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*Implementing an integrated approach to programming on adolescent
sexual and reproductive health*



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Our Mission

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 women 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 to women and adolescent girls in Africa.

Our Vision

The Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) 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.

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We are extremely grateful to them all.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Committee, staff and Associates of WHARC are indeed very delighted to present this year's Annual Report of the Centre to our stakeholders and the general public. The report captures in detail our successes and achievements during the 2013/2014 year. In the year in question, we made giant strides in the pursuance of the execution of our strategic plan (2010-2015) in its various dimensions. This report affords us the opportunity not just to show-case our achievements and successes in various areas of our avowed mission as non government organization devoted to the improvement of the improvement of the reproductive health and the social wellbeing of women and adolescents in the African continent. Equally important is that it would enable us to appraise our performance and to prepare adequately to remedy any weaknesses next year.

We have kept faith with our responsibilities and assignments in the way and manner we carried on during the year. The Centre, thanks to the cooperation of staff and management at all the levels of performance, carried out its tasks creditably and this led to the ultimate successes recorded. In keeping with our policy as a Centre devoted to the improvement of the wellbeing the woman, we have continued to maintain the female/male staff ratio at 75%: 25% in staff recruitment in order to enhance the capacity of the females in the Centre especially in the area of conducting research and carrying out other advocacy activities in the Centre.

Grant-aided projects were given particular attention during the year with special reference to grants from donor agencies which include Ford Foundation, MacArthur, TY Danjuma and WHO. During the year, WHARC also engaged in a number of projects working in coalition with Youth-friendly NGOs with the aim of collaborating on documentation and dissemination of research findings, strategic communication and advocacy. We have equally worked tirelessly in some other areas in which the Centre has made a mark over the years. For instance, our journal, *African Journal of Reproductive Health*, has come out in every quarter during the year under review. In addition, the journal published one special edition in December 2013. We continued in the tradition of our annual distinguished lectures in loving memory of important personalities who served not only WHARC, but this great country in various spheres of endeavour. The *James Ogonor Lecture* held in January, the *Abel Guobadia Lecture* in February and the *Olikoye Ransome-Kuti Lecture* in June 2014.

In the year under review, WHARC acquired substantial visibility through her activities which were usually carried on the national dailies and through other social media channels, thanks to the improved and revitalised activities of the Media Unit of the Centre. This, of course, is in line with the spirit of our strategic plan which has as one of the objectives to disseminate the outcome of our activities to all our important stakeholders and policy makers so that the benefits of our efforts can be felt in the community at large.

As we enter the 2014-2015 year, we look forward to even bigger achievements in our activities. The forthcoming year would mark the last year of our strategic plan and therefore, it is our hope that through the sustained enthusiasm and cooperation of our Research Associates, commitment on the part of staff and management of the Centre, as well as the usual understanding on the part of our grantors, we will attain our noble objectives and move the Centre to greater heights!

Introduction

The Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) began the implementation of its new five-year Strategic Plan (2010-2015) in July 2010. The plan is aimed at re-focusing the Organization (hereafter referred to as "the Centre") to carry out policy-relevant research in sexual and reproductive health, especially to increase the level of scientific documentation on issues related to adolescent sexual and reproductive health. Despite years of intense programming on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, the related indicators remain poor within the African region. In particular, there has been lack of evidential documentation of the effective or relative effectiveness of the numerous interventions that have been carried out in the region for addressing adolescent sexual and reproductive health. Consequently, there has been lack of empirical information and new knowledge on the determinants and effective interventions for promoting adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the region. Thus, during the period 2010-2015, WHARC will lead research and programming efforts aimed at increasing scientific knowledge on ways to scale up integrated programming for the advancement of adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Nigeria.

The specific objectives of the program were as follows:

- 1) To implement essential policy research and documentation on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRH) in Nigeria;
- 2) To increase access to evidence-based information and documentation on ASRH in Nigeria;
- 3) To build the capacity of Nigerian NGOs and advocates to implement research, documentation and evidence-based advocacy programs on ASRH;
- 4) To design and implement appropriate evidence-based interventions that seek to integrate economic empowerment into adolescent sexual and reproductive health work in Nigeria; and
- 5) To implement a comprehensive advocacy program aimed at improving commitment of governments to promoting ASRH at national and sub-national levels in Nigeria.

The activities to be implemented included the following:

- 1) Research, and documentation on adolescent sexual and reproductive health
- 2) Publication of the *African Journal of Reproductive Health*, and a special issue of the journal focusing on adolescent sexual and reproductive health
- 3) Publication of occasional working papers and newsletter highlighting issues relating to adolescent sexual and reproductive health
- 4) Capacity building of local NGOs on research and documentation
- 5) Creating partnerships with government, civil society advocates, youth and the private sector in implementing policies and programs that advance integrated programming in adolescent sexual and reproductive health

- 6) Participation in local and international conferences, workshops and discourses on sexual and reproductive health
- 7) Advocacy, public health education, community mobilization activities; and
- 8) Creating service delivery models and providing essential services in adolescent sexual and reproductive health

This report presents the 2013-2014 annual report of the Centre which encompasses all activities carried out in related grants during the fourth year of implementation of the Centre's new strategic plan. In particular, this year the Centre focused on disseminating the results of its previous and current research and programmatic activities to policymakers and the general public, so that they are used for the development of policies and programs in adolescent reproductive health in the region.

1.1 Administration

During the year 2013 – 2014, WHARC was administered by a Board of Trustees with Lady Winifred Onyeonwu as Chairman and Professor Cyril Mokwenye as Executive Director. The major goals that guided WHARC administration activities were to enhance the staff disciplinary and competence towards individual task in a daily basis. Dr. Wilson Imongan was appointed as a Deputy Executive Director to support the Executive Director Professor Cyril Mokwenye. The management of WHARC also inaugurated several committees to enhance work effectiveness and efficiency. The Committee comprises of the Chairman and Vice Chairman/persons and members to monitor the affairs of the Centre and to improve the scope and performances of staff.

Several other administrative changes took place in the Centre during the year. Our desire is to get the best staff from any part of Nigeria, and to bring in the experiences of persons from various parts of Nigeria as an essential part of efforts to promote women's health. The multi-disciplinary team of associates expanded considerably and now consists of 25 members, while full time administrative and program staff now stands at a compact size of 40. Additionally, major changes took place in the composition of the board of trustees and pool of associates of the Centre during the year.

In February 4, 2014, the 2nd Dr. Abel Guobadia Memorial Lecture was done in honour of WHARC Board of Trustees Chairman (BOT) Chairman who died on February 4, 2011. The lecture was held at Akin Deko Main Auditorium, University of Benin, Benin City. The lecture was well attended with dignitaries. The titled of the lecture was "Politics and Quest for National Development: Is Nigeria getting it Right?" and it was delivered by Professor Adigun Agbaje, Director General, Obafemi Awolowo Institute of Government and Public Policy. The Chairman and members of the Board participated actively in the Centre's activities during the year. These included the Professor Ogonor Memorial Lecture held in Benin City, the BOT Chairman's Birthday and the 2nd Dr. Abel Guobadia Memorial Lecture. The Board Chairman has an office at the new complex where she oversees the implementation of the Board's resolutions and policies. During the financial year, the Board of Trustees held meeting on September 19, 2013 at WHARC's office complex in Benin City. Many of the trustee members attended the meeting.

2.1 Board of Trustees

Lady (Mrs.) Winifred Osaru Onyeonwu (Chairman, Board of Trustees)

Lady (Mrs.) Winifred Osaru ONYEONWU (Née Ayanru) is the Chairman of the board. She was educated at Queen's College, Lagos, from 1949 to 1953; the Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Ibadan from 1954 to 1956 before proceeding to the university College (UCI) now the university of Ibadan in 1957 from where she bagged a B.A degree in History in 1961. She later attended the University of McGill, Montréal, Canada where she obtained a bachelor's degree in Library Science (1962) as well as a masters' degree in Library Science (1970). Lady Onyeonwu's working career started in Canada where she worked as a Librarian before returning to Nigeria (to the defunct Bendel State) in 1973 to occupy the substantive Director of the Bendel state Library Board. She rose to become the first female Director of the Bendel state Library Board. In 1980, she was appointed Permanent Secretary in the then Bendel State Ministry of Education and between 1994 and 1996, she held the position of Commissioner for special duties in Edo State executive Council. From 1996 to

1997, Lady Onyeonwu was the Commissioner for information Youth and Sports in Edo State Executive Council.

Lady Onyeonwu who is a Fellow of the Nigerian Library Association (FNLA) and a Justice of Peace (JP), belongs to many social clubs and professional organizations in which she held different leadership positions at various times. She was chairman, Nigerian Association, Bendel State Chapter (1976-78), first vice president Nigerian Association of University Women, second vice president Nigerian School Library Association (1977-1983), first national vice president, university of Ibadan Alumni Association Bendel State Chapter (1980-1983), chairman university of Ibadan Alumni Association Bendel State Chapter (1987-89), Federal Government Representative on the Board Ashaka Cement Factory, President Soroptimist International Benin. She was a member of the governing Council of the Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma from 1990 – 1997.

Before her appointment as the Chairman of the Board, Lady Onyeonwu had been an active member of WHARC Board of Trustees for over 10 years. She had played very key roles in ensuring the realisation of the Centre's dreams and aspirations. She is expected to bring her immense wealth of experience to bear on her new position as Chairman to further enhance the image of the Women's Health and Action Research Centre in the years ahead.

Board Members

Professor Cyril Mokwenye

Professor Mokwenye assumed the position of Executive Director of the Centre in May 2010, when the former Executive Director, Professor Friday Okonofua, left for the Ford Foundation on leave of absence. Prior to his appointment as Executive Director, he had served as the Deputy Executive Director and Chairman of WHARC Committee of Associates.

Professor Cyril Obiajulu MOKWENYE was born at Illah, in Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State of Nigeria, on the 24th of May 1949. He had his primary school education at St Patrick's Catholic School, Zaria, from 1955 to 1962. In 1963, he gained admission into Government College, Ibadan, where he obtained the West African School Certificate in Division 1. He proceeded to King's College, Lagos, for the Higher School Certificate (HSC) course, in 1968, which he obtained in 1969, having passed three principal and two subsidiary papers.

He gained admission the following year into Nigeria's premier university, the University of Ibadan, in 1970 for the degree program in French. Professor Mokwenye did the Year-Abroad program at the University of Nice in France, between 1971 and 1972. He obtained the B.A. degree in French from the University of Ibadan, in the Second Class Upper Division in 1974. He thereafter served in the NYSC program in Kwara State from 1974 to 1975. He obtained the Postgraduate Diploma in Education in 1978 from the then University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. In 1979, he obtained an M.A in French from the University of

Ibadan. He later proceeded to the University of Bordeaux in France where he obtained the ***Doctorat de Troisième Cycle*** in Francophone Caribbean Literature, in 1986.

Professor Mokwenye began his University teaching career at the University of Benin in October 1980 as Lecturer II. He rose to become a full Professor in October 1999. He has, in the course of his career, supervised numerous Masters Projects and produced two PHD holders. He worked as Visiting Associate Professor at the Delta State University, Abraka in the 1994/1995 academic year. In the 2010/2011 session, he was at the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, as Visiting Professor. He headed the Department of Foreign Languages of the University of Benin on four different occasions and was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the same University from 2006 to 2008.

