



GERIATRIC CARE AND VULNERABLE SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Defending the Rights and Dignity of the Vulnerable Population

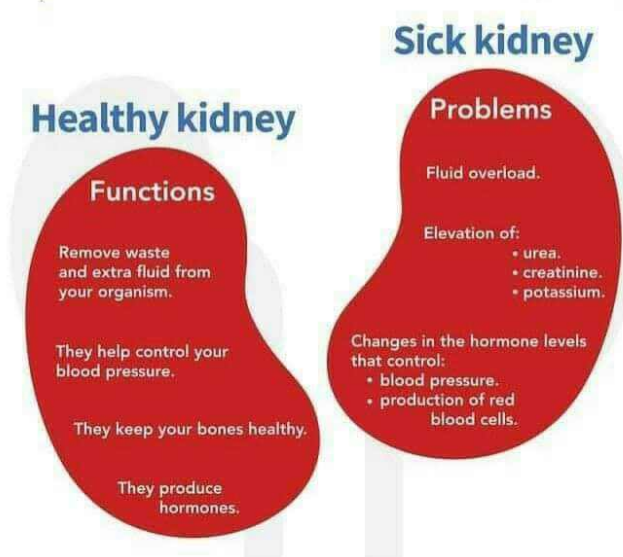
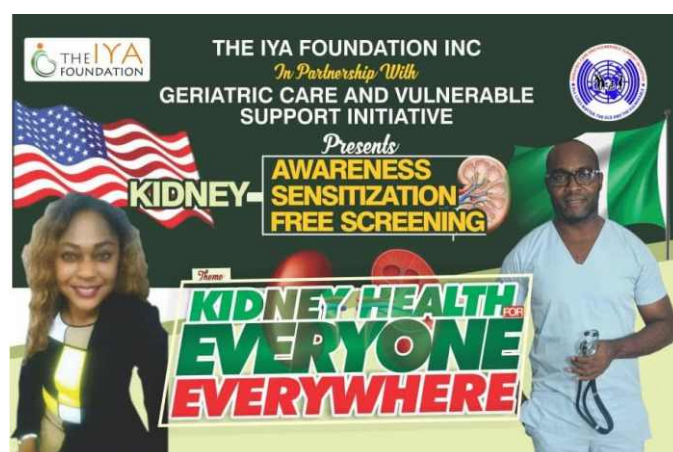
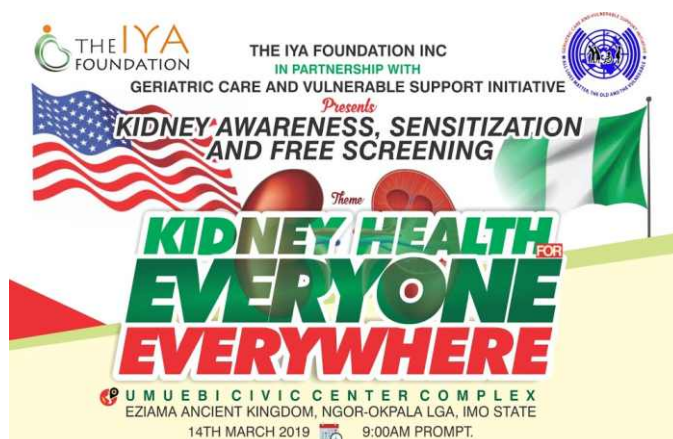


2019 ACTIVITIES REPORT

WORLD KIDNEY DAY COMMEMORATION IN IMO STATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IYA FOUNDATION.

On the 14th of March, GCVSI delivered in his mission on precipitating community actions in making decision concerning their health outcome by utilizing two major health education strategies which includes health promotion and disease prevention. The Theme of the 2019 World Kidney Day was tagged “Kidney Disease education for everyone for everywhere” hence GCVSI in Agreement with THE IYA FOUNDATION decide to take the crudes of kidney disease to the geriatric population in rural communities where free screening for ricks factors like diabetes Miletus, hypertension, obesity, and some common tropical diseases like malaria parasite. Health Education Communication and Education materials were equally shared to participants for follow up learning at home, however illiterates Older Persons were instructed to give the leaflets to their caregivers at home for interpretation on subsequent learning sessions.

Similarly in same vain the crusade of kidney health education and citizen's led actions was taken to the staff of Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Owerri Imo State, as part of GCVSI corporate partnership and collaboration with institutions to enhance and promotes citizen's led actions for positive health and social outcomes. Health education, disease prevention strategies including lifestyle modification and Exercise was stressed as basic routine for people above 40 years of age.



