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Everyone Campaign Closure and Awards Ceremony

ABUJA NIGERIA

COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S WELCOME



I am very happy to introduce you to the first quarterly newsletter of 2016. I hope people will continue to contribute to this newsletter so that it can truly represent the breadth of work we are involved in in our mission to reach out to children in Nigeria.

This opening quarter has been even more busy than usual with a range of statutory requirements being met and new key events being launched during the period. For example the finance team had to manage 5 audits all at the same time and we all finalised the performance review process.

Central to these statutory requirement was the completion of the Annual Report of our work in 2015. Despite the potential concerns we had at the beginning of 2015 over the postponed elections and the delay this caused to our plans, the report shows that the CO reached 28,348,585 people in 2015. *This was a 15% increase in reach compared to 2014.* The total expenditure also stood at \$28,095,883 – *a 30% increase from 2014* supporting our work across 6 themes namely; Child Protection, Education, Health, Nutrition, Hunger and Livelihoods and Child Rights Governance. Our geographic presence also increased from 20 to 24 States due to the STEER and SPRING projects scale up. STEER has now established a full office in Calabar in Cross Rivers State. The number of staff also increased from 219 to 318, mostly due to the emergency response.. The report is available on our Web site so please try and find some time to look at it. It reflects a healthy programme growing from strength to strength.

In the first quarter of 2016 we also showed our new commitment to involve all staff in our advocacy and campaign work. This started with our involvement in the Global Day of Action which was to strengthen communications and our identify not only within the country programme but with all other SCI offices across the Globe. This was followed by wide staff involvement in the public event for the official closure of the Everyone Campaign and an initial internal event to launch Save the Children's new campaign. Towards the end of March the CDGP project sponsored a government led Summit on the need to establish social protection mechanisms in Nigeria to provide a safety net for the very poorest families. There is more on all these events inside. The Campaigns Team is also working with Government departments to produce a report – The State of Nigerian Children- which will be based on statistics generated by the government themselves and will provide the framework for the new campaign.

The quarter also saw the operations section organize a series of workshops involving both operations and technical staff in developing an Emergency Preparedness Plan . The writing of the plan should be completed in April, but the purpose is to be clear about what is meant by "full spectrum programming" and how we all, whatever our current role, need to be able to step up and actively respond to emergencies affecting children. The plan has identified three priority areas of potential emergencies which are Civil conflict, Floods and epidemics.

All the while in the background we have continued with the reshaping of the country office structure to delegate much more authority to 4 Area Operation Managers based in Zamfara, Katsina, Lagos and Maiduguri and to field offices. We must reduce the past dependence on Abuja for all approvals and decisions. The Scheme of delegation is being adjusted to enable much higher approval levels at the area and field offices and finance staff have been trained to operate the finance systems at their level. National level budgets have also been broken down so that they can be monitored and adjusted as necessary at Area Level and recruitments for field positions will all happen within the Area and field offices . We are hoping to complete this process by the end of April and that staff will by then fully understand that the purpose is to provide them with much more responsibility for what they do, while not forgetting that with this comes increased accountability.

BEN FOOT

Country Director
Save the Children International
Nigeria

Meet Oreva Imoniathor as she talks on her journey so far in the country office

Can you tell us about you and when you joined Save the Children?

I am Orevaoghene Imoniathor Adams from Delta state and I'm happily married to Anthony Adams. Well I joined save the children on the 2nd of January 2013.

How was it like when you started with Save the Children in the Finance team?

Very well as I already had prior experience In NGO finance procedures but for specific SCI policies, It took me some time to familiarize myself with them; In no time I was able to pass through that phase because of the support I got from my colleague especially my line manager who was ever ready to attend to me.

How has it been like working as a Finance officer for Save the Children?

Well working as finance officer is not an easy task but I enjoy my job because This has been my dream right from secondary school. Challenging I may say, the country office programme keeps expanding and that means more responsibility for the department; quality of output is very important amongst other key KPIs but my head is up on the role I play.

What do you like about the job?

As Finance officer, I like all my responsibilities and duties especially making sure that staffs, partners, vendors and suppliers receive payments on time.

What is the most difficult part of the job?

The most challenging part of my job is meeting up with monthly timeline i.e been able to strike a balance between closing my books for the previous



Oreva Imoniathor, Finance Officer during the Global Day of Action (GDOA) 2016

What inspired you to join Save the Children?

