



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

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

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#### **DIRECTORS MESSAGE**

ALIVE has been in the forefront of leading progressive global agendas.

ALIVE'S work centers around Governance and Democracy, Human Rights , Sustainable Development , Peace Building , Environmental Justice , Information Sharing and Dissemination.

ALIVE'S interventions have brought about progress, further actions in the promotion of gender equality, empowerment of women and Girls at local , regional , national and Global levels.

Social Protection measures have become very important within the Context of women's realities Increasing Women and Girls access to productive resources is a continuous priority for ALIVE.

Despite the many interventions across the region, disparities remain evident with respect to Discrimination and Marginalization of Vulnerable groups and persons.

ALIVE has been committed to raising awareness on Global Policy commitments with State and Non State Actors. As a Leading CSO on Rights realization, we have adopted integrated Strategies and actions to support and monitor the implementation of National Actions on Rights, Women, Peace and Security, Governance and Democracy and Sustainable Development.

Specific Awareness Raising through targeted and campaigns Advocacy Efforts, have strengthened processes and culture.

Institutional mechanisms remain critical drivers to effect change and create a system of response within the framework of and its agencies.

ALIVE continues to provide follow up Legal and Technical Support required for the implementation of obligations under International Human Rights instruments by the different agencies of Government and non-state Actors.

**GOVERNANCE PROJECT: Voter/ Civic Education Trainings in Oyigbo / Eleme Local Government Area in collaboration with Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RISEC)**

Election is a Crucial Component of every democratic process. It is through elections that an Organization, Community, State or nation choose representatives who will hold positions of authority and represent their interests.

Political Leadership is critical to the development of nations. The

Progress, development and fortunes of any people is tied to the type and quality of leadership they have and continue to have.

Voter/Civic Education Trainings is an awareness building /sensitization Programme for electorates which is usually carried out as a build up to elections.

ALIVE within its Governance Programme with support from the Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) took Voter and Civic Education to the grassroots at both Oyigbo and Eleme Local Government Areas.

Training covered areas such as Rights of a citizen, Understanding Electoral and Voting Processes, Electoral Violence, Electoral Laws, Inclusive Governance, Enhancing the Legitimacy and Transparency of the Voting process.

Participants were drawn from Community and Party Stakeholders, Women and Youth groups, Community Development Council (CDC), Traditional Institutions and Community Based Organizations (CBOS).

The Voter Education Training satisfactorily brought stakeholders in the electoral process together.

The trainings also emphasized compliance and enforcement of the State Electoral Laws.

Participation at the Election was Commendable and instructive.

The Voter/ Civic Education took place in 13th June, 2018.





## **MEDIA ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

ALIVE has steadily been involved in increased awareness raising on sexual violence especially with relation to children.

The need to change persisting gender stereotypes with regards to the Girl Child is imperative.

The Media plays an active role in providing information about sex crimes.

The Advocacy Awareness Campaigns anchored by ALIVE have focused on informing victims and those at risk of Sexual Violence about their rights.

Through these advocacy efforts, Partnership and Collaboration have been developed with Service Providers, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the Public to provide support to victims of Sexual Violence.

Celebrating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (VAW) and the 16 Days Activism Campaign on Gender Violence, Media roundtables, dialogues, theatres, jingles have been used to reach a wide audience of stakeholders especially the young people.

With the Media Advocacy Campaigns, ALIVE has begun the Zero Tolerance Club and Gender Clubs in High Schools.

The Gender and Zero Tolerance Clubs provides an opportunity for interactions, experience and perspective sharing with Young Boys and Girls who seek to build Knowledge on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Support for Sex Violence Victims. The Advocacy Activity ran for a period of 8 months (April to December) 2018.





## **GIRLS MENTORING CAMP**

Discrimination against Girls have become a targeted area of Intervention and Action.

ALIVE with its consortium of Partners have been working to promote the Rights of the Girl Child and work at removing all barriers to the development of their full potentials.

The Empowerment of Girls is critical to breaking the cycle of violence and discrimination.

Amongst the range of actions taken by ALIVE and its Partner Organizations was the Girls Mentoring Camp which held in September, 2018.

The Camp was co facilitated by the following Organizations

- Building Excellent Women (BEW) Foundation
- Centre for Creative Development (CCDS)
- African Citizens Initiative for Rights and Development ( ACIRD)
- OREVA Initiative
- WEAL Global Foundation
- Gender Advocacy Network (GANET)
- Peculiar Teens/Youth Development Foundation (PETFUND)

The Participants were selected from different schools ALIVE had visited to carry out its Sensitization Programmes.

The P.A.N.T.S Rule was also taught to the young girls.

Topics taught and discussed were as follows;

- Leadership and Girls Rights
- Self Esteem and Etiquettes
- Sex relationship Education.

Some of the questions that came up in the course of the training.

1. How can I protect myself Against Rape?
2. How to handle Peer Pressure?
3. How do I report and handle sexual molestation?
4. How can I handle Stigmatization after an Abuse?
5. Can a boy be sexually molested and if yes, what punishment is available to the culprit?

Facilitators took time to deepen participants understanding on Sexual Violence and Abuse.

Participants shared perspectives, challenges and experience.

The Girls left with life skills embedded in them after the training sessions.



## **ALIVE'S VIOLENCE FREE SPACE CENTRE (VIF SPACE) AND HELP LINES**

The Centre is fully operational and hosted in ALIVE's office.

The Centre receives calls and Information on Sexual Abuse and provides support services to victims of Sexual Abuse.

Support Services are a wider range of actions from psycho social supports, legal support and shelter services.

The Helplines are indicated as follows: **08033335978, 08177459164,08032180880,08157080149,08036644992**

ALIVE currently partners with other interrelated Agencies and Organizations.

## **RIGHTS BASED VIOLATION RESEARCH AND REGISTER**

A register with updated information on Rights Violation with reference to Violence against Women and Girls maintained, documented and recorded regularly.

The Register with updated information and follow up with Status Reports on each matter.

## **SCHOOL BASED ADVOCACY PROJECT TO MARK INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD.**

The International Day of the Girl Child is an Annual Event marked every 11<sup>th</sup> October.

ALIVE in collaboration with Centre for Creative Development Strategies (CCDS) and Oreva Initiative took the Girls Advocacy Campaign to several schools teaching young school girls on Sex and Relationship Education.

Sessions were interactive and insightful.

There were list of experience sharing and actionable steps towards addressing Girls Human Rights Violations.





## **PIND/NNEW/ALIVE CORE CLUSTER ENGAGEMENT**

Follow up on the BEE project was focused on promoting active Advocacy and Awareness on reducing harassment of women businesses in the informal sector.

The PIND Component of the Project has also enabled Capacity Building Trainings for Core Clusters on Proposal Writing, Preparing Proposal Budgets and Monitoring and Evaluation.

ALIVE has actively participated in all the Training Sessions and Meetings held.

## **NDDC SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

ALIVE has also built partnership with the NDDC on its sustainable development programmes.

ALIVE co facilitated a health Awareness project targeted at addressing maternal and infant mortality by training of traditional health care workers to deliver health care to rural community workers.

The trainings stepped up the knowledge of traditional birth attendants on modern and best practices within the Health Care system.

ALIVE's work targets addressing social injustices and improving the livelihoods of local communities and vulnerable persons.