



SOLIDARITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMITMENT TO ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

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1. ADVOCACY VISIT TO COMMUNITY LEADERS TO GET THEIR BUY-IN

Advocacy and buy-in visits were conducted at the two communities on Tuesday 12th April, 2022. Twenty-six (26) participants comprising of Traditional and Religious Leaders; Women and Chiefs-In-Council were present.

IMPACT

- a.** Introduction of the SAC-VAWG project to the relevant stakeholders who welcomed the project.
- b.** An opportunity for GBV intervention for women and girls



SUCCESS STORIES

- a.** Got the buy-in of the communities
- b.** Establishing SAV-VAWG Project in the Palaces of the Baales
- c.** The presence of the Traditional Heads of the two communities – High Chief Festus Arowajolu of Ilaje Otumara and High Chief Raymond Olaiya of Makoko Community and their chiefs-in-council
- d.** to the meeting.
Warm welcome to Greenspring Development Initiative team by the communities and prayer for the success
- e.** of the programme by the Baales.
The timeliness of the project considering the high incidences of GBV thrown up by the lock down due to COVID-19.

2. VILLAGE SQUARE MEETING WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO CONDEMN VAWG

The Village Square meeting provided an opportunity for Religious Leaders, Traditional Leaders and other stakeholders to demonstrate their condemnation of GBV. The meeting was held on the 26th of April 2022 in Makoko Community and on the 28th of April, 2022 at Ilaje Otumara Community. The number of participants who attended were fifty-nine (59). These cuts across Women groups; Traditional leaders; Youth Groups; Religious Leaders; Women, Artisans, Professionals; PWDs; Security Agencies; School Heads and Union Leaders.

IMPACT

- a. Engagement to reduce the occurrence of violence against women and girls
- b. Enhance engagement, build community capacity and accountability



SUCCESS STORIES

- a. Ability to get relevant community groups to attend the meeting, introduction of SAC-VAWG project and getting the community buy-in
- b. Successful selection of the ten (10) Community Response Team members drawn from the communities
- c. Introduction of the SAC-VAWG PACT and its signing by stakeholders.

3. COMMUNITY DIALOGUE MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Community Dialogue was conducted on the 8th of June 2022 at Makoko Community and on the 10th of June 2022 at Ilaje Otumara Community. A total number of fifty-seven (57) participants attended. The Participants comprised of Traditional and Religious Leaders; Women, Professional and Youth Groups; PWDs; Artisans; Security Agencies; Union Leaders and Schools Management.

IMPACT

- a. An opportunity to educate the diverse group of stakeholders on GBV issues
- b. An opportunity and eradicate GBV issues to curtail.



SUCCESS STORIES

- a. Relationship building with various groups that attended the meeting
Inauguration of the Community Response Team (CRT) members
- b. Oshogbo CRT training step-down, experience sharing and introduction of workplan developed
- c. The resolution of a paternity case in Makoko Community where the CRT was advised to seek professional advice.
- d. Buy-in of Stakeholders and intent of stakeholders to carry the message to their various communities

4. SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS THROUGH INCREASED VAWG REPORTAGE

Eight (8) GBV Survivors whose finances have been depleted through GBV were financially empowered to continue their various businesses. They are all into small scale enterprises ranging from hair dressing, food vendor, smoked fishing business, abacha business and dry-cleaning business. They were educated on basic accounting system, proper record keeping and the importance of opening a business bank account.

IMPACT

- a. Boost the confidence of the women
- b. Provided succour through counselling sessions



SUCCESS STORIES

- a. Economic empowerment and advancement
- b. The opportunity to continue and sustain their businesses stalled by GBV
- c. Improved mental health of Survivors through experience sharing

5. MONTHLY MENTORING AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM IN COMMUNITIES

The monthly mentoring and monitoring activities were carried out in the two communities in consonance with the members of the Community Response Team. The mentoring activity afforded the organisation to review the work-plan as developed by each community.

IMPACT

- a.** Ensured the effective implementation of the SAC-VAWG project and the work-plan developed by the CRT.