While growing up, I have had course to attend to the non-privileged in the society and I am happy with the joy that comes from the smiles am able to put on their faces. I saw Save the Children as another opportunity to touch lives in a special way and so I grabbed it.



Oreva making payments during the Social Protection Summit at Sheraton Hotels Abuja

What are strategies you use to work in your role as finance officer?

I strike a balance amidst competitive tasks; I prioritize the very urgent and important ones and when the situation warrants, I give it extra time not forget to create a balance between my work and my life.

What are your career goals?

Would love to complete some professional exams which is currently on as part of my preparation for new challenging positions, I hope to take up other courses and training organized in-house, online and on the job.

How do you spend your leisure time?

I love watching movies and hanging out

Awardees commit to do more for Nigeria at Everyone Campaign Closure

By James Bigila, Media Coordinator, Abuja

Recently Save the children Nigeria hosted partners, representatives from state governments and stakeholders who contributed towards the success of the Everyone Campaign in Nigeria.

Save the Children launched the EVERY ONE Campaign in October 2009. It was aimed at catalyzing, by 2015, a breakthrough in governments' "policy and practice that dramatically accelerate sustainable progress towards MDGs 4 and 5".

With the launch of the everyone campaign in 2009, its impact and successes were recorded in Zamfara, Jigawa, Gombe, Katsina States in Northern Nigeria and Abuja the Federal Capital territory with a major break through achieved with the Nigerian parliament passing into law in 2014, the National health Bill which later received the accent of the then Nigerian President, Former President Goodluck

“When we go back to 2009, when this campaign started and come up to today, we can see, major changes in a number of areas in Nigeria.”
- Ben Foot

Jonathan who signed it into law.

The campaign in Nigeria proper started in 2010 with investiture of three celebrities – Joke Silva, John Fashanu and Sani Danja.

Another breakthrough for the campaign was ensuring that there is a skilled Health worker available to every child wherever s/he lives in Nigeria within 30 minutes of need or within 2 kilometers – in Nigeria, SC selected a Human Resources for Health (HRH) Champion who supported our campaign particularly at the National level and International levels.

Speaking during the Everyone campaign close out and award ceremony, the Country Director Mr Ben Foot in his welcome remarks expressed delight at



Country Director SC Nigeria, Ben Foot (Middle) with some awardees

having almost everyone who contributed to the success of the campaign attend the event.

He said “When we go back to 2009, when this campaign started and come up to today, we can see, major changes in a number of areas in Nigeria.” He said prior to 2001, Save the Children had not been known in Nigeria, But today, there has been major improvements in our programmes compared to when Save the Children Nigeria was set up in 2001. He congratulated all awardees and staff who contributed to the success of the Everyone campaign in Nigeria.

Since 2012, Save the Children has been campaigning for budget lines for Nutrition at National and subnational levels with varying degrees of success.

In Katsina State Nigeria, the campaign led to the State Government appropriating and releasing funds to tackle Malnutrition in the State.

A short movie acted by Students of Junior Government Secondary School Gwagwalada Abuja, was played to the audience in which Nigeria was put on trial and sentenced to 15 years for not doing enough to alleviate the sufferings of the Nigerian Children in areas of education, protection and health.

Also speaking at the event, Dr. David Olayemi, the Director of Advocacy and Campaigns took the audience through the key milestones achieved during the period of the Everyone campaign in Nigeria. He said the campaign was aimed at catalyzing, by 2015, a breakthrough in governments' "policy and practice that dramatically accelerate sustainable progress towards MDGs 4 and 5".

He said, “among the key milestones achieved while working with partners like Health Reform foundation of Nigeria (HERFON) and under the leadership of National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Save the children supported a number of states by training them and in supporting them to understand the connection between National Health Act and Primary Health Care Under one Roof. We have also trained some states in how to manage Primary Health care Reforms.”

Some of the awardees at the event included Mr. Joshua Afolabi, the Vice Principal for Government Secondary School Kuchingoro,

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Nigeria country office unveils new campaign at internal launch

By James Bigila, Media Coordinator, Abuja



Amarachi Ogbonna, Emergency Finance Advisor making a point during the debate

Save the Children Nigeria country office recently had an internal launch of its new global campaign for Nigeria staff which was held on the 14th March 2016 at Sandralia hotels Abuja.

