



Care & Support
Programme
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Dear Sir/Madam

LETTER TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR DWIB LEUKAEMIA TRUST CARE & SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Leukaemia, though a deadly disease, is treatable. When diagnosed early, chances for complete recovery after treatment is very high. However, it is also very expensive to treat and manage.

In our part of the world, resources for the effective treatment of leukaemia are very inadequate. In Ghana, it cost on average, ₵80,000,000.00 (Eighty million cedis) about £4705.88 for a leukaemia patient to go through treatment at Korle Bu Hospital. Most families in Ghana can hardly afford that. The National Health Insurance Scheme does not cover the cancers and so most families run out of money halfway through treatment. The danger in this is that once treatment is interrupted, all previous gains made for full recovery is lost. In such cases, treatment has to recommence or a relapse may occur.

Additionally, inadequate drugs and facilities for treatment at Korle Bu (Ghana's foremost hospital) does not allow for effective treatment and management of the disease. As a result, the mortality rate for leukaemia patients in Ghana is high.

The aim of the Care & Support Programme is to assist three needy patients currently undergoing treatment at Korle-Bu Hospital.

It is in this regard that we appeal for your supports in the form of physical cash as well as in-kind support in the form of donations of drugs to enable us carry out this Programme.

The total cost of the Care & Support Programme is **₵137,113,790.00** or **£8064.87** (Please see Budget)

We appreciate your continued interest in the progress and development of Humanity and earnestly anticipate your positive response.

Thank you,

Danny Whyte
Executive Director / Founder

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Benefits of Donation

- Publicity in the Electronic and Print Media
- Official acknowledgement of donation on DWIB Website (www.dwib.org)
- Mention at all forums of DWIB Leukaemia Trust at home and abroad
- Donations that you make to the Trust are deductible from your tax*

*Applies to Ghanaian Corporate Entities

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Executive Summary

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The aim of the Care & Support Programme is to assist needy patients go through their treatment at Korle-Bu Hospital.

The objective is to assist three identified patients (Ms Martina Usang, Ms Ethel Ansah and Fred Osei-Kwakye) currently going through their treatment at Korle-Bu Hospital complete their primary round of treatment

The focus of this proposal is to mobilize physical cash as well as in-kind support in the form of donations of drugs from Individuals, other hospitals, corporate bodies and benevolent organizations at home and abroad.

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Contact people for this Programme are:

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Mr Danny Whyte (Executive Director/Founder, DWIB Leukaemia Trust): Tel nos: **233-21-763361/233-244-282249/+44-7751790406**

DWIB Leukaemia Trust intends to translate hope into reality by helping these three patients go through their treatment. We hope that you join us to bring smiles into the faces of these unfortunate victims.

Brief profiles of patients to be assisted

1. Ms Martina Usang

Martina is twenty (20) years old and was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid leukaemia three months ago. Chemotherapy is the method of treatment being used. She has begun to experience loss of hair and general weakness (Some of the side effects of chemotherapy). Otherwise, so far she is responding well to treatment. However, some of the drugs she needs are not available at Korle Bu. Below is a list of drugs she needs:

Amsacrine (75mg)	-	10 ampoules
Mitozantrone (20mg)	-	5 vials
Daunorubicin (20mg)	-	12 vials

Additionally, she requires a minimum of twenty million cedis (¢20,000,000.00) cash to complete treatment and that's assuming she doesn't relapse. If she does, she would be needing much more than that.

2. Ms Ethel Ansah

Ethel is twenty-one (21) years old, pretty and full of life. But for the fact that she has leukaemia she looks normal. She has been undergoing treatment for leukaemia for two and half years.

Unfortunately, Ethel has relapsed and treatment has to begin again. The drugs she needs for treatment are available and she requires approximately £2000.00 [About thirty-four million cedis (¢34,000,000.00)].

She needs help financially for treatment to begin soon because of the relapse or it might prove fatal.

3. Fred Osei-Kwakye

Fred is fifteen (15) years old and was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia a month ago. The disease has had a heavy toll on Fred in just the short time he's been ill. Physically, he looks very emaciated. After spending an initial amount of about twenty million cedis, Fred's father has run out of money. This situation is unfortunate given that Fred's prognosis is not all that good. Apart from some drugs that he needs, he requires an extra fifty million cedis (¢50,000,000.00) to go through his treatment.

