



**WOMEN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD LABOUR  
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(WOTCLEF)**

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACRONYMS	MEANING
<b>ADR</b>	Alternative Dispute Resolution
<b>AIT</b>	African Independent Television
<b>BOT</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>CDP</b>	Community Development Programmes
<b>CPN</b>	Child Protection Network
<b>CSW</b>	Convention on the Status of Women
<b>CWON</b>	Child Welfare and Orientation Network
<b>COVID-19</b>	Corona Virus Deadly 2019
<b>ECOSOC</b>	Economic and Social Council
<b>FCT</b>	Federal Capital Territory
<b>FMWA</b>	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs
<b>FIIAPP</b>	International Ibero- America Foundation for Administration and Public Policy
<b>GBV</b>	Gender Based Violence
<b>GCCI</b>	Grassroots Child Care Initiative
<b>GLOCHAS</b>	Global Foundation for Community Health, Social and Economic Development
<b>GSS</b>	Government Secondary School
<b>HT</b>	Human Trafficking
<b>HOK</b>	House of Kings
<b>ICP</b>	Individual Care Plan

<b>ICPC</b>	Independent Corrupt Practices Commission
<b>IOM</b>	International Organisation on Migration
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organisation
<b>JAMB</b>	Joint Matriculation Admission Board
<b>JIFORM</b>	Journalist International Forum for Migration
<b>MeCAHT</b>	Media Campaign to Halt Trafficking
<b>NACTAL</b>	Network of Civil Society Organisations Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour
<b>NAPТИP</b>	National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking In Persons
<b>NTA</b>	Nigerian Television Authority
<b>NSSCL</b>	National Steering Committee on Child Labour
<b>NYSC</b>	National Youth Service Corps
<b>NIS</b>	Nigeria Immigration Service
<b>SGBV</b>	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
<b>TIP</b>	Trafficking In Persons
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations International Children's Fund
<b>VAPP</b>	Violence Against Persons Prohibition
<b>WDACL</b>	World Day Against Child Labour
<b>WFI</b>	Women Friendly Initiative
<b>WOTCLEF</b>	Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation

## **1.0 WOTCLEF MISSION**

To bring to frontline important developmental issues and to attract national and international response to challenges of Trafficking In Persons, Child Labour through every strategic and creative move.

### **1.1 VISION**

A free and safe society for all.

### **1.2 THEMATIC AREAS**

1. Trafficking in Persons (TIP)/ Human Trafficking (HT)
2. Child labour
3. Migration
4. Protection of the Rights of Women, Youth and Children.
5. Reproductive Health/ HIV/AIDS
6. Youth Development

### **1.3 CORE VALUES**

- Dignity
- Respect Rights
- Transparency and Accountability
- Integrity
- Team Work

### **1.4 WOTCLEF SWOT ANALYSIS**

#### **1.4.1. STRENGTH**

- WOTCLEF International Site
- The Founder's passion
- The Founder's personality
- Establishment of NAPTIP, Initiation of NACTAL
- Operational structures in Nigeria, United Kingdom and America

- Initiation and contribution to the establishment of The Network of Civil Society Organisations against Child Trafficking and Labour, (NACTAL)
- Establishment of Anti-Trafficking Clubs in schools and higher institutions
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Consultative Status at the United Nations
- Documents update and training of Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) on TIP
- Provision of Road Maps for Rehabilitation, Empowerment and Reintegration of Victims from Gabon, Italy, Ghana, Swaziland, Libya, Mali etc.
- Partnership with the Directorate of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Scheme to combat Human and other thematic focus
- Rehabilitation Center
- Provision of Holistic Supports
- Establishment of an Advocacy Trauma Management Centre

#### **1.4.2 WEAKNESS:**

- Negative/ Wrong Perception
- The Founder's image as the wife of the Former Vice President
- COVID-19 /National Lockdown

#### **1.4.3 OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Rebranding
- Partners
- Partnership

#### 1.4.4 THREATS

- Animosity
- Lack of sustainable subvention from NAPTI
- CoVID-19 Pandemic

**Table 1.0 - WOTCLEF TEAM**

SN	NAME	POSITION
1.	Mrs. Imaobong Ladipo-Sanus	Executive Director
2.	Mrs. Precious Williams	Head Finance/Admin
3.	Mrs. Victoria Norbert	Shelter Administrator
4.	Ms. Eunice Ibi	Programme Officer
5.	Mr. Michael Adeniji	M&E Officer
6.	Ms Shade Famojuro	Admin. Officer
7.	Ms Cecillia Okoh	Shelter Assistant
8.	Mr. Opeyemi Mansoor	I.T Department Officer
9.	Mrs. Blessing Okeme Paul	Rehab. Officer
10.	Mr. Irimiah Pius	Security Officer I
11.	Mr. Daniel Francis	Security Officer II
12.	Mr. Timothy Ayuba	Driver/Logistic Officer
13.	Mr. Peter Rock	United States of America
14.	Dr. Rose Sharon	UK/Europe
15.	Mr and Mrs. Tim Rose	United States Of America

