



# GERIATRIC CARE AND VULNERABLE SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Defending the Rights and Dignity of the Vulnerable Population

## 2018 ACTIVITIES REPORT



## IMMUNIZATION SUPPORT OUTREACH AGAINST CHILD KILLER DISEASE IN OGUTA L.G.A.

On the 3rd of March GCVSI was actively involved in the statewide immunization of children under 5 against killer disease, GCVSI was at the local level at Izombe in Oguta LGA of Imo State providing technical support to nurses, midwives, and community health workers on the frontline. School to school sensitization and compliance was at the center of GCVS's core activities while monitoring the implementation and coverage plans for accountability to the public.





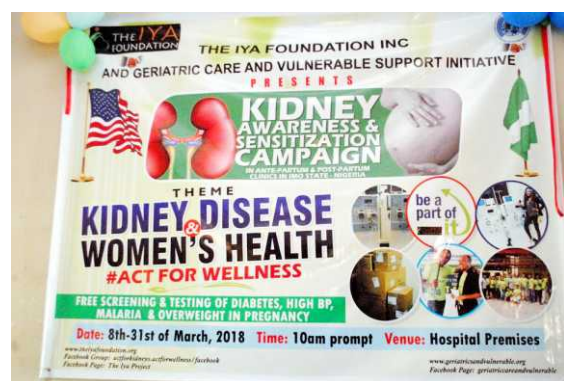
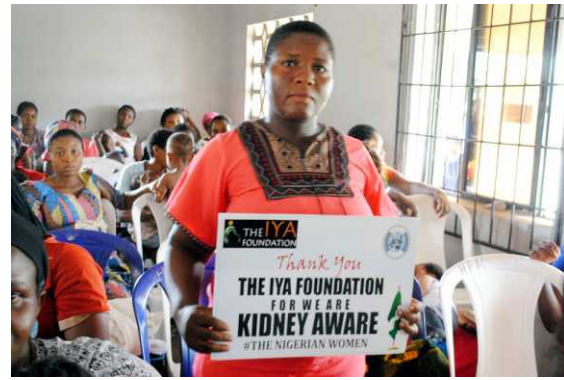
## WORLD KIDNEY DAY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IYA FOUNDATION

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March GCVSI sealed another deal with THE IYA FOUNDATION, a US based nonprofit organization for the commemoration of World Kidney Day in Imo State Nigeria with the theme "Kidney and Women's health". IYA FOUNDATION is committed to kidney health through various health education approaches. Health promotion and disease prevention strategies are critical to drive sensitization and awareness campaign for community and individual actions for better health outcomes. Rural primary health centers in Izombe in Oguta LGA, Okwele in Onuimo LGA and General Hospital Awo-Omamma in Oru East LGAs were mobilized and pregnant women and women of child

bearing age were sensitized using various health education components like health promotion activities to reduce the risk of kidney diseases, disease prevention which includes actions to take during pregnancy to avoid kidney disease and chronic renal failure, the connection of pregnancy and kidney failure was stressed tying to urinary tract infections (UTI). Free screening for risk factors like diabetes Miletus, hypertension, obesity asymptomatic bacteriuria in pregnancy amongst others. Various child protection mechanisms and strategies were equally heightened. However the member representing Oru East in the Imo State House of Assembly Bar. Kenna Nzero represented the Imo State government.













## NATIONAL RESEARCH ON SKIP GENERATION, A FACTOR INFLUENCING VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA

In the month of March, GCVSI played a host to a set of researcher from major Universities in Nigeria who were conducting a research on skip generation and its influence on violent conflicts in Nigeria and the role Older Persons play as caregivers of grand and great grandchildren. The issue of skip generation in the modern Nigerian society has come with a new kind of burden on Older Persons who serve as caregivers to their grand and great grand children without the newborn not directly attached to the biological mother. The team of researchers were in GCVSI's office to get firsthand information on the role of Older Persons as caregivers and caretakers of their grand and great grandchildren in relation with the burden and they go through in accomplishing this task. The outcome of the research is to inform policymakers on developing social protection policies for Older Persons as well as develop conflict resolution strategies.



## STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENTS AGAINST FAKE DRUGS/UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE CAMPAIGN IN RURAL COMMUNITIES:

On 18<sup>th</sup> of May, GCVSI embarked on easement of universal health coverage in Oguta local government Areas of Imo State, the trip became imperative as GCVSI has received several phone calls by the local residents of Umuduru camp a community hosting more than 50, 000 people of all age groups including pregnant women, children under 5 and the ageing population, living in local hurts made of bamboo with completely no kind of healthcare facility. Pregnant women are forced to travel on motorbikes for several miles just to attend antenatal or postnatal care.