The new campaign is about ensuring that all Nigerian children survive, learn and are protected by the year 2018.

The event started with a welcome address by the country director who thanked staff for the work they have been doing and also introduced the new campaign to Nigeria country office staff.

The main event for the internal launch was a debate between two major teams that make up the Nigerian country office, the members of staff from the Operations group and members of staff from the Technical group.

THE GREAT DEBATE

The Operations Group appeared in White shirts and black trousers while the Technical team appeared in sky blue tops and jeans .

Nigeria Staff were split into the Technical group and Operations group in a GREAT DEBATE. During the Debate, the Operations group and Technical groups all argued on what they do to position the organization to perform while also stressing

the importance/weaknesses of the opposing team in the organization.

The plan of the debate was based on the principles that *our campaign will be as strong as the weaker (operations and TA) implementation pillar*. The two groups proposed that:

- TA group proposed that **'SC can achieve the breakthroughs and her noble ambition only if the Operations group play their roles effectively'**.

The Operations Group countered this argument by proposing that **"the breakthroughs and noble ambition of SC can be achieved only if TA group play their roles effectively"**.

Some criteria were used by the judges used to score the debate from the debaters.

After all sessions by the debaters and lead debaters, the country Director Mr. Ben Foot in announcing the winners, congratulated all debaters for the effort and work put into the debate. The TA group was announced the winner of the debate at the end of the debate session. The Operations Group also engaged the TAs in a Volleyball competition. The competition followed immediately after the debate and brought the event of the internal launch to a close.

STAFF DELIVER KEY MESSAGES AT THE GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION 2016

Recently, Save the Children Nigeria hosted the global day of action in the Abuja country office.

The Global day of Action is a day set aside by Save the Children globally where all staff across the world demonstrate their collective resolve to make the world a better place for children by developing and presenting key messages within the context of our new Organisational Strategic Plan.

Here in Nigeria staff made presentation on how the Nigeria country office for Save the Children hopes to use the strategy to impact positively on children.

All Nigeria staff in the Abuja office made short presentations in groups on our vision and plan for children, with children from Junior Government Secondary School Gwagwalada been selected to be judges on the best presentation made by all teams within the country office.

Participants were drawn from all thematic programs in the Abuja field office and also representative from all field offices.

The program had kids from the Child's Rights Advocacy Club, Junior Government Secondary School Gwagwalada as the Comperes for the event.

Mr. Kwame Boate in his welcome remarks said the Global Day of action was a day set aside to ensure that all Save the Children members and countries stay aligned and deliver for children together.

He said, "today is the day when all Save the Children members and countries kick off our new strategic period, working towards our Ambition for Children 2030. We want everyone in Save the Children to understand his/her role in our new strategy, to feel ready to deliver on our promises to children and to own our new global campaign, so that we can jointly help make it happen".

Presentations were made by all thematic programs via dramas, songs and miming and dance sessions with each presentation delivering key messages on roles programs will be playing towards the global ambition for Children 2030.

The judges (students) announced the results of the presentation by the various units, with CDGP team coming 1st with 123 points and SMT having the 10th position with 87 points.



The Great Debate @ Internal Launch

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Save the Children, UNICEF and CS-SUNN advocate for Nutrition resourcing in Nigeria

By James Bigila, Media Coordinator, Abuja

A town hall meeting of civil society groups was held on the 19th of February 2016 to address Nutrition resourcing and draw government's attention to the problem of Malnutrition in Nigeria.

The event was held at the Bolton White Hotels Abuja and began with a press briefing with the Media in attendance.

At the end of the meeting, the CSOs drew up a communiqué to be presented to the Senate committee on health, requesting the legislature to prevail on the executive to ensure major health issues—routine immunization, family planning, childhood killer diseases and nutrition—get top priority in government agenda, said Dr Ngozi Onuorah, project coordinator for CS-SUNN. Save the Children Nigeria, a member of the coalition, said support would help address different factors that contribute to malnutrition.

“What we have is lack of knowledge and awareness,” said Dr Olayinka Adekugbe, an advocacy advisor for Save the Children.

“Mother's education is related to outcome of children, and income of household are factors, according to the [National Demographic Health Survey]. All the factors interplay. It is a systemic thing.”

