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ABOUT US

Women's Health and Action Research (WHARC) is a well-known non-governmental, non-profit organization established in 1993 with Headquarters in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria. The Centre is a registered legal entity with the Corporate Affairs Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It consists of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals and researchers together to improve the knowledge and the policy environment for advancing the social development of women and youth in sub-Saharan Africa.



OUR VISION

WHARC vision seeks to create a world where all people are treated with equal respect and dignity and where women and young adolescents have equality and access to basic reproductive health information and services.

OUR MISSION

WHARC mission is grounded in a deep love of humanity and a belief in equality and dignity for all people, WHARC works to improve the reproductive health and social wellbeing of woman and adolescents in Africa so they can lead productive, fulfilling lives and provide a healthy future for their children. Through its cutting edge research, WHARC educates women, youth, community gatekeepers and policymakers about sexual and reproductive health, and advocates for policy change at the local, state and federal level. WHARC also provides current and effective reproductive health services for adolescent girls in Africa. Till date, WHARC has conducted formative and intervention research that documents the socio-cultural determinants of women's health that provides data for developing policies and programs for scaling up best practices relating to women's health in Nigeria and African. In particular, WHARC's niche is to use the results of research to build public health awareness and to advocate for policy changes about critical sexual and reproductive health issues in Nigeria.

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- 5) The West African Health Organization (WAHO).
- 6) Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI)
- 7) Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RCOG), United Kingdom
- 8) The University of Ottawa, Canada.
- 9) Queen's University, Belfast.
- 10) Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Women's Health and Action Research Centre, WHARC, has a long and proud history as Nigeria's leading non-governmental organization in research, advocacy, documentation and service delivery gear towards improving the health and social well-being of women and girls. In the period 2021 – 2022 which is covered by this annual report, WHARC continued to deliver on this mission notwithstanding the challenges CSOs and NGOs around the world faced mobilizing resources in the immediate post covid-19 era. That notwithstanding, WHARC remained strong and visionary in innovations for the health and well-being of women and girls in Nigeria. This annual report aggregates reports of activities of the various departments of the Women's Health and Action Research Centre, for period July 2021 – June 30, 2022 including our audited account.

One positive fall out of the covid-19 pandemic is the increase reliance on internet communication facilities. Pre-Covid-19, WHARC developed the **Text4life** model for emergency response in an earlier project. Following the success of the innovation, the UNFPA supported a scale up of **Text4life** to seven States in Nigeria

International women's day celebrated globally on the 8th of March every year was marked by WHARC in 2022 with a well attended public lecture titled "The Role of the Nigeria police force in Tackling GBV in Edo State" to raise public awareness on the prevention of gender based violence which has become prevalent in the State and the enforcement of the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition), VAPP law domesticated in Edo State early in 2022. This event was in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health innovations (CERHI), University of Benin. The program brought together Government the Office of the Wife of Edo State Governor, Chief Judge of Edo State, the law enforcement agency (Nigeria Police Force), Ministry of Gender and Social Development, Civil Society Organizations, students, the media and members the public. We have reports that the State government has scaled up the dissemination of VAPP law across Edo State.

Similarly, in collaboration with the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), WHARC hosted a workshop to mark **The International Day Of Action For Women's Health** with the theme "**Translating Policies into Action in Women's Health**" in which the academia, government service managers, CSOs and the public were brought together to examine policies and service delivery in women's health.

The African Journal of Reproductive health, Nigeria's leading journal reproductive previously produced quarterly is now being published bimonthly with additional special editions. It is oversubscribed by researchers eager to publish research articles as well as readers across the world. And within the research complex is a reproductive health library with current books and international journal. The Library is open to students and researchers free of charge Monday to Friday. The number of users increased in the period under review compared to the previous year.

In addition to research and documentation, WHARC has on the site a service delivery point – the Abel Guobadia Specialist Hospital (AGSH) fully equipped with the state of the art medical equipment and well trained and highly motivated healthcare personnel. The hospital is supported by a modern laboratory providing a wide range of sophisticated medical investigations. Activities in the hospital increased in the year under review over the previous year. The health information system of the hospital is fully computerized. A variety of medical cases are handled here by highly specialized practitioners. The medical facility organized free medical screening for Iheya community and environs as part of community social responsibility.

Donor support to NGOs is dwindling following the pandemic and for sustainability, WHARC established a high class guest house in the premises known as Academy Guest House and Event Centre which is very conducive

with well furnished rooms and event hall suitable for workshops, seminars, public lectures etc. As part of the sustainability plan, WHARC also produces premium drinking water of the highest quality.

It is noteworthy that our development partners have continued to support and fund our project activities despite economic devastation of covid-19. These partners include among others the United Nations Population Funds (UNFPA), Royal college of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) of U.K. on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Management and staff, we truly appreciate their support and pray for its sustenance.

MEET OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Professor Agatha Nonyem Taiwo Eguavoen (Female). She is a Professor of Sociology with specialization in Criminology and Gender Studies at the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State. Her research interest covers virtually all facets of women and girl child life circles – child labour and abuse, child marriage, defilement and rape, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), wife inheritance, child and women trafficking, sexual harassment, domestic violence, women in conflict zones, terrorism from an African perspective and obnoxious widowhood practices amongst others.



Professor Cyril Mokwenye (Male). He is a Professor of Francophone Caribbean and African Literatures at the University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria. He was educated at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and the University of Bordeaux, France. Professor Mokwenye has been associated with WHARC for over twenty years and was the Centre's official translator of abstracts of articles published in her highly reputable journal – The African Journal of Reproductive Health (AJRH). He is an experienced professor, a former Head of Department (HOD) of Foreign Languages in the University of Benin and a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the same university. Professor Mokwenye served as Deputy Director of WHARC

from 2004 – 2010 and Executive Director from 2010 – 2015.



Chief Lady Marcellina Aisuabeogun (Female). She is a retired Chief Health Sister/Chief Nursing Officer and a Health Educator for several years. She is a member of many professional associations including West African College of Nursing of which she is a past National President. She has been an active member of the National Council of Women Societies (NCWS) the main organization for National Women for several years.



Professor Bridget Ogheneakpobo Ogonor (Female). She is a Professor of Educational Administration at the University of Benin. She has successfully supervised 11 Ph.D. thesis, one M.Phil. and 50 Master's Thesis in Educational Management. She has 54 publications as book chapters, articles in reputable International, National and Local Journals. She has co-edited and co-authored books to her credit. She is a Consulting Editor and Chief Editor to some journals. She serves as an External Examiner to numerous Universities and Colleges of Education. She is a member of National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Team to universities in Educational Management and a member of the Nigerian Academy of Education.



Professor Friday Okonofua (Male) MD, PhD is a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and director of Grants and Research at the University of Benin, Nigeria. He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science, and the African Academy of Science. He has served as the Executive Director of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics and as **Honorary Adviser on Health to President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria.** Professor Okonofua is a global champion in women's health, a discipline where he has published more than 270 journal articles and obtained 46 international research grants. He is the founder of the Women's Health and Action Research Centre, one of Nigeria's leading NGOs, and the founding editor of the *African Journal of Reproductive Health*. He is a member of the editorial board of the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, and a reviewer to several international journals. He is the current Editor in Chief of the *Proceedings of the*

Nigerian Academy of Science, published by the Nigerian Academy of Science. He has served as program officer at the Ford Foundation and as consultant to several international agencies, including the Macarthur Foundation and the World Health Organization. He is the team leader of the World Bank Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation, and the Coordinator of the World Bank projects at the University of Benin in Nigeria. He recently completed his term as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the first University of Medical Sciences in Ondo State in Nigeria, and now he is the Director of Grants and Research at the University of Benin, in Nigeria.



Engineer Ibude Guobadia (Male). He is a Management and Data Consultant with distinctive competences in the creation of predictive mathematical models using Machine Learning algorithms to create data stories which help organizations improve and differentiate their service offerings, create new markets, and mitigate their financial risks. Prior to establishing his consulting firm, Maneng Services Ltd in 2012, Ibude worked in Citibank Nigeria for two decades in different roles. He left as a General Manager/Director Citibank Nigeria. Thereafter, he was engaged as the General Manager (Transaction Banking) at Standard Chartered Bank, Lagos for a two-year period. Ibude has a BSc (Hons) Electrical Engineering from the University of Lagos, Nigeria. He also obtained an MBA from the University of Benin, Nigeria and a Post Graduate Diploma in Data Sciences and Business Analytics from McCombs Business School, University of Texas at Austin, United States of America.



Dr. Wilson Imongan (Male). He is a medical practitioner and the current Executive Director of WHARC. He was an Assistant Director of Primary Health Care/Reproductive Health Coordinator in the Edo State Ministry of Health with direct supervisory responsibility for the 18 Local Government Areas of the State. He was also the state coordinator of NGO activities in the State MoH. In 2007, he was subsequently appointed the Honorable Commissioner for Health in Edo State, a position he held between July, 2007 and November, 2008. He is currently the Vice-Chairman of the National Advocacy Committee of the Christian Health Association of Nigeria.

WHARC ASSOCIATES



Dr. Loretta Favour Chizomam Ntoimo (Female). She is a Sociologist/Demographer. She is a Lecturer in the Department of Demography and Social statistics, at Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Nigeria and the Acting Head of the Department of Demography and Social Statistics. Dr. Ntoimo serves as a Guest Lecturer at the World Bank established Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health (CERHI), University of Benin, Nigeria. She is an Associate of WHARC, where she actively contributes to research planning, data collection and management, and writing for publications. Her research interests are families and households, women, men and children's health and fertility. She is proficient in both qualitative and quantitative data analysis using software.



Professor Akhere Omonkhua (Female). She is a Professor and Head Department of Medical Biochemistry, University of Benin, Nigeria. Her research focus is determining the efficacy, safety, and mechanisms of action of local medicinal plants used to treat diabetes, malaria, and reproductive disorders. Prof. Omonkhua is the Project Coordinator of the African Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI), a World Bank supported project in the University of Benin. She is also the principal investigator of the Natural Products and Phytomedicine Research Group (NAPPREG) of the University of Benin; and principal investigator/co-investigator of several grants including Africa Research Excellence Fund's (AREF) Excell Programme, three TETFUND National Research Fund (NRF) grants, National COVID-19 Rapid Diagnostic Tests Validation Study, and Seeding Labs Instrumental Access. She is a reviewer for several national and international journals and a member of the editorial board of Biokemistri. She was Editor - Biological Sciences for

Annals of Science and Technology (2015 – May, 2017) and Science Editor, African Journal of Reproductive Health (AJRH). Prof Omonkhua is a member of several scientific societies including the Nigerian Society for

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (NSBMB), Nigerian Society for Experimental Biology (NISEB), the Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research (GA), Germany, and a Fellow of the Nigeria Young Academy (FNYA).



Professor Rosemary Nkemdilim Ogu (Female). She is a Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Port Harcourt, Nigeria, is a Maternal Health Advocate with special interest in Sexual/Reproductive Health & Gestational Diabetes Mellitus. In 1990, she won the National Association of Women in Science & Technology Prize for Best Science Girls in Nigeria. This spurred her to study Medicine and Surgery. Rosemary Ogu graduated (MB.BS) with distinction from the University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria, in 1999. Her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology was from 2003 to 2008 at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital. She qualified with the fellowship of both the West African College of Surgeons and the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (FWACS, FMCOG). Born on March 25, 1973, in Delta State, Nigeria; Rosemary Ogu became a Lecturer 1 in October 2009 and Professor in October 2018. Between 2015 and 2018, she obtained a Master's

degree (MSc) in Reproductive Health from the World Bank-supported Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation, (CERHI), University of Benin, Nigeria. She has received numerous Scholarship and honorary awards including the 2009 Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Commendation for Service to Rivers State; the 2014 Port Harcourt University Medical Students' Association (PUMSA) Merit Award as Clinical lecturer of the year, the 2015 Nigerian Medical Students Association award for Active Involvement & Promotion of Reproductive Health in Women & Youths; and the 2017 Medical Women's Association of Nigeria (MWAN) National Award as MWAN Jewel; for outstanding Contribution to MWAN for achieving the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Status. Rosemary Ogu has contributed to several World Health Organisation publications, numerous book chapters, and over 60 published articles in peer-reviewed journals. Prof Rosemary Ogu is married and currently resides in Port Harcourt. She loves giving health talks, reading and traveling.



