

PAST PROJECTS

DRUG PREVENTION TREATMENT AND CARE PROJECT

The Drug Prevention Treatment and Care (DPTC) Project is a 12-month sensitization project (extended to 16 months due to COVID 19) funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The project was sub - implemented by WFI with the **objective** of building the capacity of state and non-state actors on Drug Prevention, Treatment and Care in two locations – in the Federal Capital Territory (Kuje and Kwali Area Councils), and in Nasarawa state (Kaena, Nasarawa, and Nasarawa Egon Local Government Areas) - amongst seven stakeholders drawn from the Media (Print, Electronic and local), Law Enforcement (Nigerian Police Force, Federal Road Safety Corps, Nigerian Civil Defence and Security Corps), Religious leaders (Christian and Muslim), HealthCare worker (Doctors, Nurses, CHEWS, Public Health Officials) Drugs and Chemical store products Owners (Pharmacist and Patent Medicine Vendors), Youth and Women community- . The sensitization project addressed drug use and drug use disorders as any other health condition, that is by sensitizing stakeholders on drug use **prevention** strategies and the provision of **treatment, health care, social protection and rehabilitation** services, based on scientific evidence, human rights and gender considerations.

Targeted sensitization modules reached 833 (M=427; F=406) direct beneficiaries and nearly 5000 indirect beneficiaries over the course of the project's 16 months of implementation. In the targeted project sites, Nasarawa State and the Federal Capital Territory, over 3,536 IEC materials were distributed to key stakeholders.



WFI staff receives certification from UNODC consultant to Implement the DPTC Sensitization Modules. the LG A.



WFI staff on a sensitization visit to the Osana of Kaena Nasarawa State ahead of the project implementation in



DPTC Sensitization for Law Enforcement Officials in Kuje



WFI Team hand over IEC Materials to the HOD Health, Kuje Area Council

AMBASSADOR'S SMALL GRANT(ASG).

It's a six-month project aimed at "improving literacy among AIDS orphaned children in Kuje Area Council," and it's funded by US Ambassador Small Grant. The project targeted HIV-positive orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in three communities of Kuje Area Council of the FCT - (Shadadi, Buzunkure, and Godoji communities). These children were either out of school or on the verge of dropping out due to their caregivers' inability to pay for all kinds of school payments, including tuition, PTA levies, examination fees, development levies and school supplies. Through this education block grant project, WFI contributed to the Sustainable development goal 4 (SDG 4) by increasing access to quality education for these vulnerable children orphaned by AIDS in these rural communities.

Achievements of this initiative include:

- The project supported the re-enrolment, retention and progression in school of 425 OVCs and the provision of twenty (20) teachers' tables and chairs, and two hundred (200) pupils' combined tables and seats to 3 LEA primary school in Kuje Area Council.
- Home based counselling of caregivers whose wards are out of school or at the verge of dropping out provided increased awareness and sensitization to caregivers and VCs alike on the importance of continuous education.
- School based Education Performance Assessment of VCs increased caregivers and school authority confidence in the project.
- WFI's relationship with the target community and the Kuje LEA Education Board was enhanced as a result of the project.
- The project goal of Increasing literacy amongst Children Orphaned by AIDS in Kuje Area Council was met.



COMMISSIONING OF ASG MATERIALS IN GODOJI BY WFI CEO



**LEA GODOJI HEADMASTER
APPRECIATES THE WFI-ASG
INITIATIVE**



WFI WITH STAKEHOLDERS OF LEA GODOJI

WFI-CANCER PROJECT

Women Friendly Initiative with funding support from Lift above poverty Organization (LAPO) implemented a community campaign for cancer control which spanned for 3 years in the communities of the Kuje Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

WFI commenced implementation of the project in December 2016, and the project was aimed at reducing cancer related deaths by focusing attention on activities to promote regular uptake of screening services for early detection. The project's objectives were achieved through massive sensitization of the entire populace in Kuje Area Council and the FCT on the pre-disposing factors, signs and symptoms to look out for, social mobilization, provision of **FREE** screening and referral services. The project focused on the following types of cancers; breast, cervical, prostate cancer along with childhood tumours.