Up to 300,000 children in Nigeria could die of malnutrition this year without intervention to save them, the United Nations Children's Fund has said, even as stakeholders complain the government has done nothing to fund or implement its nutrition policy, two years after it was passed.

Estimates suggest up to 1.6 million children are at risk, many of them from



Dr. Yinka Adekugbe, Advocacy Advisor, Nutrition at the town hall meeting

moderate malnutrition, which will progress to severe malnutrition without any intervention, according to Arjan de Waqt, chief of nutrition at UNICEF, who addressed a townhall meeting on nutrition in Abuja on Friday.

“We have become deaf to these

government support for that,” he noted.

The Civil Society Scaling up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN), a coalition of nongovernment groups working on nutrition, lamented that government's own National Strategic Plan of Action on Nutrition (NSPAN) has not seen any funding or implementation.

“How can a policy be developed for 2014 to 2019—it is 2016 and there's no funding for it?” questioned Dr Philippa Momah, of CS-SUNN.

The coalition said it was “disheartening” that the 2016 federal and state budget had been finalised and “yet nutrition was not seen as a priority issue in a country where over 11 million under five children are stunted.”

The meeting came to a close with a draft of a communiqué to be presented to the executive and Legislative arms of government.

“Up to 300,000 children in Nigeria could die of malnutrition this year without interventions to save them”

numbers. We have accepted these numbers. We don't find it strange, unless it is your child, then it is no more a number,” de Waqt said.

“At least 280,000 of them don't have to die, if you give them ready-to-use therapeutic food, and you need

Nigerian Government to coordinate the effective delivery of social safety net interventions for the poor

By James Bigila, Media Coordinator, Abuja

Recently, the Federal government of Nigeria in collaboration with the World Bank and the UK department for International Development (DFID), through the Child Development Grant Program (CDGP) organised a 3 day social protection cross learning summit (SPEC 2016) with the theme “Evidence and learning in improving Social protection in Nigeria”.

The summit was aimed at sharing social protection practices and experiences of other countries in relation to Nigeria and also inform stakeholders of the Child Development Grant Program, its progress and baseline report. It was also an opportunity for stakeholders to create a forum for dialogue on reformation and refinement of Social Protection practice and policies in Nigeria.

The Child Development Grant program is a 5 year DFID funded project towards tackling poverty and hunger and reducing malnutrition in children in Jigawa and Zamfara States Nigeria. Save the Children is leading the INGO Consortium delivering the program in partnership with Action Against Hunger (ACF). The program provides 48 Million pounds (GBP) which aims to tackle poverty to poor and nursing mothers through monthly cash transfers of 3,500 NGN (equivalent of 12 pounds a month) to all pregnant women from the moment their pregnancy is confirmed until the child reaches the age of 2 years. Speaking during the opening ceremony of the 3 day summit, the Federal Minister of Finance, Mrs Kemi Adeosun represented by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Mr. Mahmoud Isah Dutse declared the summit open and appreciated the work of development partners in tackling poverty and reducing the numbers of the poor and vulnerable through the Child Development Grant program, CDGP.



Mercy Jibrin, Nutrition Advisor, CDGP (1st right) during panel discussions at the summit

Also speaking during the opening Ceremony, the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Senator Udo Udoma, stated that the Federal Government will reduce poverty in the country to the barest Minimum. He said, “the Federal Government is currently articulating a reform agenda for the social protection



Dr. David Olayemi at the Summit

sector as a means of ensuring inclusive growth and poverty reduction”.

Driving this reform is the National Social Safety Nets Coordinating Office under the office of the Vice President with the responsibility of co-ordinating all social safety net initiatives in the country. The NASCO is leveraging existing experiences in the country as well as

global best practices to improve the processes that will drive progressive change delivery. Explaining the objective of the programme, the minister said it would assist to influence, design and implement social safety nets in the country for greater impact. Save the Children's representative Mercy Jibrin, while speaking to participants on the Child Development grant program in Nigeria, shared the lessons of unconditional Cash transfers and the Child Development Grant program in Jigawa and Zamfara State Nigeria..

