



ARISE FOR GENDER AND LIVELIHOODS INITIATIVE (ALIVE)

"Promoting Human Rights, Livelihoods and Peaceful Communities"

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DIRECTORS MESSAGE

ALIVE is a right based organization that started 2014 with primary focus in addressing the key Components of Development, Human Rights, Peace and Security, Environmental and Social Justice.

ALIVE clearly advocates for gender equality in Laws and Policies of Government.

ALIVE started out with the need to build synergies for collective action to influence public policy and promote respect of Women's right as human Rights.

This Annual Report details ALIVE'S Intervention Programmes in the areas of Policy Engagements, Capacity Development, Strategic Partnerships and alliances, Community Empowerment, Institutional Development within these two years of its Visible existence.

We have identified and implemented strategies for enhancing the capacities of women through our Gender Agenda Media programmes.

Our work theme centres on "Building Alliances to Empower Vulnerable groups and Persons".

ALIVE has constantly sought to understand what works to enable vulnerable groups and persons empower themselves and in exploring these perspectives, our programmes this year has targeted giving women and girls more choices and opportunities.

Our International Advisory Board, Board of Trustees and Steering Committee have contributed immensely to our work and interventions.

As we continue to identify burning issues in each of our work contexts, we will continue to link global debates, explore new ways to provide marginalized groups and person's opportunities to influence policy changes through dialogue, negotiation and public action.

ACTIVITIES IN 2017

GENDER AGENDA ADVOCACY PROGRAMMES

The "Gender Agenda" Advocacy Programme was developed by ALIVE to raise awareness and rally support for collective action on the issues that confront Women and Girls. The Media Advocacy Campaign is one way to ensure that Government treats Women and Gender issues as a priority on their agenda.

The Media Advocacy featured a press Conference on Child Sexual Abuse with focus on incessant rape cases of girls and development of infants. Media Houses like Silver Bird TV, Nigeria Television Authority (N.T.A), Nigeria Info, National Point Newspaper, and Treasure FM were all in attendance to capture the Press Statements.

Several Civil Society Groups and ALIVE'S Partner Organizations were in attendance at the meeting.

The Press Conference was followed by a Media Interview hosted by Rivers State Television (RSTV) on Child Sexual Abuse. ALIVE'S executive director Barr. Debbie Effiong and Rita Kigbara, a member of ALIVE'S steering committee appeared on at the MEDIA Interview highlighting the impact of Sexual Abuse on the girl child and also discussing legal options available to victims.

Media Interview at Rivers State Television (RSTV) and also Treasure FM held on the International Day of the Girl Child focussing on the theme "The Power of the Adolescent Girl : Vision for 2030"

ALIVE'S Executive Director, Barr. Debbie Effiong was the Key Guest of the Interview.

Media Interview on the "Equal Opportunities Bill" which was thrown out at the National assembly and this action of our Law makers poses yet another setback for the passage of the bill.

Barr. Debbie Effiong discussed extensively on Rivers State Television authority (RSTV) the prospects of the bill and the implications of its non-passage on the Women's Rights Discourse.

Media Interview on trafficking in Women and Children at Treasure FM. This media Programme is anchored and funded by the wife of the Governor of Rivers State; Hon Justice Suzette Nyesom-Wike.

ALIVE'S Executive Director, Barr Debbie Effiong led discussions around the theme of the U.N 2017 World Day against Trafficking in persons. Deborah emphasized that Trafficking is not only a crime against humanity a serious violation of Rights.

Media Interview was also facilitated by the Rivers State Television (RSTV) on Domestic Violence in Observance of the 16 Days Activism Campaign against Gender Violence. Deborah alongside the programmes staff of ALIVE, featured in the discussions of educating the public on the dynamics and consequences of domestic violence.





SCHOOLS BASED ADVOCACY PROJECT ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

This project is facilitated by ALIVE with a consortium of partners targeting children of school age (Girls and Boys) on Sex Education, Sexual Violence, Prevention Strategies and how to respond when violence occurs.

ALIVE and its team under the campaign theme “ALIVE and Partners Unite to end Child Sexual Abuse” paid a visit to 6 schools across Rivers State.

The Project is currently on going and more schools in the State and Niger Delta region have been targeted with transformative education which can help change beliefs, behaviours and institutions that perpetuate violence against Women and Girls.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) LAUNCH AND INAUGURAL PLANNING MEETINGS

ALIVE was contacted and nominated by the Civil Society Network on the Development Goals (CSD-NET) to lead and coordinate the civil society on SDGs Intervention in Rivers State.

ALIVE has since its nomination set up a coordinating structure of Sub Coordinators representing the 3 Senatorial districts in the state

- Mr Kingsley Achor representing Rivers East Senatorial zone
- Mrs Rita Kigbara representing Rivers South East Senatorial Zone
- Mrs Mabel Abua representing Rivers West Senatorial Zone

Local Government Area (L.G.A) Coordinators have also been identified and selected to anchor the SDGS activities in each Local Government Area (L.G.A).

Planning and Inaugural meetings have held in preparations for the formal launch of the SDGS in Rivers State and Kick off of planned Activities.

Planned Programmes and Interventions on the SDGS in Rivers State includes the following

- Advocacy Visits to Critical Stakeholders
- Goal 8- Decent work and economic growth, Goal 6- Clean Water and Sanitation, Goal 13 – Climate action have been identified as areas of focus for the SDGS Intervention in Rivers State.