**THE IYA FOUNDATION
FREE KIDNEY HEALTH SCREENING**

- ☐ Chronic kidney disease risk analysis
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ High Blood pressure
- ☐ Proteinuria

**Etoug-Ebe Baptist Hospital
10am - Monday, March 11 2019**

FREE KIDNEY INFO SESSION

♥ 9am - Sunday, March 10, 2019 -
St. Peter & Paul
Anglophone Parish
Catholic Church Simbock Yaounde

♥ TBA - Harvest Outreach Ministry
Acacias, Yaounde



**BE A PART
OF IT!**





KIDNEY HEALTH FOR EVERYONE

THE IYA FOUNDATION/GERIATRIC CARE AND VULNERABLE SUPPORT INITIATIVE INFORMATION BROCHURE

On Kidney Disease awareness, sensitization and free screening for risk factors like diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure, over weight (Obesity) and proteinuria in some rural communities and corporate entities in Nigeria.

The aforementioned Organization has been engaging in kidney awareness and sensitization campaign for 3 consecutive years. The main aim is to raise awareness about the important role of the kidney to human life and emphasis on preventing kidney failure through health education, free screening of risk factors, life style modification treatment options and patient support base while partnering with various dialysis centers to enhance better services for patients especially those from low income families.

Geriatric Care and Vulnerable Support Initiative is a Non-Profit Non-Governmental Charitable Organization due registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja Nigeria With Registration No CAC/17/M091826 and working with Ministry of Health in some states in the federation like Benue, Imo Etc.

Mission: Our mission is to take researched base health information, healthcare services plus social support programs to the door steps of the Aging and Vulnerable population (pregnant women and children under five (5) in rural communities amongst low income families in Nigeria, while collaborating with partner organizations to do same in other African countries thereby achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Sustainable Development Goal (3) Accessible and Affordable health for all by 2030.

-Commitment Areas:

- We provide services in geriatric care and gerontology advocacy through the following
 - Partnering with state ministries of health to develop guidelines and policies in the area of geriatric care and gerontology advocacy.
 - Facilitate geriatric care in general and secondary health facilities.
 - Providing community geriatric medical services in rural communities.
 - Providing access to healthcare services for the aging population in partnership with relevant authorities.
 - Carrying out geriatric and gerontology advocacies in different states in the federation.
 - Promoting age friendly legislations in the federation and state houses of assembly.
 - Combating ageism in rural communities
- As a member of the global alliance for the rights of older persons (GAROP) we strive to accelerate global efforts in the area of aging.
- As a member of Stakeholders Group on Ageing SGA Africa, we are engaging African nations to include ageing in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Africa Union Agenda 2063.
- As an accredited United Nations department of Ageing Non Governmental Organization we working hand in gloves to make the world a better place.

Maternal and Child Health Management

- Prompting access to health care services for rural pregnant women.
- Promoting safe delivery of new born through highly subsidized financial support programs
- Promoting family planning
- Promoting safe motherhood
- Engaging and collaborating with other stakeholders to promote maternal and child health management in Nigeria
- Provision of delivery kits to rural health facilities.
- Developing adequate data for maternal and child quality assurance assessment in Nigeria.

Health Awareness and Sensitization

- Public health education on prevailing health issues promoting kidney awareness and sensitization campaign in collaboration with The IYA FOUNDATION U.S.A Based Non-Profit Organization
- Providing social support to vulnerable families with pressing health challenges
- Achieving universal health coverage by connecting poorer families (Low Income Families) to healthcare facilities in rural communities in Nigeria
- Collaborate with governments and partners to promote accessible and affordable health for all by 2030?

THE IYA FOUNDATION

THE IYA FOUNDATION INC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GERIATRIC CARE AND VULNERABLE SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Presents

KIDNEY AWARENESS, SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGN AND FREE SCREENING

For Risk Factors Like:

- Diabetes Mellitus
- High Blood Pressure
- Obesity And
- Proteinuria

Theme

KIDNEY HEALTH FOR EVERYONE

#actforkidneys

Date: 14th - 30th of March, 2019
Time: 9am - 4pm
Venue: Selected rural communities and corporate entities in Imo State

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Research and Health Care Statistics Collaborate with higher schools of learning, agencies and governments to research on major public health issues aim at finding solutions to them.

Providing database for geriatric and maternal and child health management in Nigeria

Providing statistics on the nutritional status of under five(5) children in Nigeria

Striving to develop geriatric database in Nigeria in collaboration with stakeholders.

Using researched base data to develop healthcare modules using implementation science in achieving Population Health Service.