Professor Mokwenye is the official French translator for the journal published in the Centre, ***African Journal of Reproductive Health***. He has published scholarly papers in reputable journals both at home and abroad. He belongs to many professional bodies including the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL) and the University French Teachers Association of Nigeria (UFTAN). He serves on the editorial boards of several journals. He has attended many local and international conferences and has presented keynote addresses in some of them. He has also served as External Examiner to a number of Nigerian and foreign universities. Professor Mokwenye is married and has three children.

Professor Friday Okonofua

Professor Friday Okonofua, MD, PhD, ad eundem FRCOG is a medical doctor and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Benin. He is a fellow of the West African College of Surgeons, the Nigerian Postgraduate Medical College, the International College of Surgeons, the International Health program at Harvard University, and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He also has PhD in international Health from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. He is a Fellow of both the Nigerian Academy of Science (FAS) as well as the New York Academy of Science.

Professor Okonofua began his academic career as lecturer 1 in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Obafemi Awolowo University in 1986. He served as Acting Head of Department between 1987 and 1992, and rose to the post of Professor in 1992. He transferred his services to the University of Benin in 1996, where he has been Head of Department, Dean, Provost, and member of the University's Governing Council. He has also been Secretary of the Faculty of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the National Postgraduate College of Nigeria, as well as the Secretary-General of the Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria. Between April 2005 and November 2009, he served as the Executive Director of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), supervising projects management in the 110 member countries of the organization. He was Honorary Adviser on Health to President Olusegun Obasanjo from July 2006 to May 29, 2007.

Professor Okonofua is a global champion of women's health, a discipline where he has published more than 200 refereed articles. Several of his publications are in the field of maternal and newborn health, especially in sexual and reproductive health, safe motherhood and adolescent reproductive health. In recognition of this, he was honored with the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and with a

special award as “champion of women’s health” by the University of California, Berkeley. He founded the Women’s Health and Action Research Centre, one of Nigeria’s leading NGOs in 1995. He is the founding editor of the ***African Journal of Reproductive Health*** that was adjudged by the National Universities Commission in 2005 as the best Nigerian journal (in all disciplines) that “meets international standards”. The journal currently has one of the highest citation indexes among all African journals.

He is a recipient of more than 40 research grants, and he is a member of several international organizations and committees including the editorial board of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, where he has served for more than 12 years. He has attended and presented scientific papers in 100 conferences in up to 40 countries around the world. He is a reviewer to 20 international journals, and a technical consultant to many international agencies including the World Health Organization, the Macarthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation where he currently serves as a policy analyst and grant maker.

Professor Okonofua is a recipient of several honors including Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Special Achievers Award by the Nigerian Television Authority, Distinguished Services Award by the Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria, Award of “the most outstanding professor of the people” by the Students Union Government of the University of Benin, and a Chieftaincy award – Efe of Okpella by the Okukpella of Okpella Kingdom. He is married with children.

Mrs. Amina Sambo (OFR)

Mrs Amina Esther Sambo (OFR) was born in Riyom, Barkin Ladi LGA of Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria. She had her Primary School education at Girls Boarding School, Gindiri, Plateau State after which she enrolled for a Nursing Course before she had her secondary school education. She is currently the Executive Director of the Grassroots Health Organization of Nigeria. She started her career as a Student Nurse in Kaduna State, worked as a television and radio presenter at B.C.N.N Kaduna. She later joined the civil service where she worked with different government ministries between 1963 and 1987 when she voluntarily retired from the position of Chief Executive Officer, Cabinet Office and Ministry of Information.

Her expertise spans across community mobilization on health issues, advocacy with policy makers and religious leaders and strengthening of women NGO activities. She co-ordinated a National programme on the prevention of Vesico Vaginal Fitsula (VVF)towards safe motherhood in Nigeria, and was a consultant for the delivery of Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) projects in the Northern part of Nigeria.

She was the National President, National Council of Women’s Societies of Nigeria; Member Vision 2010; Member, Joint Action Committee of Traditional Rulers and Leaders of Thought and Member, Committee on the Future of Higher Education in Nigeria. She has attended numerous international conferences and workshops where she presented thought provoking papers and researches. In view of her outstanding achievements and contribution to national growth, she was conferred with the award of Officer of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (OFR) by President Goodluck Jonathan in 2012.

Mrs. Marcelina Aisuebeogun

Mrs Marcelina Aisuebeogun was born at Eguare Irrua, Esan Central LGA of Edo State, Nigeria. She started out as a nurse and have travelled far to get the best out of her chosen profession. She is a fellow of West African College of Nursing (FWCAN), Member of the Royal Society of Health (MSRH) of England and Nigeria. She began her career as a Staff Nurse at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, England in 1960. After spending some years in the UK, she came back to Nigeria to practice and worked briefly with institutions like Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria Clinic, the School of Health Technology and the Ministry of Health among others. Between 1984 and 1989 she was the Family Planning Co-ordinator of the old Bendel State where she was overseeing the training, management and evaluation of family planning activities in the state. She later became the President of the West Africa College of Nursing Bendel/Ondo Zone and the President, West Africa College of Nursing Nigeria. She has served as a member on different Government committees at different times. She mostly spend her time now with hobbies like reading, sewing and gardening if she isn't travelling or visiting her children and grandchildren. Mrs Marcelina Aisuebeogun has contributed immensely to the development and implementation of the major activities in WHARC.

Professor Obioma Nnaemeka

Prof. Obioma Nnaemeka – a multilingual, widely travelled scholar and activist is a Professor of French, Women Studies and African American Studies at Indiana University, Indianapolis, USA. Prof. Nnaemeka studied French and African Studies at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Université de Dakar, Dakar, (Sénégal), Université de Grenoble (France), and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis where she earned a Ph. D. with distinction. She has taught at many institutions including the University of Nigeria, the College of Wooster and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. A former Rockefeller Humanist-in-Residence (Center for Advanced Feminist Studies, University of Minnesota , Minneapolis, MN) and Edith Kreeger-Wolf Distinguished Visiting Professor (Northwestern University, Evanston, IL). Prof. Nnaemeka is a biography of the Marquis Who's Who in American Women, Who's Who in the Midwest, Who's Who in the World. She is the Founder and Current President of the Association of African Women Scholars and the List Administrator of an internet discussion group on gender issues in Africa (AFWOSCHO). She is the recipient of grants from the Macarthur Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries (SAREC), and the International Development Research Center, Ottawa, Canada (IDRC).

Prof. Nnaemeka is on the Board of Trustees of some Africa-based non governmental organizations (NGOs) and the Advisory Board of magazines and scholarly journals. She has received many national and international awards including the Nigerian Achiever of the Year Award for Leadership, the Distinguished Africanist Award, the Daughter of Africa Award, Teaching Excellence Recognition Award, Faculty Achievement Award, and Outstanding Faculty Award. An expert in Women's Studies, multiculturalism, post-colonial studies, African Literatures, globalization, and Francophone studies.

Prof. Nnaemeka combines research, teaching and consultancy with speaking engagements and active participation in national and international conferences, programs, and projects. She is the convenor of the first international conference on “Women in Africa and the African Diaspora: Bridges across Activism and Academy” (held in Nsukka, Nigeria in 1992) in which over 700 researchers, activists and grassroots women and men from all continents participated and the second WAAD conference on “Health and Human Rights” (held in October 1998 in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA) that attracted governmental delegates and NGOs from 25 countries and 48 international organization.

Prof. Nnaemeka is a referee/reviewer for many press and academic journals and has written extensively in the following areas: women in development, literature by Black women from Africa and the African Diaspora, Francophone literature, African oral and written literatures and feminist scholarship. Her publications have appeared in numerous edited volumes and scholarly journals including Signs, Feminist Issues, Women’s Study Quarterly and more too numerous to mention. Prof. Nnaemeka is the proud mother of two extraordinary sons, Ike and Uche who are gifted writers and artists.

Dr Babatunde Ahonsi

Dr Babatunde Ahonsi is a seasoned expert in health, population and development issues with special reference to youth & women. His work experience spans over 25 years in academia and development practice as a researcher, trainer, consultant, grant-maker and project manager. He has lectured at different Federal Universities in Nigeria which include University of Ilorin, University of Calabar and University of Lagos.

He was Senior Programme Officer with the Ford Foundation (Office for West Africa) between 1997-2008, where his work contributed to the establishment of a network of HIV reference laboratories across Nigeria, the roll-out of the National Family Life and HIV Education Curriculum, the emergence of several internationally reputable indigenous NGOs in the women’s rights, youth development and reproductive health fields across West Africa.

He has been Population Council’s Country Director for Nigeria since May 2010 overseeing programs in HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and poverty, gender and youth in the country. Dr. Babatunde Ahonsi brings expert knowledge in youth sexual reproductive health, rights and gender issues to the board of WHARC.

Mr. Ibude Guobadia

Mr. Ibude Guobadia is the son of the late Dr Abel Guobadia, former Chairman of WHARC’s Board of Trustees. He replaces his father in the Board. Mr. Guobadia is a Management and Engineering Consultant with expertise in Engineering and Industrial Projects and Facilities Maintenance Management. He was formerly Director at Citibank Nigeria where he was Senior Relationship Manager responsible for top tier local and multinational companies in Nigeria. Ibude Guobadia attended King’s College, Lagos and the University of Lagos, Lagos where he obtained a B.Sc (Hons) degree in Electrical Engineering in June 1984. He obtained a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Benin, Benin City in July 1990.

Ibude Guobadia has variously been electrical engineer at Delta Steel Company, Aladja near Warri and a Consultant Engineer with Maneng Services Limited in Lagos. He is happily married to Osaro Guobadia and they are blessed with two sons. Mr. Ibude Guobadia brings in strong administrative experience and expertise in financial management into the board of WHARC.

3.1 RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

In July 2010, WHARC re-conceptualized its policy and program relating to associates, and reconfigured it to be an avenue to support and mentor individuals to conduct high profile research and program activities in sexual and reproductive health. Thus, henceforth associates will only be invited to join the centre if they are involved in active research in the discipline or if they have long-term research and service delivery intentions in sexual and reproductive health. The specific objectives of WHARC's program on associates were therefore revised as follows: 1) to provide an opportunity for selected individuals to broaden and strengthen their capacity and research interest in sexual and reproductive health; 2) to provide an avenue for WHARC to mentor junior academics and programmers in all aspects of research and service delivery in sexual and reproductive health; 3) to enable WHARC contribute towards building the next generation of senior researchers, advocates and programmers in Nigeria in sexual and reproductive health; 4) to serve as a forum for sharing cross-disciplinary ideas and information relating to the promotion of research and service delivery in sexual and reproductive health; and 5) to serve as a think-tank and useful resource for WHARC in its effort to conduct essential research and service delivery in sexual and reproductive health.

To this end, the new membership of WHARC's associates includes the under-listed:

3.2 Prof. Patrick O. Erah

Prof. Erah is a registered pharmacist in Nigeria who holds a PhD from University of Nottingham, UK. He is an associate professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice in Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Benin, Benin City. Being an ICT specialist, Dr Erah advises the Centre on matters relating to ICT development. He designed and currently maintains the WHARC's website for the *African Journal of Reproductive Health (AJRH)*. He served as the Assistant Editor of AJRH during the year, assisting in copy-editing and typesetting all editions of the journal. He was an active Research Associate of WHARC who participated in all meetings and workshops of the centre.