The drugs he needs are:

Ifosfamide (1g)	-	10 vials
Mesna (400mg)	-	40 tablets

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Budget

Item	Description	Qty	Unit Pr £	Total Pr £	Total Pr €
1.	<u>Cost of Treatment for Martina Usang</u>				
	<u>Drugs*</u>				
	• Amsacrine(75mg)	10 ampoules	50.00	500.00	8,500,000.00
	• Mitozantrone(20mg)	5 vials	150.43	752.15	12,786,550.00
	• Daunorubicin(20mg)	12 vials	33.00	396.00	6,732,000.00
2.	<u>Physical Cash</u>			1176.00	20,000,000.00
Total for Martina				2824.15	48,018,550.00
1.	<u>Cost of Treatment for Ethel Ansah</u>				
	<u>Physical Cash</u>			2000.00	34,000,000.00
Total for Ethel				2000.00	34,000,000.00
1.	<u>Cost of Treatment for Fred Osei-Kwakye</u>				
	<u>Drugs</u>				
	• Ifosfamide(1g)	10 vials	23.00	230.00	3,910,000.00
	• Mesna(400mg)	40 Tablets	17.43	69.72	1,185,240.00
2.	<u>Physical Cash</u>			2941.00	50,000,000.00
Total for Fred				3240.72	55,095,240.00
TOTAL (Martina+Ethel+Fred)				8064.87	137,113,790.00

*All prices quoted from the British National Formulary 43, March 2002

- Exchange rate of the Pound calculated at 1 pound=€17,000.00

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Danny's Story

My name is Danny Whyte.

Between February and early April 2003, I experienced a series of high temperatures, which were all treated by a Doctor at my local clinic as malaria. It was during the fourth experience that I decided to visit Dr Esiana of the Ghana Police Hospital. He ordered for a full blood test from SSNIT Hospital. When he received the results, he referred me to Dr Kwaku, a haematologist at North Ridge Clinic. After a thorough examination and some blood tests, Dr Kwaku broke the news to me that I had leukaemia however, she would refer me to a consultant at Korle-Bu Hospital (Ghana's foremost hospital) called Dr Ekem. She is the Head of the Haematology Department at Korle-Bu.

Dr Ekem ordered for a bone marrow test to be performed. I must say that it was a very painful process even though it was done under local anaesthetic. Three days later, while driving to a meeting at about 10.00am, I received a call from Dr Ekem to come see her at my earliest. At this point I knew the news was not good so I agreed to meet her at 1pm the same day. On my arrival at her office, I noticed the look on her face was worrying. She made me sit down and began telling me about the results of my bone marrow test. However, I noticed she was withholding some of the information from me so I asked her to let me know every thing. So, she dropped the bombshell: I had Acute Myeloid leukaemia and needed to urgently begin treatment. From then on, I knew I had to make some crucial decisions.

I had just a few days to organize myself and start treatment. The most difficult situation had to do with my business. Within a week, I had managed to make some sort of arrangement and on 23rd April 2004, I flew to London. The very next day I was lucky to be admitted at Kings College Hospital which is one of the best hospitals for treating leukaemia in the United Kingdom many thanks to Professor Mufti and his brilliant team.

Numerous blood and bone marrow tests were done to determine the course of chemotherapy to administer and the length of treatment. I was told; to my surprise that it would be anything up to six months or more. I had four courses of chemotherapy and was in admission at Kings College Hospital, London, for eight months. The trauma of not knowing from day to day whether or not your body could cope with the chemotherapy and therefore be able to start making its own healthy blood cells again is phenomenal. To make things worse I also had to face the fact that I may need to have a bone marrow transplant and the odds against me finding a match at the appropriate time was quite daunting.

In early December of 2004, I was discharged but remained as an outpatient for a further two months. I finally returned to Ghana in early January of 2005 much better than I left.

It is as a result of my personal experience with this deadly disease that I decided to do something to help other unfortunate victims. That is why DWIB Leukaemia Trust has been formed in Ghana and the United Kingdom. I have been fortunate to receive support from Ivor Burford (another victim of leukaemia), Professor Mufti of King's College Hospital, Anthony Nolan Trust in the UK and many notable individuals and organizations in the United Kingdom and Ghana to help make this noble cause a reality.

I hope you support it too. Thank you.



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Introduction

Leukaemia is a cancerous disease of the white blood cells in the body. It begins in the blood-forming cells of the bone marrow. Treatments include chemotherapy and in many cases bone marrow transplant to kick-start production of red blood cells.

Leukaemia affects both Black and White people and strikes at random while chronic varieties may exist for years before they are diagnosed. It is neither contagious nor hereditary but extremely fatal in most cases.