16.	Mdm.Augustina Nene	South East
17.	Mrs. Sarah Ibi	North East
18.	Mdm. Gloria M. Okon	North West
19.	Mdm. Jumai Madaki	Plateau State
20.	Haj. Habiba Halilu	Niger State

**VOLUNTEERS/INTERNS**

1.	Mr. Seyi Garba,
2.	Mrs. Alaba Larinde,
3.	Ms Blessing Azubuike,
4.	Nafisat Olabisi Raji,
5.	Ms. Maria Fernanda Felix de la Luz

## 2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Unprepared, rise in Sexual and Gender Based Violence, (SGBV) that describes the First Half of 2020 as the Invisible Corona Virus spread round the world. Staying in-doors and Safety were the watchwords.

Quarter One, was with great expectations towards the Convention on the Status of Women, (CSW 64), where WOTCLEF, was billed for a Parallel Event at the Social Room on March 13, at the Beijing +25 programme, in New York. Unfortunately, this was not to be as the Invisible Enemy shut down the world. It was no little blow to WOTCLEF Speakers from the United States, Australia and Nigeria who had invested their resources, put their best foot in preparation for one of the greatest events to be hosted for women.

Back home, WOTCLEF continued networking with stakeholders at every opportunity especially at the Embassies such as that of the United States of America when Her Excellency Ms. Mary Beth Leonard resumed to Nigeria and hosted the *Hunertones Band* in a Music Concert on the 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Though the Youths could not be reached at the Orientation Flag off Exercise of the National Youths Service Corps, (NYSC), the University of Abuja Sensitization Exercise on Rape on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February was impactful. WOTCLEF was at the Campus in partnership with Ayo Ekunz for the #endrape culture programme. It was a unique Valentine's Day as the talk on the Social and Psychological impact of rape was the big issue. Victims came forward to testify and highlighted their coping mechanisms. Emotions well up and unanimously, rape was condemned. A film produced by the organiser was aired to further drive home the essence of ending rape.

This First Half Report highlights various preventions, interventions and strategies as well as response to the COVID-19 Pandemic to address

issues of Trafficking In Persons, Child Labour and Abuse of the Rights of Children, Women and Youths.

It encapsulates the programmatic details on Protection, Rehabilitation, Reintegration, Advocacy, Sensitization/Awareness Raising, Capacity building and Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

## **2.1 Protection and Promotion of Rights of Victims:**

WOTCLEF continues to support 33 Trafficked, Abused and Vulnerable Persons in its safe shelter. In addition, through Alternative Dispute Resolutions, 17 cases were handled. This brings to a total of 50 various issues attended to. While in partnership with the media about 6 million people were reached via radio and television sensitizations.

Holistic Support Services namely: Reception, Sheltering, Feeding, Medical Care, Clothing, Education, Psycho Social Support, Life, Soft and Vocational Skills, Referrals, Follow up and After Care were offered.

A significant achievement in the area of education is the admission gained into the university by a male survivor and the Joint Matriculation Admission Board (JAMB) Examination attempted by two (one male and one female) Beneficiaries.

In the past six months, over 74 of those who received Holistic Support Supports in its safe shelter were females while 26% were males.

They are enrolled in schools to receive education at the Primary, Secondary and University levels while two of them have been referred to NAPTIP for further legal actions.

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic and National Lockdown, schools have been closed. Nevertheless, the Beneficiaries continued to receive

Educational Supports and Life Skills Trainings in the Safe Shelter rendered in-house by older Beneficiaries and Staff and Volunteers.

Several interventions were carried out before and during the National Lockdown especially through the Alternative Dispute Resolutions (ADR).

Addressing Human Rights and that of girls and women, during this reporting period, WOTCLEF has responded to cases of Gender Based Violence, Child Abuse, Child Labour and Child Sexual Abuse , Domestic Violence, Corporal Punishment, Displacement, Children on the Move, Orphans and Vulnerable Persons, Child Abuse and Neglect.

The most pathetic Rescue / Intervention carried out by WOTCLEF Rescue Team on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, was that of the *Girl Child J*, 14 years and an indigene of Nasarawa State. The Victim was trafficked to Abuja by an unknown woman who later handed her over to Mrs Grace Kelechi, 38 years, a mother of 3,business owner and wife of a pastor. According to WOTCLEF findings, the girl's Madam who often maltreats her poured hot water on her while she was sleeping. The burn on her body was much, leaving her in pains with festering wound. While in distress, she never received medical attention.