A story of Love, Professionalism and Reaching out for a Sustainable World

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INAUGURATION OF ASSOCIATION OF CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR OLDER PERSONS IN NIGERIA (ACSPOPIN)

On the 20th of June, GCVSI was among the pioneer and founding member of the Association of Care Service Providers for Older Persons in Nigeria. The need to influence policy outcome on a unified supervised and regulated care strategies and training curriculum became imperative to checkmate the shabby practices by nursing home owners and caregivers, hence ACSPOPIN was founded to push for policy development, and harmonization of care methodologies and guidelines to achieve universality in the approach of home health services in Nigeria. GCVSI has always been in the frontline pushing for the Rights of Older Persons.

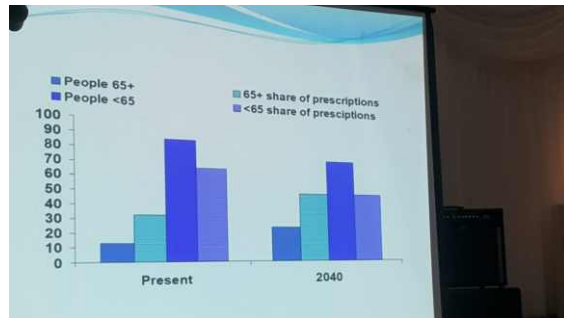
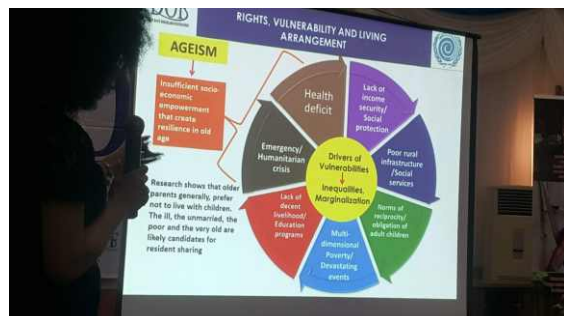
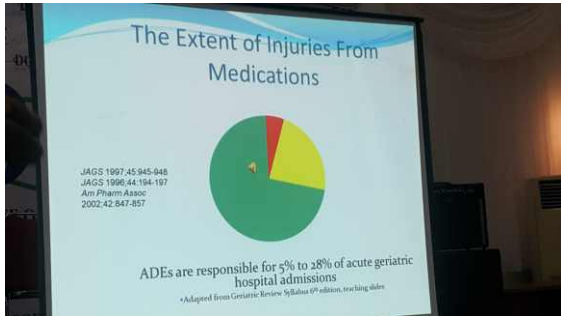
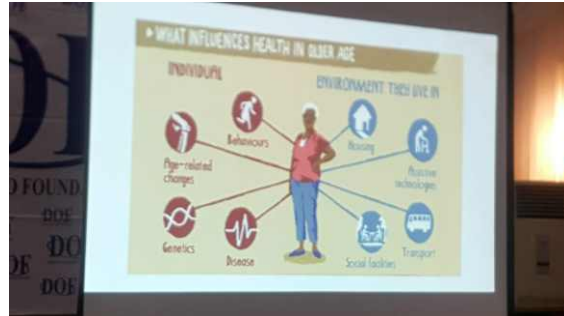
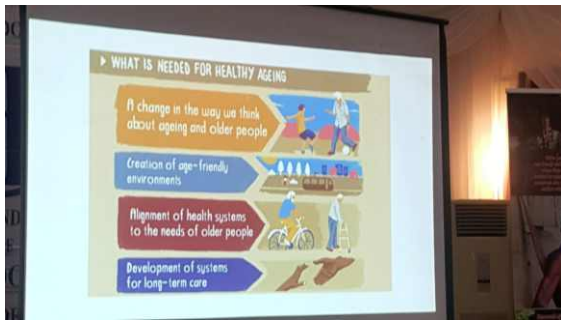


CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON AGEING BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGEING UN MALTA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TH DAVE OMOKAROS FOUNDATION:

Between the 28th June – 2nd of July The Executive Director of GCVSI Amb. Dr. George Andreas Adikibennana, DFHS, FAISM, was delegated by the organization to take part in capacity building training organized by the UN International Institute on Ageing (INIAUN) in partnership with the Dave Omokaro Foundation Institute on Ageing. The need for a localized training to guide GCVSI overall organization's policy and implementation plan to achieving its mission became imperative, hence GCVSI participation. An integrated ageing approach covering WHO guideline on the care of Older Persons and attainment of the Decade of Healthy Ageing from 2020–2030, geriatrics and gerontology, public policy development, Ageing and Integrated Care, Funding and Insurance of Older Persons, Mental Health and Dementia, Community Approach to Care of Older Person the Nigerian Perspective, Economic Importance of Ageing amongst others.







