

Israeli Embassy Sponsors Nigerian Boy For Heart Surgery

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The Israeli Embassy in Nigeria in collaboration with 'Save A Child's Heart Foundation', an Israeli non-governmental organisation (NGO), would be sponsoring a Nigerian boy for a heart surgery in Israel next week.

The three-year-old boy, Master Mide Mamulla Alabelehin, was born with a hole in his heart. The Israeli Ambassador, His Excellency Moshe Ram,

made this known to journalists at the opening of a four-day Photo Exhibitions of 'Save A Child's Heart' at transcorp Hilton hotel, Abuja.

Ram, who said he read about Mide's predicament in one of Nigeria's newspapers on February 7, 2009 was touched by the little boy's story and immediately initiated contact with the child's family to get him thoroughly treated in Israel through the support of Save a Child's Heart Foundation and Lufthansa Airlines which has offered to airlift the child and his parents to

and from Israel.

According to the envoy, the state of Israel is not actually coming to solve all heart-related cases of Nigerian children, but would like to partner with relevant authorities and stakeholders in the Nigerian health sector in order to be able to handle these very few but special cases.

While using the opportunity to launch the Embassy's new project anchored on humanitarian perspective of children's cardiac diseases, some visiting Israeli medical experts in cardiac and

pediatric cases respectively would be organising a one-day workshop at the auditorium of the National Hospital, Abuja on April 21, 2009.

This workshop, according to Ambassador will open windows for more collaboration in medicine with Nigerian counterparts. "One's greatest return is when one's children are better than oneself," the ambassador said.

Master Mide and his parents would be leaving for Israel on April 26, 2009 for a thorough heart surgery.

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