Barrister Oluwadamilola A. Adejumo (Female). She is a Lecturer in the Faculty of Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife where she teaches Environmental Law, Law of Taxation, Human Rights Law, Law of Contract, and Law and Medicine. Based on her keen research interest in Medical Law, she was appointed as a Consultant to the Institute of Public Health, Obafemi Awolowo University. She is currently a Doctoral Candidate at the Faculty of Law, University of Benin. Her Thesis focuses on a right-based approach to women's access to reproductive health care in Nigeria.



Professor Olufemi Olatunbosun (Male). He is a Professor-Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in Canada. He has been Chair of the Saskatchewan Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Sessions Management for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. He served as ad hoc consultant to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and is currently a Trustee of the Commonwealth Medical Trust, a United Kingdom-

based organization that actively promotes Sexual and Reproductive Health, Reproductive Rights and Reproductive health education in developing countries./ Professor Olatunbosun is an international champion of reproductive health research and education and has pioneered surgical techniques for treating recurrent mid-trimester pregnancy loss (rescue cervical cerclage; abdominal cerclage), and was one of the early pioneers of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in sub-Sahara Africa. He introduced colposcopy and cytological screening for cervical cancer to Nigeria where he pioneered cryosurgery for treating pre-invasive cervical neoplasia.



Dr. Kunle Odunsi (Male). He is the Cancer Center Deputy Director at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is also Professor and Chair of the Department of Gynecologic Oncology, the M. Steven Piver Endowed Professor of Gynecologic Oncology, Executive Director of the Center for Immunotherapy at Roswell Park; and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Buffalo. He maintains an active independent laboratory research program that focuses on understanding the mechanisms of immune recognition and tolerance in human ovarian cancer, and translation of the findings to clinical immunotherapy trials. He has pioneered the development of antigen specific vaccine therapy for prolonging remission rates in patients with ovarian cancer. His laboratory has identified important mechanisms of immune suppression with the ovarian tumor microenvironment; and he has developed strategies to counteract such. He is currently pioneering studies to

“re-engineer” mature T cells and hematopoietic stem cells for generating sustained attack against ovarian cancer in patients. He has developed and implemented protocols for multi-institutional immunotherapy clinical trials under the umbrella of the NCI Cancer Immunotherapy Trials Network (CITN); the NCTN (NRG); ETCTN; and the Cancer Vaccine Collaborative (CVC) program of the Cancer Research Institute/Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research. He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science. In 2018, he was elected to the United States National Academy of Medicine.



Professor Joseph Abiodun Balogun (Male). Joseph Abiodun Balogun, FAS, is a Distinguished Professor in the College of Health Sciences at Chicago State University (CSU), Chicago, USA and Emeritus Professor of Physiotherapy at University of Medical Sciences, Ondo city, Nigeria. Professor Balogun serves on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Physiotherapy Theory and Practice and Journal of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy. He is the Deputy Editor of the African Journal of Reproductive Health. Professor Balogun is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health (FRSPH), Fellow of the Academy of Science (FAS), Fellow of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy (FNPS), and Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine (FACSM). Professor Balogun is the first physical therapist to receive the FAS award. In 2003, he was awarded the J. Warren Perry Distinguished Author’s Award by the Journal of Allied Health.



Professor Lindsay Edouard (Male). He had an international career starting as a medical officer in the Maternal and Child Health Unit of the World Health Organization in Geneva and later with the United Nations Population Fund serving as Project Director for Training for Reproductive Health in sub-Saharan Africa, Senior Reproductive Health Adviser in New York and Representative in Algeria. Committed to the social responsibility of professionals, he emphasized their crucial role beyond the clinical setting to improve the health of populations, as opposed to individuals, and held

positions with the Commonwealth Medical Association, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics and International Planned Parenthood Federation. He served on the editorial board of the African Journal of Reproductive Health and Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada besides serving as the International Advisory Editor of BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health.



Dr. Uche A. Menekaya (Male). He is an Australian trained specialist Obstetrician, Gynecologist and Sonologist. He is a director at JUNIC group that includes a Women's Center with specialized focus on advanced gynecological imaging and advanced laparoscopy. Dr. Menekaya has a special interest in the concept of a 'one-stop' ultrasound based outpatient gynecological services especially for the management of women presenting with early pregnancy complications and gynecological symptoms. Dr. Menekaya has partnered with the Women's Health and Action Research Center, Benin, a leading NGO in reproductive health to establish a fully functional laparoscopic operating suites and training center with the overall goal of providing affordable and accessible minimally invasive surgical services to women with reproductive health challenges in Nigeria.



Kenneth Onome Adagba (Male). Kenneth is an experienced public health physician with over 18 years of combined educational attainment and progressive experience in healthcare financing, Tuberculosis, Leprosy and TB/HIV clinical care, program management and health system research. He is efficient in program design, planning and implementation, attentive to details, easily adapts to new processes, and has excellent report writing skills. As a consultant public health physician, Ken has a proven record of leadership, a team player with excellent interpersonal skills, he thrives well in a fast-paced environment and has presented abstracts and published articles in local and international conferences and well renowned journals. Dr. Kenneth is the Training and Research Coordinator at the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Training Centre, Saye-Zaria which is under the department of public health, Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja and a fellow of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and consults for several development partners and organizations. Kenneth is happily married with kids and enjoys

travelling, reading and making new friends. After a successful National Youth Service Corp in 2006, Kenneth was appointed Special Assistant to the Honorary Special Adviser to Mr. President and Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Maternal and Child Health (Prof. Friday E. Okonofua), a position he held till May 28th, 2007 and later joined the Federal Ministry of Health as a medical officer in the Department of Public Health in July, 2007. He functioned as the focal point for National TB prevalence survey until he was posted to the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Training Centre in 2011 where he rose to be Head of Clinical service and Training Departments.

PROGRAMS REPORT

REPORT ON THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY PUBLIC LECTURE TITLED ROLE OF THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE IN TACKLING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN EDO STATE, HELD ON THE 8TH OF MARCH AT THE NATALIA KANEM EVENT HALL, WHARC , KM 11, BENIN LAGOS EXPRESSWAY, IGUE-IHEYA BENIN CITY.



International women’s day is celebrated globally on the 8th of March. The theme chosen this year by the United Nations is “equality today for a sustainable tomorrow #Breakthebias”. The Women’s Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) marked this day with a public lecture titled “The Role of the Nigeria police force in Tackling GBV in Edo State.

The objective of the program was to provide an opportunity for stakeholders in government, the civil society, legal luminaries and law enforcement agencies to rob minds on ways to prevent the rising cases of rape and GBV in Edo State.



The event which officially started at 10:27am, was anchored by the Executive Director, WHARC, Dr. Wilson Imongan. He used the 2nd stanza of the national anthem as the opening prayer. He welcomed all guest present and invited special guests to the high table. Dr. Imongan in his welcome address highlighted the vision and mission of WHARC. He outlined the facilities and services rendered by WHARC, which include the Abel Guobadia hospital, Academy guest house, The next premium water and the Natalia Kanem hall which was being used. He encouraged all guest to make use of our facilities. He mentioned that WHARC is all about research and advocacy with works in different states in the country. Finally, he stated the role of the police in solving the inequalities in the society concerning prejudice, domestic violence and GBV and to defend the poor in the society.

Dr. Vivian Onoh, program manager for CERHI came up for her goodwill message. She started by saying GBV affects both sexes all over the world but that women and children suffer the most because they are the most vulnerable. She cited an example of a case where a girl was murdered by her boyfriend who was a “yahoo” boy (cyber fraud) in December 2021. She encouraged the police to take issues such as this very seriously and with comprehensive investigation to bring perpetrators to book. She advocated against prejudice and bias in the health sectors by health workers on these victims of abuse like rape, domestic violence etc. she noted that the victims life and safety be prioritized among other things .she also encouraged government agencies to take result oriented steps to stop the abuses and inhumane activities of all kind. She stated that more awareness program, be held and proper enlightenment and harmfulness of human trafficking be given.



The chairman of the day, Hon. Justice Tinuade Akomolafe-Wilson in her speech applauded the management of WHARC and CERHI for putting this event together, stating that it is a very sensitive one and appreciated Prof Friday Okonofua. She stated that she is committed to continually talk about gender related issues. She encouraged women to rise above every limitation and to be actively involved in matters that concerned them and the society. She recommended that such event be held monthly or quarterly. She briefly talked about the negative influence GBV has in the state.



The SUG president of the University of Benin, Foster Amadin in his goodwill message, appreciated women all over the world who have proven to be great mothers and influencers despite the odds. “Educate a man, you educate an individual but educate a woman and you educate a family, society, and nation”. This quote he says describe the benefit of women to the society. He appreciated the fact that more women are becoming aware of the opportunities before them and making the best use of it. He appreciated his mother who is the bedrock of his success today. Finally, he pleaded that justice be served in the case of the late Susan who was murdered in cold blood by random gunmen in front of her hostel in Osasogie, a student residential area of the University of Benin.

Miss Lydia Okojie, Miss ECOWAS MBGN 2021, in her goodwill message appreciated women all over the world.

Mr Urowoyina who is the centre admin for Idia Renaissance and representative of the former first lady, Chief Mrs. Eki Igbiniedion also appreciated the organizers for a program such as this and highlighted the mandate of Idia Renaissance, a pet project of the former first lady and its concern to ensure that women are bold enough to engage and actively get involved to get the desired change. He also encouraged WHARC to publicize more so people can be more aware of their services and know who to run to for help.



Justice Okeaya Inneh who represented Justice Joe Acha in her goodwill message mentioned that men too are victims of GBV and said she hope to see more men get involved in events such as this.

Barr Bridget Iguodala, senior special council from the ministry of Justice appreciated Prof Okonofua for being the engine behind WHARC. She summarized her message as never judge a woman because of her softness and stating that a woman’s strength is more internal than external.

The speaker for the event, DSP Magdalene Idemudia who is the O/C gender in the state CID spoke on the role of the police in tackling GBV in Edo state. She emphasized the need to speak up when cases of GBV arise and all time stating that the authorities concerned be notified quickly so that the police can act fast. She noted that the Nigeria police force especially in Edo state handles cases of GBV seriously and offenders are punished severely. She stated that there is inter-agency involvement in the treatment of GBV cases which includes the ministry of social development and gender issues, the police clinic, the judiciary, the Vivian center in carrying out their duties. She stated that the police have done so much and still doing much to fight GBV in Edo state. She highlighted the content of the VAP law which is a law that guides against all forms of abuse and it has been mandated to bring culprit of rape, abuse, domestic violence, child molestation and other related GBV issues to book. She thanked the judiciary for doing a great job in getting justice for victims. She stated that before now, prosecution of offenders of GBV was held at the magistrate court but now, prosecution is at the high court which is a huge step and that the punishment for offenders is life imprisonment. She stated with much emphasis that the NPF do not compromise on GBV as offenders when arrested are detained, charged to court, tried and prosecuted. When cases arise, the Vivian center is called on to carry out a test before moving forward.



