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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR



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ABOUT THE REPORT

Our Annual Report provides an overview of the work of Devatop Centre for Africa Development from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021. The Report covers the projects and activities directly implemented by Devatop Centre for Africa Development.

DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

I am proud to present the 2020 – 2021 Annual Report. During this reporting year, we took a bold step to carry out life impacting projects, despite the COVID19 pandemic.

I am glad to say that despite the daunting challenge during this COVID19, Devatop Centre for Africa Development took a strategic shift in the way it implements projects. This required us to think outside the box and utilize ICT to expand our impact.

This is the first time that a single project impacted citizens across 30 states in Nigeria. I encourage the resilience of our board, team and partners as they have demonstrated dedication and commitment to tackling human trafficking and other human rights abuses even in the odd times FY21 gave us an opportunity to prove our steadfastness in critical times to all our stakeholders: beneficiaries, supporters, partners, and policy makers. I am optimistic and certain that we will record greater impact next year.

ABOUT DEVATOP CENTER FOR AFRICA DEVELOPMENT

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, for the past 5 years has implemented over 20 human rights projects addressing human trafficking, child labour, migrant smuggling, and gender-based violence. These projects benefited vulnerable women, girls, children, youth and other vulnerable groups in 30 states in Nigeria.

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 has provided intelligence information to 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. DEVATOP has also provided technical support to government agencies and international organizations which has enable them to develop plans, policies and programs to prevent human trafficking.

DEVATOP vision is built on ensuring a nation without **HUMAN TRAFFICKING, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE** thereby promoting **HUMAN RIGHTS.**

Having identified some of the largest root causes of trafficking, gender-based violence, child labour and abuse as poverty, lack of education, demand for cheap labour, lack of human rights for vulnerable groups, lack of legitimate economic opportunities to mention but a few, DEVATOP empowers victims and vulnerable groups to be self-reliant, and create economic opportunities themselves, supports the implementation of policies that benefit the marginalized group through advocacy to policymakers.

OUR APPROACHES



ADVOCACY



CAPACITY BUILDING



ICT



RESEARCH



VICTIMS SUPPORT
SERVICES



VOLUNTEERISM

Since inception till 31st August 2021,

- We had 340 volunteers
- We trained 1240 human rights advocates from 30 states in Nigeria
- These advocates have carried out human rights campaigns in 120 communities
- We have hosted 4 international interns from Germany, London, and Italy and USA
- We have directly impacted 560, 034 community members through awareness, school sensitizations, humanitarian services, and capacity building
- We have reached 5, 500 245 citizens through local radio programs
- We have supported 40 survivors through skill training and financial aid
- We have received and managed 304 cases

OUR PROJECTS

Human trafficking has become rampant in most countries of the world and 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 every state of the country and victims are recruited not minding their age or gender. Also, there are incidences of gender-based violence, child abuse and other human rights abuses across all the regions in Nigeria.

Seeing these sad incidences, Devatop Center for Africa Development has implemented several projects to address the menace.

1. From November 2020 to March 2021, Devatop Centre for Africa Development implemented TALKAM Against Human Rights Abuses, a project funded by U.S Embassy Nigeria. This project focuses on fostering action among citizens and critical 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.



2. From October 2020 to August 2021, Devatop Center for Africa Development implemented a project called TALKAM Against Human Trafficking and Abuse (TATA).

