



Person Affected Journey: Williams N. Toe

I live in Grand Gedeh and I am a teacher, affected by Big foot (lymphedema).
These photos show my journey.



Symptoms and impact of condition

This photo shows the day I was feeling severe pain in my leg and started crying and friends and family members came around to comfort me. This picture shows a very, very painful day. I am a classroom teacher... I went to school in the morning, in the afternoon I started experiencing the pain in my leg. When I came home, I could not walk on the foot again I decided to sit down on the mat... and just sit there, thinking about what solution to find.



Role of faith

This photo shows how I used to read my Bible because I have confidence in my God for healing. The photo represents the advice given to me by my pastor. He told me that I should continue to read to keep up my faith and there's nothing that God cannot do... so I continue to do that to give myself courage.

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Seeking care from traditional healer

I started contacting other people to help but... you know, the medication they were giving me at the herbalist, it could not work. So I just decided to sit down and find out who could help me... I got in contact with the DHO... he was able to tell me that oh they have an organization called REDRESS... they helping people with these kinds of problem.



Seeking care at health facility

This is the Health Facility where I went for treatment. I visited a health worker who told me that only hospital can solve this problem and so that is how I went to the hospital.



Self-care

I was told that when you go home, you should continue to wash this foot which I was given the tie-soap and the bucket. This photo shows where I go to wash my foot. The bench is what I sit on. The bucket is what I put the water in and the soap dish is where I put the towel. It's about washing my foot on a daily basis.