3.3 Professor (Mrs.) A.N.G. Alutu

Prof. (Mrs.) Azuka Ngozi Grace Alutu is a Professor of Counseling Psychology in the Department of Educational Psychology and Curriculum Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Benin. She has been a dedicated and active member of WHARC for the past 10 years. During the past years, she has shown great interest in the welfare of WHARC staff especially with respect to counseling on work ethics, productivity and human relations. Her ongoing research work on HIV/AIDS stigma is nearing completion and will surely provide new knowledge that would assist in new HIV/AIDS program design and implementation.

3.4 Professor (Mrs.) A. O. Imogie

Professor (Mrs.) Imogie is a Professor of Education at the Institute of Education, University of Benin, Benin City. She is also the Director of the Centre for Gender Studies at the University of Benin, and the editor of the Benin Journal for Gender Studies of the University.

She participated actively in all activities of the Centre during the year and remains a useful resource to the centre.

3.5 Professor Michael Okobia

Professor Michael Okobia is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Benin. He is a very active member and important associate of the Centre. He holds two positions at the Centre: 1) as a clinical consultant, and 2) as a member of the Board of Management of the Abel Guobadia Reproductive Health Clinic (formerly called Life Tree Clinic) of the Centre. He is a Fellow in surgery of the Nigerian and West African Postgraduate Medical Colleges. Professor Okobia also has MSc and PhD degrees in epidemiology from University of Pittsburgh, USA. He is an Assistant Editor and a reviewer for the *African Journal of Reproductive Health*. As Assistant Editor, he is a member of the Editorial Board of the journal and has worked variously to promote the interest of the journal. He recently returned to the country from a research and fellowship program at the University of Pittsburgh, USA, and is the current head of the Department of Surgery at the University of Benin.

3.6 Dr. (Mrs.) Nkoli Aniekwu

Barrister (Mrs.) Nkoli Aniekwu is an associate Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Benin, specializing in reproductive and human rights law. She is a key Associate, and a member of the Research Ethics Committee of the Centre. She participated actively in many seminars, workshops and meetings of the Centre during the year. She presented a paper at the research priorities workshop organized by WHARC in Lagos in January 2011, and contributed a chapter to a book that emanated from the workshop.

She is a visiting fellow at the African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, and the International Institute for the Sociology of Law at Onati, Spain. She has also been admitted as a GEXcel Scholar at the University of Linköping in Sweden, and presented her doctoral research at an International conference organized by GEXcel in June 2009. Mrs. Aniekwu has recently concluded her PhD theses at the University of Lagos, for which WHARC treated her to a grand reception in April 2010. In April 2012, Dr Aniekwu presented her book on: '*Reproductive Health Law*' to a large audience at the Institute of Legal Studies of the University of Lagos. WHARC's BOT member, Professor F Okonofua reviewed the book, which is currently the first available textbook on reproductive health law in Nigeria.

3.7 Dr. Lawrence Omo-Aghoja

Dr. Omo-Aghoja recently obtained the two Fellowships in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the Nigerian National Postgraduate Medical College and from the West African Postgraduate Medical College. He was recently promoted Associate Professor and consultant obstetrician and gynecologist at the Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State of Nigeria. He is currently the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the hospital. A highly prolific and dynamic young man, Dr. Omo-Aghoja is a highly resourceful associate of WHARC, and a prominent co-author of many of WHARC's research publications.

3.8 Professor Charles Imarengiaye

Professor Charles Imarengiaye was promoted to the post of full Professor of Anesthesia at the University of Benin in 2011. He continues to function as Consultant Anesthesiologist to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital. He worked as an associate of WHARC during the year, providing anesthetic cover for many of the surgical operations at the Centre's Reproductive Health clinic. He also participated in several of WHARC's seminars and workshops, bringing considerable intellectualism and new thoughts and insights into

WHARC's projects and services. He is very well published in several local and international journals and is one of the most outstanding future leaders in the discipline.

3.9 Dr. Pius Iribhogbe

Dr Pius Iribhogbe is a senior lecturer in the Department of Surgery at the University of Benin. He doubles as WHARC's associate assisting in clinical service delivery at the Abel Guobadia Health Centre. He also research and publication interest relating to gender-based violence. He participated in several of the centre's activities during the year.

3.10 Dr. Kingsley Agholor

Dr Kingsley Agholor is an obstetrician and gynecologist and currently works as a consultant at the Central Hospital, Warri. During the year, he functioned actively as a key associate of the centre participating in the centre's research and programmatic activities. He participated in the field work on many research projects of the centre and also co-authored several peer-review articles published by the centre. He participated in the research priorities workshop held by the centre in Lagos in January 2011, and has functioned as the secretary of the network of the associates of the centre.

3.11 Dr. Biodun Olagbuji

Dr Biodun Olagbuji is an obstetrician and gynecologist, who recently completed his training at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital. He recently gained admission into the MPH program of the Johns Hopkins University, USA, which he would be commencing in September 2011. He functioned very actively as an associate of the centre during the year, participating in all research and documentation activities of the centre. He co-authored some papers published by the centre, and has been an active member of the Centre's network of associates.

3.12 Dr. Michael Ezeanochie

Dr Michael Ezeanochie is an obstetrician and gynecologist, who recently completed his training at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital. He is a very avid researcher and is a key advocate for women's sexual and reproductive health. His major area of research interest is gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS. He functioned very actively as an associate of the centre during the year, participating in all research and documentation activities of the centre. He co-authored some papers published by the centre, and has been an active member of the Centre's network of associates.

3.13 Dr. Rosemary Ogu

Dr Rosemary Ogu is a senior lecturer and consultant obstetrician and gynecologist at the University of Port Harcourt, Rivers state. She is the Rivers State coordinator of WHARC's activities and was a key associate of the centre during the year. She co-authored several peer review articles of the centre during the year and also presented the centre's paper on its private sector capacity building program for the provision of qualitative reproductive health care in northern Nigeria at a workshop on "the social, economic and health consequences of unsafe abortion", held in San Juan, Mexico in December, 2010. She also attended WHARC's workshop on research priorities in adolescent sexual and reproductive health held in Lagos in January 2011.

3.14 Prof. Adetokunbo Fabanwo

Prof. Adetokunbo Fabanwo is an associate professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Lagos State University (LASU). He is the Lagos state coordinator of WHARC's program activities aimed at promoting safe motherhood and reducing maternal mortality in the state. He is a very reliable and avid member of WHARC's committee of associates and has attended all meetings to date. He co-authored a key paper on WHARC needs assessment study of the situation of maternal health in Lagos state, and developed a policy brief with the results of the study. He is currently leading the advocacy activities relating to the reduction of maternal mortality in Lagos state.

3.15 Professor Eric Archibong

Professor Eric Archibong is a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Calabar, Cross River State. He is the Cross River State coordinator of WHARC's activities and program aimed at promoting safe motherhood and reducing maternal mortality in the state. He attended many of WHARC's associates meetings during the year and contributed greatly to strengthening the network. He co-authored a key paper on WHARC needs assessment study of the status of maternal health in Cross River state during the year, and developed the related policy brief. He is currently leading WHARC's advocacy activities aimed at reducing maternal mortality in Cross River State.

3.16 Professor Joseph Okeibunor

Professor Joseph Okeibunor is a professor of sociology at the University of Nigeria (UNN), Nsukka. He is the Enugu State coordinator of WHARC's activities and program aimed at promoting safe motherhood in the state. Additionally, he is one of WHARC's key resource persons assisting in developing key strategic documents for the centre. He is also one of WHARC's key spokespersons and has made scientific presentations on behalf of the centre. He co-authored a key paper on WHARC's needs assessment study of the state of maternal health in Enugu state during the year, and developed the related policy brief. He currently leads WHARC's advocacy efforts aimed at reducing maternal mortality in Enugu state.

3.17 Dr Calvin Chama

Dr Calvin Chama is an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Maiduguri, Borno state. He is the Borno state coordinator of WHARC's activities aimed at increasing women's access to quality reproductive health services. He coordinates WHARC's capacity building program for private obstetrical providers in Borno state as well as the program related to the promotion of safe motherhood in the state. He has co-authored up to four papers with WHARC in various aspects of reproductive health published in top ranking international journals. Dr Chama is very reliable and very passionate about improving the reproductive health situation of women in northern Nigeria. He attended all of WHARC's activities during the year, including the research priorities workshop held in Lagos. He currently leads WHARC's advocacy activities aimed at leveraging political will for reducing the high rate of maternal mortality in Borno state.

3.18 Dr. Hadiza Galadanci

Dr Hadiza Galadanci is a consultant obstetrician and Gynecologist at the Murtala Mohammed Hospital in Kano, and is also the Chief Medical Director of the hospital. Dr Galadanci is the Kano state coordinator of WHARC's activities aimed at promoting reproductive health and reducing maternal mortality in the state. She co-authored some of

WHARC's key papers during the year, and was a chapter contributor in WHARC's recent publication titled: "Identifying Research Priorities in Sexual and Reproductive Health in Nigeria". She also co-authored a key paper on WHARC's needs assessment study of Kano state maternal health services during the year, and developed the related policy brief. She currently leads WHARC's advocacy efforts aimed at promoting safe motherhood in Kano State.

3.19 Dr. Josiah Mutihir

Dr Josiah Mutihir is an associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Jos, Plateau state. He is the coordinator of WHARC's activities in Plateau state, especially those that relate to the promotion of maternal health in the state. He participated actively in WHARC's activities during the year, and co-authored a paper with WHARC that explored the situation of maternal health in Plateau state. He also developed a policy and media advocacy brief with the results of the assessment. He is a very active and passionate member of the associate team and attended all meetings of the associates' network during the year. He currently leads WHARC's advocacy activities aimed at reducing maternal mortality in Plateau state.

3.20 Mr. Tajudeen Abass

Mr. Tajudeen Abass is a community health worker and social advocate and is the longest serving member of WHARC's committee of associates having joined the centre in 1998. An extremely reliable, trustworthy and dependable member, he has led over the years, WHARC research and programmatic activities in Kaduna state. To date, he has coordinated more than 10 WHARC projects in Kaduna state and has always demonstrated high level efficiency, reliability and accountability in the discharge of his responsibilities. His research interest is in improving women's access to qualitative post-abortion care and family planning. He is co-author in several of WHARC's key scientific articles in leading international journals. He presently coordinates WHARC's intervention in Kaduna state aimed at improving the quality of private provision of post-abortion care and family planning services in the state.

3.21 Dr. Olufunmilayo Fawole

Dr. Olufunmilayo Fawole is an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine at the University of Ibadan. She is also an honorary Consultant to the University College Hospital, Ibadan. A fellow of the Nigerian and West African Colleges of Public Health, she also has Master's degree (MSC-MMED) in epidemiology and biostatistics from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. Dr. Fawole is an avid researcher in sexual and reproductive health and has a large number of publications focussing on gender-based violence. She is the author of the chapter on gender-based violence in WHARC's forthcoming textbook on sexual and reproductive health. She is also a member of the WHARC team that developed a maternal health implementation research proposal that has been accepted by the WHO for funding, and is a member of the project implementation committee.

WHARC Full-time Staff (2013 – 2014)

WHARC continue to maintain a stable staff list which now consists of 15 program staff and 14 support staff. A large proportion of the staff members (75%) are women, which is consistent with our philosophy to build the capacity of women to conduct research and advocacy activities on women's health. A major strength of the Centre is the ethnic diversity of its staff. Staff recruitment in the Centre is strictly based on merit, which allows for needed competencies and capabilities to be drawn from all parts of the Nigerian nation.

