



Person Affected Journey: Ebenezer v Peters

Ebenezer v Peters is my name. I'm 38 years old and I'm a married man with five children, a farmer living in Zleh town. I am a leprosy patient since 2021. I took part in the photovoice reflective diary and I'm also a chair person of the peer support group for cavalla district. In the peer support group, we can have meeting two times a month where we meet to share our stories about the condition we are carrying and also encourage others to be part of the group, the group was also given money from REDRESS to make market in which we have already started producing soap for sale.

The photos voice process was very beautiful and good where I took pictures using them to tell a story about my condition, actually I never knew that photos has voice or could speak by looking at it and telling a story from that picture.

The impact on mental health & family support



This picture shows the care and support given to me by my family and friends whenever I'm thinking about my condition. You know, at that time, when this thing had happened, at first, I said, I'm lonely. Each time I go on the farm, I can say, I'm lonely. I sit down. For long, I start thinking, ah, how I'll find medicine. Start thinking, how I seek care. Then, my mom will say, ah, papa, don't sit down lonely.



This photo shows the time my body was having two colours of the marks that were on my body.



This photo shows when I went to the clinic to see the doctor.



Support networks

This photo shows that people can come around me and I can go around people too. This want, it represents the involvement with the community members. The patients in the community. People did not neglect me. I've been playing. I've been flexible with people. People been flexible with me and then, you know, they didn't neglect me. They didn't stigmatize me. To show care, values, the community members.



Encouraging others to seek support

So, I see the man sitting lonely like this. I can reflect my mind back. Yeah. Regarding the photo, you know, somebody come to you and say, my man, you got so-and-so sick don't be discouraged. Be patient. Listen to people talks. Do not say, oh, I will sit down lonely, oh, loneness can't solve problem. Seek advice.