



DEVATOP CENTER FOR
AFRICA DEVELOPMENT

A N N U A L R E P O R T

2019/2020

ABOUT THE REPORT

Our Annual Report provides an overview of the work of **Devatop Centre for Africa Development** from **1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020**. The Report covers the projects and activities directly implemented by Devatop Centre for Africa Development.





DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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JOSEPH CHIDIEBERE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ FOUNDER, DEVATOP

I am glad to present the 2019 – 2020 Annual Report. During this reporting year, we sustained our existing projects and was later hit by the COVID19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic, we continued our work, but virtually.

I will say that during this reporting year, we used the limited available resources to impact lives through our project.

One of the things that has helped us was **synergy and partnership with other organizations**. More than 70% of our work this year wouldn't have been possible without collaboration with other organizations.

FY20 gave us an opportunity to persevere during the challenges. It gave us the opportunity to utilize little resources to make a great impact.

I am optimistic and certain that we will record greater impact next year.



ABOUT US

Devatop Center for Africa Development is a youth-led anti-human trafficking and human rights organization in Nigeria that focuses on combating human trafficking, gender-based violence, child abuse, other human rights abuses and supporting survivors and at-risk youths.

DEVATOP vision is built on ensuring a nation without human trafficking, gender-based violence thereby promoting human rights. Hence, **DEVATOP** has assisted Nigeria government at national and local level

DEVATOP works with National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and other law enforcement agents to rescue victims and disrupt the activities of traffickers and human rights abusers.



