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VISION AND MISSION OF DEVATOP CENTRE FOR AFRICA DEVELOPMENT

Vision

An African society where the rights of people are respected and promoted.

Mission

To work with local, national, and global partners in upholding human rights and social justice in Africa.

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

DEVATOP implemented 3 funded projects in 2023 which all centred on addressing issues on Trafficking in Persons. In all, Devatop implemented projects in Delta, Nasarawa, Edo, FCT, Sokoto and Enugu states.

Projects implemented are listed below:

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**TALKAM Against
Trafficking in
Persons (TATIP)**

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**TALKAM Against
Trafficking and
Abuse in Nigeria
(TATA)**

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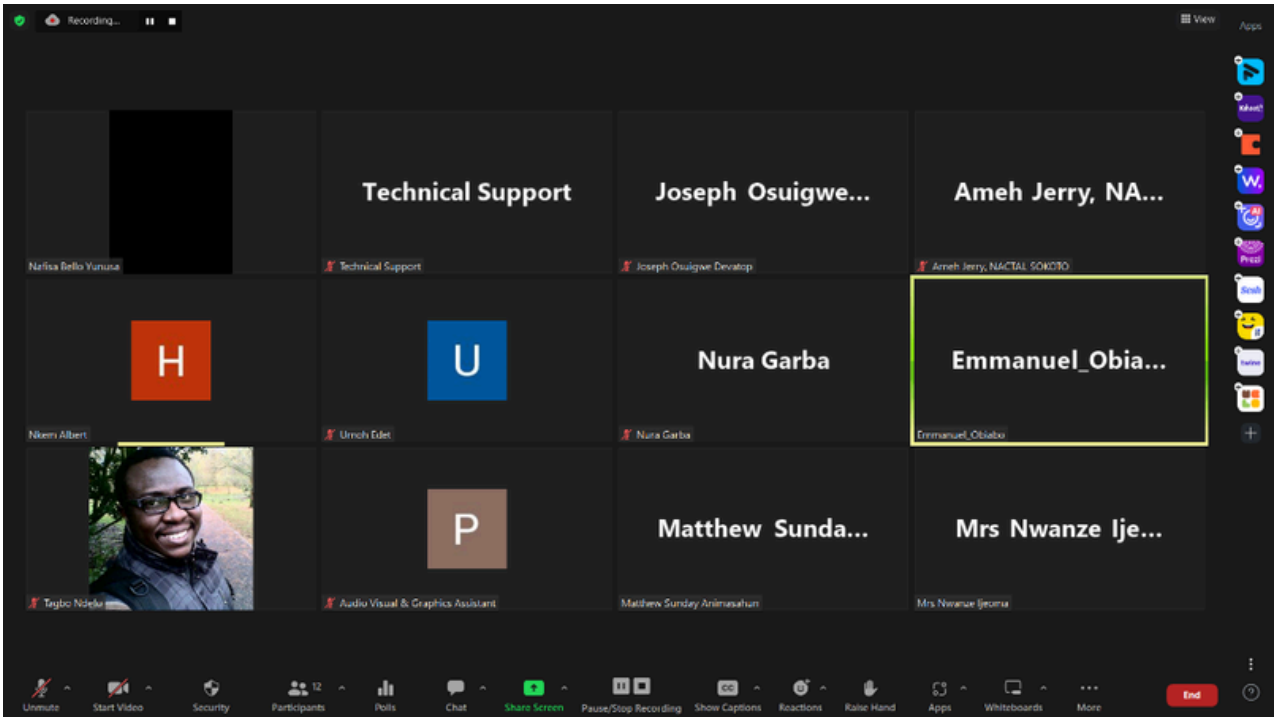
**TALKAM Against
Sexortion and Online
Sexual Exploitation
and Abuse(OSEA)**

PROJECT 1: TALKAM AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (TATIP)

TALKAM Against Trafficking in Persons (TATIP), a project by the Devatop Centre for Africa Development, is a year-long project supported by USAID and Palladium through the Strengthening Civil Advocacy and Local Engagement (SCALE) initiative. TATIP, an expanded phase of the TALKAM Project initially supported by the U.S Embassy in Nigeria in 2020 and 2021, is implemented in Delta, Enugu, and Sokoto states of Nigeria, and also has been designed to stimulate civil society leaders, community leaders, youth, women, journalists, and students at grassroots levels and in urban cities to take strategic action to tackle human trafficking and harmful practices that make women and children vulnerable to exploitation. Through this project, we will utilize approaches such as Technology, Capacity Strengthening, Private Sector Engagement, Use of Audio-Visual, Community Sensitization, and Case Management, to enhance prevention, accelerate identification and protection of trafficked persons, improve responses to reported cases, increase investigation, and strengthen synergy with the private sector.

HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE TATIP PROJECT IMPACT IMPACT

Strategic Planning And Midyear Review Meeting: SCALE/DEVATOP conducted a two-day inception meeting on January 22nd and 23rd, 2023, to kickstart the TALKAM Against Trafficking in Persons (TATIP) project. The primary objective was to mobilize civil society leaders, community leaders, youth, women, journalists, and students at grassroots and urban levels to combat human trafficking and harmful practices. A total of 24(13female, 11male) stakeholders attended the event drawn from National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), the Nigeria Police, Federation of International Women's Lawyer (FIDA), Network of CSOs Against Trafficking, Abuse and Labor (NACTAL), and the DEVATOP Project team. Also, DEVATOP organized a mid-year review meeting on June 23, 2023, to evaluate progress, address challenges, and strategize for the project's second half. In attendance were 17 Representatives from Digital I-field Technologies, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, Action Against Hunger for the Vulnerable Initiative, Ministry of Justice in Delta State, LEAP Africa, DAVKEM Initiative in Sokoto, FOMWAN Sokoto, Delta State Task Force on Human Trafficking and Irregular Migration, Traditional Leader Association in Sokoto, Network of CSOs Against Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL) and The International Federation of Women Lawyers(FIDA).



Baseline Study and Mapping of Project Beneficiaries

As part of the preparation for the implementation of direct project activities, a consultant was engaged in March, 2023 to conduct a baseline survey in project locations. This baseline survey was conducted at the start of the project implementation phase to determine the knowledge, attitude and perception of the community members, organizations, and other interested individuals on human trafficking, victim's identification, reporting platforms, and other related areas.

Development of Materials and Setting up of TALKAM ICT Lab

The TALKAM App was upgraded to enhance accessibility and functionality. A dedicated TALKAM ICT Lab, equipped with essential technology, was established to centralize reporting, analysis, and case management. The upgraded TALKAM App, available on Android and iOS smartphones and can also be accessed via the web browser (<https://www.talkam.app>). The following features constitute the upgraded TALKAM APP.

- **Report Abuse feature:** A simplified way for victims to report cases was implemented, and a tracking feature was introduced so reporters could follow up for updates on cases reported via the platform.
- **Improved Case Management:** We incorporated a digital case management and case referral platform which will be used by NAPTIP and other relevant human rights organizations.
- **TALKAM Human Rights Courses:** This feature was introduced to educate and empower individuals on the importance of human rights and equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to become effective advocates for change.
- **Media:** With this feature, users can read human rights news. Also, human rights organization can guest-publish their press releases/news statements on the platform.
- **Talk Room:** With this social networking feature, users can interact and post human rights information, get comments and shares on their posts.
- **TALKAM Human Rights Directory:** This groundbreaking feature within our app aims to bridge the gap between individuals passionate about human rights and the organizations working tirelessly to promote and protect these rights. This comprehensive directory serves as a centralized platform, providing users easy access to a wide range of global human rights organizations.

Trainings of Community Champions on Victims Identification and Reporting

The two-days training was organized targeted at Ninety community champions across 18 communities in 3 states of Sokoto, Enugu and Delta. They were trained on awareness creation, identification, and reporting of human trafficking cases. A total of 30 participants per State attended the training. Key outputs from the training were

90 community champions have enhanced reporting and community engagement skills

Increased community awareness/sensitizations

Establishment of a sustainability platform, known as Champions Against Trafficking in Persons Forum (C-TIP)

Human trafficking cases involving 10 victims was reported by one of the champions in training.

Training of Journalists and Community Reporters

The outcome of the training of journalist and community reporters yielded 54 trained journalists and community reporters comprising of Journalists Against Trafficking in Persons (JTIP) platform across Sokoto, Enugu and Delta States. This initiative aimed to improve reporting, increase public understanding, and encourage collaboration leading to the following established outputs:

Increased awareness Formation/Establishment of sustainability community structure known as Journalists Against Trafficking in Persons (J-TIP) forum.

Participants demonstrated commitment by hosting radio programs on TIP, and as well participated in the TATIP community outreaches.

Enhanced reporting skills and wide reach of trafficking in person message through the journalists.

Community Outreaches and school sensitization

Community outreaches and school Sensitizations were conducted between the months of June to August 2023 to educate over 4,500 citizens on awareness, identification, and reporting of human trafficking cases across Sokoto, delta and Enugu state.

From the market women rally/campaign that was conducted at Ugborikoko Market led by trained champions, the campaign at the various market spread to communities educating traders and patrons about Human Trafficking, these waves of wisdom spread like fire to the nooks and crannies communities in the three states of implementation

TALKAM Community Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons

TALKAM community dialogue sessions were organized across the project states to engage diverse stakeholders with the aim of promoting awareness and discussing effective counter-trafficking efforts.

