

YOUNG GAMBIANS DIABETES ASSOCIATION

Isatou Jallow | YGDA Report | Jan – May 2020

REPORT ON YOUNG GAMBIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION (YGBA)

1. Occasion: Home Visits (No. 1)

Date: 02/02/2020

<u>Purpose</u>: This visitation was part of our usual regular home visits to our members to check on their status and enquire if they require any assistance or information. On the stated date, we (Ousman Ceesay & Isatou Jallow) made home visits to Kumba Bah, Karamo Bojang & Kalifa Bojang.



Figure 1.1 Kumba Bah



Figure 1.2 With Karamo & Kalifa Bojang



Figure 1.3 Khalifa being run through machine use.



Figure 1.4 Karamo's expired insulin



Figure 1.5 Karamo

Notes:

- Kumba Bah She is still struggling with testing and tests once or twice per day sometimes. This raised concerns as she always has a high blood sugar level. Her family is not doing enough to assist her with her diabetes management.
- Karamo Bojang we discovered he regularly has high blood sugar due to irregular checks and an expired NOVARAPID insulin (exp. 10/2018). He rarely checks his sugar level as we found on the machine. Also, the time and dates on the testing machine were wrong and subsequently corrected.
- Khalifa Bojang a stump in his management of sugar levels & insulin injection, due to irregular daily onetime checks per day. We encouraged him to be steadfast in his management and to check as it's very important to his wellbeing.

2. Occasion: Home Visits (No. 2)

<u>Date</u>: 06/02/2020

<u>Purpose</u>: As a follow-up on our usual home visits, we visited Amie Jobe to enquire if she needs any assistance with her machines or management.



Figure 2.1 With Amie Jobe.

Notes:

• Amie Jobe – We found she was not regularly checking her sugar levels and using her insulin. She checked her sugar level once or twice per day. We implored she takes the testing and injections serious.

3. Occasion: Home Visits (No. 3)

<u>Date</u>: 09/02/2020

<u>Purpose</u>: On this faithful day we made home visits to Fatima S Mendy and Fatoumata Singhateh (2 of our youngest members) as a usual follow-up on visitation and to help them with their injections, machines and overall management.



Figure 1.1 With Fatima S. Mendy and Lamine(an associate who has an interest in raising diabetes awareness and usually goes along with us on sensitization missions)



Figure 3.2 Fatoumata Singhateh

Notes:

• Fatima S Mendy – Irregularly testing once or twice on her side makes her case difficult as she is well versed in management but simply refuses to do so. We made sure to correct her machine and talk to her with the hope that there'll be a change this time round.

• Fatoumata Singhateh – She had a High blood sugar level due to irregularities in testing and injection. Her family are not helping with her diet as she wants and it's affecting her direly.

4. Occasion: YGDA Camp 1

Location: Isatou Jallow's residence in Banjul

Date: 14/02/2020 - 16/02/2020

<u>Purpose</u>: A 3-day sensitization camp organized to continue raising awareness on diabetes and ways to control it. The main goal of this camp was to open grounds for our members to come forward with their questions, observations and suggestion on diabetes control and how to better manage it. Each member came forward with questions and suggestions that were tackled by the group as a whole.

Activities carried out included;

- How to control high/low sugar levels with food.
- How to correct machine date and time.
- Insulin pen control.

• Social discussions to breed familiarity with each other.







Figure 4.1

Figure 4.2

Figure 4.3

- Testing sugar levels with machine
- Cooked a local meal of 'plasass' to be regulated by insulin intake

FIG 4.1 – 4.6 (Kumba Bah & Fatoumata Singateh)





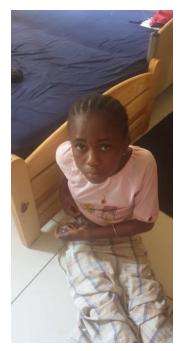


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Figure 4.6

Participants:

- Yassin Suwareh
- Kumba Bah
- Fatoumata Singateh
- Ousman Ceesay
- Isatou Jallow
- Muhammed Lamine Ndow *associate and helping hand to the organization.

Occasion: YGDA Camp 2

Location: Isatou Jallow's residence in Banjul

Date: 07/03/2020

<u>**Purpose:**</u> A 2nd retreat to further sensitize ourselves and arm ourselves with the right tools and education to ease the fight against diabetes.

We mainly did verification checks on what was done on the camping conducted earlier last month. More sensitization and a redo of the questions, suggestions and observations segment was carried out.



Figure 5.1 From Left to Right: Isatou Jallow, Fatima S Mendy, Yassin Suwareh, Adama Lowe & Ousman Ceesay



Figure 5.2 A shared meal



Figure 5.3 Group discussion

Activities carried out were similar to the one carried out in the earlier conducted camp.

Participants:

- Yassin Suwareh
- Adama Lowe
- Fatima S Mendy
- Ousman Ceesay
- Isatou Jallow

<u>Notes</u>: A lot was learned and we saw an improvement in familiarity of the basic duties needed to be carried as diabetes patients. Indeed, we may have diabetes but diabetes does not have us.

Occasion: HBA1C

Location: PAKALA CLINIC

<u>Date</u>: 20/03/2020 - 21/03/2020

<u>Purpose</u>: A large turnout for this exercise which lifted the spirits of many. This showed how open patients were to tackling diabetes and putting themselves in better positions to fight it. This exercise involved other diabetes patients from across the board.









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In loving memory of Ndey Fatou Bah and Lamin Dibba. Rest in Peace.