Dr. Georgina Eronmosele who is the head of the Vivian center and representative of the first lady, Mrs. Betsy Obaseki gave a brief talk on what the Vivian center is about and its mandate to fight against GBV, provide medical, psychology, and sociological support. She explained further on the passage of the VAP law which provide laws against all forms of abuses including physical and emotional etc. she mentioned the effort of the first lady to reduce GBV to the barest minimum. She stated that the Vivian center was established in 2020. The Vivian center was created to provide health services and these services are free for people to access.

Question and answer the SUG president asked if it was possible for copies of this VAP law be made available and a youth Corp member asked if there were helplines that will make reporting easier and help gotten faster.

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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH WORKSHOP.



“How Many Policies Have Translated into Action?”.

The above question was asked by Professor Lawrence Omo-Aghoja at the International Day of Action for Women's Health, in a Workshop organized by Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) in partnership with Centre of Excellence for Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI) and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), which held at Dr. Natalia Kanem Event Hall (Inside WHARC Premises). The keynote speaker, Prof. Lawrence Omo-Aghoja in his lecture, titled, “strategies for inclusive delivery of maternal and child health in Nigeria”; outlined the challenges women and children encounter daily and noted that mortality can not only be reduced or prevented but can be avoidable. According to him, “The big question now is, in the presence of many policies, how many has been translated into actions?”. Prof. Omo-Aghoja emphasized the need for more respectable approaches when treating women and children as most issues are delicate, hence be handled with care and not dismissed. In her lecture, the second speaker - Dr. Obarisiagbon, the Executive Secretary of the Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency (EDPHCDA) presented the topic “Role of primary healthcare for equitable delivery of maternal healthcare”. She decried the perception that PHCs are for women and children alone and noted the fact that Edo State Government has upgraded the facilities used in PHCs. She encouraged participants at the workshop to patronize the PHCs closest to them as simple sicknesses can be treated stating that for cases of emergencies, Government has now put mini emergency rooms in PHCs. Furthermore, Dr. Obarisiagbon highlighted the role of PHCs to include, immunization, family planning, delivery and post-natal care, appropriate referrals as and at when due. The Executive Secretary

(EDPHCDA) applauded Prof Friday Okonofua for his contributions of sensitization in communities and appealed to community leaders present to encourage their community members to use the PHCs close to them.



The chairman of the occasion, Prof Christiana Okojie in her speech, expressed concerns over non-implementation of projects, misappropriation of funds meant for the execution of such projects. She lamented the dearth of sustainability and noted that most times there are no plans for continuation of projects when implemented; this she blamed as the reason for abandoned projects in the country. Speaking further, she posited that funding can only come from a government that is interested in issues that affects its people, especially in health, and only then can PHCs thrive successfully. Prof. Okojie averred that it is not enough to allocate funds but how much is being released for proper implementation of these projects after funds have been allocated. In her concluding statements, she appealed to government to establish more PHCs and encouraged men to be as involved as women in order to achieve a balanced society.

Dr. Wilson Imongan opened the ceremony with introduction of guest and led guest to recite the second stanza of the national anthem as the opening prayer. After that, he gave a brief introduction of WHARC, its vision and mission and its work. He invited the program manager of CERHI, Dr. Vivian Onoh to give the opening Remark. Dr. Vivian, program manager of CERHI started by welcoming everyone while stating that CERHI is pleased to work with WHARC . She gave a brief introduction of how CERHI was founded. She said CERHI started in 2014 and got new grant in 2019 on which it is still running. She congratulated WHARC for celebrating this day as she said this day can also be tagged WHARC birthday.

The chairman of the day, Prof Christiana Okojie was pleased to be present while welcoming guest to the workshop. She however mentioned that she'll give her remarks at the end of the lectures.



Prof Friday Okonofua welcomed guest present while apologizing for the low turn-out stating that weekends are always busy with activities hence the reason for the low turn-out. Prof Okonofua noted that the day was worth celebrating as it was an avenue to empower women and provide better care for women to reduce mortality rate for mother and child.

It was then time for the keynote speaker, Prof Omo-Aghoja to deliver his lecture, titled, “strategies for inclusive delivery of maternal and child health in Nigeria. He outlined the challenges women and children encounter daily and noted that mortality can not only be reduced or prevented but can be avoidable. The big question now is, in the presence of many policies, how many has been translated into actions. Prof Omo-Aghoja emphasized the need for more respectable approach when treating women and children as most issues are delicate hence be handled with care and not dismissed. He also emphasized the need for detailed explanation to be given to women before carrying out any form of examination on them. In his closing statements, he stretched the need to strengthen the primary health care centers and improve on good and effective referral process. He also stressed the need for more respectable healthcare deliveries in our hospitals. Simple tools should be put in place e.g, better public toilets and also policies should be turned to actions.

The second speaker, Dr. Obarisiagbon, the executive secretary of the Edo State primary health care development agency (EDPHCDA) presented the next lecture on the topic “Role of primary healthcare for equitable delivery of maternal healthcare. She ruled out the perception that PHCs are for women and children alone. She mentioned that the present government of Edo State has upgraded the facilities to make PHCs become a family affair, i.e including the men. She encouraged participants at the workshop to patronize the PHCs closest to them as simple sicknesses can be treated stating that in cases of emergencies, Government has

now put mini emergency rooms in PHCs and that medical personnel are being posted more now. She applauded Prof Friday Okonofua for his contribution in the area of sensitization in communities. She highlighted the role of PHCs to include, immunization, family planning, delivery and post natal care, appropriate referrals as at when due. She noted the paradigm shift in the patronage of PHCs as they are better equipped now and are more in numbers. She used the opportunity to show pictures of PHCs including the ones in Ovbiogie and Oredo while commending the Governor for his determination in providing better healthcare system for the people of the State. She also shared some success stories with participants by showing pictures of new born in PHCs, which includes 2 sets of triplets. She appealed with the community leaders present to encourage their community members to use the PHCs close to them. She noted that while there is still so much to be done, PHCs are better than what it used to be and is capable of addressing issues that affects women, children and even the family (unless when such a case needs to be referred).

The chairman of the occasion, Prof Christiana Okojie in her speech, highlighted issues that we still face as a country when it comes to implementation of projects that affects people of a nation. They include misappropriation of funds meant for projects. The issue of lack of sustainability is also another issue. There are no sustainability plans for continuation of projects when implemented. This she noted is the key reason for abandoned projects in the country. She noted that funding can only come from a government that is interested in issues that affects its people, especially in health as it affects its people and only then can PHCs thrive successfully. She went further to say that it is not enough to allocate funds but how much is being released for proper implementation of these projects after funds have been allocated. She appealed to government to establish more PHCs and we will find out that most workshops being done might not be necessary, except of course trainings. She stressed on the need to carry men along too and not just the women for a balanced society. She also appealed to couples to try as much as possible to avoid divorce. She advocated for stableness in the midst of empowerment.

Prof Friday Okonofua gave the closing remark where he thanked the speakers, chairman and participants for coming. He appealed to the chairman, prof Okojie for another opportunity to talk about women's health and empowerment; looking back and forward so as to work towards a better country.

REPORT ON THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS (RCOG) MAKING ABORTION SAFE PROGRAM

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RCOG), U.K is implementing a project in Nigerian with 12 SRHR Champions in various locations in the country. The Project is a part of the RCOG's Making Abortion Safe Program. After extensive evaluation of the integrity, capacity and experience of many NGOs in Nigeria, WHARC was appointed the MAS program **Finance Partners** in Nigeria. The RCOG Making Abortion Safe aims to support healthcare professionals to address the barriers to safe abortion and /or post – abortion care for women and girls.

The role of WHARC includes full financial management of the project funds in Nigeria (payment of stipends to SRHR Champions and disbursement of funds to operationalise the national advocacy plan) and work closely SRHR Champions and RCOG management team. During this reporting period WHARC supported: 1. The production of 2,000 copies of National Guidelines on Termination of Pregnancy for Legal Indications, 2. The conduct of in-depth interviews with healthcare providers of legally permitted abortion and / or post abortion care services and 3. The attendance of MAS team at the Nigerian medical Association AGM/Scientific Conference in Port Harcourt, for a presentation on post abortion care to Medical Doctors by SRHR Champions.

The MAS project is delivering on its mandate.

REPORT ON THE UNFPA SECOND QUARTER PROJECT: PROMOTING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES UTILIZATION IN 3 LGAs IN EDO STATE



OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY

Specific Objectives of the activity was to;

- Access the level of awareness of GBV among people in project communities
- Understand the level of women participation in community matters
- Promote awareness of the Violence Against Person's (VAP) law
- Retrain health workers on their role in promoting SRHR and GBV services
- Advocate for community support in addressing GBV matters

METHODOLOGY

Focus group discussion which is a qualitative research method was used for this project. The UNFPA project for the second quarter kick started in April with Focus Group Discussion (FGD). The goal of this FGD was to access the level of awareness of GBV among people in the LGAs and also to access how they perceive violence against women and their stand on women's participation in decision making in matters that affect communities.

The FGD was done in 4 categories in all LGA, they include: the older men, older women, the younger men and the younger women of reproductive ages. The FGD started with members of Igue-Iheya community in Ovia North East LGA and then community conversation with the community heads and members of the community on the same issue. The discussion was done separately so as to give autonomy to each group, except of course the community conversation which was done together. Each session of discussion was recorded which was sent for transcription. The open data kit (ODK) tool will be used to transcribe.



The next community visited was Irrua in Esan Central LGA followed by Okpekpe in Etsako East LGA. Just as it was done in Igue-Iheya, so it was done in the remaining 2 communities mapped out.

Thereafter community conversation also -took place in these communities with the various community heads. Each FGD yielded positive results as the participants were open and truthful.

A 2 days training was also organized for HCW/SW in project communities. This training held at the Natalia Kanem event Hall, Benin City. Healthcare workers and community social workers from Igue-iheya, Okpekpe, Ewatto and Irrua were present.

Day 1

The meeting started with one of the participants leading the opening prayers followed by introduction of participants. Dr. Imongan gave the opening remark and briefly introduced WHARC. He noted that the meeting was to look at ways to improve the services being provided by the PHCs in these communities.

Henrietta gave an overview of the meeting by highlighting objective of the meeting and outlining the lectures to expect during the course of the training.

Dr. Imongan delivered the first lecture titled; *Understanding Key SRHR Issues in Project communities*. In his presentation, he emphasized the rights to exercise freedom in reproductive decisions, especially as it pertains to an individual. He noted that the same issues that women face in Nigeria is the same issue women overseas face as it relates to maternal health and reproductive issues. Why then do the women die more in Nigeria?. He answered that ACCESS is what determines the chances of survival when women face challenges. He noted that women overseas have better access compared to women in Nigeria. When looking at SRHR , we see that women have rights of access to receive information and services and the right to express this freedom of reproductive choices.

He went further to highlight component of reproductive health which include but not limited to the following; family planning, adolescent reproductive health, maternal health, safe abortion, GBV and harmful traditional practice. The issues facing reproductive health were listed as follows; poor infrastructure, poor security for both the PHCs and health workers, poor staffing, inadequate essential commodities and equipment for maternal care, lack of medical officers in PHCs, poor awareness of women and their husbands on utilization of PHCs for maternal care, PHCs being relatively far from communities e.tc, these and many more he noted are the issues facing SRHR and thus prevents access to quality maternal care.