The Centre continued to hold its Wednesdays' weekly staff meetings, which provide opportunity to make inputs into the administration of the Centre. The weekly meetings are chaired by either the Executive Director or the Deputy Executive Director and are attended by all staffs of the Centre. The meetings begin at 11.00am and end at 12.00p.m each Wednesday. These meetings have contributed immensely to better understanding among staff and to organizational effectiveness in the centre.

PROGRAM REPORTS

5.1 Adolescent Reproductive Health Project (The Ford Foundation Project)

WHARC received a 3-year grant from the Ford Foundation in 2012 to implement a project titled: ***"Using Empirical Evidence to scale up Policies and Programs to reduce Adverse Sexual and Reproductive Health Outcomes in Nigeria"***. The justification of the project was based on the fact that in the 20 years of its existence, WHARC has researched and published substantial evidence-based information on the sexual and reproductive health of Nigerian women and adolescents in high ranking local and international journals. Unfortunately, there is also the growing recognition that such information has not been regularly used by policymakers for policy formulation in sexual and reproductive health, either because the journals are not accessible to them, or because research findings are often not presented in journals in the language easily understood by policy makers. Hence, the need to find ways to better communicate the research findings to key stakeholders including policymakers, so that they become useful tools for driving the design and implementation of sexual and reproductive health and policies in the country.

The project implementation began early January 2013 with the appointment of a Communications Consultant to help the Centre develop a strategic communication plan. A communications strategy workshop was held at the Centre's headquarters in Benin City on January 24, 2013 where the management team of WHARC, associates, youth and key stakeholders (including the Ford Foundation program officers) met to analyse the state of current communication activities in WHARC, to conduct a SWOT analysis of WHARC communication preparedness and to map out a road map for implementing the project activities. The workshop also provided an opportunity for WHARC management, associates and key staff to learn new trends in communications and its importance in promoting the mission and vision of a forward-looking organization.

The information presented at the communication strategy workshop formed the basis of a strategic communication document which was subsequently developed for the Centre. The strategic communication document has been shared with different stakeholders who provided inputs in finalising the document. During the period, Hathaway Communications (an international communications organization based in the USA) and an organization called Marketing for International Development (M4ID), a communication NGO located in Finland reviewed the communication strategy document and provided their comments that greatly improved the quality of the document. This communication strategy document (which includes a detailed social media strategy) has since been finalised and launched and now forms the template for implementing WHARC's communication activities.

Presently, an android application which has more than one hundred questions and answers on reproductive and sexual health has been developed. Since adolescents and young people lack access to critical sexual and reproductive health services, the application allows mobile users get access to this high quality sexual and reproductive health information they seek. The mobile application also provides direction to several health care centres in the country. Also developed was a plan that create awareness of the mobile application and also make it available to all users especially adolescents. Also under the project, WHARC produced some short educational public service announcement videos in form of documentaries which are being aired in several television stations and uploaded on its different social media channels such as facebook, twitter and YouTube. These videos were on family planning, maternal

mortality and HIV/AIDS. This is just the beginning as WHARC has plans to produce more educational videos that will give the public more information about reproductive and sexual health.

5.2 T.Y. Danjuma Maternal Mortality Prevention Project (The DAFOMA Project)

In continuation of the project aimed at contributing to the reduction of maternal mortality in Orhionmwon Local Government Area, WHARC undertook the renovation of Oligie-Ottah PHC which at the onset of the program was in a state of infrastructural decay, with leaking roofs, broken doors and windows etc. In fulfilment of the objective to improve facilities for implementing maternal health services, WHARC sought for and obtained a discretionary grant to embark on the renovation of the PHC to make it more comfortable and safe for both staff and clients of the PHC. The renovation of the PHC galvanised the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) to provide a solar powered borehole for the health centre to improve water supply.

Following the renovation of the PHC, extensive public health education was carried out to raise awareness on maternal health and solicit increased utilisation of the PHCs in the project communities namely, Oligie- Ottah, Evbonogbon and Urhonigbe communities respectively. Evidence has shown that there has been an increase in antenatal attendance and utilisation of the health centres by community members.



A cross-section of trained Traditional Birth Attendants at Urhonigbe Community of Orhionmwon LGA of Edo State

Also, staggered trainings were held in three days for a total of thirty -seven (37) Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) in the three project communities. The training centred on Health Education courses providing basic information and skills to Traditional Birth Attendant (TBAs) empowering them to apply safe delivery methods and prompt referral in cases of emergency such as prolonged labour to save the lives of both mother and child. At the end of the project, a total of one thousand six hundred and forty (1640) women were booked for Antenatal care services, there were two hundred and twenty nine (229) deliveries and fifty three (53) referrals were recorded.

WHARC was recently awarded another grant by the TY Danjuma Foundation to strengthen the PHCs for the delivery of maternal and child care in Orhionmwon Local Government Area. The project will involve the renovation of Urhonigbe health centre, construction of a modern toilet and bathroom at Oligie Health Centre and the maintenance of the supply of drugs to the three project PHCs for a period of twelve months.

5.3 Project to build accountability mechanisms for improving the quality of maternal health care and preventing maternal mortality.

In November 2013, WHARC received a three year grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to implement a project in Lagos State from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2016. The project is aimed at promoting the uptake of accountability practices for the prevention of maternal mortality in Nigeria with the specific objective of improving the quality of care in maternal health at all levels of health care system and to increase the capacity as well as action of the community in accountability mechanism relating to maternal health in Lagos State.

The project is in essence on the progress to integrate the practice of Maternal Death Review (MDR) within healthcare delivery systems in Nigeria. As part of the project implementation WHARC paid an advocacy visit to the Lagos State commissioner for Health and Lagos State Maternal Death Review Committee, identified seven facilities for the project implementation which include one tertiary, two Secondary and four Primary Health care facilities. A survey on the assessment of the Knowledge, Attitude and Practices relating to Maternal Death Review among Policy Makers and Health Care providers in Lagos State was carried and a report of the assessment was produced. WHARC has also held meetings with the staff of the facilities to intimate them on the scope of the project and as well gain their support for effective collaboration.

Also part of the grant includes an intervention to reduce the menace of teenage pregnancy in 3 selected local governments in Ekiti State. WHARC in Collaboration with Ekiti Development Foundation is implementing this project within the first year of the grant. In particular, the main objective of this project is to facilitate a stakeholder's forum for driving and encouraging sexual reproductive health education and encourage community participation in stemming the tide of teenage pregnancy in Ekiti State. The implementing bodies, WHARC and Ekiti Development Fund (EDF), organized a one day stakeholder's forum in the Government House in Ado- Ekiti during which stakeholders (government agencies, traditional institution, women groups, NGOs, CBOs and FBOs as well as young persons) were brought together to deliberate, share information and experience on the scourge of teenage pregnancy in the State, and develop a strategic plan of action to drive the State response and to reverse the trend of teenage pregnancy in Ekiti State. Consequently advocacy activities were carried out in the 3 local government areas in Ekiti State with high rate of teenage pregnancy to gain the support of the council and the traditional institutions in the program implementation.

Recently, a strategic plan of action for reducing teenage pregnancy was drafted and launched in Ekiti State with the objective of gaining political will and support of the key stakeholders for effective program implementation and sustainability. The launch had in attendance major key stakeholders in the state including the Commissioners of Health, Women Affairs,

wife of the State Governor, Traditional Chiefs, Civil Society organizations, and the media amongst others.

5.4 Project to Building the Capacity of Mid-level providers to Deliver Medication Abortion and Post-abortion care in Nigeria

WHARC commenced the first phase of the Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF) project which spans from 2014 till 2016. The aim of the project which is also dubbed “Women Accessing New Technology” (WANT, is to increase access to reproductive health and family planning services in Ovia North East LGA of Edo State. This will be achieved through training of mid level providers (nurses, midwives, CHEWs, pharmacists) to offer reproductive health and family planning services and the provision of reproductive health and family planning commodities in the target area.

The SAAF team conducted a baseline survey on the knowledge and practice of mid-level providers (MLPs) regarding reproductive health and family planning services, through in-depth interviews.

The following activities have been carried out since the inception of the project in January 2014:

1. Visit to executive members of MLP associations including community nurses, midwives, CHEWs and pharmacists to intimate them with the program objectives. The project team was well received during the visits while the executive members thanked the organization for their foresight in implementing such a project and pledged their support throughout the course of the project.
2. Visits to Ovbiogie and nearby communities to interview MLPs on the knowledge and practice of RH and FP services in Ovia North East LGA of Edo State. During the visits the team members successfully conducted some interview sessions among the MLPs
3. The team has also earmarked at least 10 MLP facilities so far, for the proposed intervention (3 pharmacies, 5 PMV, 1 clinic and 1 maternity home)
4. In addition the team has contacted at least 35 MLPs in Ovia North East LGA so far and interviewed a total of 20 MLPs

The report of the baseline survey will be presented in a stakeholder’s forum. Also, the team conducted a training workshop for the MLPs and will subsequently supply some earmarked health facilities with reproductive health and family planning commodities to enable them carry out the specified services.

5.5 WHO Implementation Research Program on Maternal Health

The Women’s Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) recently obtained a competitive grant from the World Health Organization (WHO) to implement a national implementation research for improving the quality of emergency obstetric care in Nigeria. In June 2012, WHARC responded to a call for an Expression of Interest by the WHO and the Federal Ministry of Health for an implementation research program on maternal health. WHARC submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) titled “Assessing the impact of an Intervention to improve the quality of emergency obstetric care on maternal and neonatal outcomes in Nigeria”. The LOI was one of six letters that was selected by the WHO for further development.

WHARC constituted a team of research associates comprising Professor Friday Okonofua (as Principal Investigator), Dr Rosemary Ogu (an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist), Dr Olufunmilayo Fawole (a Biostatistician), Mrs Jillian Evans (Aberdeen) and Professor Lai Erinoshio (a Sociologist) to further develop the proposal. Subsequently, the team attended a proposal development workshop organised by the WHO and the FMOH in Ibadan. Following the development of the proposal, WHARC submitted it to the WHO in November 2012, for consideration for funding.

In March 2013, WHARC was informed that its submitted proposal had been selected for funding. WHARC subsequently had an implementation development meeting with officials of the WHO and the FMOH in April 2013. The proposal has been approved by the National Health Research Ethical Committee (NHREC) and also submitted for ethical approval by the WHO IRB, following which the implementation activities will begin in earnest.



WHARC Research Team and FMOH Officials at the WHO organized Orientation Training Workshop on WHO Research Guidelines held in Lagos

The objectives of the proposal are as follows:

- 1) To describe the provision of emergency obstetrics care as it is currently delivered in six secondary and two tertiary hospitals, in the following causes of maternal mortality in two geo-political zones of Nigeria:
 - (i) Primary postpartum haemorrhage
 - (ii) Eclampsia
 - (iii) Obstructed labour
- 2) To implement a set of evidence-based multi-faceted interventions for the improvement of the quality of care for primary postpartum haemorrhage, eclampsia and obstructed labour in four of the selected hospitals (three secondary hospitals and one tertiary hospital)
- 3) To test the effectiveness of the intervention package by comparing maternal and neonatal outcomes and process quality indicators in the four intervention hospitals with four comparable control hospitals in the same geo-political zones.

WHARC is set to commence the hospital-based intervention study which will be carried out in the randomly selected secondary and tertiary hospitals within the selected geo-political zones of the country, stratified into northern and southern zones for the purpose of the study.