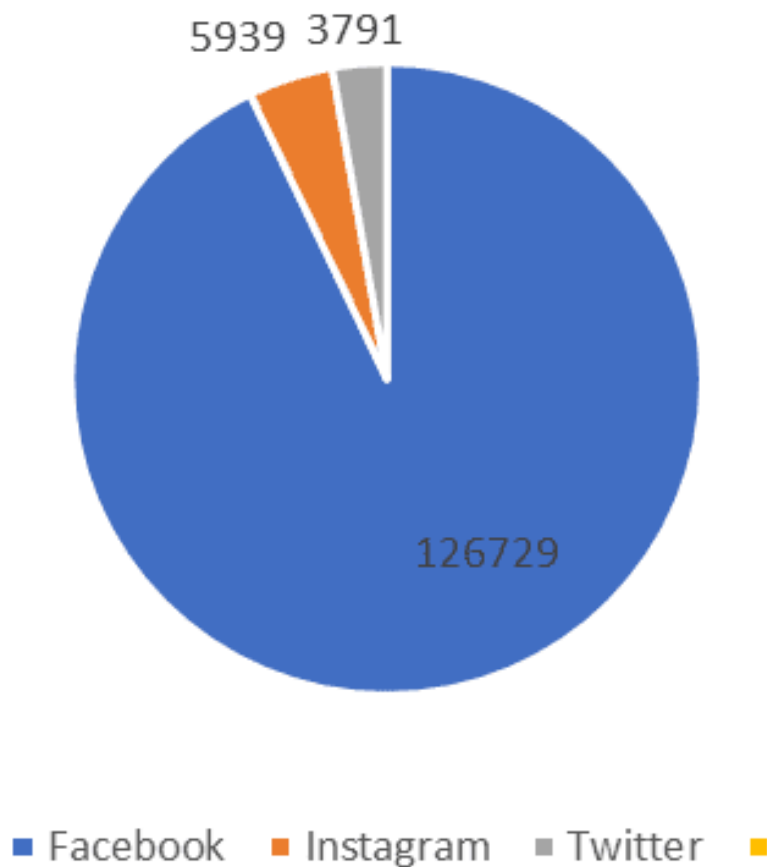
Participants at the events were traditional and religious leaders, market women association, Nigeria Immigration Service, Nigeria Civil Défense Corps, Print Media Journalist, NAPTIP and The Nigeria Police, 100 Women Group, FOMWAN, Youth Groups, Phone repairers' association, NURTW, Networks of People with Disabilities, Okada and Keke NAPEP Riders Associations, educationists, representatives from the private sector, and other members of the community. Through the community dialogues in 6 communities, we deepened the understanding of trafficking in persons and preventive measures among 297 community members. We secured some commitments from some stakeholders (particularly religious leaders, women leaders, and school administrators) who pledged to use their platforms to talk about the dangers of human trafficking. Some of the religious leaders promised to give DEVATOP platforms to sensitize their members about human trafficking.



TALKAM MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The TALKAM media campaign was setup to increase visibility and public awareness on trafficking in person messages. A total of 29 crafted fliers were used to engage our audience actively throughout the project. In addition, we strategically incorporated several hashtags, namely #CounterTiPNg, #TATIP, and #Talkam, which collectively gave us a reach of over 136,359. To ensure consistent visibility, we regularly posted on social media twice a month, and some of the messages include important content addressing various aspects related to human trafficking