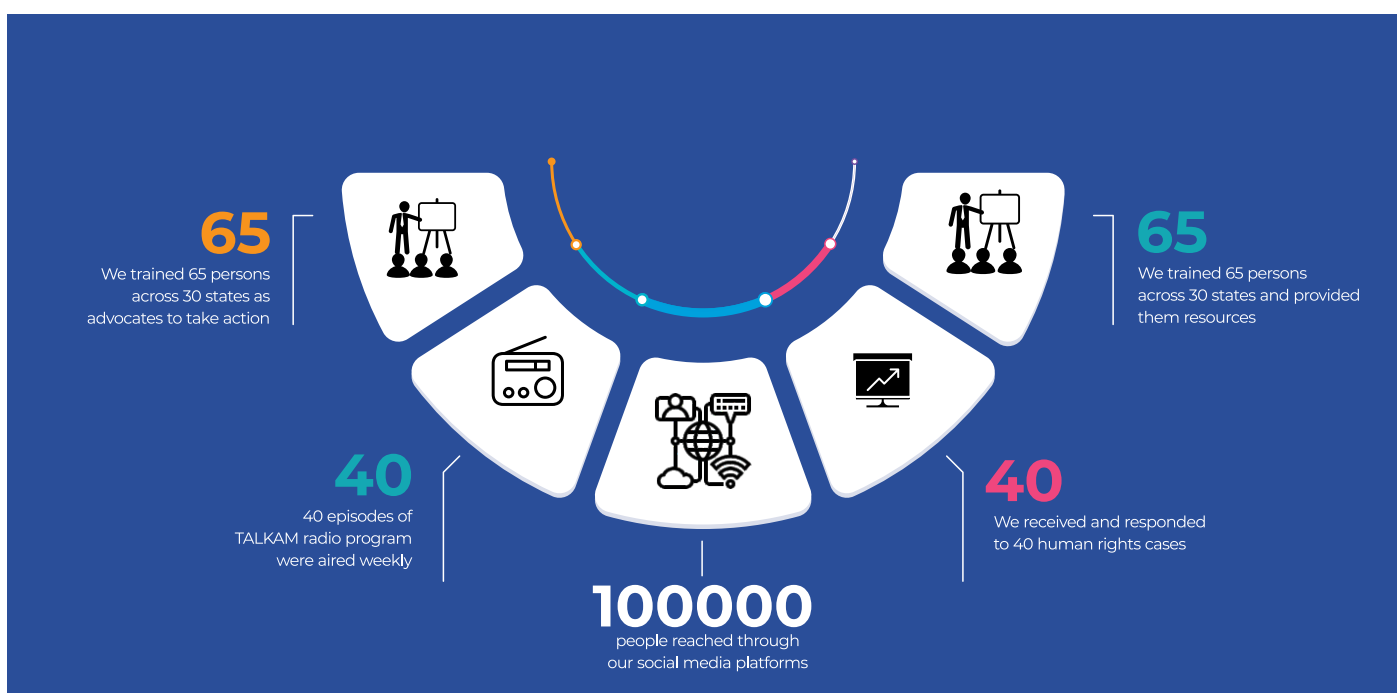
The project, TALKAM- Against Trafficking and Abuse in Nigeria aimed at protecting vulnerable groups such as women and girls who are at risk of trafficking and violence in FCT and Edo State. Its general objective was to contribute to the prevention of trafficking and violence against women and girls in Edo State and the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. The project set objectives were achieved through Community Sensitization, radio program, social media campaigns, community outreaches, training of community leaders, religious leaders and local organizations on the prevention of human trafficking and abuse against women and girls. The project also provided skill training for 40 female survivors of human trafficking and venerable women.

Achievements 1: TALKAM Against Human Rights Abuses

TALKAM Against Human Rights Abuses utilized both technology and traditional approaches to coach human rights advocates, document human rights abuses, and respond to the cases. The major ICT tool used was our Human Rights Reporting APP known as TALKAM App which is available in Google Play Store and can be accessed on www.talkam.org

To achieve the set objectives:

- We trained 65 persons across 30 states as advocates to take action towards combating human trafficking and gender-based in their states.
- 40 episodes of TALKAM radio program were aired weekly on Cool 96.9 FM Abuja and Wazobia 99.5 FM Abuja. According to the radio statistics, over 1,100 000 citizens were reached through the radio programs.
- Social media was not left out in terms of the medium through which the project objectives was achieved. We were able to reach over 100,000 people through the social media campaign and received 10 human rights reported cases. All reported cases were forwarded to NAPTIP and followed up by Devatop Team. Two of the cases were successfully addressed while others are under investigation as at the time of this report.
- We trained 65 advocates across 30 states and provided them with resources to carryout community project on human trafficking and gender-based violence. 35 trained advocates carried out sensitization activities across 30 communities in 15 states. Their sensitization activities were able to reach 2,400 citizens across 30 communities.
- We utilized our ICT tool (TALKAM Human Rights Reporting App -www.talkam.org) to receive and respond to 40 human rights cases.