With this same woman was Male C, a 17-year-old Anambra State indigene. *Girl Child J* and *Male C* were rescued with the support of some Whistle Blowers in the neighbourhood.

From information gathered, the Abuser attempted removing (the second Victim's) the young person's tooth with a plier. The enslaved and fearful youth explained that he works in the woman's shop from morning and sleeps by 3am. He pleaded that he did not want to return to the woman but to his village where he came from.

WOTCLEF responded quickly by rescuing the Labour Victims from the hazardous environment where they worked from dust to dawn.

Girl Child J was taken immediately to the hospital for medical attention. They were both fed and allowed to relax in the Shelter.

To accelerate legal actions in accordance with the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act, the Victims and their Abuser were handed over to NAPTIP for further actions.



**Top Girl Child J after receiving medical attention from WOTCLEF.**

**Bottom L-R , The Abuser, Male C, another Victim in a Slave Like Condition**

**rescued**

**by**

**WOTCLEF**

**WOTCLEF SHELTER HOLISTIC SUPPORT FROM JANUARY TO JUNE SHOWING NAMES, GENDER, STATE OF ORIGIN, CASES,  
REHABILITATION/ EDUCATIONAL STATUS**

1	GENDER	STATE OF ORIGIN	CASE	TYPE OF EXPLOITATIONS	Age	EDUCATIONAL STATUS	REHABILITATION STATUS
2	Female	Eboiyin	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence ,Child Marriage	24	Final Year University	Ongoing
3	Male	Kaduna	Children On the Move/ Orphans and Vulnerable Children	Cruelty , Torture, Negligence.	23	4 <sup>th</sup> YEAR University	Ongoing
4	Female	Edo	Trafficking In Persons	Deceived to be taken out of the Country, Identity Forgery.	23	4 <sup>th</sup> Year University	Ongoing
5	Male	Taraba	Trafficking In Persons	Sale of Children	23	1 <sup>st</sup> Year University	Ongoing
6	Male	Kaduna	Children On	Cruelty ,	19	Completed	Ongoing

			the Move/ Orphans and Vulnerable Children	Torture, Negligence		Secondary School	
7	Female	Cross River	Incest (By father ), Cruelty and Torture (by mother)	Sexual and Gender Based Violence, ran from home, destitute.	20	Sat for JAMB Examination	Awaiting Admission
8	Male	Imo	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence(By male Guardian)	17	Awaiting JAMB Examination	Awaiting Admission
9	Female	Cross River	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence(By a police officer Guardian, pregnant, has a baby girl )	17	Snr. Sec. Sch 2	Ongoing back to school for pregnant girls
10	Female	Plateau	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence,Child Labour.	16	Jnr Sec Sch. 1	Ongoing
11	Female	Nasarawa	Trafficking In Persons	Violence Against	15	Junior SEC. Sch.	Ongoing

				Persons(Hot water burns)		3	
13	Female	Anambra	Trafficking In Persons	Domestic Labour/Torture	15	Snr. Sec. Sch 1	Ongoing
14	Female	Kano	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence	14	Awaiting Common Entrance	Ongoing
15	Female	Benue	Child Labour	Torture, Physical Abuse.	13	Primary 4	Ongoing
16	Female	Abia	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence	11	Primary 4	Ongoing
17	Female	Benue	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence	15	Primary 3	Ongoing
18	Female	Kano	Trafficking In Persons	Sexual and Gender Based Violence	20	Primary 3	Ongoing
19	Male	Taraba	Dysfunctional Home	Torture and Cruelty(by father, tied with heated barbed wire)	14	Primary 3	Ongoing
20	Female	Edo	Orphans and Vulnerable	Torture and Cruelty( by	12	Primary 3	Ongoing

			Children	Step mother, drinks her urine)			
21	Female	Plateau	Trafficking In Persons	Child Labour, Torture ,Cruelty.	14	Primary 3	Ongoing
22	Female	Benue	Half Orphan(Lost Father)	Vulnerable	12	Primary 3	Returned to family
23	Male	Benue	Half Orphan(Lost Father)	Vulnerable	14	Jnr. Sec. Sch. 2	Returned to family
24	Female	Plateau	Half Orphan(Lost Father)	Vulnerable	20	Completed Secondary School	Awaiting Admission
25	Female	Nasarawa	Trafficking In Persons	Child Labour, burns from hotwater.	14	Received Medical attention, feeding, Psycho Social Support, Referred to NAPTIP.	Referred to NAPTIP
26	Male	Anambra	Trafficking In Persons	Labour Exploitation, cruelty from Madam.	19	Feeding, Psycho Social Support, Referred to NAPTIP.	Referred to NAPTIP

