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ABOUT DEVATOP

Devatop Center for Africa Development is an anti-human trafficking and human rights organization in Nigeria that focuses on combating human trafficking, gender-based violence, child abuse, irregular migration and supporting survivors and vulnerable persons. Our vision is built on ensuring a nation without human trafficking, gender-based violence, child abuse and related human rights violations to the end that the rights of everyone will be promoted and enforced.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES



Combating Human Trafficking



Ending Gender-based violence



Empowerment of vulnerable persons



Eradicating Child labour



OUR PROJECTS



Human trafficking, gender-based violence, child labour and abuse are human rights abuses that have received local and international attention because of their dynamism. Human trafficking for example is a transnational organized crime that is recorded to have a complex system, evolving nature, and is become a lucrative criminal enterprise. Efforts are made and laws are being enforced to same regard by different countries, civil society organizations and law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking. In Nigeria for example, The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) was founded in 2003, as a law enforcement agency tasked with combatting human trafficking, child abuse and related human rights violations. Despite the continuous efforts made by this agencies, human trafficking is still on the rise in Nigeria. It therefore became imperative that individuals and organizations like Devatop Center for Africa Development join in the fight against these human rights abuses by undertaking projects and campaigns that will contribute to these efforts.

In the year 2016/2017, Devatop Center for Africa Development implemented Six (6) projects namely:

1. End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy Imo State
2. End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy FCT Abuja
3. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
4. Project Donate2School
5. The Academy for Prevention of Human Trafficking Other Related Matters (TAPHOM)
6. Children Support Project

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These projects focus on disabusing the mind of people about hitherto popular/cultural practices like female genital mutilation, relegation of the girl child to passive roles and enlightening the populace on the activities, effects and nature of human trafficking, child abuse and gender-based violence. To further address the menace of human rights abuse, sensitizations and literacy projects were carried out to equip learning institutions and help vulnerable persons.

End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy Imo State

Female Genital Mutilation is a removal of some or all the external female genitalia. It is an abuse of fundamental human rights of women and girls with an unfortunate statistic of over 20 million women and girls in Nigerian who have undergone this practice. It is prevalent in southern and Eastern parts of Nigeria.

In 2017, Devatop Center for Africa Development was funded by The Girl Generation to implement a project called End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy in Imo State. The project was executed in Okigwe Zone, Imo State Nigeria. The project impacted over 30 communities in Okigwe LGA, Ehime Mbano LGA, IsialaMbano LGA, Onuimo LGA, Obowo LGA, and Ihitte-Uboma LGA. The project chose Imo State because it is among the states with high prevalence of the practice. There have been so many reports of incidences of the practice in Imo State, including Okigwe Zone. Nigeria accounts for the most female genital mutilation (FGM) cases worldwide. Imo State is among the six states in Nigeria where there is prevalence of this practice. The end FGM campaign.

We used social change communication method to tackle female genital mutilation. The training held on June 30th to July 1, 2017, at Ehime Mbano Council Headquarter trained over 115 health workers, teachers, youth leaders, community leaders, National Youth Service corps members, and religious leaders from six Local Government Areas in Okigwe Zone, Imo State.

The training aimed at raising advocates who will be at the forefront of ending female genital mutilation (FGM)



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the forefront of ending female genital mutilation (FGM) in more than 60 communities within six local government councils in Okigwe Zone. These trained advocates were given small/sub-grant and awareness materials to carry out community projects such as: workshop/seminar, market awareness, talk show, community outreach, one-on-one sensitization, town hall meetings, market awareness, and school outreaches. They are expected to promote societal dialogue and the empowerment of communities to act collectively to end the practice of ending female genital mutilation (FGM). Through the training and projects by advocates, traditional rulers, religious leaders, youth, grassroots networks, and those who have suffered from FGM will start speaking out and be at the forefront of eliminating this human rights abuse. More people will be actively involved in fostering actions against FGM. Each of the advocate is mandated to sensitize 100 community members on the dangers of female genital mutilation before September 2017.