The Federal Government received commendation from participants for articulating a national social protection reform agenda designed to protect the poor and vulnerable from the effects of fiscal crunch through systematic mitigation of the challenges of poverty and inequality in Nigeria. The program when fully implemented will provide the Nigerian government with a single register on the basis of Community Based Targeting (CBT) which will ensure proper identification of beneficiaries while reducing inclusive and exclusive errors. [READ MORE VIA LINK](#)

KATSINA STATE SETS ASIDE N200 MILLION FOR NUTRITION IN 2016—By Richard Musa



Katsina State Governor, Aminu Masari

SC has over the years been supporting the Katsina State Government to improve financing for Nutrition activities across all MDAs as well as to have a very strong coordination mechanism that will help support the process in a 360° manner.

To this end and in Collaboration with UNICEF, a 5 – year State Strategic Nutrition action plan was developed and costed which cuts across all line MDAs in the State.

Also, an annual Operational Plan (AOP) has been extracted from the 5 – year document which gave the basis for the State Government to allocate the sum of 200m naira for Nutrition activities in the State in the 2016 fiscal year.

SAVE THE CHILDREN INAUGURATES CHILD'S RIGHTS ADVOCACY CLUB IN KATSINA STATE—By Richard Musa



SC's strategy of raising an army of Children Advocates in Katsina State has gotten off on the right footing with the Inauguration of the Child Rights Advocacy Club in Government Day Secondary School Tsanni (Junior). With the development Children in Katsina State will have the voices heard from the contemporaries so that "Nothing about them should be done without them". The Inauguration has the blessing of the honourable Commissioner for Education ably represented by the Principal Officer in charge of Youth and Social activities for the Ministry. The Director of Schools for the Ministry in her good will message promised to monitor the activities of the club with a view to ensure that it succeeded and thus to replicate the same in other schools.

KATSINA STATE GOVERNMENT RELEASES N3.75M NAIRA TO 15 CMAM IMPLEMENTING LGAS - By Richard Musa



After the suspension of the monthly support by the new administration, the lives of thousands of children were put at risk and danger of death. It took SC almost 10 months of Advocacy visits by SC team and MNCH Coalition, Strategic Stakeholders' meeting both within and Outside Katsina, Media mention/reporting in order to draw the attention of particularly the Executive Governor of Katsina State to the Issue. The financial support means the lives of over 2000 malnourished children would be saved every week across the 15 LGAs and 109 Sites. Persistent involvement of our Health journalists paid – off at last when the State Governor read the news and called his commissioners and other relevant officials for a meeting to ensure prompt release of the 3.75m naira per month

SC PARTNERS KATSINA STATE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD CAPACITY OF COLD CHAIN OFFICERS—By Richard Musa



As part of activities to engage WDC members to drive the accountability process Routine Immunization service delivery as well as to support Katsina State Government deliver quality service to the people, SC supported the State Immunization Office (i.e. State Cold Chain Officer and Assistant Cold Chain Officer) to develop a Planned Preventive and Maintenance (PPM) system for the State. SC also built their capacity on the use of reporting log book for proper accountability, responsibility and also the maintenance of cold chain equipment. The same has been cascaded to the 2 LGAs of Batsari and Danmusa where PPM was developed and the capacities of the LIOs and CCOs were also built on the use of log book.

SHERATON HOTEL AND TOWERS, CBD, ABUJA

96 % LOADING...

Save the Children and CS-SUNN advocate for Nutrition funding in Agriculture

By James Bigila, Media Coordinator, Abuja



The Senate Committee Chairman on Agriculture, Senator Abdullahi Adamu listening to presentations by SC

An advocacy visit was done to the Senate Committee Chairman on Agriculture, Senator Abdullahi Adamu by Save the Children and CS-SUNN recently at the National Assembly Abuja, Nigeria. The purpose of the visit was to advocate for better Nutrition resourcing and a budget in the Agricultural sector towards tackling Malnutrition in Nigeria.

Dr. Yinka Adekugbe in her opening remarks stated that one in five Nigerian children under 5 years are malnourished. She said, "The last NPHI survey says that 10.8 million children are malnourished which means over 20% are malnourished and they are under 5".

She explained that one in every 5 children under 5 years is malnourished. Malnourishment affects the cognitive development of these children as they will be unable to reach their full potential. This is significant because they cannot contribute to the GDP of the nation.