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS FROM JANUARY – JUNE

**Table 2 Details of dates, gender, ages, cases, actions taken and referrals**

<b>S/ N</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Case</b>	<b>Method of Referral</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1.	2/2/2020	Female	17	Human Trafficking	Concerned Citizen	Referred to NAPTIP
2.	4/2/2020	Female	Minor	Violence Against Person	Concerned Citizen	Referred to NAPTIP
3.	9/02/2020	Female	Minor	Corporal Punishment	Phone Call	Referred to NAPTIP
4.	11/02/2020	Male	11	Adoption Tussle	Phone Call	Referred
5.	19/02/2020	Female	9	Child Labour	Concerned Citizen	Referred to NAPTIP
6.	25/02/2020	Female	12	Corporal Punishment	Concerned Citizen	Referred to NAPTIP
7.	25/02/2020	Females	8 and 9	Violence between Children	Concerned Citizen	Counselled and Referred

8.	27/02/2020	Female	12	Sexual and Gender Based Violence	Phone Call	Referred to NAPTIP
9.	03/03/2020	Female	17	Child Labour	WOTCLEF	Settled with family
10.	09/03/2020	Female	Minor	Pregnant/ HIV positive	Phone Call	Referred
11.	26/03/2020	Female	15	Trafficking In Persons	Concerned Citizens	Referred to NAPTIP
12.	26/03/2020	Male	10 and 14	Child neglect	Concerned Citizen	Referred
13	13/04/2020	Female	Minor	Physical Abuse	Concerned Citizen	Referred to NAPTIP
14.	22/04/2020	Female	Adult	Domestic Violence	Victim	Referred
15	16/05/2020	Female	3 years	Domestic Violence	Referred for Protection	Taken to NAPTIP Shelter
16.	16/06/2020	Female	Adult	Displaced	Concerned Citizen	Intervention at the place she learnt a vocation

**TABLE 3 SHOWING SUMMARY OF TYPES OF EXPLOITATIONS EXPERIENCED AND SEX OF VICTIMS (From the Shelter and A.D.Rs )**

	TIP	CL	SGBV	CoM	OVC	VAP	CP	DV	Pregnant with HIV	CN	D	PA	A.T
<b>Female</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	-	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-
<b>Male</b>	<b>3</b>	-	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Percentage%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>

**Foot note for Table 3 :**

**TIP: Trafficking In Persons**

**CL : Child Labour**

**SGBV: Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

**CoM : Children on the Move**

**OVC : Orphans and Vulnerable Children**

**VAP : Violence Against persons**

**CP : Corporal Punishment**

**DV : Domestic Violence**

**CN: Child Neglect**

**D : Displaced**

**P: Physical Abuse**

**A.T : Adoption Tussle**

## 2.2 ADVOCACY

### **Objectives:**

- To sensitize Stakeholders on WOTCLEF Thematic Areas
- To gain approval and support of Stakeholders

#### **2.2.1 COURTESY VISIT TO THE DISTRICT HEAD OF DUTSE SABAGAGYI COMMUNITY**

Aware that there is a rise in the prevalence of domestic violence and that prevention and partnership are crucial keys in combating Sexual and Gender Based Violence. WOTCLEF on the 11th of February, 2020, paid a courtesy visit to the District Head and Leaders of Dutse Sabgagyi Community in Bwari Area Council, Abuja. The Team was received by the District Head, Chief Ayinagnu Gimba and the Secretary of the community, Mr. Dauda Binaji.

An introduction was done by the Executive Director of WOTCLEF Mrs. Imabong Ladipo Sanusi, who explained that WOTCLEF is interested in involving the community of Dutse Sabgagyi in her Community Development Programmes (CDPs) in order to facilitate community and social growth.

WOTCLEF also requested the approval of the District Head to commemorate the International Women's Day (IWD) in his domain. The Leader of the community warmly welcomed WOTCLEF Team and expressed his pleasure and readiness to partner with the organisation and also pledged his support to mark the 2020 IWD.

#### **COURTESY VISIT TO EXPERTISE FRANCE**

To strengthen partnership and gain support of Stakeholders, WOTCLEF paid a courtesy visit to Expertise France on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Receiving WOTCLEF Programme Officer and the Executive Director, Abimbola Adewumi, The Head Programmes explained what the project is all about and stressed that they will work with Networks such as NACTAL where WOTCLEF is a member.



