

Emergency Help Fighting the Pandemic

A sensibilization campaign and a joint action against Covid-19



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In the context of the global pandemic, RENATA in partnership with Deutscher Frauenring DFR and Associations Suisse pour les droits des femmes ADF-SVF (two organizations affiliated to the International Alliance of Women IAW) conducted five days of activities against the Covid-19 virus by manufacturing and distributing prevention materials (hydro alcoholic gels, and protective masks) in the public community. The focus was on sensitization targets for adolescent girls and women. Three sites were contacted, namely Oman locality, Febe village and Nkolngoan .

We started the activities during two days with the manufacture of prevention materials (hydro alcoholic gel and masks) under the leadership of the RENATA Executive Secretary.

From the third to the fifth day we were on the field. Exactly at 10am the Aunties' team arrived and met the chief of Oman. The welcome was warm. We explained to him the activities we wanted to carry out in public. The conversation was inspiring. The Chief confirmed the need for public sensitization, as many people are not aware of the danger of this pandemic. Unfortunately these people are not following the rules as prescribed by the government. The leader recommended us to emphasize on this point. Then we went out and took a photo of all of us together.

We did the awareness campaign directly in the households by going door to door. The message was well received, and we emphasized the necessary knowledge of the barrier measures: wash your hands regularly with clean running water and soap, always put on the mask when you are in a setting with many people. In the absence of soap and water, it is necessary to have a hydro-alcoholic gel and also a mask that meets the government's criteria, you must cough into your elbow, etc....

We have also discussed the symptoms of Covid-19. They may occur when people have a dry cough, temperature loss and throat irritation. So in this case one should call No. 1510 for more information. This is how we ended this day.

The next two days we conducted awareness activities in Febe village and Nkol Ngoan. Geographically these localities are located far from Yaounde in the North-East. The activities were carried out following the methodology of Obama sensitization. This means meeting the chiefs and with their agreement, contacting the local populations. By going door to door in these two riverside villages , we distributed all the protection material we still had left.

These are the results of this three-day awareness campaign:

- 378 girls and women plus 127 boys and men have been sensitized on prevention measures and they have a better mastery of the barrier measures of Covid-19; thus a total of 505 people sensitized in the three 3 target localities.
- A total of 280 bottles of alcohol gel, 350 protective masks were produced and 4 cartons of soap of 60 pieces per carton were purchased. All the materials were distributed during the awareness campaign.
- Almost every person could get the minimum necessary protection (mask, soap, hydroalcoholic solution) and now can systematically observe the preventive measures.

Positive results:

- -warm welcome from the village chiefs
- -good knowledge about the contamination in Oman
- -recognition of the actions carried out by the RENATA team in the community.

Difficulties:

- -lack of awareness in some households
- -some people did not accept the existence of Covid-19
- -unfavourable weather (rain)
- -the leaders of Febe and Nkol Ngoan were not there because of a wedding.
Nevertheless we had a guide during the activity. He showed us that people always gather in groups and do not respect the distance measures.

Recommendations:

These activities were very effective and should also be carried out in many other rural areas, where it is difficult to obtain information and materials for the prevention of corona virus.

For the Aunties of RENATA it was a moment of exchange and pride to be able to add a stone in the edifice of the fight against Covid-19 in our country.

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