There are more than a dozen varieties of leukaemia, but the following four types are the most common:

- acute lymphocyte leukaemia (ALL)
- acute myelogenous leukaemia (AML)
- chronic lymphocyte leukaemia (CLL)
- chronic myelogenous leukaemia (CML)

In the Black Community, leukaemia is not thought of as a black disease. The Anthony Nolan Trust in the United Kingdom is the biggest bone marrow register in the world with 361,000 donors. Of these, 8522 are of African Caribbean origin, 9159 are Indians and People of mixed race and the remaining 343,319 are White people. The current global bone marrow match statistics sourced from the BBC website (www.bbc.co.uk) show that for every 1 in 5 white people, a match is found while for every 1 in 250,000 black people, a match is found. As far as research shows, there is no such register in sub-Saharan African, which is the gene pool of Black People.

The lack of black donors can be attributed to poor awareness of the disease, as a result, majority of black people who are diagnosed with the disease end up dying.

DWIB (Danny Whyte and Ivor Burford – two living people of African origin who have survived the disease) Leukaemia Trust has been set up in the United Kingdom and Ghana initially, with the aim to increase awareness of leukaemia in the West African sub-Region, and improve access to effective diagnostic and treatment resources for low-income sufferers.

Objectives

- (i) To set up the first Bone marrow register for a Sub-Saharan Country in Africa at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
- (ii) To embark on advocacy programmes that focus on creating awareness of the disease to the public in general and second cycle and tertiary education specifically to encourage participation
- (iii) To establish a website for the Trust to enhance its activities in areas of information and education.

- (iv) Get Ghana's Bone marrow Register linked to the Global Bone marrow Register
- (v) Acquire Ultra-modern Equipment for Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital Haematology Department
- (vi) To set up a fund to assist leukaemia patients go through their treatment at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital

*Current Activities**

- Credibility drive – search for credible, well respected, distinguished people to become patrons of the trust
- Awareness campaigns in the electronic and print media
- Further development of website (www.dwib.org) set up for the Trust
- Organize fundraising events to raise funds to pursue activities to realize objectives of the Trust (an initial target is to raise one million pounds £1,000,000.00)

*Projected Activities**

- Set up an ultra-modern bone register – the first of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa – at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital.
- Broaden awareness campaigns by including visits to Secondary and Tertiary Institutions specifically to encourage participation
- Acquire ultra modern equipment for Korle- Bu Haematology department
- Set up a Fund to assist leukaemia patients go through their treatments at Korle-Bu Hospital
- Seek support from other Countries in the sub-Saharan region of Africa
- Link Ghana's bone marrow register - once it is set up – to the global bone marrow register.

*** In conjunction with City 2000 Youth Action International – the Trust's Implementing Partner Organization in Ghana**

Current list of Executive Council Members - Ghana

Mr. Danny Whyte (CEO of Whitesys Ltd)	- Executive Director/Founder
Justice Mrs Helena Abban	- Chairperson
Mr Ed Gerber (Chairman of Alliance Media)	- Deputy Chairman
Mr Ladi Nylander (CEO of Johnson Wax)	- Treasurer
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Ken Brookman Amissah (CEO of Brookman Amissah & Associate)	- Public Relation Person
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Sarah-Lynn Mansaray (Back-Up & Byte Management Service)	- Memeber
Mr Kofi Ansah (CEO of Artdress)	- Member
Dr Ivy Ekem (Head of Korle-Bu Hematology)	- Member
Chief Dele Momodu (CEO of Ovation Mag)	- Member
Prof K. Frimpong-Boateng (Head of Korle-Bu)	- Member
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Mr Essam Odaymat (CEO- Rana Motors Co. Ltd.)	- Member

Current list of Patrons - Ghana

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Current list of Executive Council Members – United Kingdom

Danny Whyte

-IT Consultant & DWIB Founder

Ivor Burford

Restaurateur & Business

-DWIB UK Public Person (IT Business Analyst,

Man & DWIB Joint Founder)

***Kojo Oware-
Executive)***

-DWIB UK Chairman (Property Consultant & Business

Ann-Marie Burford

- DWIB UK Public Person (Restaurateur & Businessman)

Stella Appiah-Kubi

- DWIBUK Treasurer (Haematology Doctor & Registrar)

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- Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Nurse

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-Civil Servant & Case Worker

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Conclusion

DWIB Leukaemia Trust intends to make a difference in the lives of people who will be unfortunate to suffer from this unpleasant disease. We hope that all who associate with the noble aims and objectives of the Trust will join us to convert this tragedy into hope for future generations.