Medical Domain

[5] Incontinence

- Stress
- Urge
- Mixed
- Overflow – palpate!
- Prostatism
- Rectal exam

Medical Domain

[1] Medication

- Drug reactions
- Polypharmacy
- Side effects
- Compliance
- Dosage
- Potential drug interactions

[2] Vaccination history

- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Zoster
- Tetanus

Challenges of Ageing....

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Geriatric Care.....

Effect of Ageing on Health Care

Increasing challenge to the healthcare system from conditions such as Cancers, Dementia, falls, DM with pop ageing...

6 IC domains

Priority areas for action

GCVSI ADVOCACY VISIT TO THE MINISTRY OF GENDER AND VULNERABLE GROUPS AFFAIRS IMO STATE.

On July 16th GCVSI embarked on its first advocacy visit to the Imo State government through the Ministry of Gender and Vulnerable Groups Affair. This marked the beginning of GCVSI – Imo State government engagements and quest for an integrate and pragmatic approach in mainstreaming ageing policies into the developmental agenda of the State. During this visit, which was under the leadership of Bar, Chris, who was the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry rescheduled another visit one week this time with all the Directors and at such a draft proposal was requested by the Ministry on plan programs of collaboration between GCVSI and the Imo State Government in the Commemoration of UN International Day of Older Persons in Imo State which the Executive Director of GCVSI was a member of the State Planning Committee.



CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON NGOs MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSAL WRITING

Between July 28th - August 1st, the Executive Director and few other staff partook in capacity building training on NGOs management, community mobilization, needs assessment and proposal writing, organized by the Institute for Humanitarian Studies and Social Development (IHSD) Nigeria, in partnership with the Abia State government. The training became imperative to develop strategic and managerial qualities to administer and manage the affairs of GCVSI because of multi-level stakeholders' engagements. The conspicuous successes recorded by the management committee members and Executive Board are associated to the importance GCVSI attaches to capacity training and skill development for a better organizational outcome. GCVSI delegate emerged the best participating student in set 42 batch A of the Institute.





INSTITUTE OF HUMMANITARIAN STUDY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT'S COURTESY VISIT TO GCVSI

On August 7th a delegation from the Institute of Humanitarian Studies and Social Development (IHSD) pay GCVSI a courtesy visit to assess the level of program implementation and adherence to international best practices in the pursue of our mission in the humanitarian cum social development sector. IHSD delegation headed by its CEO Dr. Prince Oringa express satisfaction with GCVSI managerial competence as well as its programmatic developmental drive in addressing social determinants of health and improve health

and social outcome for the vulnerable groups especially the most neglected people in the society, (Older Persons). He further expressed his institutes readiness to partner with GCVSI around capacity building training and development of volunteering culture in Nigeria. The visit was also to inform GCVSI of a nomination for Humanitarian Peace Ambassador Award for 2019 which was due during the upcoming Humanitarian Public Lecture. Highlight of the activities were group photographs and launch party.



GCVSI PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY OF IMO STATE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF GENDER AND VULNERABLE GROUPS AFFAIRS

On the August 7th GCVSI was invited to the Imo State government house Owerri to participate in planning for the 2019 Annual Imo State August meeting and to present the views as well as make a case for Older Women in the State. Over the years Older Women and the plights in rural communities have greatly been excluded in the state which constitute the issue of institutional and systemic marginalization and discrimination embedded in our society over the years, however GCVSI advocated for a change and requested the inclusion of special packages for Older women and the ageing population. It should be noted that the real essence of August meetings in the past was to women in Igboland to return home and discuss towards the development of their communities, in which destitutes, Older Persons as well as civic developments were their focus however this practice has changed over the years as the target beneficiaries for August meeting have been conspicuously omitted in the scheme of affairs hence GCVSI seeks to reinstate the practice. GCVSI was a part of the August meeting tours in most parts of the LGAs mobilizing supports and pushing for the integration of Older Persons in all community developmental agendas including humanitarian processes.

Still in the month of August GCVSI in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Oru at Mgbidi in Oru West LGA, and CKC Catholic parish Awo-Omamma in Oru East LGA, conducted health education and capacity building for Older Women during their respective meetings while influencing them to take action.