The project resulted in the following;

Capacity building for 12 health care providers from 5 Primary Health Care (PHC) Centers trained on breast, cervical and prostate cancer screenings; Establishment and capacity building of 3 cancer control committees on breast, cervical and prostate cancers in Chibiri, Pegi & Guabe Communities of Kuje Area Council; Awareness creation of 434,741 people on breast, cervical and prostate cancers (144,920 males, 289,821 females): Screening of 7,505 individuals on breast, cervical and prostate cancers (2500 males, 5005 females). Referral of 2,720 individuals for screening, on breast, cervical, prostate, cancers; and Referral of 30 individuals (4 males, 26 females) for treatment.



The WFI team is educating the members of Gudaba community on Breast, cervical, and prostate cancers.



WFI team during an advocacy visit to the In-charge of PHC Kuje in Kuje Area Council.

STRENGTHENING YOUTH-SERVING COALITION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH-FRIENDLY HEALTH SERVICES (AYFHS) IN BENUE, KWARA, NASARAWA STATES, AND FCT.

This is a 12 months project that was funded by the **Management Sciences for Health (MSH)** and implemented by **Women Friendly Initiative (WFI)** and **Novel Association for Youth Advocacy (NAYA)**. The goal of the project was to scale up advocacy efforts for the implementation of the “National Guidelines for Integrating Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services into Primary Health Care facilities in Nigeria”, and the “National Guidelines on Promoting Access of Young people to Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services in Primary Health Care facilities in Nigeria” by achieving this WFI conducted capacity building to strengthen the technical skills of NAYA members for effective advocacy, including domestic resource mobilization and accountability to advocate and hold stakeholders accountable for the implementation of the two (2) guidelines.

The project achieved 5 key milestone deliverables: **Advocacy roadmaps developed; Finalized advocacy briefs developed; 2 advocacy visits, 2 dialogues, 2 meetings; Progressive monitoring; and two (2) media briefings** and reached key stakeholders such as the Ministry of Health; State Primary Health Care Development Agency; Local Government Authority etc.

Results: Commitment was obtained from the government in the states to fund FP and AYFHS, which is evidenced by the existence of a dedicated budget line for AYFHS in Benue state and the creation of a draft budget line for AYFHS awaiting approval in Kwara and Nasarawa states appropriation instrument. Other results include: three PHC facilities in Benue designated as AYFHS model facilities and 25 health workers trained on AYFHS; 3 AYFHS Centres reactivated in Nasarawa and the "Working Group for Adolescent Health that was formed to synergize skills for influencing decision-makers. 4 PHC facilities in Kwara was also Improved in structure to provide AYFHS.



WFI AND NAYA coalition members with executive secretary kwara state primary health care agency



An Advocate presenting copies of the Guidelines to the state commissioner for health

IMPROVING YOUNG PEOPLES ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INFORMATION & SERVICES

WFI, with funding from the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) has implemented a 4-year project aimed at improving access to comprehensive sexual reproductive health information and services in **Benue, Kwara** and **Nasarawa** States of Nigeria.

This project has successfully trained 48 health care providers on Family Planning (FP) information and service, as well as 45 youth counsellors in non-prescriptive FP methods, data and referral management, community mobilization, and other aspects of Youth Friendly Health Services. So far 9,107 young women and girls has received safe & comprehensive SRH services including PAC services and post procedure contraception, and our sexual reproductive health (SRH) information and services awareness-raising events, done across project areas in Nigeria, have benefited 24,183 persons.



WFI/NAYA member organization raises awareness and promotes access to SRH services for young people in Kwara state.



Group photograph of WFI Youth Peer Providers in Benue state post training.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Amplifying Basic Response and Information for Drug abuse and GBV Elimination (ABRIDGE) among In-school Adolescents and Youths (AYs) in Gwagwalada and Kuje Area council, Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria.

This is a one (1) year ongoing Project with funding support from British Council - Agents for Citizens Transformation. It is committed to building educational institutions' capacity to respond to GBV and substance abuse concerns in innovative and sustainable ways, employing an integrated preventive and response approach. The following accomplishments have been documented since the program's inception: 24 health care providers selected from public and private referral facilities have been trained, armed with Job-aid for Adolescent and Youth Friendly Services and functional; 2 CSOs participated in two sessions of 1-day organizational capacity development; 6 CSOs trained on GBV and drug abuse prevention and response; a written approval from the Universal Basic Education Board was obtained to work with public schools in Kuje and Gwagwalada Area Councils. 60 school-based administration Responders from 20 schools in the Gwagwalada and Kuje Area Councils were educated on how to identify and respond to drug abuse and GBV cases; A total of 60 well-known student-leaders received training in drug abuse and GBV case identification, response, and peer influence. 30 Health and Well-Being student Advocates Against Drugs and GBV emerged, a viable social media platform was set up to boost communication, and a copy of the referral and contact directory of GBV and Drug abuse responders was successfully developed.