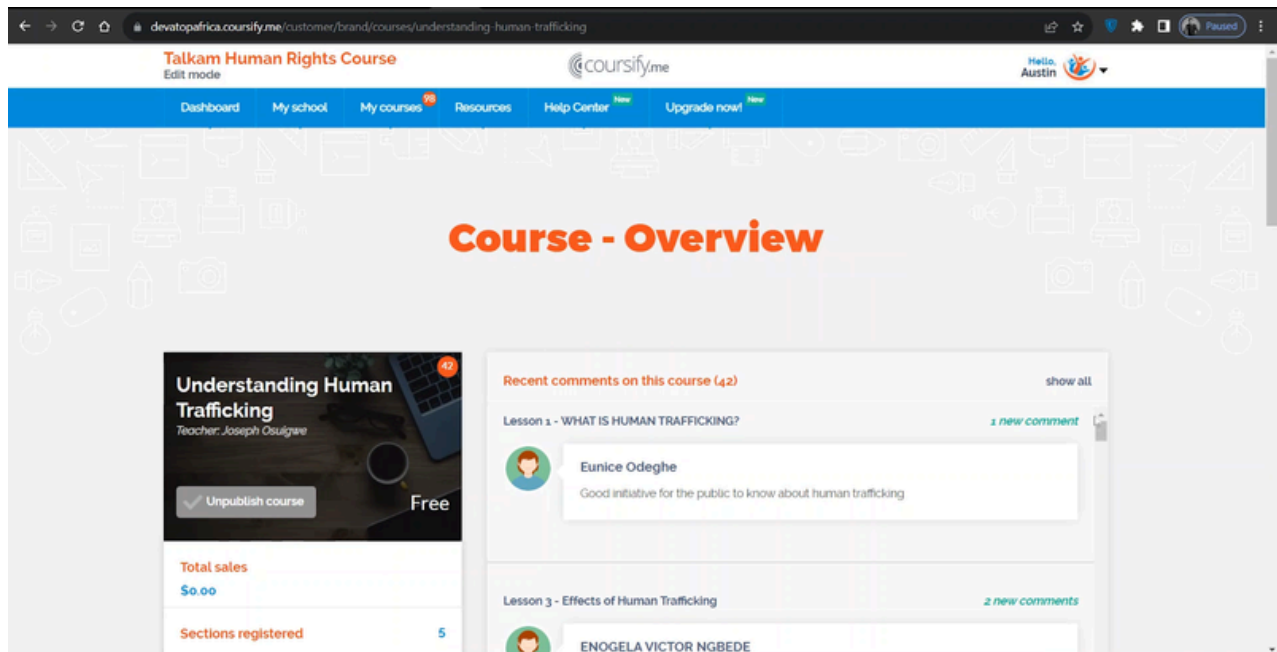
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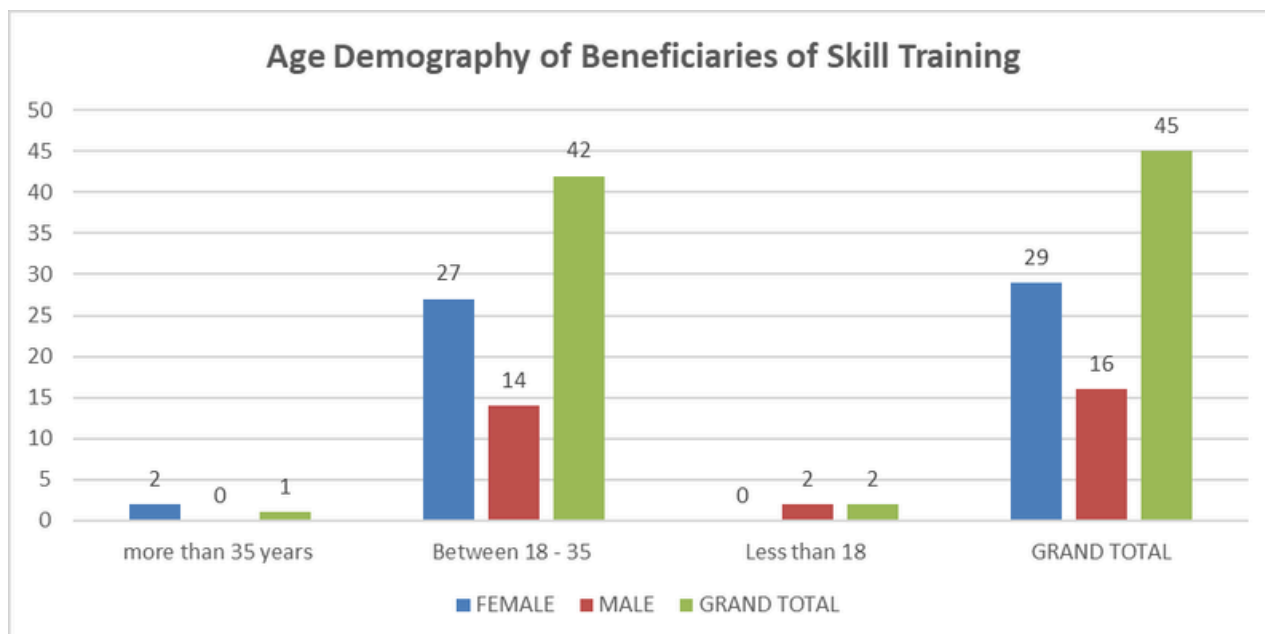
TALKAM Human Rights Online Courses

TALKAM Human Rights Online Courses was designed to empower individuals with knowledge and skills to deepen their understanding of human rights issues, explore key concepts, and develop practical strategies for promoting and protecting human rights.

A total of 87 learners were enrolled and 48 out of which successfully completed the course. The remaining 39 could not complete the course due to personal engagement. All the 48 learners who completed the course had improved knowledge on trafficking in person and were issued certificates of completion and they lend a helping hand in the fight against human trafficking.