SUCCESS STORIES

- a.** Recognition of the activities of the CRT and increased reportage of community
- b.** cases
There was intervention by WARDC Lawyer in the case of an attempted child marriage case at Makoko community. The incident was reported to the Police Station where parties signed undertaking
- c.** to desist from their actions.
Intervention on various reported cases through mediation, counselling and
- d.** meetings with parties
Intervened in a near-violent case, where the would-be perpetrator, a carpenter, was mandated to repair the woman's
- e.** shop he destroyed and pay for other damages.
Identified 8 (eight) GBV Survivors during the exercise who were eventually empowered in their various trades.

6. MEETING WITH WOMEN GROUPS IN ORGANISING AND MOBILISING TO ADDRESS ISSUES AND INCIDENCES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

The meeting with women groups was carried out on the 18th of August, 2022 at Makoko Community and on the 20th of August 2022 at Ilaje Otumara Community. A total number of fifty-five (55) participants attended. The Participants were drawn from women groups who are market women, teachers, religious leaders, youth groups, traditional leaders, security agencies and Artisans.

IMPACT

- a. Created awareness and educated stakeholders about the VAPP Law, its articles and penalties



SUCCESS STORIES

- a. Experience sharing of various GBV
 - b. incidents
 - c. The issue of a victim of GBV among the participants was taken up by the CRT
- Developed partnership with FOMWAN and WOWICAN

7. COMMUNITY DIALOGUE WITH YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS ON ACTIONS TO END GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

The Community Dialogue with young women leaders was conducted on the 9th of October, 2022 at both Communities. Fifty-four (54) participants aged between 18 to 25 were present. The young leaders comprised of Teachers, a Banker, PWD, Undergraduates, Students and Artisans.

IMPACT

- a. Assurance of succour for GBV victims
- b. Introduction of the CRT Team to the young women where they can report GBV issues



SUCCESS STORIES

- a. Participants with viable businesses shared their business breakthroughs.
- b. Introduction of the VAPP Law to the young women
- c. Formation of a whatsapp group for sharing opportunities and networking

8. SYMBOLIC ACTIVITIES

In celebration of the 2022 symbolic activities, The Day Of The African Woman and the International Day of The Girl Child was celebrated.

A. Day of African Women

Two programmes were organised to commemorate The Day Of The African Women. The first was an on-line discussion organised by Historical Africa Cultural Center (HACC), USA held on Saturday, 30th July, 2022. The activity had Speakers and Participants from the US, Tanzania, Ghana, Somalia, UK and Nigeria.

IMPACT

- a. Showcase the SAC-VAWG Project during the HACC USA virtual programme to participants who attended the on-line programme from the US, Tanzania, Ghana, Somalia, UK and Nigerians.

HISTORICAL AFRICA CULTURAL CENTRE USA
Celebrate
THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN WOMAN 2022
Theme
The african women and the development of the continent

ZETHA NOBLES (HOST)
MAVIS ADUSE-POKU (GHANA)
CATHERINE NGINILA (TANZANIA)
RAMOTU ABDUSALAM (NIGERIA)
HIBO YASSIN (SOMALIA)
OLABISI MEKWUYE (NIGERIA)
GRACE ELLYONE-OGINI (DIASPORA)
TREASURES UCHEGBU (MODERATOR)

TIME: **6:00pm WAT** Lagos Nigeria
VIRTUAL: MEETING ID: 96272995404, PASSCODE: 673661, historicalafricaculturalcenter.com
DATE: **Sat July 30th, 2022**

NO WOMAN NO NATION
NO WOMAN NO DEVELOPEMENT
NO WOMAN NO LIFE
HACC.... propagating the africa we Want
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SUCCESS STORIES

- a. Developed partnership with FOMWAN and HACC USA
- b. Distributed the Simplified VAPP Law 2015 and other IEC materials to FOMWAN

B. International Day Of The Girl Child

The celebration of the International Day of The Girl Child was one of the symbolic activities of the project. It had in attendance fifty-two (52) girls between ages twelve (12) to seventeen (17) years in Junior and Senior Secondary schools. It was carried out on the 8th of September, 2022 at Ilaje Otumara Community and on the 10th of August 2022 at Makoko Community.