**WOTCLEF Team and Dutse Sabgagyi Gate Keepers (PIX L) WOTCLEF stating purpose of visit (PIX R).**

## **2.2.2 ADVOCACY VISIT TO GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, DUTSE.**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2020, WOTCLEF, honoured the invitation of the Management of Government Secondary School, (G.S.S), Dutse to her Career Day Empowerment Talk. The G.G.S Dutse School Authority has been worried over the incessant rise in cultism, drug and substance abuse in the school and its environs.

WOTCLEF sensitised over 700 students on its Thematic Areas while educating them on the ills of cultism and other vices. The aim of the sensitization was to stress the importance of breaking the silence especially when they are entangled in any web of vices. They were encouraged to shun all vices, speak with the School Counsellor, their Parents or Relevant Authorities.

Eunice Ibi, the Program Officer, delivered the talk on Child Trafficking and Labour, Nafisat Raji, the Counsellor, took the topic on Cultism. While, the Rights and Responsibilities of Children was highlighted by Michael Adeniji, the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer. The talk was rounded up by Imaobong Ladipo-Sanusi who took the Students through the *Stop Human Trafficking hand raising sign action.*



Pictures showing sessions of various talks by WOTCLEF at GSS Dutse Alhaji #breakthesilence

## 2.3 COMMEMORATION OF RELEVANT DAYS

### 2.3.1 COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, WOTCLEF collaborated with Global Foundation for Community Health, Social and Economic Development, (GLOCHAS) and Grassroots Child Care Initiative (GCCI) for the commemoration of the International Women's Day at Dutse Sabgagyi Community, Bwari, Abuja.

The theme for the year 2020 "***I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights***" was apt.

At the event, the three partners took turns to present on their thematic areas which included Child Abuse, Human Trafficking, Human Rights, Community Health, Social and Economic Development.

Mrs Ladipo Sanusi discussed the rights of women and various Gender Based Violence,(GBV) that existed especially as highlighted by the women in the community. In order to make the event interactive, there was an open session for both women and men to state what they expected from their spouses that will keep their relationships violent free.

The women emphatically stated: "Love, care, financial and moral support, admiration from their husbands, taking responsibility of the child(ren)'s needs and welfare. The men stated "care, support, respect, peaceful home and the women planting seeds side by side them as they (men) make ridges in the farm."

Hajia Medina of Grassroots Child Care Initiative presented the Health and Hygiene segment of the event. She concentrated her talk on Lassa Fever, Corona Virus and ways to be protected from getting infected.

There were Questions and Answers. One particular question was that of a tearful woman who felt throwing away tubers of yam eaten by rodents even if they are Lassa Fever Carriers was too much and expensive. "Throw the yam away" was the response the Facilitators maintained.

In his closing remarks, the Community Head Chief Ayinagnu Gimba, appreciated the efforts of the three organisations 'I never believed that you people will return to my community to mark the IWD after your first visit. This is because so many organisations and different people always come here and make mouth and never return", he explained.

"May God bless you All", he prayed with enthusiasm and requested for a sustained partnership.

# #EMPOWERWOMEN



2020IWD: Women hold placards with several messages outside the Palace (L) Women voice out their concerns inside the Palace of the District Head, Dutse Sabgagyi, Bwari, Abuja(R) #iamgenerationequality.

## 2.3.2 COMMEMORATION OF CHILDREN'S DAY

The celebration of the Children's Day was widely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic as the Federal Capital Territory, F.C.T was in Total Lockdown. Public places such as schools, religious places, children parks, and recreational centres were shutdown to reduce the spread of the virus and ensure that social distancing and other Protocols were highly observed. Despite this situation, WOTCLEF, on 27<sup>th</sup> of May reached out to a teeming population via its social media and virtual platforms with the #endviolenceinchildhood.

#endviolenceinchildhood

#implementthecra

# #breakthesilence



### 2.3.3 COMMEMORATION OF WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020, WOTCLEF commemorated the World Day Against Child Labour via its various Social Media namely Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The Theme of the year *COVID-19: Protect Children from Child Labour Now More than Ever* was very timely. WOTCLEF, as a member of the National Steering Committee on Child Labour (NSSCL) joined the International Labour Organisation and other Stakeholder@ilo #Washington webinar's discussion with the senior United States Government Officials to mark the day.

In addition, WOTCLEF reached out to over 5 million people through the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA), to sensitize the general public, enlighten children on the menace of Child Labour. The programme was aired on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June, by 1:00 pm on NTA Channel 5, Abuja.