Furthermore, GCVSI participated in a stakeholder's engagement in rural communities against fake and substandard drugs. GCVSI through its community mobilization strategies, were able to mobilize community patent medicine store owners through their local association, to educate them on the need to function within the frameworks granted them by law. GCVSI, expressed its



readiness to partner with the Association in promoting sanity and global best practices in all their undertakings, it should be known that Older Persons and rural pregnant women patronizes local patent medicine stores dealers as that is the first point of access to health by these very groups of people therefore checking their activities while holding government to account is imperative to guarantee the safety of rural dwellers.

## ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of August GCVSI held its first Executive Board meeting following the resolution at the first General Assembly meeting held on in November 2016. High lights and activities of the meeting was to assess the progress achieved so far as well as receive various reports from the management committee members and internal control committee members, on the running of the organization from inception in 2016. Approval of plan program for the next five years as presented by the Executive Director was also duly considered. Financial commitments to program implementations was discussed.



## ROTARY/IMO STATE POLIO COVERAGE ASSESSMENT MEETING

On the 13 of October GCVSI was an active delegation and participant in the Rotary Club / Imo State polio coverage assessment conference in Owerri. The stakeholders meeting was to assess the progress recorded so far in the fight again poliomyelitis in Imo State. More commitments were made towards eradication of the disease in the state while civil societies were encouraged to participate in the fight against the scourge.





## ADVOCACY/COURTESY/COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION/ STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENTS IN IMO STATE

Beginning from 18<sup>th</sup> October GCVSI embarked on aggressive advocacy/courtesy visits/community mobilization and stakeholder's engagements in the pursue of its agenda of addressing social determinants of health, through community actions and involvement in decisions making concerning their hearth and social outcomes. The support of the traditional institutions was solicited to facilitate citizen's led actions in the care and social inclusion of Older Persons, pregnant women and children under 5 in rural communities' developmental agendas especially among the underserved communities. The instrumentality of the traditional and community leaders in mobilizing community members to take informed pragmatic actions using health promotional and disease prevention has always proven amazingly effective and productive.









## STAKEHOLDERS GROUP ON AGEING AFRICA CONFERENCE SHERATON ABUJA

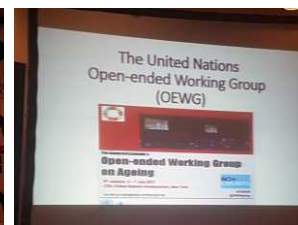
Between the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of November, GCVSI participated in Stakeholders Group on Ageing Africa Conference, which is an Africa regional accountability civil society organization advancing the rights of Older Persons in Africa. GCVSI, is a pioneer member of SGA Africa duly recognized by the African Union and the United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Commission (UNECOSOC).



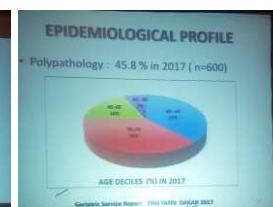








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## COMMUNITY GERIATRIC MEDICAL OUTREACH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NICARK OUTREACH

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, GCVSI in partnership with THE NICARK OUTREACH, a US based nonprofit organization to provide quality healthcare services to Older Persons in Ofekatta III autonomous community and beyond in Awo-Omamma in Oru East LGA of Imo State. The medical outreach took place in the premises of the General Hospital Awo-Omamma attracting Older Persons from over 6 villages who benefited from different humanitarian medical services provided by our well trained healthcare professionals in various services ranging from doctor consultation, nursing assessment, medical laboratory investigation, dispensing of prescribed drugs, nutritional and dietary advices, physiotherapeutic care amongst others. Walking aids were donated to Older Persons with disabilities, as well as eyeglasses prescribed and donated to participants by optometrists in our team.





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in collaboration with the  
**NICark Outreach, a U.S.A. 501/C NGO**

*Presents* **A one day  
Community Geriatric  
Medical Outreach**

**For Older Persons 60 Years & Above**

📍 General Hospital Awo-Omamma  
In Oru East L.G.A. Imo State Nigeria



📅 Friday 14th Dec., 2018.  
🕒 9.00am Prompt.

**Powered By: Sir Emmanuel & Lady Ngozi Orusakwe**

**Activities includes**

- Medical consultation
- Lab Investigations
- Physiotherapeutic care
- Free transportation to event venue
- Social welfare support e.g. provision of food items
- Optometry services and provision of eye glasses
- Formation of older persons into developmental structures of the society.

- Nursing assessment
- Provision of Prescribed drugs
- Spiritual counseling
- Nutritional/Geriatric Health education
- Geriatric Data collection for research purposes.









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