IMPACT

- a. The girls gained knowledge on the types GBV and avenues of reporting of GBV cases

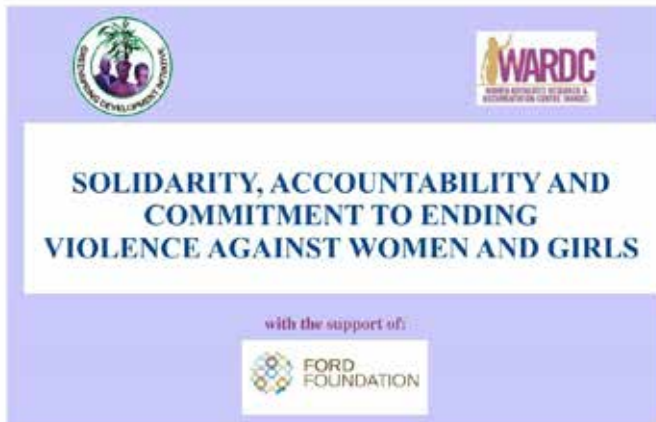


SUCCESS STORIES

- a. Educated the girls with Child Rights Law four (4) baskets of rights
- b. Appointment of SAC – VAWG CHAMPIONS to represent girls interests in each community
- c. Distribution of Lagos State Yellow Card on GBV

PICTURE GALLERY

SOLIDARITY ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMITMENT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (SAC-VAWG) PROJECT IMPLEMENTED WITH FUNDING FROM WARDC-FORD FOUNDATION AT MAKOKO COMMUNITY IN MAINLAND LGA AND ILAJE OTUMARA COMMUNITY IN YABA LCDA FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER, 2022



Banner designed for this project event and activities



Picture with Baale, Ilaje Otumara, High Chief Festus Arowojolu, flanked with his Olori, Chiefs-in-council and Greenspring Development Initiative Team in the Palace on 12th April, 2022

