



## **ARISE FOR GENDER AND LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE (ALIVE)**

*"Promoting Human Rights, Livelihoods and Peaceful Communities"*

### **2015/2016 BI-ANNUAL REPORTS**

#### **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

ALIVE is a registered Non Partisan, Non-Governmental Organization with a clear interest to galvanize local, regional, national and international efforts towards rights realization.

ALIVE is Niger Delta based but strives to link actions and interventions that can bring about social transformation within local, national and global spaces.

ALIVE has undertaken advocacy efforts and contributed significantly in promoting Women's Human Rights.

With an active and participatory Board Members, we have initiated and coordinated a number of programmes

- Strategic Planning Meeting to Produce ALIVE'S Strategic Plan for the Next five years.
- Staff Capacity Building Trainings

Formation of the Gender Talk Group

- Women and Girls on the March Media Campaign
- International Women's Day Roundtable Debates
- 16 Days Activism Campaign on Gender Violence
- Roundtable Discussions on Combatting Gender Based Violence

#### **1) STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

This meeting was organized to design a road map for ALIVE and leverage on existing opportunities within the CSO/NGO Sector.

This Activity was to further broaden perspectives on ALIVE'S work and develop concrete systems that will serve as operational guidelines for the organization.

The Strategic Planning further helped ALIVE to contextualise issues within the framework of Development Concepts.

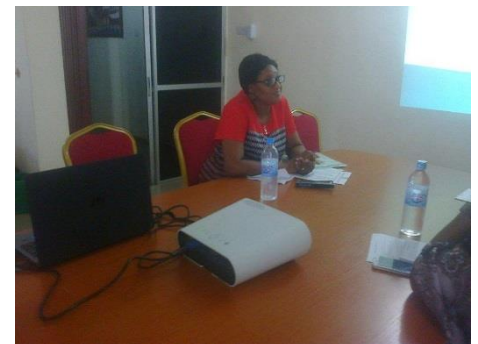
ALIVE's Board Members, Steering Committee and members and staff participated effectively in the setting of policies and goals to guide the organization.

The meeting also provided a clear focus to the management and staff for programme implementation and management.

## **ALIVE'S STAFFS AND CONSULTANT IN ALIVE'S STRATEGIC PLANINING MEETING**



## **ALIVE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE CONSULTANT ON ALIVE'S STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING.**



## **2) STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME**

This is an ongoing continuous learning process for the organization's staff. The trainings provide the Staff with technical capacity, enhanced Knowledge, Increased Awareness and with strong Advocacy Skills.

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The outcomes of the training have provided ALIVE with high calibre and professional staff.

### **3) FORMATION OF THE GENDER TALK GROUP (GTG)**

This is a Market Development for the Niger Delta (MADE) DFID funded development programme that uses “Making Markets work for the Poor “approach to generate pro-poor and inclusive economic growth in the non-oil sectors of the Niger Delta region.

The programme aims to improve market access for poor producers, increase economic activity and trade and raise incomes of poor men and women.

The Gender Talk Group (GTG) is an internal forum for sharing practical ideas to increasing economic empowerment of men and women in the value chains, mitigating the risk of social exclusion of women as a result of their growing economic status.

ALIVE was principally involved as Short Term Technical Assistants to facilitate state level activities for the Gender Talk Group (GTG) in 3 States (Rivers, Bayelsa and Imo State).

### **FOCUSSED GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) WITH WOMEN FARMERS IN ORLU – LGA, IMO STATE**



#### **4) WOMEN AND GIRLS ON THE MARCH (WAGOM) CAMPAIGN**

This is a Campaign initiated and coordinated by ALIVE to promote “ The Gender Agenda” programme is an Advocacy Programme designed to advance the issues of women and efforts of women advocates in ensuring gender equality. The Gender Agenda programme has enable the sharing of best practices and documenting Women’s Experiences.



The WAGOM Campaign has anchored media interviews; Firstly with the Nigeria Tide Nigerian Tide Newspapers a state owned Newspaper and Nig. Info Radio Station on the International Women’s Day Celebrations. The theme of the 2015celebrations is Gender Parity: 50-50.

The Media Interviews have provided a platform for clearer articulation of women’s rights issues and more visibility for the women’s rights discourse.

#### **5) INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY ROUND TABLE DEBATES**

The Action Point of the meeting was the “Women and Girls on the March Campaign” (WAGOM ALIVE facilitated the Round table Debates as part of its Activities to mark International Women’s Day on 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Women Focused Non- Governmental Organizations (NGOs) formed participants at the Round table. Male Champions anchoring and Promoting Women’s Rights were also part of the Debates.

Debates opened up newer perspectives of Gender Awareness Education and setting up of Gender Clubs on Schools.

Also engaging more men as allies in promoting Women’s rights is an effective way to address patriarchy.

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#### **6) 16 DAYS ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN ON GENDER VIOLENCE**

The 16 Days Activism Campaign is an International Campaign which began in 1991 to heighten global concern against Gender Violence.

The Campaign is usually observed from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> of December every year. The dates are so selected because of some very specific and critical actions of Violence against Women (VAW) that occurred within those dates in history.

25<sup>th</sup> November is declared by the United Nation (UN) as International Day against Violence.

1<sup>st</sup> December- World Aids Day

6<sup>th</sup> December – The Montreal Massacre of women

ALIVE has from 2015 consistently identified with this global campaign. In 2015, activities was taken to all Girls High School and coeducational schools. Materials on Violence against Women (VAW) was shared and briefing sessions were held at each schools Assembly Halls.

More Schools were targeted in 2016 with fuller sessions of Boys and Girls sensitized on Violence against women and girls (VAWG) as a Human Rights Violation.

## **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON COMBATTING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

ALIVE has been consisted in its Roundtable debates on Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG).

The debates have deepened insights on Violence against Women (VAWG), provided additional perspectives analysed progress and challenges and also articulated the way forward in addressing Gender base Violence (GBV).

The 2016 Roundtable became distinct because victims shared experiences and tips on how they survived rounds of Domestic Violence.

ALIVE is still following up on outstanding cases in court in collaboration with FIDA and the

Ministry of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

The fall out of the Round table debates is the Violence Free Safe Spaces Centre for Victims of Gender Violence.