5.6 Project on Generating Accountability for Maternal Health Outcomes in Nigeria through Audit

The Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) and Immpact, University of Aberdeen with funding from the MacArthur Foundation is currently working on a project aimed at reducing maternal and newborn mortality in Nigeria with the purpose of generating evidence for accountability by strengthening capacity for assessments of health systems performance in maternity care.

The University of Aberdeen is the main implementing organization that will conduct capacity building and learning workshops on maternal health accountability mechanism for NGOs working on Macarthur-funded accountability project in Nigeria. WHARC is collaborating with the University of Aberdeen to assist in domesticating the project activities in Nigeria.

Currently the University of Aberdeen team is working on synthesising literatures through systematic review of published articles on the implementation of maternal health accountability within the context of low income countries with focus on Nigeria. Also in collaboration with WHARC, the team conducted a discourse analysis workshop and data collection on Maternal Death Reviews in Nigeria with the objective to analyse the communication practices used during maternal death reviews and their potential consequences, for instance in terms of decisions reached on the causes of, or circumstances surrounding the death. Such information will be useful to those implementing various maternal health accountability projects funded by the Macarthur Foundation in Nigeria.

5.7 Project on the Assessment of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of Very Young Adolescents (VYAs)

WHARC in collaboration with Save the Children initiated a project on the need to scale up sexual and reproductive health services for VYAs (10 – 14 years), a work plan was developed for the implementation of certain activities which include a formative research on the SRH needs of the VYAs and to improve on the sexual and reproductive health needs of Very Young Adolescents (VYAs) in Benin City, Edo State.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To generate increased understanding about VYAs' knowledge about Sexual and Reproductive Health
2. To understand the knowledge of Policymakers and existing policies in the context of SRH needs of VYAs in Edo State
3. To provide Youth Friendly SRH information to in-school VYAs in Benin City
4. To provide the house committee on health and youth affairs with evidence on VYAs SRH needs in Edo State

Presently, data from the formative research had been analysed to produce a concise report for publication. WHARC will also conduct capacity building workshops and peer education programme on SRH for the VYAs.

5.8 WHARC Initiated Coalition of NGOs to promote the uptake of evidence-based programming on adolescent sexual and reproductive health

The Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) on the 16th of December, 2013 organized an NGO coalition meeting. The aim of the meeting was to form a coalition of youth-friendly NGOs who would be trained to use the results of research findings for evidence-based advocacy to promote the uptake of evidence-based programming on adolescent sexual and reproductive health. The agenda of the meeting among other deliberations is to forge a way forward by collaborating on documentation, strategic communication and advocacy. The meeting had in attendance representatives from eleven NGOs: Grassroots Health Organization of Nigeria (GHON), Girl's Power Initiative (GPI), Women Friendly Initiative (WFI), Forward Africa, Youth Empowerment and Development Centre (YEDEC), Champion Victory Foundation, Brave Heart Initiative, Action Health Incorporated, Kids and Teens Resource Centre, Lift Above Poverty Organisation (LAPO), Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and Ford Foundation.

In a brief remark by WHARC's Program Adviser, Prof. Friday Okonofua admonished all present that it is pertinent that these organisations collaborate to develop plans to communicate their work to the target audience in order to achieve the desired change. He further highlighted major outcomes of the meeting to include:

1. Establishment of a consortium of Ford Foundation funded NGOs to intensify WHARC's effort in ensuring that evidence-based data are used to advocate for improved SRH of adolescents.
2. Develop ways to disseminate research findings on Adolescents Sexual and Reproductive Health to stakeholders and policy makers.

Welcoming the guests, Prof. Cyril Mokwenye said that WHARC in its drive as one of the leading NGOs advocating on reproductive health, especially maternal and adolescent reproductive health, have put together the meeting with its aim of ensuring collaboration between NGOs in the dissemination of research findings through various communication channels to policy makers and stakeholders.

The meeting witnessed various presentations from representatives of NGOs present and Program Officers from WHARC. The presentations underscore the gap between research and policy; and various strategic communications channels through which this gap can be bridged.

At the end of the meeting the following resolutions were reached:

1. It was concluded that the name of the coalition should be called "Advocates for Reproductive Health and Rights".
2. Temporary secretariat shall be in WHARC.
3. Further meetings will be held next year to elect Executives of the coalition and assign specific duties to each participating organizations.

5.9 WHARC Media Parley

The Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) on December 13, 2013 held an interactive session with the media reporters with the aim at increasing the understanding of members of the mass media about the social change work being undertaken by WHARC. The event was also aimed at opening up new lines of communication between WHARC and members of the media/press, to identify a common agenda and platforms for scaling up the dissemination of evidence-based information for promoting reproductive health services and right in Nigeria.



Media reporters with some members of WHARC Staff at the media parley

The forum, which was convivial in nature, was a platform for the Media Practitioners and Staff of WHARC to brainstorm on health related matters as such, with both making suggestions and comments one of which was the need for Training Program for Health Reporters to properly equip them in the reportage of Reproductive Health matters amongst others. The parley had veteran media personnel across mainstream reporters from electronic and print media, Health reporters, regional and city editors and other adjunct of the mass media were in attendance.

5.10 WHARC collaborates with Champion for Change (C4C)

In partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Champion for Change (C4C) is investing in visionary Nigerian leaders and organizations advocating for improved RMNCH laws, policies, and funding. C4C provides Nigerian advocates with intensive leadership development and executive coaching, strengthens partner organizations through advocacy funding and technical assistance, and supports Nigerian networks to collaboratively advocate for RMNCH.

C4C selection process included a national open call for applications throughout Nigeria, a written application process followed by in person interviews with finalist candidates, and

consultation with independent RMNCH advocates in Nigeria. Out of over 110 applications received in 2014, 30 were selected for in person interviews, and only 12, WHARC inclusive was invited to join C4C's inaugural cohort.

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Reproductive Health Textbook

WHARC has completed a special textbook titled “**Confronting the Challenge of Reproductive Health in Africa: A textbook for students and Development Practitioners**”. The textbook with below table of content is due for public presentation in August 2014.

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WHARC's Reproductive Health Library

During the reporting year (July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014) the documentation unit of the centre fully functioned to provide opportunity for women's health advocates and researchers to obtain information on women and adolescent reproductive health. Expanding the reproductive health library is a continuous process. We have continued to receive and subscribe to books as well as national and international journals.

The library provides access to information that researchers need to enable them work productively, and to avoid unnecessary duplication of previous research efforts. All categories of staff as well as trainees are entitled to use the library. They are allowed to make photocopies of materials they need. During the year, more than 1,500 persons were registered as having visited and obtained information from the library. These consisted of individuals engaged in reproductive health research, students and staff from tertiary institutions especially from surrounding universities in Edo and Delta State, health professionals and other NGOs.

From July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, a total of 1,143 volumes of books were added to the library's collection which included issues of various journals, magazines and newsletters. The library also added stocks of volumes of serials; these titles included new books obtained through subscription and in exchange for WHARC's publications respectively. Some publications were also obtained from neighbouring libraries as well as gifts/donations. Also, 14 CD -Rom were added to the library's collection. The library also classifies its materials, especially the books with the library of congress classification scheme for easy retrieval. The library is open from Monday – Friday 8: am -4: pm.

WHARC's Communication Activities

During the year under review, the major goals that guided WHARC Communications activities was to enhance the staff strength and build competence in a bid to improve the scope and quality of its communication operations, improve the number of channels with which we can disseminate research findings, advocate for better policies for the African woman, and reach out to as many stakeholders as possible in the continent and beyond.

WHARC strengthened its communication activities by employing ICT Officer with a mandate to build strategic relationship with the media and apply innovative technologies that will see WHARC soaring to greater heights. The information and communication technology (ICT) unit introduced the use of corporate emails to the centre which was embraced by management. Staff members were trained on the use of the new corporate emails; now, staff external communications are taken seriously as opposed to being perceived as a faceless organization. The unit was able to reduce the monthly IT sending of the organization by over 25% and worked round the clock to ensure all staff IT needs are met in the shortest possible time. All members of Staff have access to personal computers (desktop/laptop), and almost all offices have access to printers and other important office working equipments. As a result, there was little or no downtime which meant Staff was productive, able to work with deadlines and proactive in assigned duties.

During 2013/2014, the unit was able to build a vibrant and active community via different social media channels such as: (facebook, twitter, linkedin, Youtube) and intends to engage

more people through other channels like Pinterest, Flickr etc. Our official website www.wharc-online.org now carries the new logo of the organization; regular updates about events and projects are placed on the website which has led to better rankings from search engines and the organization appearing on Google's first page in some related searches. Then centre's publicity in Africa and beyond has greatly improved. For example, the unit engaged organizations such as Repro-net Africa (A network of African NGO's) to publicize our upcoming events. WHARC is currently on the home different parts of the world. The unit has also been able to publish both online and hard copies of the centre's Newsletter; The Women's Health Forum Volume 13.

Presently, the unit developed an android application which has more than one hundred questions and answers on reproductive and sexual health. Since adolescents and young people lack access to critical sexual and reproductive health services, the application allows mobile users get access to this high quality sexual and reproductive health information they seek. This mobile application also provides direction to several health care centres in the country. The unit has developed a plan that create awareness of this mobile application and also make it available to all users especially adolescents.

The unit was also able to produce some short educational public service announcement videos in form of documentaries which was aired in several television stations and uploaded on its different social media channels such as facebook, twitter and YouTube. These videos were on family planning, maternal mortality and HIV/AIDS. This is just the beginning as the unit has plans to produce more educational videos that will give the public more information about reproductive and sexual health.

The unit improve on the template and format of its newsletter that is sent monthly. This newsletter contains reproductive and sexual health issues discussed by reproductive health specialist. While developing this, we aimed to keep in the electronic newsletter renewed format structure and also, in keeping with modern email usage trends then limit the text content very basics. This way, we aimed to drive traffic to our website and facebook where the reader can, if interested read about the topic in more details as well as learn about other WHARC activities. We made one main story/theme per newsletter and the other items would be extremely brief. We included spaces for Images as well as bullet points that make the newsletter more readable for the audience. The unit disseminate this newsletter electronically to its subscribers and also reach out to those that are yet to be in our mailing list using facebook and twitter. So far, our subscribers are increasing. The ICT unit was able to designed social media blogs in which it uses to disseminate current status on maternal, sexual and reproductive health in Nigeria and linking the blog posts to the website which also improves visitors. Since the unit started using blogs, we have been able to attract over a thousand viewers in the space of three months spreading awareness and connecting Nigerians to demand more attention and accountability to maternal, sexual and reproductive health.

The unit has been able to employ traditional media like radio and television communication to reach out to the general public about issues of maternal, sexual and reproductive health. A talk show on a Nigerian radio called 'WHARC and Your Health' which runs every Tuesdays of the week is been used to reach out to the public in general about sexual and reproductive health. This concept has created awareness has listeners continues to call to seek answers to

their questions. Also the unit has been able to get across its messages on maternal mortality, family planning and HIV/AIDS through television channel using its educational health videos.