# #endchildlabour

**WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR**

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**Hazardous Labour is detrimental to the child**

**There are more children as breadwinners.**

**#endChildLabourNow**

**Human Trafficking is Evil, Child Labour is a Plague**

**Post COVID-19: More children are at risk of dropping out of school.**

**#freeEducationForAll**



**WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR**

**12 JUNE 2020**

**Protect children from child labour, now more than ever!**



**WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR**

**12 JUNE 2020**

**Protect children from child labour, now more than ever!**

## 2.3.4 COMMEMORATION OF THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June with the theme *Access to a Child Friendly Justice System in Africa*, WOTCLEF joined the rest of the African countries to mark the Day of The African Child. It was observed from its research that the African Child is still struggling with childhood. Child Marriage, Child Sexual Abuse, Child Labour, Child Trafficking, Female Genital Mutilation, Sex Selection, among others are named as stumbling blocks.



### **2.3.5 JOURNALIST INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR MIGRATION (JIFORM) ONLINE SUMMIT**

ON Saturday May 30, 2020, the Executive Director of WOTCLEF, Imaobong Ladipo Sanusi partnered with and trained a Forum with over 150 Journalists across the continents under the umbrella of Journalists International Forum for Migration (JIFORM).

She was invited to the online Summit to speak on ***Migration: Women and Children Protection in the Era of COVID-19 Pandemic.***

Quoting UNICEF, she lamented that “*six million children could go into extreme poverty, while the number of children living in household poverty will soar by up to 86 million by the end of the year*”.

More so, according to UN Women May 2020 news she highlighted that “*the COVID-19 crisis has starkly made visible the fact that the world's former economies and the maintenance of our daily lives are built on the invisible and unpaid labour of women and girls*”.

Emphasising the need for protection of vulnerable persons namely, the Trafficked Children, Unaccompanied Children, Children With Disabilities, Almajiris, Single Parents, Pregnant Women, the Elderly, Refugees among others.

Stressing the disheartening aftermath impact of COVID-19 on women and children, she submitted that life will never be the same. She explained that families are in distress noting that massive job loss, layoffs of bread winners especially fathers and mothers are big blows.

She recommended that protection and enforcement of the rights of children should be paramount to the Family, Society, Government all and sundry. In addition, she recommended more incentives to micro, small and

medium scale enterprises while also empowering women vocationally, technically and ICT wise.

## **2.4 Capacity Building**

To build capacity of the staff and volunteers, series of in-house and step-down trainings held as follows:

- Training on Awareness on Cyber Security by the I.T officer, Opeyemi Monsoor, the 5<sup>th</sup> of February .
- Adhoc Meeting to Review the National Policy on Protection and Assistance to Trafficked Persons in Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.
- Training on Resource Management attended by Eunice Ibi on behalf of WOTCLEF Taraba 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> January, at Rose Regency Hotel and Suites, Wuye, Abuja.
- Training on Person/Client Centered Therapy facilitated by Miss Nafisat Raji.
- MeCAHT's Victim/Trauma Centered Training attended by Mrs Williams and Mrs Victoria Norbert.
- Building Bridges Beijing +25 Meeting to remove Barriers Against Women at Area 11, Garki, Abuja.
- Meeting to End Corporal Punishment by Amnesty International 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- Training by AUXANO at NAPTip to combat Human Trafficking, 26<sup>th</sup> February attended by Mrs. Precious Williams .
- Virtual Zoom Meeting with the National Steering Committee on Child Labour (NSSCL) 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 to plan towards marking World Day Against Child Labour, (WDACL).
- Virtual Zoom Meeting with the National Steering Committee on Child Labour (NSSCL) 29th April, towards 2020 WDACL.

- Impact of COVID-19 on Achieving the objectives of SDG 8.7 in Nigeria Virtual Zoom Meeting with the National Steering Committee on Child Labour (NSSCL), May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 14<sup>th</sup> May , 2020 Virtual Meeting in preparation for the WDACL with the NSSCL .

## 2.5 WOTCLEF ANTI-TRAFFICKING BRIGADE ACTIVITIES

Prior to the Nation Lockdown, WOTCLEF Anti-Trafficking Brigade activities continued with the trio of Eunice David, the Program Officer, Michael Adeniji, the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and Nafisat Raji, the Psychologist, interfacing with the schools and pupils. School Club activities started with Training the Trainers with the students and Patrons of various schools on the scourge Human trafficking, Child Abuse, Labour and other relevant humanitarian issues. Participants were taught Human Rights, Child Rights and the need to put a “STOP” to all forms of exploitations and violation of rights. They were also trained on how to respond to uncomfortable and unpleasant situations which could be physical, non-physical or virtual. The training session was done through role plays, participant suggestions, interactions and discussions.