Trained Health Care Providers in Gwagwalada displaying Job-Aids on AYPHS



Secondary school students in Kuje and Gwagwalada Area Councils are being educated on drug abuse and gender-based violence by WFI staff.



PROMOTING TASK- SHIFTING THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES IN URBAN SLUMS IN NIGERIA

This is a two-year ongoing research project funded by the Grand Challenges Canada to investigate the perceptions and experiences of delivering comprehensive maternal health services including family planning, therapeutic post abortion care services in three (Mpape, Kubwa and Nyanya) urban slums of FCT, through community-based Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), non - traditional health care providers linked to female-managed maternity homes.

The project through strategic partnership, is reaching and saving the lives of more AGYW through: Trainings and re-trainings for peer influencers to improve access and quality of services offered to AGYW, Provision of quality confidential peer counselling and referrals from trained and equipped peer influencers, Strengthening providers with full range of short term and long acting birth spacing methods/products support and Strengthening provider-community partnership for comprehensive maternal services.



Supportive commodity distribution to partners



Group Photograph of Trained of Safe Female Home providers

WFI -YPE4AH

The USAID Youth-Powered Ecosystem to Advance Urban Adolescent Health (YPE4AH) is a five-year (May 2020 - May 2025) USAID funded project. It is being implemented in Lagos and Kano States in partnership with the Government of Nigeria by five consortium partners – **Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI)** (Prime), **Women Friendly Initiative (WFI)**, **Youth Development & Empowerment Initiative (YEDI)**, **Yellow Brick Road (YBr)** and **Grassroot Soccer Inc (GRS)** with the aim to improve adolescent health by increasing access to voluntary family planning (FP) services among unmarried, economically disadvantaged, out of school adolescents aged 15-19 years in Lagos State using hub and spoke model of service delivery; situating FP within a broader, more holistic context to address socio-economic determinants of adolescent health; and fostering an enabling environment for their development.

The project's objectives include **Life Skills**- improving skills for healthy living and future planning; **Leadership** - fostering an enabling social and policy environment for adolescent health and development; **Livelihoods**- increasing youth workforce readiness, job opportunities, and entrepreneurship. The cross-cutting program objectives include local capacity development and evidence generation and learning.

WFI's responsibility include; Establishing and strengthen a network of high-quality, youth friendly FP/RH providers around Hubs to offer referral services to the youth participants; Collaborate with State Health Ministry teams to roll out Youth-Friendly health guidelines and ensure supportive supervision of providers serving vulnerable urban youths while strengthening the tracking of referral linkages on GBV, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health programs in selected urban areas.

WFI has employed a strategy to enlist traditional and non-traditional multi-cadre health providers (MCPs) and promoters that are resident within and around the selected urban slums in the targeted Local Government Area in Lagos and Kano states.



Engagement meeting with NAPPMED, Lagos state.



Training of Multi-cadre health care providers (MCPs)



WFI staff Distributing Training Materials and JOB AIDS to a trained MCPs in Lagos State.



WFI - YFHS Advocacy Officer presenting ward screen to a Health care provider in

WFI AGED FORUM

The WFI Aged Forum was established in 2010 with the purpose of understanding the unique needs and desires of the elderly and offering long-term support, comfort, and increasing active participation in the cultural and political life of their communities. The Women Friendly Initiative (WFI) secretariat in Kuje Area Council is where members of this forum frequently congregate.

The forum is for elderly people aged 60 and above, and it currently has a membership of 80 active members. The forum has grown exponentially in numerical strength from a membership base of 10 individuals, and a number of success stories have been documented. One of the many other success stories involves a lady who lost her husband, who was also a forum member. She claimed that the forum provided her with a great support structure during her grief process.

The forum is administered by an executive committee of six (6) members, with equal male and female representation. This management team typically consists of a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, financial secretary, Public Relations Officer, and treasurer.

Due to WFI's belief in "Care with compassion", since the forum's inception, WFI has sponsored meetings of the Aged Forum every month and provided support in the form of routine health checks, payment of hospital bills, routine off-the-counter medications, and quarterly food deliveries.



WFI Aged forum supported with food deliveries



WFI clinician performing routine health checks and dispensing routine over-the-counter drugs to WFI Aged forum members.