In her remarks, she called on everyone, not just mothers, to respond to the issue of Malnutrition in Nigeria. She stated the importance of agriculture towards tackling Malnutrition in Nigeria because for

children to get the effective nutrition supplements, they need the right food with nutritious content.

She stated that the visit was done in other to talk with the legislative arm of government to also work with the executive arm of government towards tackling the problem of Malnutrition in the country.

Also speaking during the visit, Mr. Innocent Ifedilichukwu thanked the Committee Chairman on some of the policies in place to tackle malnutrition in the country during the visit. He stated that the problem of Malnutrition if left unsolved will make it difficult for the young generation growing up to fit into the shoes of the present leadership in the country. He said, "If nothing is done concerning this problem, we will not be able to have a generation that will fit into the shoes of their elders and leaders as they will be deprived of development due malnutrition and stunted growth. In the long run we may end up having people that will not be able to fit into those shoes. We are asking for a drastic and urgent change for the children". [READ MORE VIA LINK](#)

EXERCISE TIPS THAT WORK

Put a few of these tips into action each week

1. **Tone Up on the Treadmill** "Save time at the gym with this 10-minute cardio/sculpt session: Hop on a treadmill holding a three- to five-pound dumbbell in each hand, and set the speed to a brisk walk. Do a one-minute set each of shoulder presses, biceps curls, triceps extensions, side laterals, front laterals and standing triceps kickbacks one after another as you walk. It's an amazing upper-body challenge that also gets your heart pumping. Do this series two or three times each week. As you improve, work up to doing four-minute sets.
2. **Power Up Your Runs** "Adding wall sits to the end of every run will strengthen your quads, hamstrings and glutes, improving your speed and endurance. Lean against a wall with your feet shoulder-width apart, then squat until your knees are bent at 45 degrees. Hold for 30 to 60 seconds; work up to doing 10 sets. Add a challenge by including heel raises: Lift your left heel, then the right, then lift both together twice.
3. **Chart Your Progress** Stay motivated using a fitness report card. Jot down these subjects: Cardio, Muscle Conditioning, Flexibility and Attitude. Set goals (for example, doing 10 "boy" push-ups) and grade yourself A through F at least four times a year. When you see how much you improve, you'll want to stay in great shape.
4. **Take This Jump-Rope Challenge** The best cardio workout is the jump-rope double-turn maneuver. It's intense: You'll burn about 26 calories per minute! Do a basic jump for five minutes, then jump twice as high and turn the rope twice as fast so it passes under your feet twice before you land. This takes timing, patience and power. But you'll get in great shape just by working at it.
5. **Don't Skimp on Carbs** Your body needs them to fuel a workout, so reach for fruit or high-fiber crackers an hour beforehand. If you're exercising for 90 minutes or longer, include some protein so that the carbs break down more slowly, giving you longer-lasting energy. Your best bets: low-fat cheese and crackers, trail mix.

STEER strengthens CSOs for greater impact

By Olushola Adeyemo, Steer Coordinator

The resource mobilization team of African Community and Environmental Health Initiatives (ACEHI) organization, Bauchi has been writing proposals as a way to source for grants for the organization since 2011. The proposals usually passed initial technical evaluation but on reaching the organizational assessment stage, donors often dropped them. For this reason, the organization was only able to win one out of every five grants applied for since inception.

On joining the System Transformed for Empowered Action and Enabling Response (STEER) project in 2014, an organizational capacity assessment was conducted by STEER's Organization Development (OD) team on ACEHI, and it was no surprise that the organization had a baseline score of 15%.

Over the next few months, the OD team worked with ACEHI and provided support and guidance, in areas including development of organization templates, policies, staff training and mentorship. With the technical support provided, ACEHI was able to address some of the identified gaps in all the assessment domains which included; poor governance, weak human resource management and lack of updated referral and linkage systems. Twelve months down the line, a follow up organization capacity assessment result shows a much more improved score of 68%.



This has translated to success in grants applied for by the Organization. ACEHI recently won N7.8m grant to implement the USAID-funded Nigeria Education Crisis Response Project managed by Creative Associates International in partnership with International Rescue Mission, which aims to expand access to quality learning opportunities for displaced, out-of-school children. In addition, the organization also won a grant of N13m to implement the World Bank funded HIV/AIDS Program Development Project 2 (HPDP 2), which aims to reduce the risk of HIV infections by scaling up prevention interventions and to increase access to HIV testing and counseling, care and support services.