**WOTCLEF Anti Trafficking Brigade Club Activity #endchildabuse**

## 2.6 WOTCLEF'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WOTCLEF continues to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic within the framework of the Global Humanitarian response Plan, through the following Strategic Priorities:

### 1. Contain the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic and decrease morbidity and mortality:

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020, partners from the National Hospital visited WOTCLEF to raise awareness on COVID-19 and Lassa fever. The participants were members of staff and all WOTCLEF beneficiaries. The talk was centred on the origin of COVID-19 and Lassa fever, means of transmission, symptoms of the infection and the protective measures. The talk was an educative and epiphany experience for both the Beneficiaries and Staff as they were able to engage interactively with the Public Health Practitioners.

- Another action taken was the distribution of nose masks provision and availability of soap, hand sanitizers and water in the office and Shelter for staff and all beneficiaries.
- There was suspension of courtesy visits by partners, donors and other associates to the shelter and office.

### 2. Other activities were the continued enlightenment of Beneficiaries In-house by staff on COVID-19 and ensuring that they practice the preventive measures.

### 3. To decrease the deterioration of human assets and rights, social cohesion and livelihoods, in achieving this, WOTCLEF ensured her activities on protection of human rights by:

- Continued provision of Psycho Social Support to the Beneficiaries through sheltering and holistic rehabilitation.
- Rescue of Girl Child J who was trafficked and physically abused on the 23rd of March, 2020.

- Responses to cases of human right violation using the Alternative Dispute Resolution, (ADR) through phone calls and text messages and referrals.
- Raising awareness on human right issues through her social media Platforms.

**4. Protect, assist and advocate for refugees, internally displaced people, migrants and host communities particularly vulnerable to the pandemic.**

- On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, at about 10am, WOTCLEF in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs (FMWA) shared palliatives to the Most Affected Populace to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The event was sponsored by Dr. Aisha Muhammadu Buhari, First Lady of The Federal Government of Nigeria and Founder of Future Assured Programme. Items distributed included Nose masks, Sanitizers, Rice, Sugar, Sorghum, Milk, Tomato Puree and Groundnut oil. Vulnerable Women and Widows who were Recipients were from Dutse Sagbagiy, Gwarimpa Village and Tipper Garage Village, Lugbe. Before the collection of items, a sensitization/ interactive session on the Fears, Myth and Prevention Protocols of COVID-19 and on Gender Based Violence was carried out by WOTCLEF. Report and lists of Beneficiaries were shared with the FMWA.
- Aware that feeding is one of the Holistic Support for Trafficked, Abused and Vulnerable Persons which makes palliative an essential during COVID-19 Lockdown. WOTCLEF receives support from NAPTIP through its Partners on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April and 15<sup>th</sup> of May with the latter sponsored by the FCT Minister of State.



### **A pre COVID-19 sensitization in Partnership with Public Health Workers from the National Hospital, Abuja.**



**WOTCLEF gives Palliatives to women from Dutse Sabgagy and Gwarinpa Village (Top & Bottom Right). Bottom Left: WOTCLEF at NAPTIP to receive Palliatives, appreciates D.G and Donors.**

### **3.0 PROTECTION: HOLISTIC REHABILITATION SERVICES**

WOTCLEF Open Shelter continued to offer holistic support services and assistance to Trafficked, Abused and Vulnerable Persons. About 47 Persons received these holistic services directly through WOTCLEF Safe Shelter and Alternative Dispute Resolutions, (ADR). The 4ps framework namely Rescue, Reception, Rehabilitation, Reintegration was employed to offer support according to the Individual Care Plan (ICP) of Beneficiaries. WOTCLEF in its programs in 2020, continued to key into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) thus:

- Goal 2: Zero Hunger
- Goal 3: (Good Health and Wellbeing)
- Goal 4: (Quality Education)
- Goal 5: (Gender Equality)
- Goal 10: (Reduced Inequality)
- Goal 16: (Peace Justice and strong institution)
- Goal 17: (Partnership for Goals)

#### **3.1 SDG Goal 2:ZERO HUNGER**

- Aware that poverty is a push factor to Human Trafficking especially with COVID-19 Pandemic and National Lockdown, WOTCLEF continued to offer quality and nutritious feeding to all its beneficiaries with support from Lavish Business Concepts Limited, NAPTIP and some other good Samaritans.

#### **3.2 SDG 3:HEALTH CARE AND WELL BEING**

- With the prompt support of The Federal Road Safety Commission Clinic, Human Trafficking/Vulnerable Persons received medical attentions. Particular reference includes the case of Girl Child J, who had burns from hot water allegedly poured by her Madam. She was rescued through the neighbours from the slum area in Gwarinpa

Village. After receiving medical care, the Victim was referred to NAPTIP .WOTCLEF also, drove the Abuser to NAPTIP Headquarters for further Legal Actions according to the Violence Against Persons Prohibition, (VAPP) Act.