Way forward; having understood the issues facing SRHR, a few solutions were outlined:

1. Health education on PHCs and community sensitization activities to bring to the awareness of community members that such facilities exist.
2. Cost reduction to encourage patronage of PHCs
3. Improved staffing
4. Improvement of health facilities
5. Training of health providers
6. Advocacy to local governments and community stakeholders for support
7. Improvement of physical access to PHCs like accessible roads, clearing round PHCs etc

The lecture ended with a summary that towards making PHCs more attractive, then the 3 Rs need to be in place. They are, Rehabilitate, Re-staff and Reduce cost burden. Only then can PHCs begin to take new form in the society.

The second lecture titled *working with communities in the role of health education and advocacy* was delivered by Dr. Imongan. He enlightened participants that community and members of community play key role in the growth of PHCs. They should see PHCs as their own and therefore be spurred to protect it and ensure its sustenance. It was summarized that as part of the advocacy;

1. Nurses or health workers posted to remote areas should remain there and not run away thereby leaving the place vacant.
2. It is the responsibility of government to make these communities “stayable” for these health workers. Basic needs such as light, water, strong internet connection, accessible roads should be provided for them
3. It is the duty of the health workers to develop a good relationship with host communities. Dedication seen in health workers can spur communities to provide basic materials for them.
4. Adverts for positions should be location specific. This would address the issue of health workers leaving these remote areas.
5. The attention of influential persons from host communities should be drawn to the needs of these PHCs and made to contribute towards the growth of these PHCs
6. Community stakeholders and members of communities should raise awareness of the existence of PHCs
7. Religious houses in host communities can enjoin their members to participate in caring for PHCs and its workers. This can be either be done by monetary means or mobilization of members to watch over and work around PHCs.

LECTURE 3

The issue of GBV was briefly discussed. Dr. Imongan also led this session. We saw Gender is the social differences between male and females. GBV is an umbrella term for any harmful acts that is perpetrated against a person’s will and that is based on socially ascribed (i.e gender) differences between males and females. The types of GBV were listed as follows;

1. Physical. Examples of physical violence include; physical assault, trafficking, slavery, honor killing etc
2. Emotional. examples include abuse, humiliation, intimidation, threats etc
3. Economic. Discrimination/denial of opportunity, forced/early marriage, denial of education for women and children.
4. Sexual. Forced marriage, sexual exploitation/forced prostitution, survival sex, rape and marital rape etc

Day 2

Meeting started at 9:25am with a woman that came reporting a case of repeated violence on her daughter by the daughter’s husband. This was a practical example of the discussion that was held the previous day. Dr. Imongan after welcoming contributions from the participants made a call to the Hon. Commissioner for women affairs Edo State and notified her of the situation. The commissioner gave her expert advice and asked that the woman be referred to the Vivian centre, which is a centre set up by the First lady of the state to address issues of GBV in the state.

Then the meeting started proper with opening prayer and Henrietta reading the minute of the previous day. The discussion on way forward in strengthening SRHR in project communities: The use of Primary Health Care, kick started and it was summarized thus;

1. Ward development committee (WDC) be set up. This is very key as the WDC will handle effective mobilization and proper advocacy for the PHCs. Okpekpe was cited as an example where this committee was effective.
2. Quality staffing so as not to overwork health workers
3. Provision of essential materials like bed, bedsheet, and drugs
4. Sustained health education
5. Prompt referral is key in strengthening PHCs
6. Beautifying of PHCs, both interior and exterior.
7. Advocacy. Not necessarily from government but from influential Indigenes of the community.

The 2 days training session officially came to a close. IEC materials were distributed to them with in turn will - be distributed in the communities. Pictures were taken and participants left for their various destination.



TEXT4LIFE OPTIMIZATION MEETING HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 11 AT DOVER HOTEL, IKEJA LAGOS.

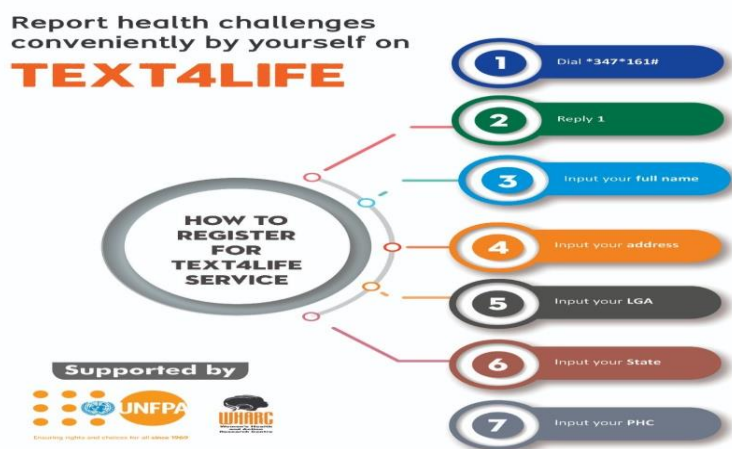
The text4life optimization meeting was held at the Dover hotel and had 17 persons in attendance. This meeting was a call to talk about the current state of the App and brainstorm on effective methods or approaches that can be used to get maximum results off the existing structures already in place.

The meeting started with the singing of the first stanza of the National Anthem, thereafter participants introduced themselves and the organization they represented. Dr. Babtunde Adelekan who was the convener of this meeting, started the meeting by welcoming all participants present and gave a brief introduction of the text4life App. He highlighted the idea behind the Text4life App, stating that the Text4life app is an USSD SMS platform to report cases which was birthed due to the COVID-19 pandemic that resulted in a nationwide lockdown that made it difficult for individuals especially women and adolescents to access healthcare services especially during emergencies. The Text4life was therefore an innovative response plan to ensure a timely reporting of cases from the houses of these users at no cost. He stated that WHARC, UNFPA and PPFN all work to ensure the effective and efficient birth process of the App. The text4life was established in 9 states in Nigeria and the FCT. PPFN controls 70% of the project, that is in charge of 7 states: Kaduna, Kano, Borno, Ogun, Gombe, F.C.T, Sokoto while WHARC controls 30% of the project : Lagos, Enugu, Akwa Ibom.

Dr. Babatunde noted that an Evaluation was done in November where it was discovered that the Text4life worked well in some states and in others, can almost be referred to as a failed cause. Dr. Adelekan mentioned that permission to work was granted not quite long hence the urgency of the meeting. In Each of these states, 32 high burdened communities were picked in 3 LGAs each per state.

HOW THE TEXT4LIFE APP WORKS

Dial *347*161# on your phone. Two options are given, either to register or create a report. When Register is clicked, you indicate your location and the nearest healthcare facility closest to you. When create a report is clicked in cases of emergency, a list of possible reports comes up and if the report you're creating isn't part of it, click on others option and type in your report and send. The message is received and a number is sent to the sender to call if that sender does not receive a call. The message sent goes to the primary healthcare worker in that health facility closest to the sender and the HCW starts preparing for the arrival of that person. In cases of GBV, evacuation process is to move the person to a safe place begins. This process is to address the delay women face in healthcare centres, especially during labour. The role of the CSOs is to ensure that these persons get to the health care facility and help is gotten.



POINT OF FAILURE

Points of failures were noted by participants and they include;

1. The system does not send a follow-up message. This makes it difficult to track if such cases was treated.
2. At the point of registration or creating a report, the system does not ask the age and gender of a reporter, this is an incomplete process as it would be difficult to give a comprehensive report of the project at the end of the project.
3. Starting big was a problem that will have to be managed. The project should have been implemented in a couple of states and managed properly before expansion to other states.
4. Due to the inability to register SIMS at the start point, personal numbers were used for this process which shouldn't have been so.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS

The App was applauded for its work thus far but a lot still has to be done.

1. The complex nature of the app should be simplified
2. Getting more women to register and use the app can be done at antenatal meetings as this is an avenue to reach out to more persons.
3. Someone should be at the server 24/7 to monitor reports closely and ensure response and follow-up on time.
4. A call/voice prompt should be added to the App and not just SMS. This can address the issue of literates or semi-literates using the app as the SMS process can be tedious even for literates and worse for the illiterates.
5. Trying out the app in different local language should be considered.
6. There should be a link between IPs, UNFPA and CSOs when reports are received. This will aid an effective follow-up Process rather than leaving it solely in the hands of the HCW.
7. During sensitization, other languages can be spoken.
8. Challenges differ in states. Identifying challenges peculiar to states and working with actual challenges rather than assumed/generalized challenges will help make better use of the app.

Dr. Babatunde noted that the initial proposal was to allow people to call but due to the inability to register SIMs the call prompt wasn't done. He however said that new SIMs will be purchased and registered now for this optimization process and linked to the server with the old numbers taken out. . He then told participants that expectations for the app should be reduced and moving forward, we should work within the scope of what the Text4life App currently offers to ensure an optimization of the App. This was adopted by all.

During the cause of the deliberation, everyone agreed that truly someone ought to monitor this process round the clock and sit by the computer but the big question, who pays for it wasn't answered.

THE WAY FORWARD

Dr. Adelekan however noted that visibility is all that is needed for the one month the program will run which ends in May 2022. The level of visibility can be used as a template for either scaling up or sustenance. 3 group of persons will actively be involved in ensuring the purpose the App was created, is achieved effectively for the remaining month of this project. They are;

1. HCW. They are to be given a stipend of #5000 weekly for one month. Their role is to increase awareness and ensure registration of more persons in their facility.

2. LGA health educators. Their role is to coordinate response at community levels. Also responsible for visits to religious/traditional leaders.
3. Community mobilizers. They are the town announcer, community volunteers, literate persons that will do a one on one outreach.

MATERIALS TO BE USED;

1. Posters. These will be printed and sent to the states.
2. Radio jingles
3. Leaflets
4. Town announcers
5. Religious/traditional leaders.

The advocacy and training program which will be a 4days program will have PPFN and WHARC officers on ground in pone of the states they cover.

OPTIMIZATION THE TEXT4LIFE

For the optimization process, these steps will be followed;

1. Get a list of all HCW in possession with the phones and retrieve them. 32 phones each was given to the 9 states and the FCT. There are possibilities that most HCW might have been transferred out of the facility or phones might even be lost. For the lost phones, it must be replaced while those transferred should provide the names of those they handed to phones to. Also, for this new training, the new HCW in the community should be invited for training and not the old ones who were transferred.
2. Advocacy. Talk with the state actors based on their level of influence. Help them to understand the need to for sustenance beyond us.
3. It was a challenge for HCW to call reporters due to lack of airtime in time past. Moving forward, the #5000 that will be given to the HCW, #2000 is for airtime. This is to address the issue of no airtime.
4. A list of GBV referral centers in the state, Family planning Coordinators, reproductive health coordinators, COVID-19 response team phone numbers should be given to each HCW to help them in instances of referral.
5. HCW coming for the training should be asked to come with their branded T-shirts and caps.
6. At radio level, a list of people reached can be given so that we can know the level of impact of the jingle.
7. A report and pictures of people registered and linked to the system should be provided.
8. For payments to be made, a participation list, a report or an invoice should be provided.
9. A list of everyone that has registered in the data base should be provided.
10. A meeting with the IP was fixed for Thursday 14 April at 1pm. This is for introduction basis.

COMMENTS FROM THE CONSULTANT, MR JOY ADENIRAN

When someone registers once and dials the number again, the user still sees the register option. Mr. Joy was asked why this happens. He answered that this is to avoid the waiting time of the system checking through if this person is registered or not. Also, it makes it possible for a user to use the app in the case of an emergency. He noted that registration isn't important and this this is to have their details for contacting them in future for a survey to know their take on the app.

He said it was possible to add the age and gender features. He was also asked if a prompt can be added to know when a message is received successfully or failed to deliver. The consultant is expected to;

1. Add the age and gender feature to the registration and creating a report process.
2. Add a prompt that indicates the state of a message if it has been delivered or failed.
3. Make it possible for a few focal persons to get the notification for a report and also monitor CSO and HCW. This he said is possible with lot of brainstorming.
4. Add another option to the system that shows the status of a report. The HCW will give this report.
5. A permanent failure code should be generated when messages don't deliver after multiple trials.