Currently, ACEHI has a functional board and written constitution, financial and human resources policies, gender policy, and Vulnerable Children policies are in place and functional. STEER OD team has also strengthened ACEHI's partnership with other relevant organizations that are into VC programming through which health, education, protection and other services are rendered to children.

ACEHI is one of the over 40 organizations whose organizational capacity have been improved and strengthened by the STEER project in Nigeria. With improved organization capacity, ACEHI hopes to access more grants in the future in order to implement more projects to benefit and improve the lives of children and community members in Bauchi state.



Colleagues during the Global Day of action

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PHOTOS FROM ACTIVITIES IN 1st QUARTER



Deputy Country Director giving his opening remarks at the Global Day of action (GDOA) 2016



Colleagues from field offices at the global day of action 2016



Colleagues from the Operations team at the Global day of action 2016



The Humanitarian team at the Global Day of Action 2016 (GDOA)



Director of operations SC Nigeria at the Global Day of action 2016



Children pose with the CDGP team, winners of GDOA Presentation



Debaters representing the Support team at the Internal Launch



Panel of Judges at the Great Debate during Internal Launch



Debaters representing the Programs team at the Internal Launch



Cross section of Participants during the Everyone campaign Close out



Dr. Muhammad Quabasiyu been presented with an award at the Everyone campaign Close out



Dr. Mrs. Ngozi Azodoh, an awardee and Dr. Abimbola Willams at the Every one campaign Close out

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STAFF BIRTHDAYS IN 1st QUARTER

JANUARY: 1st: Kingdom Alexander, Peter Olowu, Simon Solomon, Turai Sale; 2nd: Nuhu Bahago; 3rd: Isiaka Lemboye, Omolola Gani-Yusuf; 5th: Adebanye Moronkeji, Chinedu Anyaegbu; 6th: Emmanuel Adinya, Lauretta Omale; 10th: Dawa Falalu, Esther Tokunbo Angulu; 11th: Yusuf Abdulwahab; 13th: Dominic Abi; 14th: Ismaila Abdullahi; 15th: Abubakar Kende, Jacob Shimsenge; 18th: Israel Olaide Ayegbusi, Israel Oluwabusayo Oni; 19th: Adesoji Adenira, Omar Adamu, Orevaoghene Angela Imo- niathor; 20th: Sabena Yaduma, Tunubari Dilosi; 21st: Samuel Dachuk Joseph; 22nd: Ibrahim Oyetunji; 24th: Ayowumi Kunle Ogunjobi; 25th: Abubakar Sanusi, Chibueze Seth Nwosu; 28th: Gloria Affiku

FEBRUARY: 1st: Grace Olomiwe, Olayinka Adekugbe, Sunday Yahaya; 2nd: Anne Wazi Kpason; 3rd: Iorwuese Awua; 5th: Abdullahi Garba, Daniel Takon Tah, Victoria Adanma Agommuo; 6th: Maryann Ezenne; 7th: Nura Muhammad Tukur, Onyinyechukwu Udefi; 8th: Nnaemeka Uba, Oluwakayode Awolusi; 9th: Dorothy Ewenyi; 10th: Olugbenga Tunde Ogundipe; 13th: Babafemi Joshua Ajayi; 14th: Abdullahi Adamu, Faith Oguejiofor, George Chinonso Onuk- wulu, Sunday Agbo, Valentine Chiemeka Mmaju; 15th: Mainasara Muhammad, Rashida Lawal; 16th: Aishatu Abubakar, Usman Moham- med Zhokwo; 19th: Uchenna Okafor; 20th: Ayebaekipiriye Abaye; 22nd: Olusola Adeyemo; 24th: Ese Awharitomaa; 25th: Aliyu Rufai Ahmed; 28th: Joy Adams.