Research Seminars and Workshops

In the course of the 2012/2013 accounting year WHARC sustained its tradition of dedicated lectures as follows:

The Professor James Ogonor Memorial Lecture

On Thursday 23rd January 2014, the annual lecture series held in honour of the late Professor James Ogonor, a former Deputy Executive Director of WHARC took place at the Auditorium of the Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC). The eleventh in the series was Chaired by Professor S M Ogbonmwan, a former Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Benin. The Special Guest of honour was Professor Ayanru, a professor emeritus of Ophthalmology. The memorial lecture titled "Tackling the Menace of Sudden Death and its travails in Nigeria", was delivered by Dr Peter Okokhere, an Associate Professor of Medicine, Consultant Physician/Cardiologist and Acting Chief Medical Director, Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital (ISTH). Dignitaries who graced the occasion included Professor Mrs Ogonor the widow of the late Professor, Prof. Onokerorhaye former VC Uniben, Prof Hugo, VC Western Delta University, Chairman WHARC BOT Lady Winifred Osaru Onyeonwu members of the University community, WHARC associates and other civil society organisations.

The Guest Speaker, Prof. Okokhere gave different medical definitions of Sudden Natural Deaths (SND), but he said the underlining key words were "unexpected deaths within a short period with or without symptoms". According to him, the incident of SND is frightening and has put fear into the minds of Nigerians. While he expressed worry over the increasing alarming rate of the incidence of SND in Nigeria, he named the main causes of unnatural sudden death to be road traffic accidents, homicide from violent crimes and natural causes. He added that the risk is higher in males, low-birth weight infants, in lower socio-economic levels, during cold months, and for babies who sleep face down.

The Physician Cardiologist, however, noted that statistics from recent studies had showed that the recent causes of SND was ischaemic heart diseases' (IHD), particularly in Western Europe and North America. Although available evidence shows that the prevalence of IHD is relatively low in Nigeria, as in other parts of Sub-Saharan Africa. Speaking further, he warned that there is the tendency for it to be the most important cause of SND in sub-Saharan Africa in the next three decades if current trends continue. Describing the IHD as very deadly, he expressed that its incidence was on the increase in Nigeria and Africa countries and that while the incidence is decreasing in the developed countries, it is increasing in the developing countries most probably because of harmful lifestyle practices.

The Guest Speaker, Prof. Okokhere also explained that research had shown that the incidence of SND was growing in Sub-Sahara countries, attributing its cause to hypertension. According to him, clinical and pathological data show that hypertension and its complications are the most common cause of SND in Nigeria, even though the incidence of IHD is increasing gradually. He also reported that heart disease and stroke are the commonest complications of hypertension that cause SND in Nigeria. This worsening trend may be attributed to the adoption of western lifestyle practices by Nigerians over the years. Many studies have conclusively revealed that some lifestyle practices contribute to the incidence and severity of hypertension.



Citation of Guest Lecturer Prof. Peter Okokhere at the Professor James Ogonor Memorial Lecture held at WHARC official headquarters Benin City.

Environmental factors, such as calorie intake, salt intake, potassium intake, alcohol consumption, physical exercise and rural-urban migration interact with genetic factors to cause hypertension. He explained that of these environmental factors, increased calorie intake leads to obesity while increased salt consumption and reduced physical activity are perhaps the most important environmental factors that influence the incidence of hypertension.

In his contribution the special guest at the event Prof Ayanru, said that before now, hypertension used to be a rare event but because of changing habits/diets, the incidence has increased therefore, there is need for public health education for everyone.

The 2nd Dr Abel Guobadia Memorial Lecture

The second edition of the Dr Abel Guobadia memorial lecture series organised by the Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) in honour of the late Dr Abel Guobadia, erstwhile Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT) of WHARC took place at the Akin Deko Main Auditorium of the University of Benin on Tuesday February 4, 2014. The lecture was Chaired by Dr Kole Shettima, Country Director of the McArthur Foundation. The Special Guest of honour was Chief Sir Dr Gabriel Osawaru Igbinedion the Esama of Benin. The memorial lecture titled "Politics and Quest for National Development: Is Nigeria Getting it Right", was delivered by Professor Adigun Agbaje of the Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Dignitaries who graced the occasion included Mrs Florence Guobadia the widow of the late Dr Guobadia, Engineer Ibhude Guobadia son of the late Dr Guobadia and member BOT of WHARC, Chairman WHARC BOT Lady Winifred Osaru Onyeonwu, Founder of WHARC, Professor Friday Okonofua, Executive Director of WHARC, Professor Cyril Mokwenye, representative of the chairman Resident Electoral

Commission, members of the University community, WHARC associates and friends of the Guobadia family.

In the address delivered by the Executive Director, it was reported said that WHARC decided to put the lecture series in place to honour and celebrate the late Dr Guobadia in appreciation of his immense contribution and support in the development of the Centre. During his tenure as the BOT chairman of the Centre, a position he held until his demise, he exhibited effective leadership characteristics and brought his expertise to bare.

The guest lecturer in his introduction cited Bernado Arevalo a Guatemalan Sociologist who said “*we have the hardware of democracy but the software of authoritarianism*” while referring to his country. He said that the same was applicable to Nigeria and that we had fundamental problems in judging our politics right. He further explained that Nigeria’s long search for the “right” quantum and quality of politics conducive to democratic governance, the rule of law and national development in all its ramifications reminds one of the popular saying that describes situations long on efforts but short on the record of achievement: ***the more you look, the less you see***. In the instance of Nigeria’s laborious and troubled search for the political key to open the door to governance woven around the will of the people, the triumph of the rule of law over the capricious rule by persons, and development that goes beyond economic growth and touches the everyday life of its people in all those places that matter, the more relevant aphorism appears to be that the longer we have searched for these desirable organizing frames for our public and not-so-public life, the less of the frames we have achieved in fact.

He stressed that if Nigeria can get her infrastructure and policies right, she stands to be one of the world’s leaders and put to an end the long search for development. He lamented the fact that democracy and its content have been replaced by democratism which he explained as using the symbols and appearances of democracy to actually frustrate the achievement and consolidation of democracy. However there is a ray of light as a new country is possible.

The Guest Speaker therefore noted that to achieve the desired democracy in Nigeria; government must, among others, ensure that regulatory/oversight institutions should be allowed to enjoy the autonomy and capacity required for their vital functions. While it must consciously encourage the elites to evolve and nurture a structure and process for strategic planning of leadership succession that aims at ensuring that only persons with required traits, experience and capacity attain positions of leadership in public and other spheres of life.

WHARC celebrates the International Youth Day

The Women’s Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) on August 12, 2013 at WHARC’s main auditorium celebrated the International Youth Day for the first time as part of WHARC’s 20th anniversary activities. The symposium which was put together to mainstream youth into the development and social change agenda of the country and its quest to encourage young talents provided a platform to present prizes to winners of the International Youth Day Essay contest organized by WHARC; Gabriel Olakunle Akanji’s essay on “What Would You Ask Your Government to Do to Promote Youth Development?” emerged the best.



L-R, Mrs Mecellina Aisuebeogun member BOT WHARC, Mr. Olawin Oludare, Isola Taiwo, , MD/CEO of The New Afrika Shrine Ms Yemi Kuti, Mr. Akanji Gabriel, The Executive Director WHARC Prof. Cyril Mokwenye at the The International Youth Day, 2013.

In a keynote address by The MD/CEO of The New Afrika Shrine and daughter of the late Fela Anikulapo-Kuti on the topic ***“Understanding Fela, his music and message to the Youth”*** she accused Nigerian leaders at all levels of bad exemplary lives shown to the younger generation who are the leaders of tomorrow. She said that corruption is continually entrenched in our country by allowing corrupt officials walk freely thereby making it impossible for any change to take place in the country.

Ms Yeni Kuti stated that Nigerian Leaders are very bad examples, it's of great importance that today's generation is constantly reminded of good values that propelled our national heroes which are fast degenerating, she said the emphasis today is on instant gratification, the quest to get rich without hard work, dedication and truth. She added that Fela's life and music should inspire young Africans to always work hard, be courageous, and be willing to stand for the truth at all situations. She concluded with advice to leaders that Nigeria will only make meaningful progress if the younger generation is guided in the right direction and allowed to take the mantle of leadership while they offer advice from behind the scene of authority and urge the youth to always stand against societal ills and work hard for meaningful development to be achieved.

The Executive Director WHARC Prof. Cyril Mokwenye in his address advised the youth not to learn from bad examples of elders in their communities but look at those whose character stand out. He laid emphasis on the importance and role that youth has to play if given adequate guidance and encouragement.

Highlights of the occasion were award of prizes presented to winners of youth essay competition. Mr. Akanji Gabriel was the overall best and went with the grand prize of 15 inch Laptop while Mr. Olawin Oludare came second with a prize of a Mini laptop and Isola Taiwo came third and with a price of a Nokia Lumia.

WHARC celebrated the 80th Birthday of her BOT Chairman, Lady Winifred Osaru Onyeonwu

On Saturday January 25th, 2014 Lady Winifred Osaru Onyeonwu's 80th birthday was celebrated by the Executive Directors, Staff and Members of the Women's Health and Action Research Centre. WHARC family made it a colourful day for her Chairman Board of Trustees. Among dignitaries present at the occasion was, Barr. Felix Omi Imoisili Special Adviser (Special Duties) to the Hon. Minister of Works, Sir Chief Barr. and Lady Foy Yamah former NBA Chairman Edo State Chapter, Barr. Vincent Ose Akhere former Commissioner for Arts, Culture and Tourism Edo State, Dr. (Mrs) E.I. Ifidon University Librarian Ambrose Alli University, Prof. (Mrs) B.O. Ogonor Faculty of Education University of Benin, and a host of others.

In a prayer section, Van S.O. Makun, the Chaplain of All Saint Chapel University of Benin, Benin City, called on God's divine protections and guardians upon Lady Winifred and the entire family. Her children, grand children, in-laws, relatives, well wishers and friends all wish her more eventful years ahead. Gifts were presented by relatives, friends and well wishers as a symbol of love and appreciation.

Lady Winifred, thanked all guest present for honouring her by coming to celebrate her 80th birthday. She also thanked her friends for standing by her all through her journey of life.

WHARC Youth Forum Inauguration Ceremony

On June 18, 2014, the Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) organized the inauguration ceremony of its Youth Forum with the aim to provide a platform for youth empowerment through education, training and advocacy in the area of sexual and reproductive health and social development. Professor Paul Nwulu, Program Officer, Ford Foundation charged the government at all levels to focus on the problems faced by youths by initiating policies that will help to fight social injustice in the country during the inauguration. Nwulu, a Professor of Communications, identified youth as drivers of creativity in sports, health and music, yet, Nigerian youth have been left behind in area of leadership.

The Executive Director WHARC, Professor Cyril Mokwenye in an opening remark encouraged the youth to remain agents of change that can reduce corruption, insecurity and intractable problems facing the society. Speaking on the challenges Nigerian youth face, Mokwenye admonished youths to synergize by using the forum as a launch pad to effect positive change at schools, organizations and social gatherings.

Also, the Edo State Commissioner for Health, Dr (Mrs) Aihanuwa Eregie, represented by Mrs Sarah Ojo-Edokpayi, encouraged parents to groom their children and wards on proper parenting needed to realize high self esteem for youths. In their goodwill messages, Dr. Wole Daini from Women Friendly Initiative and Mr Christian Aisiri from Youths Empowerment and Development Centre (YEDEC), said lack of platform for youths to express themselves place serious burden on self realization of set goals.



The winners of the online essay competition titled “How to prevent the incidence of rape” opened for youths between the age range of 15 and 30 years, Mr Innocent Anazia and Miss Joy Obiote, students of University of Benin, were awarded the sum of N50, 000.00 each at the ceremony.