OUR APPROACHES



ADVOCACY



CAPACITY BUILDING



ICT



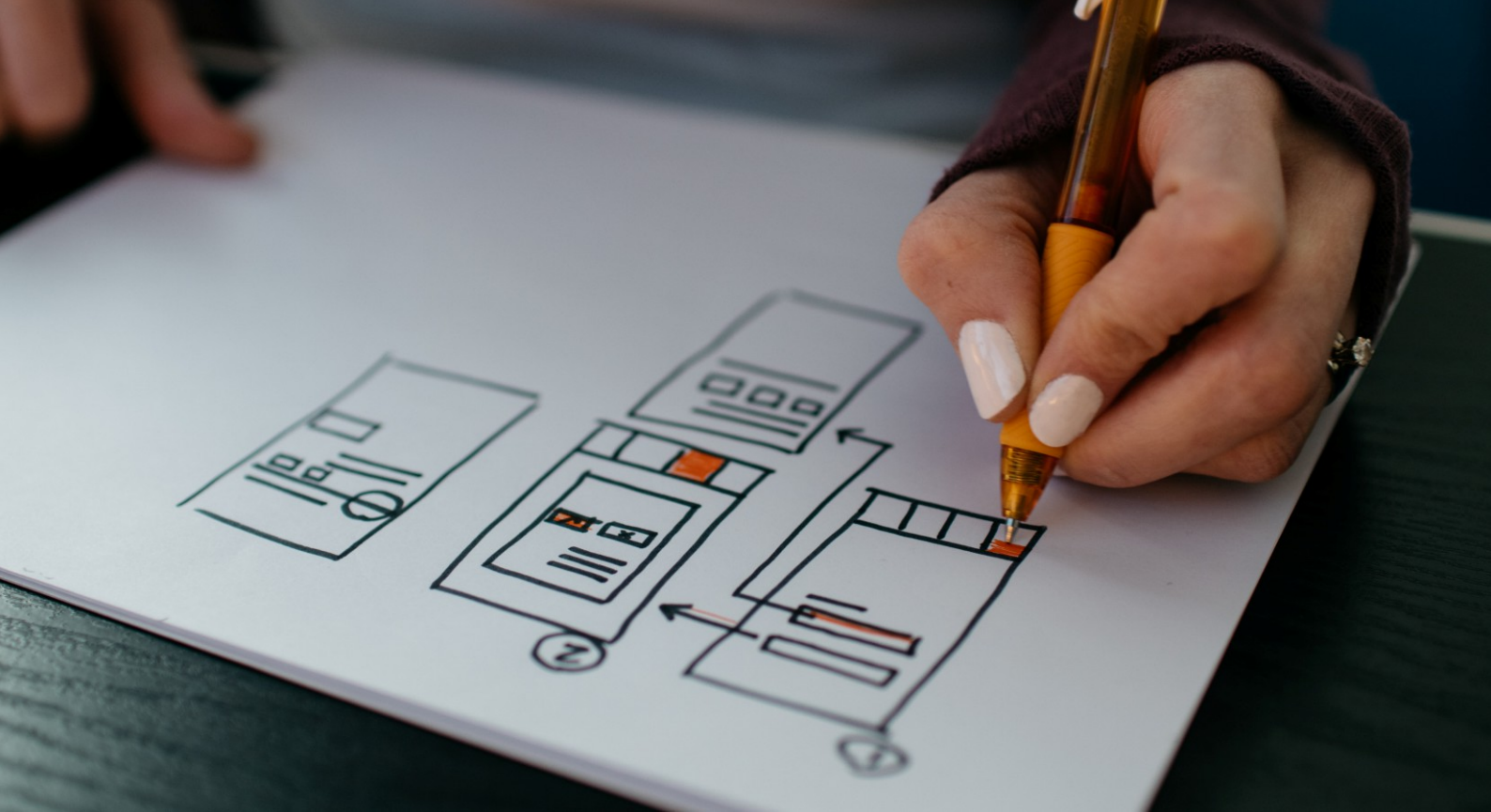
RESEARCH



**VICTIMS SUPPORT
SERVICES**



VOLUNTEERISM



OUR PROJECTS

Human trafficking has become a norm in most countries of the world Nigeria inclusive. The perpetrators of the act employ the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labour or commercial sex. Every year, men, women, and children are trafficked within the country and other countries of the world. These activities are happening in all communities of the country and victims are recruited not minding their age or gender. Seeing these sad events daily, Devatop Center for Africa Development has implemented several projects to address the menace. These projects include Red Card to Female Genital Mutilation, HumansNot4Trade, Red Card to Jungle Justice and more. In the process of implementing these projects, there were a lot of lessons learnt and best practices that served as a tool for improvement in service delivery. First, we get to learn that awareness is a very important tool in combating human trafficking and gender-based violence in any country, this is because it brings about proper information to the population and serves as preventive measures.

OUR PROJECTS

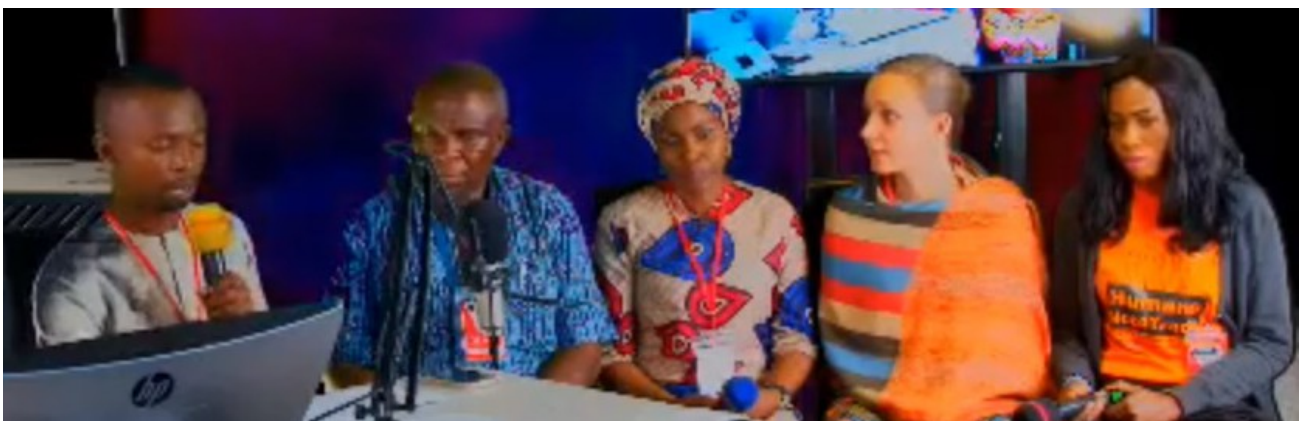
From **June 2019 to August,2020**, Devatop Centre for Africa Development implemented a project called **TALKAM Against Gender-Based Violence**, a project funded by **International Centre for Investigative Reporting (ICIR)**

This project was developed considering the unsettling amount of information on gender-based violence occurring against the backdrop of the COVID-19 outbreak. COVID19 brought about loss of jobs, frustrations, thereby increasing the chances of violence among siblings, spouse and has put sexual predators and exploiters within close proximity of vulnerable girls, women and children.