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End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy FCT

Committed to changing bad/oppressive cultures that relegates the rights of the girl child, Devatop Centre for Africa Development, on the 26th of April 2017, trained 102 teachers, health workers, community volunteers, youth corps members, and religious members as End FGM Advocates in Kuje Area Council, FCT. The End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy training was funded by Pollination Project as an innovative strategy of raising advocates to be at the forefront of combating the practice. Participants at the training were equipped with information and relevant resources (End FGM handbooks and posters) to carry out step-down projects in their various communities. Each of the trainees were charged with the mandate to educate at least 60 people in their communities within the next 3 months, as follows: teachers will educate students and parents; health workers will educate pregnant women and nursing mothers; corps members will carry out community-based projects; community volunteers will educate community members and religious members will educate their congregation.



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World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

To commemorate 2017 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (WDATP), Devatop Centre for Africa Development organized an event at the National Human Rights Commission, Abuja. During the event, crucial issues bothering human trafficking were discussed. These issues include the worrisome statistic of about 875,500 humans trafficked per annum with Nigeria being a major source, transit, and destination of victims, including women and children trafficked for prostitution, forced labour and other forms of dehumanizing servitude and exploitation. Another important issue that was focused upon was the high number of Nigerians driven into suicidal self-trafficking missions across the Sahara Desert and the Mediterranean, while advocating for more jobs and better economic environment as a panacea to human trafficking.

The event incited ample commitment against the obnoxious crime from the highest policymaking level in Nigeria, as Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu, and other prominent voices in the country openly declared war against human trafficking. Ex-international football star, John Fashanu, wife of former Vice President and initiator/founder of Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF), Mrs. Titi Abubakar, former chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, Prof. Chidi Odinkalu, and director-general of National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Julie Okah-Donli.



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Project Donate2School



Project Donate2School is aimed at providing educational products and services to vulnerable children and schools in rural area. It seeks to promote literacy among indigent people. Between 2013 to 2016, ninety public schools in 85 communities have benefited from our book donation and education services. In 2016, United Nations Children Fund supported us through to provide 5000 standard educational materials to over 340 internally displaced children at Kuchingoro camp and Durumi camp.

This is necessitated by the need to build a community that is stronger at resisting human rights abuses like human trafficking and child abuse. Children who are not in school are more vulnerable to child labour and abuse. However, while some children have access to quality education, can read and write, there are millions of children most of whom are displaced that lack access to education and learning materials, and forced into labour, and often experience abuses. To commemorate this 2016 World Book Day and Children Day, we partnered with UNICEF to make donation to internally displaced children to inspire, encourage and motivate to learn read and write. This is a strategy to reduce child labour and abuse. Children at IDP face many exploitations.

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The Academy for Prevention of Human Trafficking Other Related Matters (TAPHOM)

Lack of adequate enlightenment and knowledge about the topic of human trafficking has always been capitalized upon by traffickers. An unsuspecting person becomes thus easily coerced, manipulated, exploited, and recruited into human trafficking. Hence, fighting human trafficking will be fruitless without a method/effort to enlighten the populace and vulnerable. Therefore Devatop Center for Africa Development initiated The Academy for Prevention of Human Trafficking Other Related Matters (TAPHOM) in 2015/2016.

TAPHOM is an innovative approach for preventing human trafficking and other human rights abuses through training, advocacy, research, community projects and publications. Between 2015 and 2016, we executed the project in Abuja and Lagos, during which 120 youth, educators, law enforcement officials, journalists, and CSOs from six states were trained and empowered to carry out anti-human trafficking projects in their various communities. Within nine months, the trained advocates were able to directly educate 6000 people in Lagos, FCT, Plateau, Kaduna, Katsina, and through media and community outreaches about 300,000 people were sensitized. They also reported three cases, and on the cases was about a 17-year-old girl who was trafficked from Abuja to Kano for forced marriage. Our organization engaged NAPTIP to rescue and reunite her family. The project targets 775 local government areas in Nigeria will have at least 5 trained anti-human trafficking advocates who are at the forefront of combating human trafficking and reporting incidences in their local areas.

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Children Support Project

Children are an important fiber of a nation. This is not just because they constitute part of the population but also because they are the major determinants of a nation's future. However important and precious most people will agree children are, the sad reality is that not all children have enjoyed the love and protection that is due to all children. Many children are victims of abuse, exploitation, and in some cases even trafficking.