Dr. Adelekan asked if all these can be done in a week and the consultant said it is possible but that will be after an official discussion. The meeting came to a close around 6:30pm.

A REPORT ON THE 2 DAYS UNFPA CAPACITY TRAINING ON A PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF UNFPA PROJECTS BY UNFPA STAFFS ; JAIYEOLA AYANBADEJO AND OYAREKHUA MAUREEN A. ON THE 2-4TH MARCH 2022.

The first day of the training was 2nd of march which started at 10am at the conference hall 1. Jaiyeola started by explaining the process of how things are done at unfpa which involves the initial process of choosing a project. In November/December, all existing IP (implementing partners) submit their report for the year which is closing. This takes place at the annual workplan meeting at the end of the year which is usually a 2-3days meet at a central location or via zoom which has been the case due to the pandemic. Prior to the meeting, templates are shared to ensure a smooth running of the meeting. She noted that as the year ends, a new one begins there and then which means that the process of project implementation for the next quarter in the coming year begins.

There is also a stage for consultation with focal points who are project managers in UNFPA. Activities coming up in line with UNFPA are presented, deliverables, report for the year ending, budget justification which include concept note, word version, excel workplan version and proposal are submitted and then finalized.

The excel work plan comes next, focused on result. Indicators keyng into UNFPA program. When the workplan is ready, it is sent to UNFPA, in turn, UNFPA uses the excel workplan to enter into atlas, that is the Global programming system (GPS).

When working on the itemized budget template, it is advised to not copy and paste to avoid to avoid mistakes that will erase all the work that has been done. After this, they are submitted to management for review where the planned resource for the year are shuffled i.e, significant and insignificant projects that are in line with UNFPA are shuffled.

It was moted that funds are received and spent quarterly. At the end of an exhausted quarter, funds are retired. All activities outlined for that quarter for which funds were released, must be completed at the end of that quarter. There is a 7 days grace at the beginning of the next quarter that allows for rounding off of report and not project.

Maureen explained that it is advisable to make realistic budget that can be easily related to. It is advisable to not go above UNFPA rate. She stated that reporting period is 1-15 of the new month is for submission of implementation.

Prof Okonofua pleaded with UNFPA to tell WHARC areas they should improve and work on so that mistakes of the past do not repeat itself.

They noted that a work plan is a plan that may or may not happen and thus review meetings which happens frequently can come up anytime. IPs are contacted when new funds are received. When working in the last

quarter of the year, it is advisable to submit all report on or before December 31st. They however noted that what causes delay most times is unavailability of documents.

They went further to explain technical review. Annual work plan, Budget justification are reviewed and WHARC's focal person in UNFPA gets the feedback (Dr. Emilene). Atlas is where all the work is done. IP access the e-face management to submit report, request retirement and also report on the progress of the work plan. Dr. Imongan asked if release of fund is tied to retirement of funds. Maureen answered that if everything checks then release of funds is not a problem. It only delays when all boxes do not tick.

It was noted also that the program officer and senior officer of WHARC attends mid-year meetings. It was noted that when funds expire, it cannot be touched. The approved UNFPA DSA rate is 30, 000 which covers accommodation and feeding. Transaction list should match with the expenses budget and support documents, this covers total expenditure. Documents should be well available and self-explanatory.

DAY 2

Atlas: e-face was discussed extensively. E-face means, Electronics- funds authorization and certificate of expenditure. On the e-face form, funds are requested for new activity and reports are also written. What is now normal is that request are usually made in the first quarter, requested and retired in the second/middle quarter and retirement in the last quarter. Two things are essential on the e-face form. Funding which is finance is purely numbers while program is for work plan progress report.

When making a request, the following steps should be taken;

1. Sign face frm. Fill in the number you want and what using it for.
2. Submit and download. The senior officer in WHARC responsible for signing should sign.
3. Open the signed copy for approval by UNFPA
4. Remove support cost. You can't request for support cost before expenditure.
5. Attach detail budget template with only what you're requesting for.
6. Rework the budget but do not increase.

When retiring, put in report on programs. Work plan progress report s a summary. A standard activity template was shared. It is impossible to roll-over twice, the report should be brief with results stated. In cases where no activity is done, it should be reported. It is important t note that support cost does not need report (standard activity report). Expense period is blank when requesting for a new one. Only advance period Is selected.

Detailed budget template is to request while the detailed budget list is to retire funds.

WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS AND MEETINGS

HEALTHCARE/ SOCIAL WORKERS TRAINING ON STRENGTHENING CAPACITY



WHARC in Partnership with UNFPA Organised A-2 days training for Health Care Workers/Social Workers in project communities, which held at the Dr. Natalia Kanem Event Hall, KM 11, Benin-Lagos Expressway, Igue-Iheya, Benin City, Edo State, from Tuesday 14th – Wednesday 15th June, 2022. Healthcare workers and community social workers from Igue-Iheya, Okpekpe, Ewatto and Irrua were present. Pertinent topics revolving around ways to improve services being provided by the Primary Health Centre's (PHCs) in their communities, Understanding Key Sexual and Reproductive Health and Right (SRHR) Issues in Project communities, working with communities in the role of health education and advocacy and Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

Dr. Wilson Imongan delivered the lectures on topics titled: Understanding Key SRHR Issues in Project communities and working with communities in the role of health education and advocacy.





He highlighted components of reproductive health which include but are not limited to family planning, adolescent reproductive health, maternal health, safe abortion, GBV and harmful traditional practice. In his presentation, he emphasized the rights to exercise freedom in reproductive health decisions, in SRHR, women have rights of access to receive information and services and the right to express this freedom of reproductive choices. He enlightened participants that community and members of community play key role in the growth of PHCs. They should see PHCs as their own and therefore be spurred to protect it and ensure its sustenance.

The two days training session officially came to a close with the distribution of IEC materials to participants, which will be distributed in their various communities.

REPORT ON END OF PROJECT WORKSHOP FOR NAS – GBV PROJECT

RE – “Strengthening the Evidence and Response Pathways for Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Key States in Nigeria.”



The workshop held today – Tuesday June 14th, 2022, at the New Festival Hall, Government House, Benin City, Edo State. It kicked off at 10:30am. Activities to kick start the workshop began with the Registration of Participants and Introduction of Guests. Mrs. Barbara N. Osobajo, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Development and Gender Issues (MSDGI), welcomed all participants to the workshop. In her welcome address, The First Lady of Edo State, Her Excellency, (Mrs.) Betsy Bene Obaseki, who is the Chairperson Edo State GBV Management Committee welcomed all participants present and as reassured every one of her efforts to curtail GBV in Edo State. In his Address, to declare the workshop open, Governor Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki reiterated and reminded the participants through the fora of efforts geared towards the extermination of GBV in Edo State, such as the establishment of the Vivian Centre where free legal, health and counselling services are rendered to victims of GBV. He further assured the public of his concern to see that justice is served over the case of Miss Uwaila Omozuwa, whose life was brutally cut short in the prime of her life in 2020. He further spoke on the formal launch of the GBV Training Manual and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of GBV Prevention and Response. He noted that these materials were compilations of materials used by resource persons during training and that they would be used to transmit banes of GBV, he also

assured participants that these materials would be disseminated to all relevant Agencies, Ministries, NGOs and the likes. In his concluding statements, he announced the donation of operational vehicles to the Vivian Centre and MSDGI and appreciated the contributions and supports by the West African Office of the Ford Foundation, Professor Friday Okonofua and the Nigerian Academy of Science, for the support accorded Her Excellency, The First Lady of Edo State to accomplish her giant strides in the fight against Gender Based Violence in Edo State.



The Resource Persons comprised of Hon. (Barr.) Marie Edeko, Professor Ernest Ugiagbe, Dr. (Mrs.) Idehen and Irene Omorogiuwa, who took turns to refresh the minds of participants and attendees about the overview of programmes and activities under the project. Feedback, lessons learnt and experiences were shared, the way forward to ensuring continuity of all programmes and activities were practically discussed. Afterwards, a film produced on the GBV Project, was aired, it comprised of themes such as the need for Parental Guidance, Proper home training, Peer group influence, Resilience, Justice, and the roles of the Police, the Judiciary, Agencies, Centres or NGOs and other Government Parastatals dedicated to the course of GBV victims like the Vivian Centre. It is indeed a must-watch for people of all strata's. Feedback was elicited from the National Academy of Science, which was closely followed with the dissemination of Training manuals and SOP to Participants, by the Executive Secretary, NAS – Dr. Oladoyin Odubanjo. The vote of thanks was given by the Director of Gender Department – Mrs. J. I. Ihensekhien. Packaged lunch was thereafter given to all attendees. The workshop ended at about 3:30 pm. Present at the Workshop were Top Government Functionaries, Representatives of Edo State Ministries of Education, Communication and Orientation, National Orientation Agency, Lords Spiritual and Temporal including the Chief Imam, Benin Central Mosque, Edo State and the Chairman of the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN), Alhaji Abdufatah Enabulele and Bishop Oyenude Kure, respectively, and representatives of NGOs, Orphanages, amongst others.

WHARC Advocacy visit to the Ministry of Social Development and Gender Issues



The Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) led by the Executive Director, Dr. Wilson Imongan paid an advocacy visit to the Edo State Ministry of Gender Issues and Social Development to discuss issues relating improving reproductive health services in Edo State and possible partnership with the government on research interventions.



WHARC staff training on developing the right workplace attitude and productive behaviour



The Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) organizes staff training on developing the right workplace attitude and productive behaviour. The training was aimed improving staff attitude and instilling the right behaviour in order to achieve productive outcomes and task actualization.





WHARC and CERHI Collaborate On Research Priorities in Reproductive Health

Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI) on Tuesday 18th January, 2022 held a One-day workshop at the Theatre Hall 2, CERHI, University of Benin (UNIBEN), tagged "Workshop on Research Priorities Agenda Setting in Reproductive Health." The workshop was targeted at Learned Fellows from all disciplines of human endeavor, Staff and Students of the University of Benin, and Virtual Participants within and outside Nigeria.

The CERHI Research Coordinator, Dr. Rose Ugiagbe, opened the workshop with introduction of participants and opening remarks about the objectives of the one-day workshop organized by CERHI, speaking she informed all that the workshop is organized to identify research priority areas or developmental changes in reproductive health which if investigated could lead to innovative and novel outcomes.

In his welcome address, the UNIBEN CERHI Leader, Convener and Host - Prof Friday Okonofua, stated that CERHI is a research centre used to promote issues in reproductive health, female genital mutilation, sexual violence, sexually transmitted disease (STDs), infertility, maternal mortality rate, gender based violence, to mention but a few. CERHI also trains Masters and PhD Students, as well as encourages individual and group research in a bid to solve reproductive health challenges. Speaking further, Prof Okonofua also appreciated the efforts of the different presenters of key research ideas and encouraged them to develop innovative research concept notes capable of proffering solution to the challenges in reproductive health. In his words, "you cannot be short of challenges to be addressed; everyday new ones come up. Describing the problem has

been over flogged, but finding the root causes has not been done so well." Research Ideas featured include; Research Priorities for Endometriosis in Research Restricted Countries by Dr. Uche A. Menakaya; COVID19 and Perinatal Mortality by Dr. Loretta Ntiomo (Virtual Presenter); Access to Primary Health Care by Women and Children by Dr. Bola Ekezue and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Maternal Mortality by Dr. Eli Sukarime.