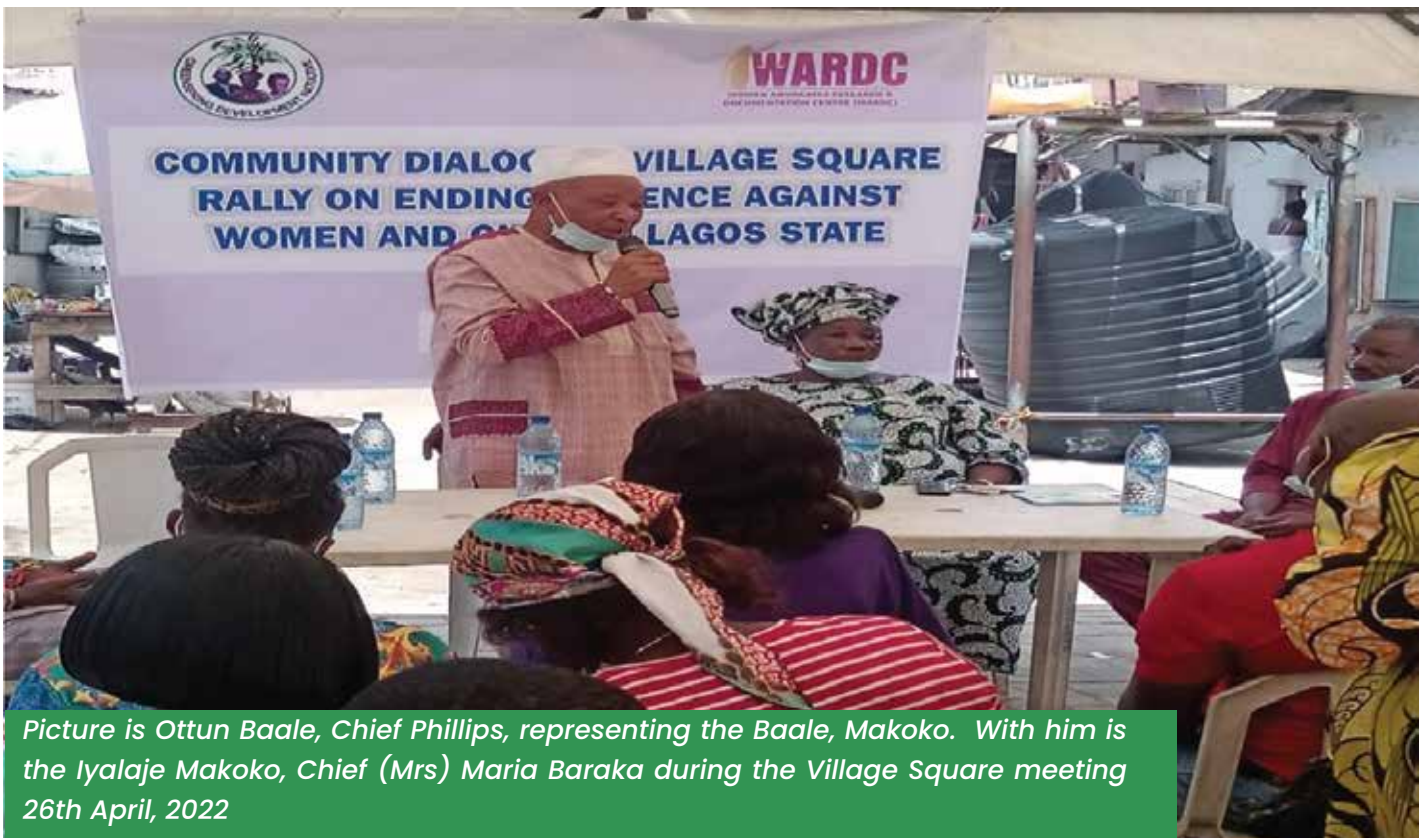


Picture with Baale, Makoko, High Chief Raymond Olaiya with his Chiefs-in-council and Greenspring Development Initiative Team in the Palace on 12th April, 2022

VILLAGE SQUARE MEETING WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO CONDEMN VAWG



picture with Baale Ilaje Otumara, High Chief Festus Arowojolu, signing the SAC-VAWG PACT during the Village Square meeting with Community leaders on 10th June 2022



Picture is Ottun Baale, Chief Phillips, representing the Baale, Makoko. With him is the Iyalaje Makoko, Chief (Mrs) Maria Baraka during the Village Square meeting 26th April, 2022

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS



Group photograph of participants at the Community Dialogue at Makoko Community on 8th June 2022



Picture of the representative of Baale Ilaje Otumara giving his welcome remarks at the Palace 10th June 2022

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS THROUGH INCREASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG) REPORTAGE



Behind picture is financial empowerment of one of the GBV Survivors at Makoko Community with a scar on her right eye to enable her continue with her dryfish business. Chief Mrs. Maria Baraka, representing the Baale of Makoko presenting her the donation in the Baale's palace flanked by Greenspring team.



Picture of the financial empowerment of three GBV Survivors at Ilaje Otumara Community. Baale Ilaje Otumara Community, High Chief Festus Arowojolu with the Survivors and Greenspring team

MONTHLY MENTORING AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM IN COMMUNITIES



Picture of one of the monthly monitoring activity at Makoko with CRT members



Picture of one of the monthly monitoring activity at Ilaje Otumara with CRT members

MEETING WITH WOMEN GROUPS IN ORGANISING AND MOBILISING TO ADDRESS ISSUES AND INCIDENCES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



Picture of meeting on 18th August 2022 with Women Groups at Makoko Community. Chief Kehinde, Ajiroba of Makoko Community talking to the women



Group photograph of Participants at the Women group meeting at Ilaje Otumara community on the 20th of August, 2022

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE WITH YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS ON ACTIONS TO END GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



Group photograph of Young Women leaders at Ilaje Otumara Community on 9th October, 2022



Picture of Young Women leaders engaging with the VAPP Law 2015 at Makoko Community on 9th of October, 2022

SYMBOLIC ACTIVITIES

Day of African Women



picture of the visit to Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) Lagos Chapter

Flyer of the collaboration with HACC USA to commemorate the Day of African Women on 30th July, 2022

b. International Day Of The Girl Child



Group photograph of participants at The Girl Child Day at Makoko Community on 8th September, 2022



Group photograph of participants at the Girl Child Day activity at Ilafe Otumara community on 8th September, 2022



Group photograph of participants at Women Community Dialogue



Group photograph of participants at Ilafe Otumara Community Engagement with young girls on the Lagos State Yellow Card on Child Abuse



Group photograph of participants at Training of Women groups on the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Law (2015) at Makoko community

About Us

Greenspring Development Initiative is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) established to further the well-being and sustainable development of women, children, youth and people with disabilities. The Organisation established early 2007 completed registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in 26th July, 2013.

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