The ceremony also featured the launching of WHARC Youth Application called “ReproHealth” aimed at providing questions and answers on sexual reproductive health for youths. The application is available for Android phone users and it can be accessed on our website (www.wharc-online.org), Facebook, email, and Google play. It has been programmed for chatting with a specialist on sexual reproductive health (SRH) field, especially when answers are unsatisfactory.

External Workshops and Learning Meetings Attended

1. On July 8-10, 2013, Dr Wilson Imongan, Deputy Executive Director, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research and Documentation, Mr Nurudeen Abokede, Communication/ICT Officer and Mr Godwin Ungwaga attended the Orientation Training Workshop on WHO Research Guidelines organized by WHO in Lagos.
2. On July 16, 2013, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research & Documentation and Mr Nurudeen Abokede, Communications/ICT Officer attended the National Stakeholders Meeting on Furthering Evidence based Health and Social Well- being Programs for Very Young Adolescents in Nigeria organized by Save the Children in Abuja.
3. On July 17-18, 2013, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research & Documentation and Mr Nurudeen Abokede, Communications/ICT Officer attended a training workshop on Building evidence for VYA Programs: Developing, Implementing and Testing Innovations organized by Save the Children in Abuja.
4. On August 23, 2013, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research & Documentation attended the CSOs Meeting on ICPD Beyond 2014 and the Post-2015 Development Agenda organized by Action Health Incorporated in Lagos.

5. On September 13, 2013, Prof Cyril Mokwenye, Executive Director and Ms Osasu Aigbogun, Program Officer attended a Strategic Planning meeting organized by the TY Danjuma Foundation in Benin-City.
6. On September 24-25, 2013, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research & Documentation attended the Technical Review Session on the National Framework for Youth Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Demand Creation organized by the Women Friendly Initiative (WFI) in Abuja.
7. On October 2-5, 2013, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research and Documentation attended and made an oral presentation on Knowledge and Practice of Medical Abortion by In-school youths in Urban Nigeria at the 1st FIGO African Regional Conference of Gynaecology and Obstetrics in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
8. On October 17-18, 2013, WHARC's Accountant, Jeremiah Edogun attended a training workshop on Inventory Management organized by the Centre for Micro-enterprise Development (CMD) in Lagos.
9. On October 24, 2013, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research & Documentation attended the Launching ceremony of the National Guidelines for the Integration of Adolescent and Youth Friendly Services into Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities in Nigeria organized by the Planned Parenthood of America (PPFA) in Abuja.
10. On November 27, 2013, Dr Nicholas Ehikhale, Program Officer attended the Dissemination workshop on a study report on the HIV Vulnerabilities of Nigeria Youth organized by the Population Council in Abuja.
11. On November 26-29, 2013, the AJRH Managing Editor, Ms Theresa Ify Ezeoma, Marketing Manager, Ms Maryjane Emiowe and Account Clerk, Mr Clement Anyogo attended the SOGON Conference in Lagos.
12. On December 16, 2013, WHARC's Accountant, Jeremiah Edogun attended a workshop on Stop Impunity Nigeria Campaign organized by the Ford Foundation in Lagos.
13. On February 3-7, 2014, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research and Documentation attended and made an oral presentation on Self-reporting of Sexual Violence among Female Undergraduates in Southern Nigeria at the 6th African Conference on Sexual Health and Rights in Yaounde, Cameroon.
14. On February 10-14, 2014, Dr. Wilson Imongan WHARC's Deputy Director and Ms Chioma Ekwo, Program Officer attended a meeting on designing an evaluation and data baseline collection portfolio for Population and Reproductive Health Accountability organized by MacArthur Foundation in Abuja.
15. On February 21, 2014, WHARC's Executive Director, Prof. Cyril Mokwenye, Managing Editor, AJRH, Ms. Theresa Ezeoma, Marketing Manager, Ms. Maryjane Emiowe, Internal Auditor, Ms. Theresa Ogbidi, Communications/ICT Officer, Mr. Raymond Aligbe and Mr Segun Ben Ajalode attended the public presentation of a special edition of the journal organized by WHARC and a lecture titled: "Targeting Youth for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care: A Responsibility for Governments" delivered by Dr. Babatunde Ahonsi, Country Director, The Population Council.
16. On March 10, 2014, Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer, Research and Documentation attended the LAPO organized workshop on Inspiring Change: Enhancing Women Equality in Decision Making to mark the International Women's Day in Benin City.

17. On April 3, 2014, Ms Chioma Ekwo, Program Officer and Mr Brian Igboin, M&E Officer attended a workshop on Engaging Nollywood for Social Change in Nigeria organized by the Ford Foundation in Lagos.
18. On April 7-11, 2014, Dr Wilson Imongan, Deputy Executive Director attended the 47th session of the Commission on Population and Development as a member of the Nigerian Delegation representing the Civil Society Organization held in the United Nations Building in New York, USA.
19. On May 16, 2014, Prof Cyril Mokwenye, Executive Director, Dr Wilson Imongan, Deputy Executive Director, Mr Raymond Aligbe, ICT/Communication Officer and Ms Toyin Owolabi, Program Officer attended a Grantee meeting on the Role of Media content in promoting a culture of social justice and inclusion in West Africa organized by the Ford Foundation in Lagos.
20. On May 27-29, 2014, Ms Osasu Aigbogun, Program Officer, Mr Brian Igboin, M&E Officer and Mr Jeremiah Edogun, Accountant attended a Grantee Development Training organized by the TY Danjuma Foundation in Benin-City.
21. On May 30, 2014, Dr Nicholas Ehikhale, Program and Medical Officer represented the Executive Director at the Executive Director Forum organized by the TY Danjuma Foundation in Benin-City

International Visits and Consultations

1. On September 10, 2013 Mr Oyen Iyamu from Born Great Foundation visited the Women's Health and Action Research Centre for Survey purpose.
2. On November 20, 2013 Susan Igras from the Institute of Reproductive Health, Georgetown University, USA visited the Women's Health and Action Research Centre for coordination on the Very Young Adolescent Initiative.
3. On November 20, 2013 Beth Outtersson from Save the Children visited the Women's Health and Action Research Centre for coordination on the Very Young Adolescent Initiative.
4. On January 24, 2014 Julia Hussein from the University of Aberden, Scotland visited the Centre for consultation.
5. On March 17, 2014, Dr. Ifeanyi Nsofor from the T.Y. Danjuma Foundation visited the Centre for site visit for 2014 grant.
6. On March 17, 2014, Oluwatomi Ajayi from the T.Y. Danjuma Foundation visited the Centre for site visit for 2014 grant.

WHARC's Reproductive Health Clinic (Abel Guobadia Clinic)

Abel Guobadia Clinic, the reproductive health clinic in WHARC, attended to a number of patients in the year under review. Over 500 consultations were made including new cases, referred cases and follow- up cases. The commonest cases seen were infertility, uterine fibroid, sexually transmitted infections, antenatal consultations, batholin's cysts, and gynaecological cancers. Procedures carried out included Pap smear, intrauterine

insemination, cerclage insertion and ultrasound scan. The clinic also provided laboratory diagnostic services with over 1500 samples requiring haematological investigations, hormonal assays, blood investigations, urine investigations and DNA tests.

Consultants who worked in the clinic during the year included Prof Michael Okobia (Consultant Surgeon), Prof Charles Imarengiaye (Consultant Anaesthesiologist) and Dr Michael Ezeanochie (Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist). In addition, there are two full time Medical Officers, five full time qualified nurses, two full time laboratory scientists and other support staff.

Conclusion

The 2013-2014 year has been a highly successful year for WHARC. The major milestone during the year was the improvement in communications and forming great collaborations to promote adolescent sexual and reproductive health. Apart from these activities, intense documentation and dissemination activities were carried out by the centre and we also learned considerable lessons on ways to expand the frontiers of the Centre, enabling it to consolidate its influence as a major warehouse for evidence-base information on all components of sexual and reproductive health in the African continent.

With this report, WHARC has completed the fourth year of implementation of its current five year strategic plan (2010-2015). The strategic plan focuses on those elements of the old plan that were not completely implemented, and that continue to pose considerable challenge to women's health in the region. In particular, during the 2010-2015 program period, WHARC will continue to conduct research, and collate research findings that address the vulnerability of women and youth to sexual and reproductive ill-health; and provide appropriate interventions to fill up identified gaps. We look forward to increasing collaboration with partners especially in government, civil society, the private sector and development agencies as we seek to fulfil this laudable social change mission in the coming years.

Clearly, WHARC has an exceedingly bright future ahead. WHARC will not relent until its mission to improve the reproductive health and social wellbeing of women and adolescents in Africa so they can lead productive, fulfilling lives and provide a healthy future for their children is achieved. We thank all funding agencies especially the Ford Foundation, Macarthur Foundation, T.Y. Danjuma Foundation, IPPF and the Consortium on Reproductive Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Africa, for being our lead supporters and mentors these past years, and we pray that they will continue to support the centre in the realization of its laudable goals and objectives.

**Women's Health & Action Research Centre
(WHARC) Benin City, Nigeria**

**AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2013**

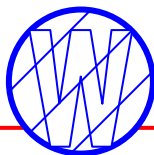
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CORPORATE INFORMATION

NAME	Women's Health & 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	Professor Cyril Mokwenye
COMPANY SEC/LEGAL ADVISER	Barrister Paul Ojeme
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AUDITORS	Okoro Wilson & Co. (Chartered Accountants) 17, Sokponba Road, Benin City. E-mail: wilsonokoro@yahoo.com



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**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ACTION
RESEARCH CENTRE (WHARC)**

We have examined the Financial Statements set out on pages 3 to 13, which have been prepared on the basis of the Accounting Policies, set out on page 4.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND AUDITORS:
MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Directors of Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and therefore take adequate steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. They are also responsible for the maintenance of proper accounting records and the preparation of Financial Statements on the basis of those records.

AUDITORS RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is our responsibilities to form an independent opinion based on our audit of those Financial Statements prepared by Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION:

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards and guidelines. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularities or errors. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statements.

OPINION:

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the State of Affairs of the organization at 30th June, 2013 and of the surplus for the period ended on that date and comply with the CAMA Cap. C20 LFN 2004.

BENIN CITY, NIGERIA
05 February, 2014

W.I. Okoro MBA, FCA (Managing). **F.O. NWABUOKO** (MBA, FCA), **J.A. OKONKWO** (MBA, FCA)

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

ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2013

The following are the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Accounts of the Research Centre:

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTS

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention basis.

2(a) FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

(b) DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets on straight-line basis over the expected useful lives of the assets. The rates used for this purpose, which are consistent with those of the previous years, are:

Library Books	10%
Plant Generator	10%
Motor Vehicle	20%
Office Equipment	10%
Furniture & Fixture	10%
Kitchen Equipment	10%
Medical Equipment	10%
Building	Nil

3. DEFERRED CHARGES

Expenses of the Research Centre, which relate to more than one accounting period, are deferred. Research Publications and Advocacy have therefore been deferred in accordance with this policy.

4. SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The costs on 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.

5. CURRENCY/EXCHANGE RATE

The currencies adopted in the preparation of the Accounts are the Nigerian Naira and United States Dollars. The foreign currencies have been converted at the exchange rate ruling at the Balance Sheet date, i.e. ₦167 to US\$1 (2013).