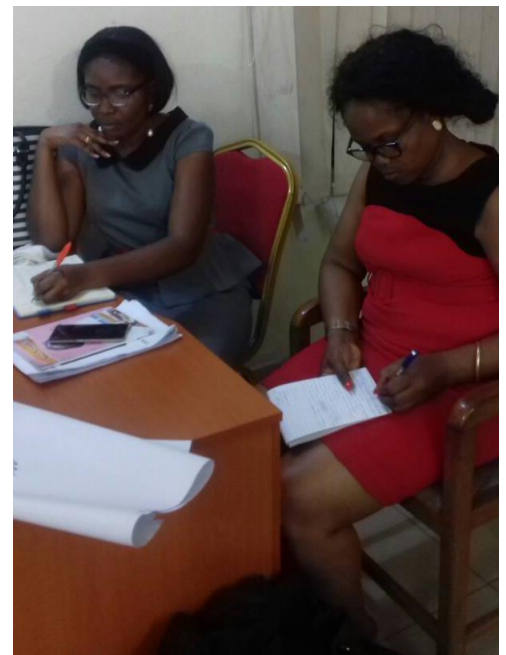
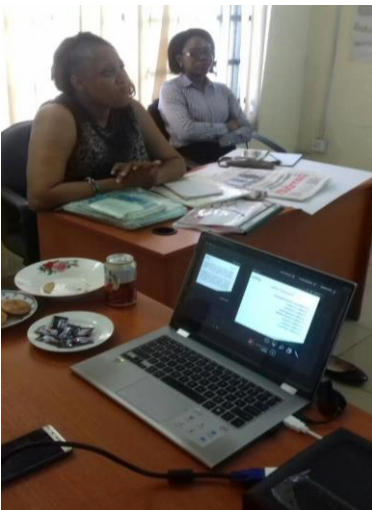
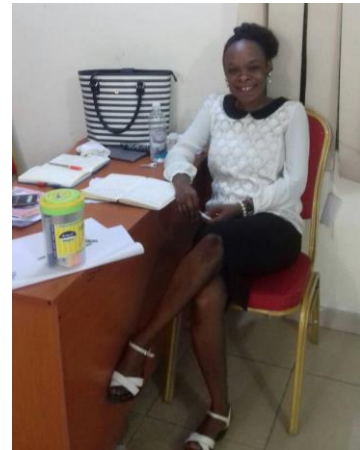
CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS FOR ALIVE STAFF

ALIVE has identified the need to constantly train and upgrade the capacity of its staff to operate optionally.

Trainings have focused on

- Contemporary Human Rights Education
- Gender Awareness Trainings
- Conflicts and Concept of Peace Building
- M&E Techniques in Programme, Development and Delivery.

Well entrenched Resource persons in each Area was selected to facilitate the in-house training sessions.



VIOLENCE FREE SAFE SPACES (VFSS) CENTRE AND HELP LINES SERVICES

ALIVE'S Violence Free Safe Spaces is a referral platform created to assist Women and Children victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

ALIVE assists by ensuring follow ups with law enforcement Agencies and seeks appropriate legal measures to ensure that sexual offenders are punished.

The Help lines which ALIVE also tags "Anti Violence Hot Lines" is to enable immediate reports of incidents of abuse or violence.

The Hotlines are as follows

08033335978, 08177459164, 08032180880, 08036644992

ALIVE has received over 100 calls since the launch of its Help Lines services and have duly followed up with all connected and relevant agencies.

ALIVE has actively partnered with FIDA, The Ministry of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, The Nigerian Police and other Agencies rendering social services in addressing Family and Domestic Violence issues.

ALIVE also engages a team of counsellors to offer psycho social supports and trauma healing for victims.

ACTION RESEARCH AND COMPILATIONS ON RIGHT BASED VIOLATIONS

This is a current and ongoing programme of ALIVE to document incidents of Rights Violations

A comprehensive analysis of cases/incidents, data collation and disaggregation of data and vital aspects of this Research work. Research findings will be validated, published and disseminated widely.

Research strategy involves field Reports, Newspaper reports, Eye witness, Accounts, Oral reports of victims.

USAID/SACE/NNEW CORE CLUSTER ENGAGEMENT

ALIVE is a core cluster working with NNEW on a SACE Project. SACE is a governance project funded by USAID to support civil society to advocate for reforms that improve transparency and accountability in Nigeria. The project works with 16 Core Partners in Cluster and Collaborated initiatives.

The NNEW Initiative is promoting an Enabling Business Environment in the Informal sector.

NNEW is interested in addressing Harassment of Women in their business places confronted with multiple tax and levies payment.

NNEW seeks to advocate for clear cut favourable tax policies to prevent multiple taxation, tax injustice and touting.

ALIVE is working collaboratively with NNEW and heads the Clusters Advocacy Team.

ALIVE within the Cluster is effectively engaging with allies and partners to facilitate Advocacy Sessions with Critical Stakeholders. Visits to Government Agencies like the Ministry of Women Affairs has been carried out.

The Project is a one year project and it is expected that at the end of one year, there will be a considerable reduction in harassment and manhandling of women in small and micro business enterprises.

There will also be a safe environment for women traders to conduct their business.

The Women in the market place also will become empowered to advocate for issues that concern them.