MARCH: 1st: Usman Ibrahim, Effiong Akpan, Nura Aminu; 2nd: Olayinka Chinyere Chukwu; 5th: Patrick Ezeani, Unwana Japhet Abrahams; 6th: Abdulkarim Ahmed, Mohammed Sambo Liman, Suleiman Ibrahim; 8th: Andrew Adeyemi Edugbonla; 10th: Yahaya Idris; 11th: Falmata Musa Liya; 12th: Bibi Henah; Mathew Ughanlu- men; 13th: Fatima Onyechi Olokpo; 14th: Jennifer Temiloluwa Esan, Oluwayemi Ogundana; 15th: Badamasi Kwamia, Justin Nyior; 18th: Oluyinka Olutunde; 19th: Sahanunu Abdulmalik; 20th: Taiye Akinola Babarinsa; 25th: Ahmed Ibrahim Galadima; 26th: Patience Kambai; 27th: Abdullahi Lawal; 29th: Olajumoke Oladapo; 31st: Yusuf Gunu

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NEW STAFF RECRUITMENTS IN 1st QUARTER

First Name	Last Name	Position	Location	Start Date
Ugochukwu Chikwen	Roy	Area Operations Manager	Lagos	01-04-16
Justus	Aiyejube	National Account- ant	Abuja	01-11-16
Kayode	Ajumobi	Program Manager (Spring)	Abuja	01-01-16
Apeh	Unubi Joseph	Advocacy and Communication Officer	Gombe	01-01-16
Gbenga	Ajaiyeoba	Program Manager (Health)	Kaduna	01-01-16
Olayinka	Umar-Farouk	Newborn Health Specialist	Abuja	18/01/2016
Emeka Gbola- han	Abiade	NYSC IT	Lagos	01-04-16
Nasir Asmau	Zakari	NYSC	Lagos	01-04-16
Oyin Olu- wayemi	Ogundana	NYSC	Lagos	01-04-16
Kingdom Joseph	Alexander	Child Protection in Emergency Coordinator	Borno	01-04-16
Awosanya	Ridwan	Nutrition Coordi- nator	Lagos	25/01/2016
Oyeleke	Oyetunji	NYSC - SDI	Lagos	01-04-16
Omolara	Adeleke	NYSC Cashier	Gombe	01-01-16
Joy	Adams	NYSC Nutrition	Gombe	18/01/2016
Ibrahim	Oyetunji	NYSC - Health & Child Survival	Lagos	01-06-16
Ibrahim	Musa	NYSC - Advocacy Assistant	Zamfara	25/01/2016
Patrick	Ezeani	NYSC Health and Child Survival	Abuja	26/01/2016
Idowu Florence	Otunaiya	Nutrition Assistant	Kaduna	01-05-16
Kenneth Rich- ard	Binga	Logistic/Admin support	Kaduna	01-05-16
Sewuese Jessica	Iorapuu	Household Eco- nomic Analysis/ General Pro- gramme	Kaduna	01-05-16

Feb-16

First Name	Last Name	Position	Location	Start Date
Adamu	Mohammed	Office Assistant	Borno	02-01-16
Endurance	Nwahiriri	Nutrition Project Coordinator	Borno	22/02/2016
Latifat	Ibrahim	IT Officer	Katsina	29/02/2016
Jacob David	Billiyok	Safety & Security Officer	Gombe	16/02/2016
Usman	Ibrahim	Safety & Security Officer	Borno	22/02/2016
Chukwuemeka	Agha	NYSC Cashier	Kebbi	23/02/2016
Falmata	Musa Liya	NYSC Cashier	Borno	16/02/2016
Omolola	Gani-Yusuf	Child Safeguarding Adviser	Abuja	29/02/2016
Maryam	Kabir	NYSC Front Desk	Zamfara	22/02/2016
Musa	Ibrahim	NYSC - Advocacy	Zamfara	02-01-16
Helen	Gabriel Ikojo	NYSC - Health Worker Capacity Development Project	Gombe	16/02/2016

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First Name	Last Name	Position	Location	Start Date
Olajumoke	Oladapo	Nutrition Adviser	Abuja	03-01-16
Lanem Law	Kuma	Senior Program Officer	Abuja	03-01-16
Abraham	Ahmadu	Monitoring and Evaluation Coordi- nator	Kebbi	03-01-16
Adeola	Adeyeye	Program Opera- tions Officer	Abuja	03-07-16
Noah	Audu	Office Assistant	Abuja	03-01-16
Talatu Fatima	Usman	Senior MEAL Officer	Zamfara	14/03/2016
Daniel	James	NYSC Nutrition Program Assistant	Borno	03-01-16
Faith	Afolabi	Program Officer	Lagos	21/03/2016

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