Skills acquisition training to survivors



This activity was envisioned to empower survivors and the vulnerable through skills acquisition training and start-up kits. Training of 45 survivors of trafficking and vulnerable individuals on barbing, fashion design and hairdressing in Enugu, Sokoto and Delta States.

Trafficking in person Identification and Case Management Platform

Within the year, we received 19 reported cases of Trafficking in Persons and Gender-Based Violence on the TALKAM reporting platform. The report came through community members who were referred by the trained champions, others came from reporters who saw/knew about the TALKAM Advert on social media or radio programs. All reported cases were promptly forwarded to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) for thorough investigation. Also, 10 cases of human trafficking were reported by a community champion leading to the rescue of victims and counseling after rescue.

Psychosocial Support/Counseling Clinics

This activity was aimed at ensuring survivors were adequately counseled to achieve recovery and restoration to a healthy life. A planned and Specialized session was conducted to address urgent needs, fostering a holistic approach to victim support. The psychologist provides flexible counseling sessions due to the location and safety of the survivors. 90 survivors benefitted from the activity with the following changes: Positive changes in the survivors' mental, physical and emotional state, new perception in survivors towards accepting the situation, eagerness and willingness to adopt new healthy ways of recovery and zeal to chart and lead new lifestyles, willingness to start all over again and learn new trades/skills, to be economically self-sufficient and accepting to forge ahead and gradually let go of the ugly past.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women actively joined community discussions to make sure their opinions mattered in the fight against trafficking; the project provided inclusive counseling services, addressing the diverse needs of both male and female survivors, with a focus on supporting more females, offering them hope through counseling and skill training to 25 women across the three states; additionally, 41 women were recruited and trained as community champions, empowering them to contribute actively to countering human trafficking

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

In the domain of youth development, the project has made significant strides by actively recruiting a total of 45(31F,14M) youths for specialized training as community champions and journalists. These youths have been effectively engaged in community awareness activities, leveraging their unique perspectives and energy to enhance the project's reach. We have also taken deliberate steps to encourage youth participation in online courses

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

The project has actively engaged government officials in meaningful discussions about Trafficking in Persons Prohibition and Enforcement Act. This involvement occurred during the baseline survey and key informant discussions, where our consultant seized the opportunity to address regulatory gaps. The project has effectively shared its findings and insights with policymakers, contributing valuable information to support evidence-based decision-making in the realm of policy and governance. Also, key stakeholders such as the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and the Delta State Task Force Against Human Trafficking have played a crucial role in facilitating training for key beneficiaries.

LOCAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Through the TATIP project, we strengthened the capacity of over 90 community champions from 27 local government areas and engaged them in organizing community awareness across different communities. We established community structures known as Journalists Against Trafficking in Persons Forum and Champions Against Trafficking in Persons Forum

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

Devatop Centre for Africa Development established the Private Sector Against Trafficking in Persons (PATIP) Forum. This pioneering initiative aimed to foster collaboration between businesses and counter-trafficking stakeholders, encouraging the private sector to play a more active role in supporting national and community-level efforts.

A total of 75 local private sector organizations joined the PATIP Forum, marking a significant milestone in promoting corporate responsibility in the fight against human trafficking. The forum served as a platform for businesses to share knowledge, develop partnerships, and integrate anti-trafficking measures into their operational and corporate social responsibility (CSR) frameworks.

Following the forum's launch, several state-level PATIP forums began developing targeted action plans aimed at raising awareness, supporting survivor reintegration through employment opportunities, and collaborating with relevant agencies to strengthen prevention and response mechanisms.

Pictures from the TATIP Project



Community Champions Training in Enugu State



Market Rally in Sokoto State



Journalist Training in Delta State

PROJECT 2: TALKAM AGAINST TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE

The Talkam against trafficking and abuse" project funded by pamplona city, spain, and supported by Accion Contra la Trata, was implemented by Devatop Centre for Africa Development across three (3) Nigerian states: the Federal Capital territory (FCT), Edo state, and Enugu state. The initiative aimed to enhance community reporting of human trafficking and abuse, as well as to provide entrepreneurial skills to survivors as part of their reintegration process. The project which was implemented within February 2022 - January 2023 made a great impact which has contributed to DEVATOP success stories.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

Training And Capacity Building: Devatop centre for africa development implemented a comprehensive training program, empowering 30 teachers across the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Edo state, and Enugu state as champions against human trafficking and gender-based violence. These educators subsequently conducted community sensitization sessions, effectively raising awareness on these critical issues. To support these efforts, the organization developed and distributed 148 posters, 600 flyers, 300 notepads, and 86 t-shirts, and produced two skits aimed at amplifying the campaign's reach. Additionally, 21 radio sensitization programs were aired - seven each in Edo, FCT, and Enugu - to further educate the public. The trained teachers also implemented tailored action plans within their schools, promoting awareness and prevention strategies. collaborations with key stakeholders, including the ministry of education, the national agency for the prohibition of trafficking in persons (NAPTIP), and various NGOs, were established to enhance advocacy efforts.