**BALANCE SHEET FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013**

	NOTES	2013		2012	
		N	US\$	N	US\$
FIXED ASSETS	1	97,788,432	585,559	102,417,029	647,774
Deferred Charges	2A	52,482,265	314,265	44,363,598	280,594
Special Development Project	2B	17,747,173	106,270	10,705,222	67,710
		168,017,870	1,006,095	157,485,849	996,078
Investment	3	2,528,314	15,140	2,528,314	15,991
		170,546,184	1,021,235	160,014,163	1,012,069
CURRENT ASSETS			-		
Cash/Bank	4	43,917,083	262,977	50,050,894	316,565
		43,917,083	262,977	50,050,894	316,565
CURRENT LIABILITIES			-		
Grant in Advance	-	-	-	840,888	5,318
Accruals	5	100,000	599	90,000	569
Overdraft	-	-	-	1,641,267	10,380
		100,000	599	2,572,155	16,267
Net Current Asset		43,817,083	262,378	47,478,739	300,298
NET ASSETS		214,363,267	1,283,612	207,492,902	1,312,367
			-		
FINANCED BY			-		
Accumulated Fund	6	208,842,958	1,250,557	204,478,389	1,293,300
Income & Expenditure (Surplus)		5,530,510	33,117	3,014,513	19,067
		214,373,468	1,283,673	207,492,902	1,312,367



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



TRUSTEE

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013**

		2013		2012	
	NOTES	N	US\$	N	US\$
		167	1		158.106
<u>Income</u>					
Grants	7	61,711,553	369,530	61,178,779	386,948
Internally Generated/Others		17,704,731	106,016	9,311,634	58,894
Bank Interest		12,932	77	26,170	166
		79,429,216	475,624	70,516,583	446,008
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			-		
Personnel	8	13,631,721	81,627	13,270,267	83,933
Project Activities & Training		10,063,250	60,259	10,787,413	68,229
Advertisement, Printing & Publication		5,508,640	32,986	3,308,164	20,924
Administration	10	14,447,718	86,513	12,237,011	77,397
Travel & Conferences		9,967,500	59,686	9,268,367	58,621
Scholarship/Award/Donation		2,994,397	17,931	2,593,754	16,405
Audit Fee		100,000	599	90,000	569
Bank Charges		654,897	3,922	1,437,401	9,091
Sundry		35,790	214	79,905	505
		57,403,913	343,736	53,072,282	335,674
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>			-		
Plant/Generator		779,262	4,666	770,762	4,875
Motor Vehicle		2,403,200	14,390	2,403,200	15,200
Office Equipment & Computer		1,932,142	11,570	1,828,642	11,566
Furniture & Fittings		1,097,432	6,571	1,031,982	6,527
Medical Equipment		599,838	3,592	772,439	4,886
Library Books		116,177	696	113,378	717
		6,928,051	41,485	6,920,403	43,771
Deferred Expenses Written Off		9,576,742	57,346	7,509,385	47,496
Total Provision Written Off		16,504,793	98,831	14,429,788	91,267
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		73,908,706	442,567	67,502,070	426,941
Surplus for the year		5,520,510	33,057	3,014,513	19,067
Exchange rate Gain			-	-	-
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET		5,520,510	33,057	3,014,513	19,067

**RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013**

		2013		2012	
		N	US\$	N	US\$
		167	1	158	1
RECEIPT					
Opening Balance		48,409,627	306,185	59,150,310	391,284
Stale Cheques Written Back		1,556,395	9,844	34,551	229
Prior Year Adjustment		(206,339)	(1,305)	-	-
		49,759,683	314,724	59,184,861	391,513
GRANTS					
IPPF		-		1,581,060	10,000
IPAS		-		3,984,271	25,200
Aberdeen University		2,338,000	14,000	-	-
Ford Foundation		47,426,831	283,993	39,526,500	250,000
Parkard Foundation		-	-	-	-
MacArthur Foundation		-	-	11,857,950	75,000
PPFA		-	-	1,891,999	11,966
TY Danjuma		-	-	3,177,887	20,100
Internally Generated		17,704,731	106,016	9,311,634	58,894
Bank Interest		12,932	77	26,170	166
Other Sources	9	11,105,834	66,502	-	-
		78,588,328	470,589	71,357,471	451,326
GRAND TOTAL		128,348,011	785,313	130,542,332	842,839
PAYMENTS					
Land & Building (Freehold)		-	-	771,511	4,880
Office Equipment & Computer		1,035,000	6,198	966,500	6,113
Furniture & Fittings		654,500	3,919	564,700	3,572
Personnel	10	13,631,721	81,627	13,270,267	83,933
Project Activities		7,093,000	42,473	7,937,165	50,202
Travel & Conferences		9,967,500	59,686	9,471,534	59,906
Project Admin/Staff Dev. Training & Workshops		9,462,020	56,659	8,804,410	55,687
Advocacy/Community Education/Support		5,342,000	31,988	4,312,200	27,275
Research Activities & Publication		9,933,340	59,481	8,993,167	56,880
Library Books		28,000	168	-	-
Advertisement, Printing & Publication		5,508,640	32,986	4,808,164	30,411
Scholarship/Award/Donation		2,994,397	17,931	2,593,754	16,405

**RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013 (Continued)**

	2013		2012	
	N	US\$	N	US\$
Audit Fee	90,000	539	90,000	569
Meetings & Conferences	1,910,700	11,441	1,796,833	11,365
Needs Assessment/Logistics	1,059,550	6,345	545,838	3,452
Miscellaneous Expenses	35,790	214	79,905	505
Bank Charges	654,897	3,922	1,437,401	9,091
Legal/Professional Fees	71,000	425	67,000	424
Subscription/Registration	110,200	660	85,080	538
Gifts & Welfare	544,210	3,259	604,210	3,821
Waste Disposal/Sanitation/cleaning	173,960	1,042	123,325	780
Allowance/Honorarium	4,955,800	29,675	5,884,556	37,219
Postage & stationeries	947,617	5,674	865,130	5,472
Electricity	395,710	2,370	369,010	2,334
Medical Equipment	497,155	2,977	417,945	2,643
Plant/Generator/Transformer	85,000	509	34,400	218
Fuel & Diesel	1,372,710	8,220	1,134,855	7,178
Subscription(Intercom/Internet/ DSTV/ICT)	950,650	5,693	868,348	5,492
Catering Services/Entertainment	537,121	3,216	853,195	5,396
Repairs & Maintenance	1,610,710	9,645	1,774,180	11,221
Communication	619,000	3,707	546,372	3,456
Computer/Laboratory Consumable	1,658,530	9,931	1,589,750	10,055
Directors' Expenses	500,500	2,997	472,000	2,985
	84,430,928	505,574	82,132,705	519,478
Exchange Rate Difference	-	16,761	-	17,176
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	84,430,928	522,335	82,132,705	536,654
CASH/BANK BALANCE	43,917,083	262,977	48,409,627	306,185

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013

1. FIXED ASSET SCHEDULE

	FREEHOLD BUILDING	PLANT & GENERATOR	MOTOR VEHICLE	OFFICE EQUIPMENT & COMPUTER	FURNITURE FITTINGS, CANOPY/ BOREHOLE	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	LIBRARY BOOKS	TOTAL
COST	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
As at 1/07/2012	84,426,920	7,707,624	12,016,000	18,286,425	10,319,817	7,724,390	1,133,775	141,614,951
Additions	-	85,000	-	1,035,000	654,500	497,155	28,000	2,299,655
	84,426,920	7,792,624	12,016,000	19,321,425	10,974,317	8,221,545	1,161,775	143,914,606
DEPRECIATION								
As at 1/07/2012	-	5,410,231	8,136,400	11,435,957	6,366,882	7,621,697	226,755	39,197,922
For the year	-	779,262	2,403,200	1,932,143	1,097,432	599,838	116,178	6,928,052
	-	6,189,493	10,539,600	13,368,100	7,464,314	8,221,535	342,933	46,125,974
NET BOOK VALUE								
As at 30/06/2013	84,426,920	1,603,131	1,476,400	5,953,326	3,510,003	10	818,843	97,788,632
As at 30/06/2012	84,426,920	2,297,393	3,879,600	6,850,468	3,952,935	102,693	907,020	102,417,029

	N	US\$
2.(A) DEFERRED CHARGES		
Amount B/F	44,363,598	280,594
Addition in the year	15,275,340	91,469
	59,638,938	372,063
Amount written off in the year @ 12% [A]	7,156,673	44,648
Amount C/F	52,482,265	327,416
2.(B) SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT		
Amount B/F	10,705,222	67,710
Addition in the year	9,462,020	56,659
	20,167,242	124,369
Amount written off in the year @ 12% [B]	2,420,069	14,924
Amount C/F	17,747,173	109,445
Total Amount Written Off	9,576,742	59,572

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**3. INVESTMENT****₦2,528,314****(US\$15,991)**

This constitutes investment in shares made over the years.

	N	US\$
4. CASH AND BANKS BALANCES		
CITI BANK (USD) 0005878025	33,148,832	198,496
PM BANK (NGN)	100,000	599
UBA (NGN) 1002551321	3,237,375	19,385
ZENITH BANK (NGN)	54,312	325
GTB (USD)	2,435,307	14,583
GTB (USD)	698,829	4,185
GTB (NGN) 033289651	1,958,816	11,729
GTB (NGN) 033289682	133,643	800
CITI BANK (NGN) 0005878032	1,042,323	6,241
GTB (NGN) 0115173717	1,107,646	6,633
	43,917,083	262,977

5. ACCRUALS**₦100,000****(US\$539)**

This is the audit fee charged for the audit of the centre's financial statement for the year ended 30th June 2013.

6. ACCUMULATED FUND

	N	US\$
Balance B/F	207,492,902	1,242,472
Stale Cheques	1,556,395	9,320
Prior year adjustment	(206,339)	(1,236)
Balance C/F to Balance sheet	208,842,958	1,250,557

7. INCOME

This consist of grants received from the donor agencies/foundation funding the Centre's research activities plus income generated internally as follows:

GRANTS	N	US\$
University of Aberdeen	2,338,000	14,000
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)	835,000	5,000
Ford Foundation	47,426,831	283,993
MacArthur Foundation	-	-
PPFA	840,888	5,035
Sundry Donors	10,270,834	61,502
	61,711,553	369,530
Other Sources		
Internally Generated	17,704,731	106,016
Bank Interest	12,932	77
	79,429,216	475,624

8. PERSONNEL COST **₦13,631,721 (US\$816,270)**

This is made up of the total emoluments paid to the staff of the Centre for the year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**9. OTHER SOURCES** **N11,105,834** **(US\$66,502)**

This fund represents the sum total of funds from various support groups and donors during the year under review as shown below:

	N	US\$
Sundry Donors (see breakdown)	10,270,834	61,502
Health & Gender Equality	835,000	5,000
	11,105,834	66,502

10. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	N	US\$
	1,658,530	9,931
Communication	619,000	3,707
Subscription (DSTV, internet & intercom)	950,650	5,693
Electricity	395,710	2,370
Fuel & Diesel	1,372,710	8,220
Subscription/Registration	110,200	660
Catering Services/Entertainment	537,121	3,216
Postage & stationeries	947,617	5,674
Repairs & Maintenance	1,610,710	9,645
Waste Disposal/Sanitation/cleaning	173,960	1,042
Directors' Expenses	500,500	2,997
Gifts & Welfare	544,210	3,259
Allowance/Honorarium	4,955,800	29,675
Legal/Professional Fees	71,000	425
	14,447,718	86,513