In his closing remarks, the Convener - Prof Okonofua appreciated the contributions of all participants and stated that irrespective of the fields of professionalism they are encouraged to draft viable concept notes for research, as well as collaborate and contribute to research priorities in reproductive health through their disciplines.

Present at the workshop were Former Deputy Vice Chancellor (DVC) Academic (UNIBEN), Prof. Michael Aziken, Immediate Past Director Centre for Gender Studies UNIBEN - Prof. (Mrs.) Uwa Edosomwan, Representative of Head of Department (HOD), Sociology - Dr. Greg Igbinomwanhia, Programme Coordinator CERHI - Prof. (Mrs.) Akhere Omonkhua, M.SC and PhD Students of CERHI, Undergraduate level students of UNIBEN, amongst others.

CERHI was founded in December 2014. It is a world bank supported project at UNIBEN aimed at implementing high quality training and applied research for professionals needed to tackle the population and region through human resources and is headed by Prof. Friday Okonofua, an astute academic, intellectual and scholar, who is passionate about public health, female reproductive health, as well as Andrology. The workshop extended, expanded and enlarged the essence of research in reproductive health.

Dr. Natalia Kanem awarded Honorary Doctorate Degree from Uniben



In appreciation of her immense leadership and illustrious advocacy on sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality, Dr. Natalia Kanem was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by The University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria held on Saturday, 27th November, 2021, as part of activities to mark the 46th and 47th Convocation Ceremony. The occasion was graced by dignitaries including top government officials, The Executive Governor of Edo State – Mr. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki, Academics, Religious and Political Leaders, Civil Society Organisations, amongst others.

The conferment of honorary doctorate degree on Dr. Natalia Kanem was done by Prof. Lilian Salami (Vice Chancellor, University of Benin). Present at the ceremony was Prof. Friday Okonofua (Director of Research and Programs, WHARC); Prof. Racheal Snow, Population and Development Branch, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Dr. Wilson Imongan (Executive Director, WHARC); Prof. Akhere Omonkhua, AREF Leader, Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI) amongst others. A reception party was later held at the Banquet Hall of the University of Benin where guests were treated to sumptuous meals, choice drinks and good music by the Benin traditional dance troupe whose performance thrilled both celebrant and guests.



Dr. Natalia Kanem is currently the Executive Secretary - United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). She has more than 30 years of strategic leadership experience in fields of preventive medicine, public and reproductive health, social justice and philanthropy. She is the fifth Executive Director of UNFPA since the Fund became operational in 1969.

From all of us at WHARC, Congratulations to a wonderful icon on her meritorious award.

FREE MEDICAL SERVICES



As part of activities to commemorate the International Day of Action for Women's Health, Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) in partnership with Centre of Excellence for Reproductive Health Innovation (CERHI) and Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), provided free medical services to the general public on Saturday May 28th, 2022, at Abel Guobadia Specialist Hospital (AGSH), inside WHARC Premises. A workshop themed: "Leaving no woman behind in access to reproductive health services"; succeeded the free medical services at Dr. Natalia Kanem Event Hall, WHARC.

Abel Guobadia Specialist Hospital

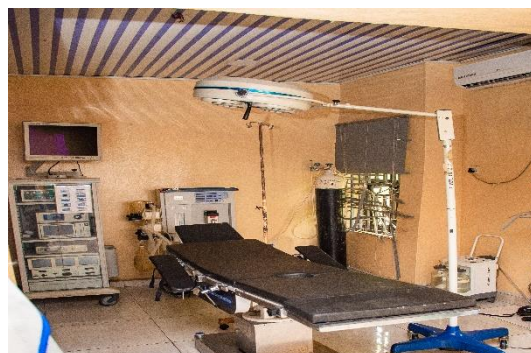


In the year under review, Abel Guobadia Specialist Hospital (AGSH) was very active in meeting the need of clients during the months of July 2021 to June, 2022. AGSH is also an approved service provider for National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS).

AGSH successfully carried out an Open Reduction and Internal Fixation (ORIF) of the left femur on a 87 years old man who had history of fractured femur. He underwent ORIF surgery by Dr. A. Obum and Dr. A. Itua and was discharged in March 2022.

In the ultrasound diagnostic clinic, of the AGSH received about forty (40) women who underwent ovarian follicular growth monitoring using vaginal probe as part of infertility treatment. We also carried out a number of ultrasound scans in women desiring evaluation of their pregnancy.

The clinic recorded a total of One Hundred and Fifty Nine (159) consultations were made in the first quarter of the year under review. There were One Hundred and Ninety (190) new registrations and One Hundred and Fifty (150) follow up cases. There is significant increase over the previous year's consultations. The family planning/immunization unit were equipped to carry all forms of requisite activities. A total of Fifteen (15) spontaneous vaginal delivery, Twelve (12) caesarean sections, Nine (9) myomectomy, and Five (5) intrauterine insemination.



Additionally, AGSH provided laboratory, diagnostic and ultrasound services during the year, more than Four Hundred (400) samples relating to hormonal assay, basic haematological services, STIs screening and diagnosis and blood chemistry were carried out in the facility during the year. Specialist consultants and medical consultant who worked in the clinic during the year under review includes Professor Friday Okonofua, Professor Osime and assisted by 6 Nurses, 3 laboratory scientist and 2 orderlies.

Free medical services were rendered by AGSH to members of the General Public to commemorate the International Day of Action for Women's Health. The hospital witnessed a large turn up of patients, lab investigations were carried out, drugs were administered and expert consultations provided.

The clinic is also computerised. A complete management information system is now in place to document and monitor of all clinical activities in the clinic.

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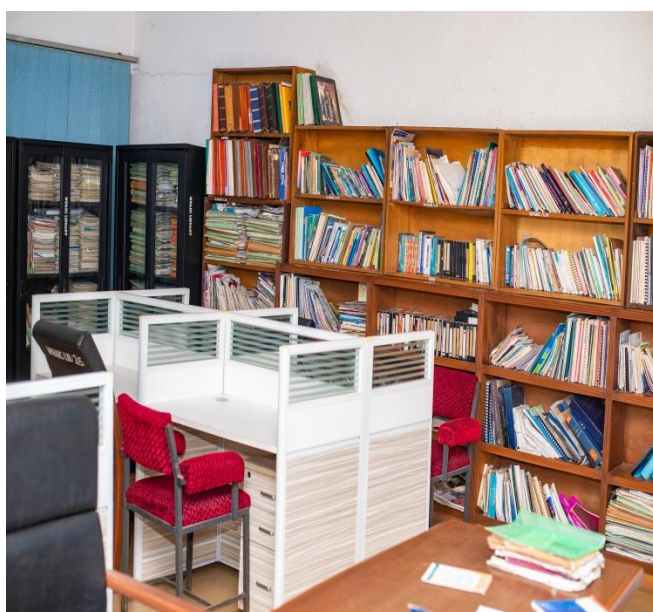
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WHARC Reproductive Health Library



WHARC Reproductive Health Library is the storehouse of information at the women's Health and Action Research Centre, it contains both books and non-book materials for use in reproductive health research, advocacy and other activities. Specifically, the unit keeps journals, recorded tapes and videos, photographs. The unit also keeps recorded information of all activities of the Centre.



During the period under review, (2021/2022), the library unit of the Centre continued to provide access to information on reproductive health to researchers, NGOs, students and reproductive health advocates. The library provides access to information that researchers need to enable them to work productively, cost-effectively, while at the same time avoiding unnecessary duplication of previous efforts. All the categories of staff are allowed to borrow books and materials for a maximum of seven days after which the material is returned.

WHARC Reproductive Health Library is a fully functional Library which contains:

- Up-to-date journals in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Women's Reproductive Health and the Broad Ramifications of Health and the Social Sciences.
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WHARC Reproductive Health Library is a major research centre for undergraduate, postgraduate students, Researchers, Human Right Activists, NGOs and the general public. The number of library users increased to 225 during the 2021 to 2022 and they are included researchers, students and other professionals. For those

