

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2013 was very impactful year for us in Visions for Nigeria Foundation, though there were some difficulties and unprecedented issues. Some of these issues include poor response from donors, volunteers and laxity from the administrative arm of the organization.

In the year 2013, we worked with communities, particularly the vulnerable groups focusing on women, youths and children empowerments. The main pillar of the organization was laid which is the reformation and reconstruction of the organization profile. The new visions thus: we envisage a nation where vulnerable groups (youths, children and women) are empowered to take charge of their challenges and become a responsible citizen.

MISSION: To empower the youths, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) for self-actualization through the provision of qualitative education, health services and economic development while working with volunteers.

The development has helped to shape the organization's projects and programmes in a certain thematic areas (vulnerable women, youths and children). This has also modified the organization's stability and public view in turn strengthens her fund seeking opportunities and collaboration.

VFNF implemented a number of programmes in some communities and institutions which include:

- Schools Seminars
- Prisons Intervention Schemes

- Dakibiwu out-reach
- Reconstruction of the organization profile
- Ihechiowa Sports Completion
- Redesigning of the volunteers form

SCHOOL SEMINARS

Visions for Nigeria Foundation organized a seminar on hygiene education and abstinence as the best preventive measure for HIV/AIDS at His Glory International Schools Lugbe Abuja. We also noticed that many of the prevalent communicable disease in our schools can easily be prevented by simply basic hygiene practices like handwash, etc. That was why we organized this seminar to educated student on basic hygiene practices.

Secondly, we educated the students on abstinence as the best measure to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Nowadays, a lot of HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns centered on B and C while as A is the most liable way to control the HIV pandemic but have been neglected. (A=Abstinence, B=be faithful and C= condom use). That was why this campaign was initiated to bridge the missing gabs in our secondary schools by teaching them on how to abstainand the benefits of abstaining from pre-marital sex.

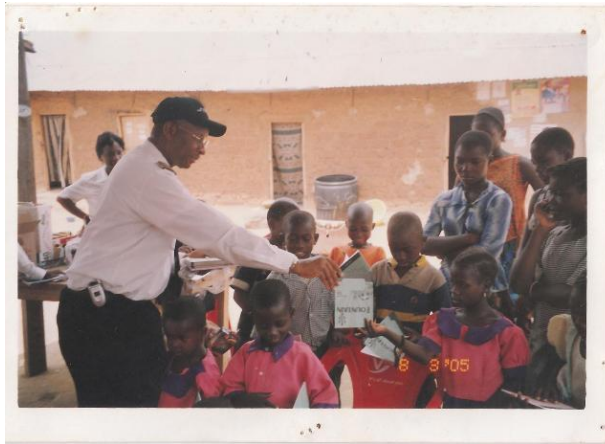
HIV&AIDS awareness campaign at **Oloye Group of School Lugbe Abuja** and **Okpo Ihechiowa Community Abia State.**



Health Education (hygiene and Nutrition) at **Solid Rock International School** and **Oloye Group of School. lugbe Abuja.**



Provision of educatives materials at okpo-Ihechiowa Abia State and kabusa village in Fct Abuja.



School Seminars on career choice, hygiene and sanitation at Grace and Gold Secondary School, Solid Rock International School and Deo-Gratias Secondary School FCT Abuja.



PRISONS INTERVENTION SCHEMES

Visions for Nigeria Foundation collaborated with the Australian High Commission/ Australian Development Aid to re-establish the Keffi prison's Skill Acquisition Center. The programme was launched on the 11th of May, 2013 at Keffi prison and a seminar was

organized for the inmates, to encourage them to take full advantage of the programme for their economic and personal growth.

The aim of the programme was to:

- Equip the prison's skill acquisition center and
- Train the inmates on the skills.

This is expected to help the inmates to develop skills while serving their terms which will eventually empower them to be self-employed when discharged and make them useful to themselves and the society at large. It will also help to make the prison a place of rehabilitation and reorientation as it ought to be.

Prison Intervention program at keffi prision Nasarawa state.



IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF THE PROJECT ON INMATES

- (i) Vocational skills acquisition
- (ii) Better health condition as they are physically engaged.
- (iii) They are occupied by the different activities they engage on.

- (iv) Reduction in criminal activities within the prison.
- (v) Increase in their food ration resulting from extra income generated from their activities.
- (vi) Generating personal income.
- (vii) Strengthening interpersonal relationship which will make the inmates re-integration into the society easier.
- (viii) Keeping the inmates busy and happy.

LASTING EFFECT OF THE PROJECT

- The acquired skills will help the inmates even when they are discharged.
- Crime will be drastically reduced especially across that region (Nassarawa State) where there is a lot of youth restiveness.
- Unemployment reduction and jobs creation.
- There will be knowledge diversification and transfer of vocational skills across the society.
- A change of attitude towards government and civil society with their understanding that the former is not against them.
- Finally, income and revenue are being generated for the betterment of the society.

CHALLENGES

- (i) Lack of enough tools and materials e.g. knitting machines, laundry and barbing saloon equipment.
- (ii) Most of the inmates are yet to appreciate the need to be trained.

RECOMMENDATION

- (i) Adequate supply of working tools for effective training such as knitting machines, laundry materials and barbing salon equipment.
- (ii) There is need to organize seminars to encourage more of the inmates to get involved in the programme.

SPORTS:

VFNF believes that sports is one the best youth empowerment programme especially in the local community where there are a lot of youth restiveness. That was why we organized another football competition in Ihechiowa last year. We also extended it to female football competition so that we can be gender balance.

The impacts of this programme are very impressive; which include:

- Discovering of new talents who represented their respective schools in local government football tournament.

- Their schools football teams are better organized and ever ready for any future competitions.
- Their schools inter-house sports programmes were boosted.
- It has also shown that their inter-schools unity and cooperation have been enhanced.

Crime was drastically reduced within the community because idle mind is a devil workshop.

Male and female football competition at Okpo Ihechiowa community Abia State.



Below are the results of the football competitions:

For boys:

1st position- Umnabuo Secondary Technical SchoolsUmuchi.

2nd position – Ihechiowa High schollsObinto.

3rd position- Okpo Secondary Schools.

For girls:

1st position- Achara Secondary Schools.

2nd position – Umnabuo Secondary Technical Schools Umuchi.

3rd position- Ihechiowa High schollsObinto.

Dakibiwu out-reach

This programme was organized in Dakibiwu village under Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC).

Community outreach aimed at empowering youths and vulnerable groups like orphans and the physically challenged in Daki Biyu, Jabi Abuja.



Community outreach held at kubusa village Abuja.





- Distributing relief materials to the community.
- Educating them on basic hygiene and nutrition principle
- Empowering the community on entrepreneurship with partnership with SMEDEN

These four programmes were organized based on our community evaluation feedings before the programme. And the impacts of the programmes are amazing.

We are very optimistic that the year 2014 will be more impactful and challenging, and we are ready to give it what it takes by Grace of God.