Survivor Empowerment And Support: a dedicated three-month business management training program was conducted, focusing on trauma healing and entrepreneurial skills for 20 survivors of human trafficking. to facilitate their reintegration, four participants with outstanding business proposals received financial support of ₦100,000 each. Educational assistance was provided to two minors, enabling them to continue their schooling, and medical support was extended to one survivor in need of surgery. Furthermore, the organization facilitated the official registration of five survivors' businesses with Nigeria's corporate affairs commission, enhancing their legitimacy and access to opportunities.

Talkam Human Rights App Promotion And Case Reporting: The TALKAM human rights App was actively promoted during all devatop activities and through various social media channels, encouraging citizens to report incidents of human trafficking and abuse. This concerted effort led to the reporting of 11 cases via the app from Enugu, FCT, Edo, and Niger states, encompassing issues such as child labor, sextortion, and spousal abandonment. collaborations with naptip ensured that these reported cases received appropriate and timely action.

ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES:

Stakeholders Collaboration: a stakeholders' collaboration meeting was convened to optimize resources and strategies in combating human trafficking and gender-based violence.

Film Production: to enhance public engagement, two short films were produced and unveiled, aiming to raise awareness and encourage reporting of such incidents.

The "Red Card 2 Tip" Sports: This event was hosted in schools, engaging 83 participants (37 male and 46 female) drawn from five different schools, fostering a community-based approach to awareness and prevention

Radio Awareness Creations: The project leverages the media for media awareness campaigns in the three project locations. There were a total of 21 (7 in Edo, 7 in FCT and 7 in Enugu) radio airing.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT



2,880

Teacher training step down outreach: sensitized 2,880 students on the dangers of human trafficking and gender-based violence.

13M

Reached 13,000,000 individuals, with 1,462 listeners engaging via social media streaming and 20 direct phone inquiries for further clarification

1.7M 

1,750,000 persons were educated through the TALKAM radio program in FCT and Edo state.



Two minors received tuition support while one survivor received medical assistance.



20 survivors completed a 3-month business management training.



11 cases reported via the TALKAM human rights app from Enugu, FCT, Edo, and Niger states. These cases include child labor, sextortion, and spousal abandonment.



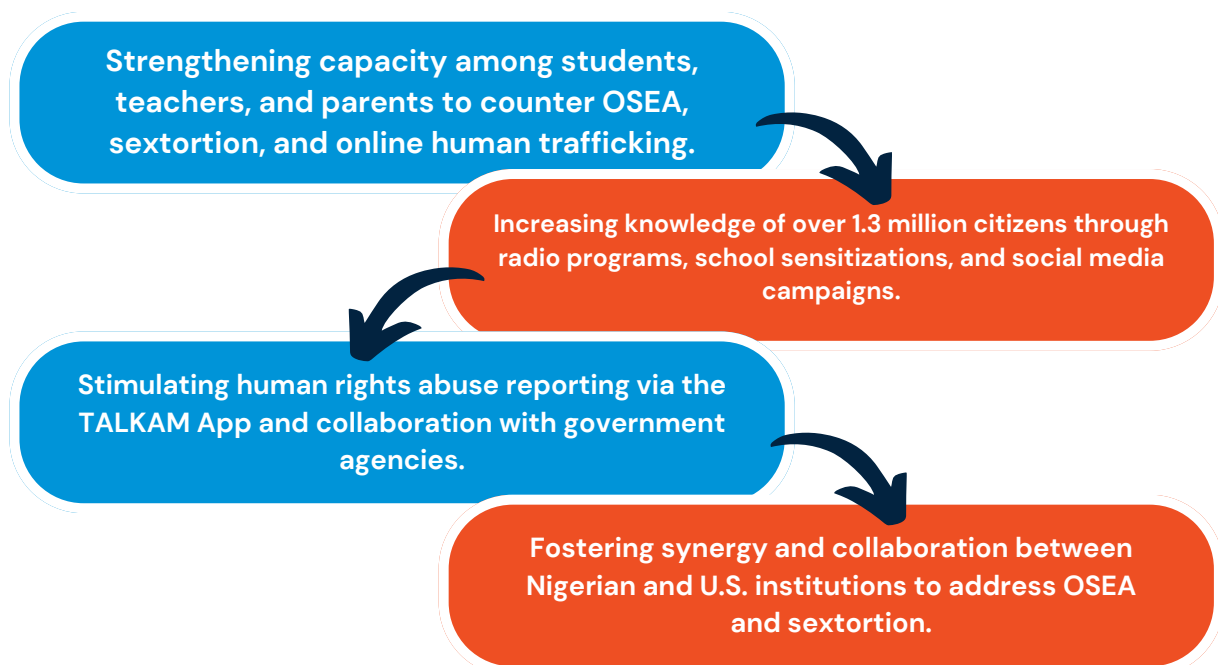
Four survivors received ₦100,000 each to support or start their businesses.