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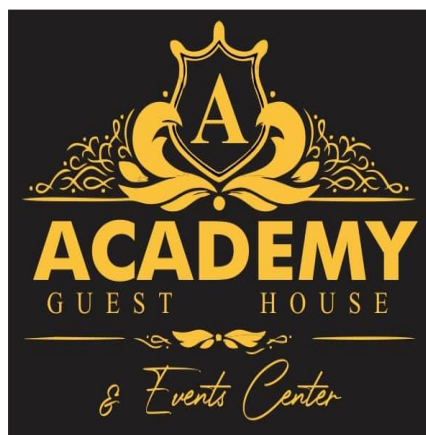
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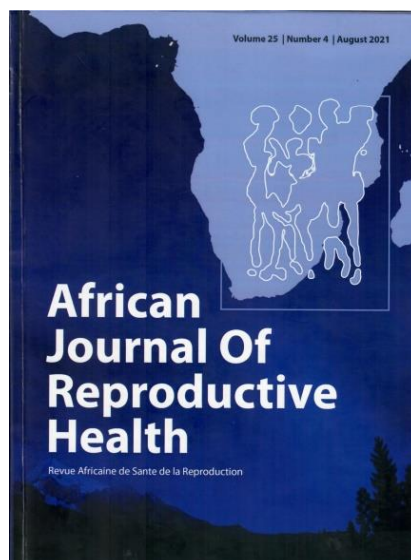
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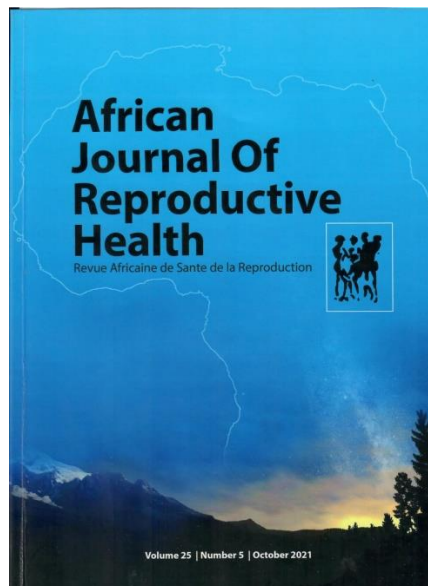
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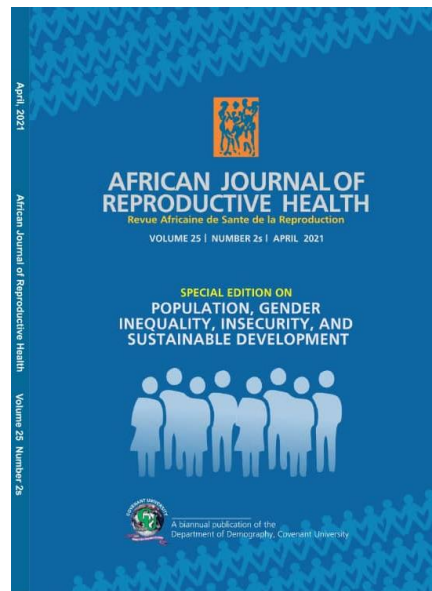
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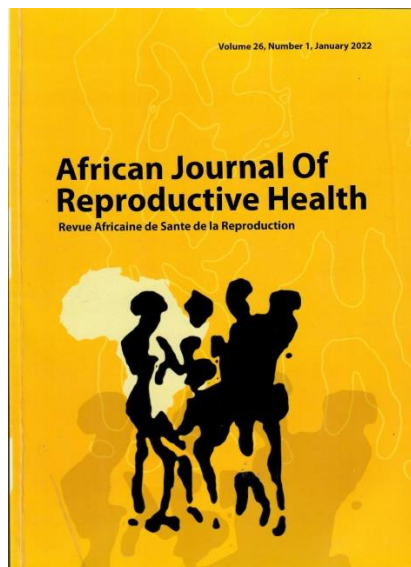
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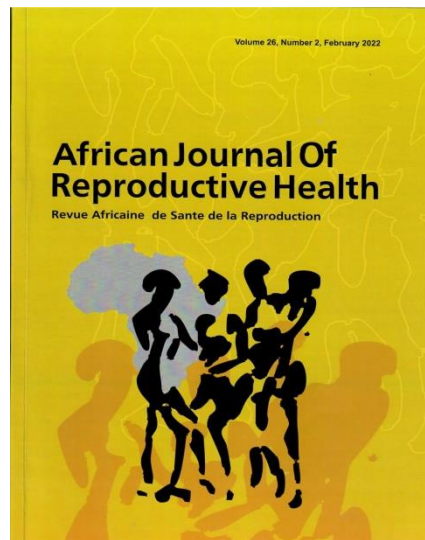
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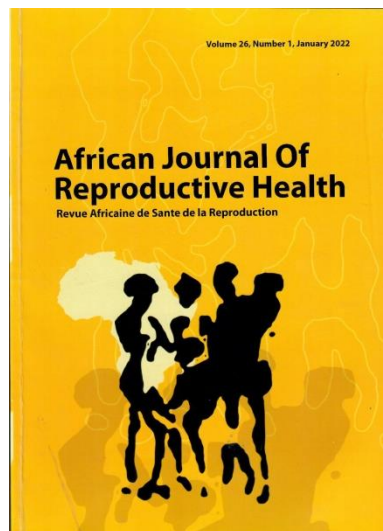
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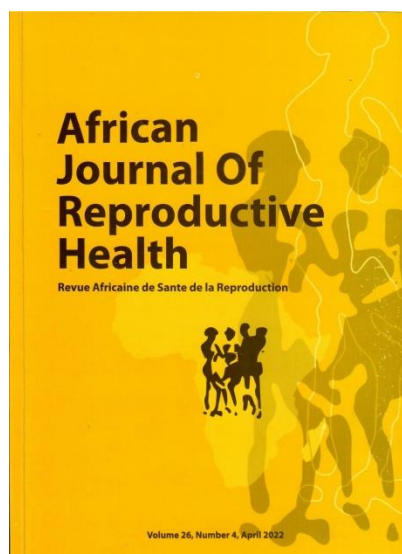
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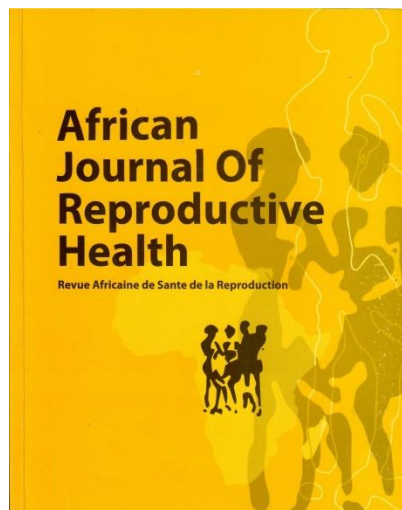
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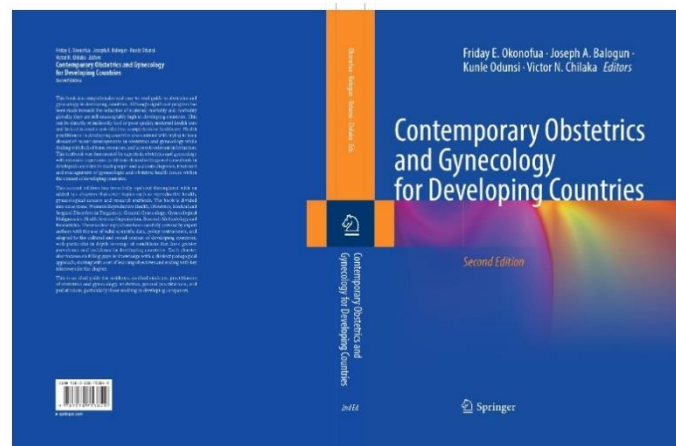
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wide range of socio-economic challenges globally. Many movements are informed, enhanced, or limited by women's ability to leverage their sexual and reproductive health and rights in the face of adversity and structural barriers. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed gendered weaknesses in existing social systems that undermine progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while simultaneously fueling calls for positive, community-based, intersectional action. The pandemic also underscores the fundamental relationship between sexual and reproductive health service access and African feminist progress. Social change is any shift – positive or negative, active or passive – in cultural, political, or sociological institutions over time. Social and behavioral health research is a critical tool to document social change, particularly for marginalized groups.

The theme of our special issue journal will focus on gender, sexual and reproductive health, and social change in Africa. Populations of interest include youth, men, women, people with disabilities, refugees, and internally displaced persons, LGBTQIA+ groups or individuals, or other marginalized populations. We welcome scoping reviews, systematic reviews, meta-analysis, original research papers, short reports, commentaries, and policy briefs. Preference will be given to articles on West and Central African contexts, authors from these geographies, or scholarship on other world regions with clearly articulated lessons or implications for critical understanding of the intersections of gender, sexual and reproductive health, and social change in West and Central Africa.

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The first edition of *Contemporary Obstetrics and Gynaecology for Developing Countries* was published in 2005. Since then, several groundbreaking discoveries and innovations have taken place in the discipline, including within the context of developing countries. The widespread enthusiasm with which the first edition was received, and the opportunity to incorporate the suggestions of numerous readers and stakeholders, justify the publication of this second edition. Many countries in the developing world continue to witness some of the most daunting clinical scenarios relating to reproductive health, obstetrics and gynaecology, and women's health. It is beyond doubt that these challenges and scenarios require specific and novel methods differing from those applied in other parts of the world. It is therefore necessary and appropriate to devote a specific textbook, and to enable the development of approaches and methodologies to address these challenges.

The editors of this textbook possess rich scientific backgrounds, with years of clinical practice, research, and service delivery in many parts of the developing world. As such, we are conversant with some of the drawbacks in educational delivery and pedagogy which continue to feature in the curricula of many

undergraduate and postgraduate programs. In particular, there remains a deficit of skills, clinical orientation, and broad-based practices that limit the ability of graduates to deal with contemporary challenges connected to women's health and its related components in the region. Some of these deficits include poor linkage of science to service delivery, misalignment of competencies to patient and population needs, poor inter-professional teamwork, narrow technical focus without broader contextual understanding of a practitioner's role in the health system, the predominance of a hospital-based orientation at the expense of public health (especially with respect to reproductive health and primary health care), and weak understanding of the importance of leadership and business in firmly positioning the discipline within societal infrastructure.

The need to address these deficits has guided the development of this second edition of the textbook. The volume now comprises 70 chapters written by a multi-disciplinary team of 80 authors. Apart from updating information on specific topics in obstetrics and gynaecology, we have expanded the sections on sexual and reproductive health, and gynaecological oncology. These are two key areas that currently generate intense interest in most of the developing world. We have also incorporated chapters that were missing in the first edition, especially those related to research methodology, epidemiology, biostatistics, physical therapy, health management, human rights and the legal context of obstetrics and gynaecology. We believe that these additional topics will provide readers with a single integrated resource which contextualizes the interconnections between different concepts and principles that underpin the practice of the discipline in the region.

In summary, this second edition of *Contemporary Obstetrics and Gynaecology for Developing Countries* will be an exciting and essential textbook for undergraduate and postgraduate students in obstetrics and gynaecology, public health, health economics, nursing, physical therapy, reproductive health, demography, medical sociology, gender studies, and related fields in many parts of the developing world, especially sub-Saharan Africa. To the best of our knowledge, this textbook is currently the most comprehensive, detailed, and multi-disciplinary of its kind in the region. It will be of use for researchers, programmers, development workers, and women's advocates in the developed world who have research interests or conduct health promotion activities in the developing world.

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CONCLUSION

The year under review was a very amazing and fulfilling year. WHARC was able to achieve all set goals and delivered high quality services. Our research and program outputs and outcomes have been tremendous and have contributed significantly in knowledge of public and reproductive health matters.

Of course, there were challenges but we pulled through brilliantly, executing our projects and programs efficiently. We are happy that this year has set a pace for more activities in the centre.

We remain thankful to our funders, Associates Board of Trustees, Staff, friends of WHARC and Volunteers, you all made this year a great year and we look forward to your continuous supporting the coming year.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ACTION RESEARCH CENTRE (WHARC)

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE, 2022.**

DAVID UGIAGBE & CO.

CERTIFIED NATIONAL ACCOUNTANTS & TAX CONSULTANTS

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

NAME: Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) Benin City, Nigeria

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES: Providing Essential Information, Research and Services
In all aspects of Women's Reproductive Health.

REGISTERED OFFICE: Km 11, Lagos -Benin Express Way, Igue-Iheya, Benin City.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Dr. Wilson Imongan

COMPANY SECRETARY: Adejumo Oludamilola

LEGAL ADVISER:

BANKERS: PM Bank Plc.
Zenith Bank Plc.
UBA Bank Plc.
CITI Bank Plc, Lagos
Guaranty Trust Bank Ltd
Unity Bank Plc.

AUDITORS:

David Ugiagbe & Co.
(Certified National Accountants/ Tax consultants)
82, First East Circular Road,
Benin City, Edo state.

REPORT OF THE CENTRE'S MANAGEMENT

The Management of the Centre hereby presents its report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

Legal Status

The Centre was established in 1993 as a Research Centre on Women Reproductive Health.

The Trust Deeds establishing Centre was signed into Laws in 1995.

Registered Office

The Centre is situated at Km 11, Lagos - Benin Express Way, Igue -Iheya, Benin City.

Expenditure

Disbursement of grant fund shall normally be made by; Advances, Special Commitment, Direct payment, claim contract and other payment expenditure must be in accordance with Donors requirement and government procurement policies and procedures.

Management Responsibilities Statement

The Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Centre as at the year ended and of its operating statement for the year so ended.

These responsibilities include ensuring that:

- i) Adequate internal control procedures are instituted to safeguard the Centre's assets, prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.
- ii) Proper accounting records are maintained.
- iii) Application of appropriate accounting standards is followed.
- iv) Suitable accounting policies are adopted and consistently applied.
- v) Judgment and estimates made are reasonable and prudent.
- vi) The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the Centre will continue in operation.

Significant Changes in Fixed Assets

Movements in Fixed Assets are shown in Note 1 to the Financial Statements. These Assets are

stated at their Historic Cost Value.

Post Statement of Financial Position Events

No significant event has occurred since the Statement of Financial Position date and in the opinion of the Management, the State of the Centre's affairs is satisfactory.

Employee's Involvement and Training

The Centre maintains effective communication with all employees, subject to practical Considerations, Employees are consulted on and involved in decision that affects their current jobs or future prospects.

Employment of Disabled Persons

The Centre does not discriminate though it has no disabled person on its payroll.

Health, Safety and Staff Welfare

It is the policy of the Centre to eradicate or minimize the incidences of its employees and other users of the Centre from avoidable health and safety risks in the course of its operations.

Centre Financing and Funding

The Centre's Funding come from the following sources:

University of Abedeen, JSTOR, Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, TY Danjuma, WHO, IDRC, C4C, Sundry Receipts, and Internally Generated Revenue, among others.

Auditors

David Ugiagbe & Co (Certified National Accountants) having indicated their willingness, shall continue as the Center's External Auditors.

BY ORDER OF THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT

CENTRE'S LEADER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ACTION RESEARCH CENTRE (WHARC) BENIN CITY, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at June, 30th 2022, and the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Cash Flow Statement for the period then ended, and the related notes.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). This responsibility includes maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of Financial Statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies that are consistent IFRS; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. These Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether such was caused by fraud or error. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amount and disclosures in the Financial Statements.