This project focuses on fostering action among citizens and stakeholders against human rights abuses such as gender-based violence, child abuse, and human trafficking. The program aimed at increasing respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms by providing the public with a platform to learn about human rights issues and offering a mechanism for reporting abuses.



From August to December 2019, Devatop Center for Africa Development implemented a project called **“Red Card to Jungle Justice”** funded by **Hetactie Funds**



The aim of the project was to build a synergy between the citizens, lawmakers and civil society in combating jungle justice. Considering the root cause of mob justice to lack of trust to law agencies, it is important to reassure the citizens of law and equity. This project was designed to build a social movement towards eliminating this violent act and as create a Mindshift on jungle justice.

ACHIEVEMENTS 1:

TALKAM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



The event of COVID19 has increased the vulnerability of young women and girls, including boys to trafficking and gender-based violence. This is a result of loss of jobs which leads to frustration and crimes such as gender-based violence, incest, child sexual abuse. The pandemic brought about fear and anxiety. This fear and anxiety increased the vulnerability of women, girls and boys to seeking refuge outside the shores of this country.

TALKAM Against Gender-Based Violence and Trafficking in Person is a project that focuses on fostering action among citizens and stakeholders against human rights abuses such as boy child abuse, gender-based violence child abuse and other related human rights abuses. The project was designed to serve as a preventive measure through awareness creation and advocacy to policymakers through the media. The activities include civic education through its weekly radio program and social media campaign via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The project through its activities recorded lots of achievements. The weekly radio program on Wazobia FM which lasted for the period of 8weeks reached over 500, 000 listeners weekly, 18 volunteers trained as human rights advocates to carry out sensitization in their environments and through various social media campaigns which they were able to sensitize 2000 people through social media Through the activities of this project, cases were reported via the radio program, the Talkam App and social media handles. These cases were forwarded to NAPTIP and followed up to their conclusive end.



500,000

Listeners Reached
Weekly



18

Volunteers
Trained



2000

People Reached
on Social Media

ACHIEVEMENTS 2:

Jungle Justice or Mob Justice has been on the rise in Nigeria, suspects are being killed before facing the law. Citizens engage in public extrajudicial killing. alleged criminals are humiliated, beaten or summarily executed by crowd or vigilantes. In March 2019 there are cases of mob attacks in Lagos, Bayelsa, Abuja and Benin. The victims never got the chance to be proven guilty or declared innocent.



This disregard for the rule of law and human rights is a national burden which leads to Devatop Center for African development to design a program called Red Card to Jungle Justice, the program was funded with Hetactie Funds from August to December 2019.

The program was designed to mobilize human rights advocates, civil society, youth, survivors of jungle justice, women, journalists and interested individuals to speak up and demand sustainable action by political leaders and lawmakers.

The program design was carved considering the root causes of jungle justice which include lack of trust in the police (Law implementing body), frustration from the economic situation of the country, disregard for rule of law and human rights.

In 2017, senator Deno Melaye sponsored Anti-Jungle Justice Bill which was meant to curtail extrajudicial killings in Nigeria, but the bill is yet to succeed at the National Assembly.

The project was able to form a sustainable movement through its media campaign, actions against jungle justice, The project reached over 700,000 persons through its awareness campaign on social media and radio programs. Ten (10) civil society organizations from Kaduna and FCT organized events on ending jungle justice, two (2) journalists pledged to increase monitoring and reporting of jungle justice, three (3) legal practitioners signed up to volunteer for our human rights projects and the Nigerian police pledge to improve their mechanism in tackling jungle justice.

