

Cured lepers at Ho get clinic

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A CLINIC to cater for the health needs of cured lepers discharged from the Ho Leprosarium has been inaugurated at Ho.

The facility, constructed at the cost of GH¢65,000 and christened the Bonita Cured Lepers Clinic, was provided under the auspices of a non-governmental organisation, Cured Lepers Foundation, with joint sponsorship from the Bonita Foundation and Madamfo Ghana Foundations of Germany.

In an inaugural address, a director of the Cured Lepers Foundation, Mrs Joycelyn Akorfa Dotse-Ochlich, expressed gratitude to the sponsors for coming to the aid of the extremely deprived in the society.

She said there was the need to construct a skill training centre for economic empowerment of cured lepers and their children so that they could afford to feed and support themselves and stop relying on social donations for survival.

Mrs Dotse-Ochlich also appealed for the installation of solar panels at their settlement since they could not afford the payment of electricity bills.

She advocated support to ensure that the children of cured lepers accessed quality education or went into apprenticeship.

The president of Madamfo Ghana Foundation, Ms Bettina Landgrafe, said she was happy to support the lepers and promised to build eight more unit houses for the homeless lepers.

A director of Cured Lepers Foundation from Holland, Mr Jan Meerkerk, presented a motorbike to the caretaker at the Cured Lepers village.