

Alpha Club CIG incubation centre inaugurated

- How an American is touching lives through philanthropy

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An incubation centre, the Alpha Club Common Initiative Group, has opened its doors in Limbe with the aim of assisting the underprivileged to gain basic life skills such as sewing. This was during an official opening on December 12, 2012. The Alpha Club CIG is expected to help its members to alleviate poverty and provide a sustainable source of

machines, stitching machines, Zig Zag machines, materials and small bundles of financial assistance to all the workers in the centre to ensure that they work in a good and conveniently comfortable environment. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the new tailoring centre as part of his PPEP project, Dr. John David Arnold, the philanthropist said micro-business is the hope of the next generation, wherein capital and training is provided to the underprivileged to enable

them change their lives for the better. He noted that banks may provide the loans, but will not provide training. It is therefore the hope of Dr. Arnold that the women in the incubation centre can open their own shops and go forward. He advised the women to go back to nature so as to prevent diabetes. He told the women that diabetes is reversible and curable, depending on what they eat and drink, promising that a seminar on the management of diabetes will take place next year. He went on to present a laptop to

The director of the tailoring shop, Iselle Mabel, was visibly elated, promising to manage the business to the satisfaction and benefit of all. She joined her voice to that of Madam Pauline Ndenge, chairperson of the Women of Towe Quarter, whose brainchild the club is. Mr. Polycarp Chungong took time off to present Dr. Arnold and his life before giving time for the project consultant, Mr. Blessed Obina, to look at the road covered before now and the way ahead.



(L-R) Blessed Obina, consultant; Polycarp Chungong, Project Initiator; Iselle Mabel, Director; Dr. John David Arnold, Project Sponsor; Pauline Ndenge, Chairperson

wealth creation.

The micro business venture is thanks to the support of an American philanthropist, Dr. John David Arnold, who has been going round the world, changing the lives of many through his Portable Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP) Inc. Programme.

The Limbe micro-business situated a few metres away from Bende Junction slightly above Half Mile Limbe is that of a complete hi-tech tailoring shop with sewing

the women.

Before cutting the symbolic ribbon, the Divisional Officer for Limbe I sub-division, represented by Madam Ebot Margaret, said it was time for the lives of the women at the centre to change, describing Dr. Arnold as a messiah, adding that the initiative is part of government's resolve to better the livelihoods of its citizens through business ventures.



Dr. John David Arnold and CIG members enjoy the hitech tailoring shop

The people of Limbe have thus embarked on an irreversible path to economic and social development. To express their happiness, the Newne Manyu group based in Limbe gave Dr. Arnold the title of Nfor Newne, adding to that of Prince Moh Ntoh, given to him when this initiative took off in Bambui in the North West Region.