The achievement of the project is not limited to awareness creation, but it also built synergy between the Nigerian police force, Ministry of Justice, and CSOs in monitoring, reporting and responding to jungle justice. More citizens are beginning to embrace the rule of law and denounce jungle justice/mob action



ACHIEVEMENTS BY NUMBERS



18

Number of people trained



8

Number of reports received



2000

Number of people sensitized
by volunteers



160000

Number of people reached via
social media



500000+

Number of radio episodes aired



21

Number of people reached via
radio program weekly



82

Number of social media messages

Get to Know TALKAM Human Rights Project

TALKAM HUMAN RIGHTS RADIO PROGRAM

Talkam Human Rights Radio is an initiative of Devatop Centre for Africa Development. A weekly Human Rights Radio Program that is hosted in different states in Nigeria. This program is designed to reach our target audience across different states. Some radio stations that have been engaged includes KU 92.7FM Benin, WAZOBIA 99.5 FM in FCT and Cool 96.9 FM, Abuja. These radio stations are engaged because of their wide listenership and coverage. Through these programs, over 1.5 million people are sensitized, enlightened and more cases are reported weekly.

TALKAM REPORTING APP

Five years ago, many Devatop trained volunteers and advocates complained of difficulties in going to law enforcement agencies to report and follow up on cases of Human Rights Abuses. Devatop team also observed that a lot of people see Human Rights Abuses but ignore them or refuse to report because of fear of perpetrators coming for them, lack of trust for law enforcement agencies and some do not know the right channels to report to. These prompted Devatop to survey to identify and develop a simple reporting platform to encourage reportage and in effect combat Human Trafficking. In 2018 with the knowledge that the Executive Director of Devatop gathered from US International Visitors' Leadership Program (IVLP), TALKAM reporting app was initiated. Talkam app is an application/platform where people can report human rights abuses. It is available on the google play store and can also be accessed via the Talkam website (www.talkam.org). Since its existence, over 40 cases of human trafficking, gender-based violence, child abuse and other human rights abuses have been reported both in Nigeria and across international borders. This increasing turnout in reportage is largely due to the anonymity the app offers to all reporters. Most of these reported cases have either been referred to appropriate agencies, some resolved, victims rescued and reintegrated into the society.

TALKAM HOTLINE

To support an audience who might not be literate enough to report through the Talkam app or are in an emergency, the Talkam hotline (09030002362) was created as an emergency response line that enables reporters to talk to Talkam team directly. The hotline is also registered on WhatsApp and responds to chats and reports.

OUR FUNDERS



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International Centre For Investigative Reporting (ICIR)

Get to Know TALKAM Human Rights Project

TALKAM HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES

Talkam Human Rights Advocates are individuals who have been trained in identifying, combating, and reporting human rights abuses like human trafficking, gender-based violence and child abuse. They have taken the responsibility of reaching out to their various communities sensitizing and fighting human rights abuses. They include our trained volunteers who are scattered all over Nigeria and abroad.

TALKAM HUMAN RIGHTS CASE MANAGEMENT

Talkam also has a support system for her victims/reporters. We follow up, counsel, and encourage victims of human rights abuses. When handling a case, we monitor and evaluate the options and required to meet the needs of victims/reporter's health and human services needed.

TALKAM HUMAN RIGHTS BOARD OF SUPPORTERS

Talkam Human Rights Board of Supporters is an organized platform for people who are passionate and zealous in supporting Talkam Projects. The Board of supporters includes philanthropists, individuals, companies, and organizations who are committed to ensuring that Talkam Human Rights Project is sustained and expanded through their monthly and yearly donation on our website www.devatop.org/talkamsupporters. The funds raised by the Talkam Board of Supporters will be used:

1. To expand Talkam Human Rights Radio Program to 30 locations across Nigeria and other African countries.
2. To enhance and maintain Talkam Human Rights Reporting App so that it can serve citizens across Africa.
3. To empower survivors through skill training.
4. To organize massive community sensitization.

The categories people can choose from to support monthly include the following:

Bronze	N5,000 – N20,000	Diamond	N301,000 – N500,000
Silver	N21,000 – N100,000	Platinum	N501,000 - above
Gold	N101,000-N300,000		



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