To commemorate the 2017 National Children's Day, Devatop Centre for Africa Development visited the Abuja Children's Home, Karu. The event had a series of sessions that included educational talk on child trafficking, movie on child labour, riddles and storytelling, games, presentation of gifts and photography. The event was targeted at celebrating children for who they are and bring awareness to children around the world that have experienced violence, exploitation, and discrimination. It aims to promote mutual exchange and understanding among children and to initiate action to benefit and promote the welfare of children.

The children were educated on child trafficking and how they can avoid. Video animation/cartoon were used to sensitize children on causes and prevention of child trafficking in an interactive session.

OUR IMPACT

It will be fallacious to quantify the impact of the projects carried out by Devatop Center for Africa development in the year 2016/2017. This is because the contributions made by these projects transcends will resonate even in years to come especially if one will consider the number of trainers equipped to train others and the level of enlightenment offered to our beneficiaries. We would however enumerate a few achievements recorded by the projects.

In the End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy Imo State, we trained over 115 health workers, teachers, youth leaders, community leaders, National Youth Service Corps members, and religious leaders from six Local Government Areas in Okigwe Zone, Imo State. At the end of the project, over 14,000 community members were directly impacted by the advocates, which is 40% higher than the number of people we planned to reach. The advocates reported three cases of FGM, medical support was to the woman.

In the End Female Genital Mutilation Advocacy FCT Abuja, we trained 102 teachers, health workers, community volunteers, youth corps members, and religious members as End FGM Advocates in Kuje Area Council, FCT. Within nine months, the trained advocates were able to directly educate 6000 people in Lagos, FCT, Plateau, Kaduna, Katsina, and through media and community outreaches about 300,000 people were sensitized. They also reported three cases, and on the cases was about a 17-year-old girl who was trafficked from Abuja to Kano for forced marriage.

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The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons event provided a platform where various anti-human trafficking advocates, organization and persons met to explore the issue of trafficking and seek way forward on how to tackle human trafficking in Nigeria. This Incited policy makers and social influencers to act and also elicited ample commitment against the obnoxious crime from the highest policymaking level in Nigeria, as Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu, and other prominent voices in the country openly declared war against human trafficking.

Through The Academy for Prevention of Human Trafficking Other Related Matters (TAPHOM) we trained 102 person in Abuja and 30 persons in Lagos. The trainers directly educated 6000 people in Lagos, FCT, Plateau, Kaduna, Katsina, and about 300,000 people were sensitized through media and community outreaches on human rights abuses especially human trafficking.

Childrens Support Project was targeted at showing love to children. On children's day, we reached out to the most vulnerable children who needed the children's day love most, the abused, abandoned, and motherless children/babies, at the Abuja Children's Home.

OUR PARTNERS

To combat transnationally organized crimes like human trafficking, it is imperative that different individuals, and organizations join hands together to reach a common goal. We believe in the slogan that “we are at our strongest when we collaborate, and we weaken our cause when we compete”. Hence, Devatop Center for Africa Development took advantage of their wealth of connection by partnering with other organizations that worked together and helped her in executing her projects.

Worthy of commendation are The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Network of Civil Society organization against child trafficking, abuse, and labour (NACTAL), Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Abeysteph Global Print Ltd, Junior Chamber International, Prime Diamond Initiative for Community Health (PDICH), United Nations Population Fund, and in partnership with African Youth Initiative on Health, Population and Development, Youthhub Africa, Cal-Maji Foundation, Dorothy Njemanze Foundation, Project Pink Blue, Rayzed Media and Media Insight Communication.

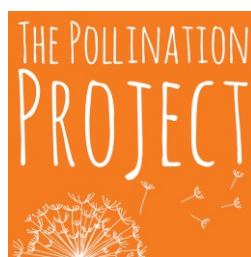


Project PINK BLUE



OUR FUNDERS

Just as human trafficking is a lucrative criminal business, the fight against human trafficking and child abuse also consumes time, energy, and financial resources. Hence, the fight against human trafficking is one that sometimes requires the collaboration and funding of different organizations and even countries. Devatop Center for Africa development has enjoyed such collaboration and funding from various individuals and organization. Worthy of note are:



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