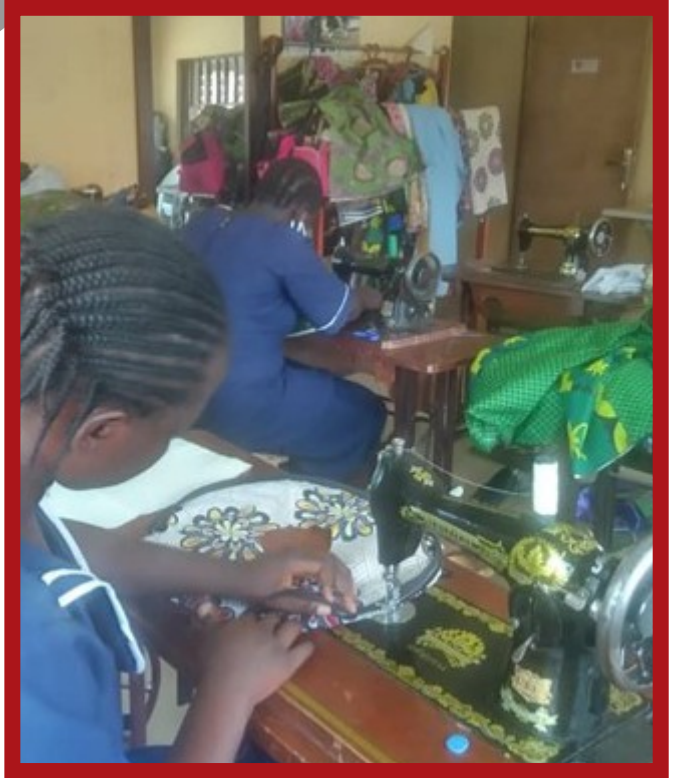
Achievement 2: TATA Project

The TALKAM Against Human Trafficking and Abuse (TATA) is a project that was designed to contribute to ending Human Trafficking, Gender-based Violence and Child Labour. The project is funded by Ayuntamiento de Pamplona and implemented in partnership with Accion Contra La Trata. We engaged 10 local partners on the project, which include: Network of CSOs Against Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL), Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF), Daughters of Abraham Foundation, Media Coalition Against Human Trafficking (MECAHT), NAME Foundation, Society for Empowerment of Young People (SEYP), Genius Hub Initiative, and Idia Renaissance)

The following were achieved during the implementation:

- **Training:** Capacity building workshop for community leaders and leaders of groups across 12 LGA's of FCT and Edo state. The idea behind the capacity building training was to build the capacity of advocates to reach out to rural communities and educate more citizens, especially vulnerable group. The project was designed to train 100 persons across the 12 LGA's of Edo state and FCT but trained 105 persons against its actual planned number. The trained advocates carried out sensitization activities in their various 20 communities in Edo and FCT.
- **Radio Program:** Talkam Radio program was one of our major tools towards sensitizing citizens and stimulating them to fight human trafficking, gender-based violence and child labour. It educated citizens on the current trends of trafficking and serves as a major tool in reaching millions of persons. Human rights experts from 20 organizations and government agencies were engaged to talk on different areas of human trafficking and gender-based violence. The radio program was aired on Cool 96.9 FM Abuja and KU 92.7FM Edo state for a period of 4 months. A total 36 episode was aired reaching over 2, 500, 000 citizens. The radio program was streamed live on facebook to enable citizens from other parts of the country to listen.
- **Social Media:** The 21st century changed the way communities around the world communicate. There is a paradigm shift from the physical to the virtual. With the wide usage and acceptance of social media platforms like Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, we used social media to sensitize young people. The idea behind the social media campaign is to capture youths who may fall victim to traffickers especially as a good number of today's youth spend a lot of time on social media which is also used by traffickers as a recruitment platform. Devatop Center for Africa Development uses social media to educate the youths on strategies of traffickers to keep them informed and to stimulate them to take action. Some of the social media activities we carried out include tweet chat, facebook live videos, writing competition, and facts about human trafficking using both art work, video animation, etc. During this project, over 130, 000 social media users were reached.

Achievement 2: TATA Project



- **Empowerment for Survivors and Vulnerable Women:** Skill training for survivors is a part of the project, which was meant to improve their economic standing, empower them to be self-reliant and support their reintegration into society. The project was designed to train 40 survivors and vulnerable women to empower them with economic skills. 40 survivors started the training while 30 of them completed the training.

- **Case Management:** Using our TALKAM Human Rights Reporting App, TALKAM Hotline and Whatsapp, we received and managed 86 cases of human trafficking and gender-based violence.

Achievements by Numbers:



170

Number of advocates trained



40

Number of survivors trained on income skill



86

Number of reports received



32

Number of states reached



3338

Number of community members reached by trained advocates



55

Number of volunteers engaged



230,800+

Number of people reached via social media



2,500,000+

Number of people reached via radio program



70

Number of radio episodes aired

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 were engaged because of their wide listenership and coverage. Through these programs, over 2.5 million people were 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. Our 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 after them, lack of trust for law enforcement agencies while some do not know the right channels to report to. This prompted us to develop a simple reporting platform to encourage citizens to report abuses.

Talkam App is a mobile and web platform where people can report human rights abuses. It is available on the google play store and can also be accessed from the Talkam website (www.talkam.org).

Most of these reported cases have either been referred to appropriate agencies, some resolved, victims rescued and reintegrated into the society.

TALKAM HOTLINE AND WHATSAPP

Apart from the TALKAM App, citizens who can report human rights abuses by calling, sending SMS, or Whatsapp Message to TALKAM Hotline (09030002362). This service operates Mondays to Fridays

Get to Know TALKAM Human Rights Project:

TALKAM HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES

To increase the level of advocacy and reportage of human rights abuses, we train and mentor youth and young women to become human rights advocates. Talkam Human Rights Advocates are individuals who have been trained on 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 citizens, monitoring, and reporting abuses.

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.

Donation is made through our website www.devatop.org/talkamsupporters.

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