PROJECT 3: TALKAM AGAINST SEXORTION AND ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLIOTATION AND ABUSE(OSEA)

The TALKAM Against Sextortion and Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OSEA) project, implemented by the Devatop Centre for Africa Development, was active from October 2022 to September 2023 in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nasarawa State, and Plateau State, Nigeria. This project utilized technology, capacity building, and advocacy to counter online exploitation, sextortion, and human trafficking. Key accomplishments included training over 1,000 stakeholders, reaching over 1.5 million individuals through media campaigns, and enhancing public reporting via the TALKAM App.

The project catalyzed national dialogue on sextortion and online exploitation, empowering citizens, and increasing survivor reporting while fostering international collaboration between Nigerian and U.S.-based institutions. The TALKAM initiative has significantly impacted the fight against sexual exploitation in Nigeria, leveraging technology and partnerships to create a sustainable response system.

The key Objectives of the project included:



KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Capacity Strengthening

- Conducted six masterclasses, training 61 teachers and student leaders as advocates against sextortion.
- Trained participants organized awareness campaigns in schools and communities, reaching over 6,000 individuals.
- Developed an online human rights course accessed by over 120 participants across 8 states in Nigeria.

Technology Utilization

- Upgraded the TALKAM App, incorporating features for reporting and tracking cases, offering online courses, and managing human rights cases.
- Received 14 reports of sextortion and human trafficking, with investigations initiated by NAPTIP.

Media Campaigns

- Aired 15 radio episodes across three states, reaching an estimated 1.3 million listeners.
- Shared over 270 social media messages, engaging more than 54,000 users and increasing public awareness.
- Organized social media competitions among young people, reaching thousands through video and article campaigns.

ADVOCACY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

Devatop Centre for Africa Development conducted a series of advocacy visits and strategic meetings with 15 key stakeholders to strengthen partnerships and enhance collaborative efforts in the fight against human trafficking and exploitation. These engagements involved influential organizations, including the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and the Network of CSOs Against Child Trafficking, Abuse, and Labour (NACTAL), with the goal of reinforcing multi-sectoral cooperation and improving response mechanisms.

As part of its advocacy efforts, DEVATOP also partnered with the NAPTIP Drama Club to produce and disseminate two short films aimed at sensitizing the public about the dangers of sextortion. These films served as powerful educational tools, highlighting how individuals can recognize, prevent, and report such crimes.

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS: AMPLIFYING ADVOCACY THROUGH GLOBAL CAMPAIGNS

Devatop Centre for Africa Development hosted a series of impactful events and panel discussions to mark two significant global campaigns: the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. These events aimed to raise awareness, foster dialogue, and drive action against gender-based violence and human trafficking.

Bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders—including government officials, human rights activists, survivors, legal experts, youth leaders, and civil society representatives—the events focused on critical issues such as prevention strategies, survivor support systems, policy reforms, and the use of technology in combating human rights abuses.

Through extensive media coverage, including radio, television, and social media broadcasts, these initiatives successfully reached over 2.5 million individuals across Nigeria and beyond. The discussions not only amplified the voices of survivors but also promoted collaborative strategies for addressing human trafficking and gender-based violence at both community and institutional levels.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:

In a bid to foster global collaboration and enrich cross-cultural learning experiences, Devatop Centre for Africa Development facilitated a series of virtual exchange programs that brought together U.S.-based interns from Emory University and Nigerian students. This initiative aimed to bridge cultural divides, encourage knowledge sharing, and promote mutual understanding between participants from diverse backgrounds.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT

5.8M

5,800,000 citizens sensitized through radio and television programs

63



63 Students and teachers trained as advocates against Sextortion

6,425+

6,425+ students sensitized by trained advocates.

3 

3 states reached with project activities

40K+

40,000+ people reached through social media.

120+ 

120+ learners trained on the TALKAM Human Right Courses.

15 

15 Cases reported via the TALKAM Human Right App.

2 

2 short films on sextortion produced as part of the advocacy efforts.