The audit procedures selected depend on the auditor's assessment of the risks of misstatement in the Financial Statement.

An audit includes considering internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the Financial Statement as basis of designing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Centre's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall Financial Statement presentation and disclosures.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on the Financial Statements

Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the Centre as at June 30, 2022, and of its Financial Performance and its Cash flow for the year ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, the requirements of the companies and Allied Matter Act, the Financial Reporting Council Act and other relevant laws.

David Ugiagbe & Co.

Certified National Accountants

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these accounts:-

a). Accounting Conventions

The Accounts were prepared under the historical cost convention.

b). Fixed Assets

The Fixed Assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

c). Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets, other than freehold land, Depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition while no depreciation is charged in the year of disposal. Straight line method is used for all assets. The Assets are depreciated at the following rates:

	Percentage (%) Per Annum
Building	2
Motor Vehicle	20
Library Books	10
Kitchen Equipment	10
Medical Equipment	10
Furniture & Fittings	10
Office Equipment	10
Plant Generator	10

d). Funding

Grant is credited in the Centre's accounts only when received

e). DEFERRED CHARGES

Expenses of Research Centre, which relate to more than one accounting period are deferred. Research Publications and Advocacy have therefore been capitalized to be written off at 12% per Annual.

f). SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The cost of Special Development Project have been capitalized since they relate to more than one accounting period, but to be written off at 12 percent per annum.

g). CURRENCY/EXCHANGE RATE

The reporting currencies are Nigeria Naira and United State Dollars. The US\$ was converted at the rate of ₦413 for the year 2021 and ₦429 for the year 2022 to 1 US dollar.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2022

	NOTE	2022		2021	
<u>ASSETS</u>		₦	\$	₦	\$
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>					
Property, Plant & Equipment	1	100,855,899	235,095	208,704,772	505,338
Investment	2	2,528,314	5,894		
Deferred Charges	3	7,280,654	16,971		
Total		110,664,867	257,960	208,704,772	505,338
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Cash and Cash Equivalent	5	318,639,382	742,749	4,297,547	10,406
Total Assets		429,304,249	1,000,709	213,002,319	515,744
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Account Payable	6	150,000	350	269,617	653
<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>					
TOTAL LIABILITIES					
NET ASSET		429,154,249	1,000,359	212,732,702	515,091
<u>EQUITY</u>					
Accumulated Fund	7	429,154,249	1,000,359	212,732,702	515,091
TOTAL EQUITY		429,154,249	1,000,359	212,732,702	515,091
Total Equity And Liabilities		429,304,249	1,000,709	213,002,319	515,744

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on
and signed on behalf by:

Executive Director

Project Accountant

Centre leader

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022

	NOTE	2022 N	\$	2021 N	\$
INCOME					
Grants	8	23,845,429	55,584	165,049,349	399,635
Internally Generated Income	9	70,691,984	164,783	25,385,333	61,466
Total		94,537,412	220,367	190,434,682	461,101
 Expenditure	10	105,368,405	245,614	119,042,910	288,240
Deferred Charges Written Off	3	992,816	2,314	23,192,763	56,157
Provisions Written Off				29,880,933	72,351
Total		106,361,221	247,928	172,116,606	416,748

Surplus/(Deficit) For The Year	(11,823,809)	(27,561)	18,318,076	44,353
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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW

	2022		2021	
	₦	\$	₦	\$
Cashflow From Operating Activities				
Surplus/(Deficit) For The Year	-11,823,809	-27,561	18,318,076	44,354
Adjust For Non-Cash Items				
Depreciation	6,764,087	15,767	15,892,698	38,481
Cashflow Before Changes In Working Capital	-5,059,722	-11,794	34,210,774	82,835
Changes In Working Capital				
			-	
(Increase)/Decrease In Stock			13,925,891	-33,719
(Increase)/Decrease In Receivables			2,082,839	5,043
Increase/(Decrease) In Payables	-119,617	-279	119,617	290
Net Cashflow From Operating Activities	-5,179,339	-12,073	22,487,339	54,449
Cashflow From Investing Activities				
			-	
(Purchase)/Sale Of Fixed Assets	-3,556,000	-8,289	20,404,500	-49,406
Net Cashflow From Investing Activities	-3,556,000	-8,289	20,404,500	-49,406
Cashflow From Financing Activities				
Capital Adjustment	323,077,174	753,094	0	0
Net Cashflow From Financing Activities	323,077,174	753,094	0	0
Net Increase/(Decrease) In Cash	314,341,835	732,732	2,082,839	5,043
Cash As At 1/07/2021	4,297,547	10,018	2,214,708	5,362
Cash As At 30/06/2022	318,639,382	742,750	4,297,547	10,405
Represented By				

Cash In Hand & Bank

318,639,382	742,750	4,297,547	10,405
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022.

	Accumulated Fund	Surplus/(Deficit)	Total
	₦	₦	₦
Opening Balance As At 1/07/2021	192,689,774	1,724,852	194,414,626
Capital	246,563,432		246,563,432
Profit/(Loss) For The Year		-11,823,809	-11,823,809
as at			
30/06/2022	439,253,206	-10,098,957	429,154,249

	Accumulated Fund	Surplus/(Deficit)	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Opening Balance As At 1/07/2021	449,160	4,021	453,181
Capital	574,740		574,740
Profit/(Loss) For The Year		-27,561	-27,561
as at			
30/06/2022	1,023,900	-23,540	1,000,360

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT								
	LAND & BUILDING	PLANT & GENERATOR	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	MOTOR VEHICLES	LIBRARY BOOKS	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	FURNITURE & FITTINGS	TOTAL
	0.02 N	0.10 N	0.10 N	0.20 N	0.10 N	0.10 N	0.10 N	
As at 1/07/2021	81,715,488	10	32,163,211	10	47,741,777	10	13,839,196	175,459,702
Additional Asset	-	340,000	440,000	-			2,776,000	3,556,000
As at 30th/06/2022	81,715,488	340,010	32,603,211	10	47,741,777	10	16,615,196	179,015,702
ACCUMULATED								
Depreciation:	5,039,122	7,792,614	35,268,105	12,016,990	20,354,177	11,441,507	15,223,116	107,135,631
For the Period	1,634,310	34,000	44,000	-	4,774,178	-	277,600	6,764,087
TOTAL	6,673,432	34,000	44,000	12,016,990	25,128,355	11,441,507	14,116,796	
netbook value								
30th/06/2022	75,042,056	306,000	396,000	10	22,613,422	10	2,498,400	100,855,899

B/F	2,528,314
Additions	
Total	<u>2,528,314</u>

3 Deferred Charges

B/F	8,273,470
Written Off @ 12%	<u>992,816</u>
Balance C/F	<u>7,280,654</u>

4 Special Development Projects

Balance B/F	210,853,369
Addition	
	<u>210,853,369</u>
Written Off @ 12%	<u>25,302,404</u>
Balance C/F	<u>185,550,965</u>

5A	UBA	₦
Wharc 1	Clinic Account	3,065,767.62
Wharc 2	Guesthouse	145,979.38
Wharc 3	Salary Acct	18,628.12
Wharc 4	Food & Drinks	1,499,236.27

Wharc	UNFPA	2,054,044.73		
	Total	6,783,656.12		
5B	Zenith	900,955.44		
		463,869.09		
	Total	1,364,824.53		
5C	Unity Bank	5,667,606.54		
5D	Citi Bank	614,817.95		
5E	Dollar Account	\$	rate(naira)	₦
		709,110.67	429.00	304,208,477
	Grand Total (A,B,C,D,E)	318,639,382.14		
6	Payables	₦		
	Audit Fees	150,000		
		150,000		
7	Accumulated Fund	₦		
	B/F	194,414,626		
	Capital	246,563,432	429,154,249	246,563,432
	Surplus/(Deficit)	-11,823,809		
		429,154,249	0	
8	Grants			

Date	Grants	\$	₦
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8/23/2021	UNFPA		7,245,671.60
12/20/2021	IDRC	1,500.00	619,500
9/3/2021	UNFPA		507,197.01
4/12/2022	UNFPA		11,582,414.00
6/30/2022	UNFPA		3,890,646.00
Total		1,500.00	23,845,428.61

Grand Total **23,845,428.61**

9A	IGR	₦	
	Clinic		13,281,392
	Water Factory		6,772,240
	Guesthouse		8,240,650
			<u>28,294,282</u>

9B AJRH Revenue. Cash Generated From Publication & Journals

Citi Bank	\$	rate	₦
Jul-21	7,536.65	413	3,112,636.45
Aug-21	16,957.00	413	7,003,241.00
Sep-21	1,740.00	413	718,620.00
Oct-21	4,464.00	413	1,843,632.00
Nov-21	11,404.71	413	4,710,145.23
Dec-21	1,895.00	413	782,635.00
Jan-22	5,755.00	429	2,468,895.00

Feb-22	5,789.14	429	2,483,541.06
Mar-22	6,005.34	429	2,576,290.86
Apr-22	3,322.62	429	1,425,403.98
May-22	3,450.07	429	1,480,080.03
Jun-22	3,431.04	429	1,471,916.16
Total	<u>27,753.21</u>		<u>30,077,036.77</u>

9C	UBA	₦
	Jul-21	623,244.00
	Aug-21	2,800,506.00
	Sep-21	4,194,965.00
	Oct-21	40,000.00
	Nov-21	484,000.00
	Dec-21	20,000.00
	Jan-22	768,000.00
	Feb-22	707,000.00
	Mar-22	1,217,950.00
	Apr-22	-
	May-22	860,000.00
	Jun-22	605,000.00
	Total	<u>12,320,665.00</u>
	Grand Total	<u>70,691,983.77</u>

10	Expenditure	₦
	Personnel	18,990,852
	Special Dev. Project	25,302,404

Impairment	
ARJH & Other Projects	4,178,260
Purchase/Supplies	
Waste management	245,000
Advert, Printing &	
Subscription	1,458,900
Administration	29,703,889
Travel & Conference	
UNFPA Expenses	9,818,000
Legal & Statutory Fees	90,000
Audit Fees	150,000
Miscellaneous	101,300
Bank Charges	120,562
Vat	324,479
BEDC	2,667,842
Depreciation	6,764,087
Repair & Maintenance	2,109,000
Fuel & Diesel	2,429,730
Gifts	40,000
Welfare	538,600
Transportation	108,000
Postal Service	19,800
Office Stationery	207,700
Total	<u>105,368,405</u>

11	Personnel				
	Staff Cost				
	DATE	GROSS	NET	PAYE	PENSION
	Jul-21	1,691,050	1,633,444	57,606	37,000
	Aug-21	1,782,975	1,721,476	61,499	37,000
	Sep-21	1,712,975	1,654,222	58,753	37,000

Oct-21	1,737,975	1,678,042	59,933	37,000	
Nov-21	1,757,975	1,697,242	60,733	37,000	
Dec-21	1,653,975	1,593,967	60,008	37,000	
Jan-22				32,000	
Feb-22	2,280,877	2,198,753	82,142	22,000	
Mar-22				22,000	
Apr-22	2,002,975	1,929,479	73,496	22,000	
May-22	2,039,749	1,967,913	71,836	22,000	
Jun-22	1,966,308	1,897,058	69,250	22,000	
Total	18,626,834	17,971,596	655,256	364,000	18,990,852

12	Administration	₦
	General Admin	9,000
	Guest House Expenses	2,465,495
	Clinic Expenses	10,645,632
	Water Factory Expense	16,583,762
	Total	29,703,889

