specifically the financial constraints from the disease whose monthly financial requirement by far surpass salaries of average Cameroonian citizens.



Still during this talk sessions, patients enumerated difficulties seemingly trivial such as purchasing for gloves- a requirement for attending health personnel- to bigger problems such as obtaining medication and consequently fistula surgery.



Patients also seized this opportunity to thank the Iya foundation for efforts made so far to providing fistula surgery to ten patients, as well as financial and material supports and medication to others. They pleaded

that the foundation not relent her efforts to providing the aid it has already been harnessing for more than half a decade.

At the end of the talk, Miss Elangwe promised indefatigable actions by the foundation to obtain and provide as much as can be donated, to make patients' life a lot easier and better.

The knowledge exchange session ended and was quickly followed by the Christmas buffet, which was not only consumed by patients who attended the event, but also by the entire Medical staff of the center, visitors as well as passers-by.

A glimmer of hope could be perceived from many eyes as they wait in anticipation for the most needed aid that will better their health and lives,



as well as make it a tradition that such rare moment of culinary relish and mouth watering cuisine replicate when next the months of 2017 toll to the Twelfth.