2022 REPORT

# ABIODUN ESSIET INITIATIVE FOR GIRLS



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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Abiodun Essiet Initiative for Girls (AEIG) is an organization dedicated to helping women and girls thrive by providing innovative platform for access to resources and a voice in society. we are a member of the National Violence Against Person Prohibition (VAPP) accountability platform.





We implemented two projects from November 2021 to December 2022. The first project is strengthening Traditional Justice Systems to combat Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in FCT and improving access to efficient healthcare service delivery amongst the original inhabitants, especially women and girls, and people with disabilities.

The second project is in partnership with Deaf Women Aloud Initiative with a grant from the U.S. Mission Nigeria to Promote Deaf Girls and Deaf Women's Participation in the Political Process through Increased Political Inclusion, Voter Registration, Voter Turnout and Balanced Election Media Coverage." In Abuja Municipal Area Council and Kuje Area Council of Abuja, Federal Capital, Nigeria.

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The following activities were carried out; stakeholders mapping, courtesy visits to stakeholders, stakeholders training, advocacy visits, media briefings, needs assessments for traditional rulers, five sensitization projects to secondary schools on SGBV, radio programs, safe space Centre activities, consultative visits, community score card development, twitter space conversation, training for PHCs in the FCT and seven townhall meetings



AEIG responded to a total of 17 cases of GBV with emotional support and palliatives as well. We referred two cases to Dorothy Njemanze Safe space Facility, some to NAPTIP and the Nigeria police force. AEIG paid an advocacy visit to Dorothy Njamanze Foundation in response to the case of GBV reported to AEIG in order to build collaboration and partnership. AEIG undertook a baseline study on GBV in Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria. Over 1,500 people were reached for all the activities, including Original Inhabitants of FCT(Ols), non-Ols, stakeholders, and PWDs.



#### **PROJECT ONE**



- Enhanced dispute resolution mechanism of OI traditional institutions across six area councils for social justice delivery on SGBV with a focus on young women, girls, and people with disabilities.
- Increased awareness and understanding of sexual and gender-based violence by original inhabitants in the six area councils in the FCT, acting as actors and Anti-GBV ambassadors in the fight against SGBV, especially on people with disabilities.
- Improved the capacity of OI ward health system committees to promote access to efficient healthcare service delivery in the six PHCs across six area councils of the FCT.



#### STAKEHOLDERS MAPPING

AEIG held her stakeholders mapping on the 13th of November 2021. A total of 65 persons were reached including Ols and PWDs, the objective of the project was to identify Ol stakeholders and other relevant stakeholders to engage in the project implementation plans, and the outcome of the project was that, Ol stakeholders and other stakeholders were identified and trained respectively.

#### ADVOCACY VISITS

AEIG held twenty-four advocacy visits to various stakeholders who are key to the implementation of her projects: we had a visit to the Dorothy Njemanze Foundation, Mairo Foundation, Association of wives of FCT Traditional Rulers (AWTR), The Hon. chairman of AMAC, palaces of eight chiefdoms in the FCT, the Executive Secretary of FCT Primary Healthcare Board, the Director of FCT- Secondary Education Board,

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to six schools in the six area councils in FCT and the executive chairman of kwali area council. These visit helped in meeting project objectives. We met with a total of 200 persons including PWDs, Ols and traditional rulers in the six area councils and the various stakeholders visited gave pledged their support in the implementation of our project.

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#### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

AEIG held a total of seven town hall meetings across the six area councils; AMAC, Bwari, Kuje, Gwagwalada, Abaji and Kwali. The town Hall Meetings covered various groups like; traditional rulers, Youths, women, FCT original inhabitants, PWDS, NAPTIP, the Nigeria Police force and other NGOs. The town hall meetings were held in line with our project goals and objectives to sensitize the public on ways to combat SGBV in communities within the FCT, we had a total of 800 persons in attendance.

#### TRAINING

AEIG held several trainings on addressing Sexual and Gender-Based violence in FCT: training for staff and management, training of FCT traditional rulers in the six area councils, baseline study on the prevalence of SGBV in FCT, sensitization on sexual and gender-based violence in high schools in five area councils of FCT, training of project team with the consultant on the score card on SGBV in FCT, training of leaders in public institutions on approaches to response to SGBV, conducting scorecards in five communities in FCT. We also trained a total of one thousand three hundred and fifty-seven persons (1357), including Ols and PWDs in line with our project goals and we were able to reach out to the six area councils of FCT.

#### RADIO PROGRAMS

AEIG produced jingles for airing which were aired on Kapital FM 92.9 in three languages: English, Hausa, and Gbagyi as a medium to disseminate information about the project and reach the target beneficiaries. The jingle was aired 100 times with an average of one million listeners daily.

#### SAFE SPACE CENTRE ACTIVITIES

AEIG held her activities at the safe space centre in Kurudu, AMAC, twice weekly, to sensitize women, girls and youths on issues relating to Sexual and Gender Based Violence and other forms of violence. We handled and referred cases that were reported to the centre.

#### SGBV CASES REPORT

AEIG handled a total of 17 cases of GBV (Case management and referrals) Survivors were also given emotional support and palliatives. Medical care was given to our rape case survivors.

#### MARKING 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

AEIG on the use of social media in disseminating information and sensitization held a twitter space conversation to mark the 16 days activism; we also partnered with several organizations to mark the event: like the unity walk organized by Seed Builders' Foundation, conference held by catholic secretariat of Nigeria. And to commemorate the 16 days of activism, CHRICED held a press briefing with all the 10 cohort members of the OI project.



#### PROJECT TWO

The project seeks to mount a campaign to push for the Inclusion of Deaf Women and Young Girls into the Electoral Process; collaborate with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in providing an inclusive and accessible Sensitization and workshop to train DATA ENTRY officers to teach Deaf people how to use the BVA machine for voting; organizing various Capacity Building & Sensitization in remotes areas in the FCT for Deaf Women on the need to get their PVCs and mobilization of Deaf Women and Girls to turn up on Election Day to Exercise their civil Right by voting.



# ADVOCACY

AEIG and Deaf Women Aloud Initiative paid an advocacy visit to the Independent National Electoral Commission to seek collaboration on the project "Promoting Deaf Girls and Deaf Women's Participation in the Political Process through Increased Political Inclusion, Voter Registration, Voter Turnout and Balanced Election Media Coverage."



### TRAINING

The project team organized a one-day sensitization for Deaf Women, Data Collection and Mapping in Abuja Municipal Area Council. The participants (deaf women) drawn across the 12 wards of Abuja Municipal Area Council were given voters' education and taken through the workings of the Bimodal Voter Registration System (BVAS) and Voter's education.



### CONCLUSION



The activities conducted from Nov. 2021 to Dec. 2022 Contributed to achieving the project objectives and the overall impact of the projects. It also helped the AEIG team take strategic steps in the next year's activities towards strengthening the traditional justice system to combat sexual and gender-based violence and the preparations and participation of deaf women and girls in the 2023 general elections, as well as developing more strategies to reach out to more institutions in the FCT.

ADVOCACY VISIT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF WIVES OF FCT TRADITIONAL RULERS (AWTR)





ADVOCACY VISIT TO THE HON. CHAIRMAN OF AMAC





TOWN HALL MEETING/PROJECT LAUNCH BANNE R





Association of Wives of FCT Traditional Rulers and ABIODUN Essiet Initiative for Girls

Present

A One Day Town Hall Meeting/Project Launch of

Promoting the Rights of Original Inhabitants of FCT

Venue: Women Centre, Central Business District, Abuja

Date: 6/12/2021 | Time: 10am



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