### **3.3 Goal 4: (Quality Education) and Goal 5: (Gender Equality)**

- WOTCLEF continues to advocate for and support the Sexual and Gender Based Violence, (SGBV) Drop- Out-of-school, raped and pregnant Girls. Quality education and back to school especially for those who fell pregnant and wanted to return back to school is ongoing. This is to eliminate gender disparity and ensure that they are enrolled and retained in school. To advance human development girls were supported to return to school even after becoming pregnant as victims of rape/sexual abuse. In WOTCLEF Safe Home, during the period under review various Victims from ages 10 to 30 were supported. Their cases range from Human Trafficking, Sexual Abuse and Child Labour. Other categories include Orphans, Vulnerable, Sold, Abused and Neglected children who are all receiving quality education.
- Beneficiaries continued to receive academic training during the lockdown which has caused school shutdown.
- Victims receiving protection are from different states of the country namely Anambra, Benue, Cross River, Ebonyi, Edo, Imo, kaduna, Kano, Nasarawa, Oyo, Plateau and Taraba. This clearly indicates how wide spread Human Trafficking is in Nigeria. Individual and Group Counselling sessions, Safe Space Talk were organized to help victims recover and continue to adjust.

#### **4.0 NETWORK**

WOTCLEF continues to synergise and collaborate with the Network of Civil Society Against Child Abuse and Neglect, (NACTAL) and the Child Protection Network, (CPN).

Under the period under review WOTCLEF joined various NACTAL activities at the National, Zonal and State Levels both On and Off lines.

Significant ones include the resumption of WOTCLEF Founder as the NACTAL Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair after the former, Prof. Bolaji Owasonaoye resigned for a national assignment as the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission, (ICPC), Chairman.

Shortly after her acceptance as the BOT Chair, a meeting of the Board and the National Executive was called on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020 at Rose Regency Hotels and Suites, Wuye, Abuja.

At the interactive session it was observed that the tenure of the current Executive led by Adaramola Emmanuel has elapsed since November 2017, hence there was a need to hold elections at all levels.

The following dates were recommended: March for the States and May for the National. As the FCT and Zonal Coordinator, WOTCLEF swung into action and called for a general meeting.

An Electoral Committee made up of member organizations from Media Campaign to Halt Trafficking, (MeCAHT), Shield Them Support Organisation and Child Welfare and Orientation Network,(CWON) was set up. They worked tirelessly to hold a hitch free election.

The Federal Capital Territory Elections held on Thursday 20 February, at WOTCLEF, the Zonal Office in Gwarinpa, Abuja.

After screening and clearance, it was compulsory for Contestants to obtain Court Affidavits which saw some dropping by the way side. After the election the following Winners emerged from the following organisations :

State Coordinator-Mrs. Carol Shalom of Christ City Global International

Secretary – Vera Roli Igbinosa of Girls Power Initiative

Public Relations Officer – Veronica Chizoba Gabriel of Women Friendly Initiative, (WFI).

Treasurer – Mrs. Ademola Abiri of Sinat Foundation.

Four North Central States namely Nasarawa, Kwara, The Federal Capital Territory and Plateau held elections while Benue and Niger States are still on their membership drives and retained their Cordinators.



**NACTAL : BOT CHAIR, H.E Dr. Amina Titi Atiku Abubakar delivering her speech (R) NGOs from the six Geopolitical Zones in a group photograph at their event at Rose Regency Hotels, Abuja.**

#### **4.1 SOCIAL DIARY**

WOTCLEF Founder turned 70 on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. Due to the Corona Virus Outbreak, the event was marked privately with her children, grand children and one or two friends.

WOTCLEF was represented by Mrs Imaobong Ladipo Sannusi and Mrs. Precious Williams who donated a flex roll up banner on behalf of the staff and Beneficiaries.

Aside the Social Media Felicitations, The African Independent Television, (AIT) put up Jingles to congratulate the Celebrant in the morning and at 7:57 pm, 8:57pm, 10:57pm and 11:55pm same day.



# WOTCLEF FOUNDER IS 70



The Founder Flanked by L-R Mr Josiah Emerole, Former Press Secretary to The Founder, Mrs. Imaobong Ladipo Sanusi, WOTCLEF E.D, Mrs. Precious Williams, WOTCLEF Head Finance/Admin

**WOTCLEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING:** With the COVID-19 PANDEMIC, it was not feasible to hold a physical meeting hence a Virtual Zoom Meeting was held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Details in the BOT File.

## **5.0 DONORS/ PARTNERS**

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Road Safety Clinic, Gwarinpa

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United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF)

## **6.0 NETWORKS/ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIP**

Child Protection Network, (CPN)

National Steering Committee on Child Labour (NSSCL)

Network of Civil Society Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Neglect, (NACTAL)