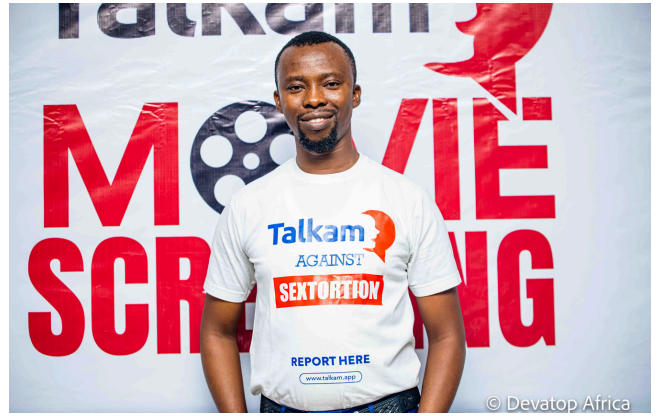
30 

30 schools participated in the program.

Pictures from TALKAM Against Sextortion



Sextortion Movie Screening



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Sextortion Training for Students in Abuja



Sextortion Training for Teachers in Abuja



SUCCESS STORIES



Abuja

In Abuja, a beneficiary noted that the project has significantly increased the knowledge of students on sextortion in the Federal Capital Territory. The school started developing internal policies to guide the behavior of teachers and students while establishing disciplinary measures for defaulters. Additionally, the school introduced an examinable subject on cybersecurity to be taught during assemblies, ensuring that students receive essential online safety education even though the subject is not officially included in the Ministry of Education's curriculum.

Plateau

- Treasure Field School, Jos, trained 150 students on sextortion and online sexual exploitation and abuse after their teachers attended the project's training sessions. IEC materials distributed during the project were utilized to raise awareness and guide students on reporting sextortion cases.
- Student leaders at the University of Jos established a club, "Talkam Against Sextortion," to provide a safe platform for discussions on human rights violations. The club supports victims and facilitates the reporting of abuse, especially in cases involving student-lecturer relationships.

Nasarawa

Government Science Secondary School, Lafia, sensitized 562 students across four sessions for JSS 1 to JSS 3 students. Teachers trained through the project managed four cases of bullying involving explicit images. The school is collaborating with the PTA to create a policy addressing gender-based violence and sextortion, with the input of parents to ensure smooth implementation.

Cases Successfully resolved

During the project, a case of sextortion reported through the TALKAM platform was successfully addressed and resolved. The survivor received timely support, and the perpetrator was brought to justice with the collaboration of trained stakeholders and relevant authorities. This success highlights the effectiveness of the reporting mechanism and the strengthened response system established through the project.

DEVATOP RECOGNITION AND AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING EFFORTS

In acknowledgment of its exceptional dedication and impactful contributions to the fight against human trafficking, Devatop Centre for Africa Development received a prestigious recognition from the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). This award served as a testament to DEVATOP's unwavering commitment to advancing human rights, promoting justice, and protecting vulnerable communities from trafficking and exploitation.

The recognition was awarded in light of DEVATOP's groundbreaking initiatives, particularly through its implementation of the TALKAM Against Trafficking and Abuse Project, which has significantly contributed to enhancing national awareness, strengthening reporting mechanisms, and supporting survivors of trafficking across Nigeria. Through innovative programs and strategic collaborations, DEVATOP has played a vital role in amplifying the government's anti-trafficking efforts.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, TALKAM Against Trafficking in Persons (TATIP), TALKAM Against Trafficking and Abuse in Nigeria (TATA), and TALKAM Against Sextortion and Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OSEA) have been pivotal in raising awareness and addressing issues related to human trafficking, abuse, and online exploitation in Nigeria.

These projects have empowered communities, enhanced reporting mechanisms, and fostered collaborative efforts to curb such abuses. Notably, the TALKAM App has emerged as a crucial tool, enabling citizens to anonymously report human rights abuses, connect with support services, and access educational resources, thereby amplifying the voices of survivors and promoting accountability.

Devatop stands on the threshold of transformative change. This journey has been one of resilience, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to the fight against these heinous crimes. Our collective efforts have ignited a beacon of hope for countless individuals whose lives have been marred by exploitation and abuse. The success of these projects is a testament to the power of community engagement, strategic partnerships, and the tireless dedication of all involved. As we move forward, it is imperative that we continue to amplify the voices of survivors, empower vulnerable communities, and strengthen the mechanisms that protect our society from these atrocities.

Our work is far from over, but with each step, we draw closer to a world where human trafficking and sextortion are no longer a reality. Let this project be a rallying cry – a call to action for all to join in this fight. Together, we can build a future where justice prevails, dignity is restored, and every person is free to live without fear of exploitation.



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