GCVSI COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

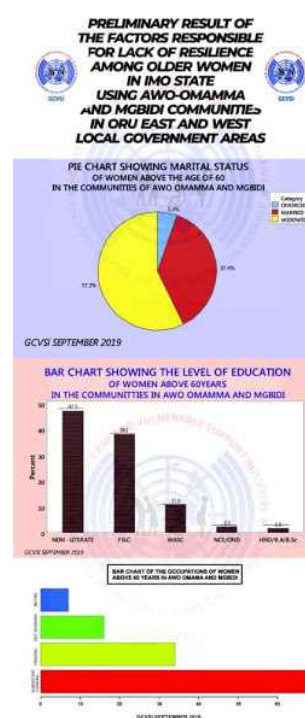
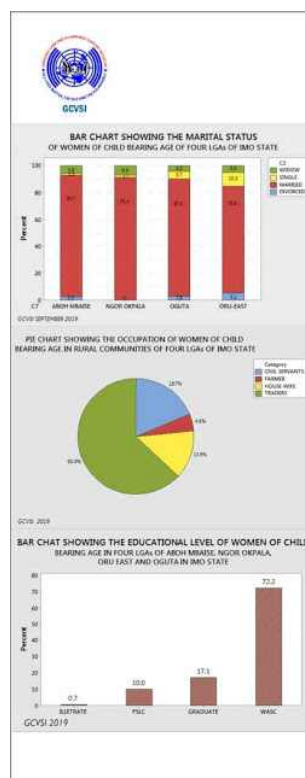
On August 24th GCVSI took another bold step to addressing social determinants of health and empowerment of vulnerable widows and poor children in one slum settlement in Owerri Imo State Nigeria. Over some months prior to GCVSI's visit to the area, a lot of stories about the unbearable situation of multi-dimensional poverty and devastating effect is the experiences of the inhabitation of the slum behind Fire Service police Station Owerri. The sad story of one of the widows with 4 children attracted GCVSI vulnerable intervention program to the area hence the inhabitation received various food items and cash donations to begin small business and then have the capacity to afford health and social services which they need. Routine drugs for

child developments were also given to the children who were physically malnourished and stunted in growth due to poor nutritional requirements.



GCVSI/COSROPIN IMO STATE GOVERNMENT COURTESY VISIT

On the August 24th GCVSI paid a remarkable courtesy and advocacy visit to the Hon. Commissioner of Gender and Vulnerable Groups Affairs Imo State, GCVSI team consisting of members of the Board led by the Board Chairman Amb. Dr. George Andreas Adikibe-nana thanked the Hon. Commissioner for the audience granted to them while making a case for Older Persons in Imo State. A detail list of GCVSI activities in the state was heightened and a request for a reviewed of Imo State Older Persons bill to address some pertinent issues faced by the Ageing population in the State. Receiving GCVSI delegation, the Hon. Commissioner of Gender and Vulnerable Group Affairs Barr. Nkiru Ibekwe, stated the readiness of the Imo State Government readiness to work with GCVSI to address some of the problems confronting Older Persons, The Hon. Commission who is a Barrister too reiterated Imo State government's readiness to establish homes for the aged in the State as a measure of supporting Older Persons who do not have anywhere to live and do not have family members. She equally committed the government readiness to sustain prompt payments of pensions and to equip the senior citizens center so that Older Persons can access social services. Climax of the visit was a presentation of a preliminary results of the vulnerability of a girl child and lack of resilience at old age, the visit saw a handful of media houses for information dissemination, and public engagements.



GCVSI OLDER WIDOWS OUTREACH

On September 24th GCVSI conducted a mini community geriatric home visit for Older Widows with multiple geriatric epidemiology diseases with the aim of improving access to medication and nutritional supports, The Older women have lost their husbands for several years and are faced with co-morbidities with difficulties in access regular medications hence GCVSI, took to their doorsteps Pharmacist and Nurses to provide care and medication as well as nutritional food items.



GCVSI COMMUNITY GERIATRIC OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP WITH UMUELE AMAZANO COMMUNITY IN NJABA L.G.A.

Sometime in May 2019, GCVSI received an official invitation from Amazano community in Njaba LGA of Imo State to join a planned 2 days community medical outreach with over 66% comprises of Older Persons, the outreach was scheduled for September with an estimated number of over 1500 beneficiaries. Having fallen with GCVSI focus area the request was approved under GCVSI supplementary budget. GCVSI mobilized both materials and workforce to support the community in the humanitarian services. Majority of Older Persons cannot access healthcare service due to lack of viability hence community medical outreaches often afford them the opportunity to meeting trained healthcare professional hence GCVSI takes partnership with local communities very seriously. Medical supplies, clothing and manpower were the contributions of GCVSI. Consequently, to that effect On October 7th GCVSI received a certificate of participation from the community leadership, acknowledging GCVSI contributions towards the success of the exercise.



GCVSI, RECOGNITION AND AWARD RECOGNITION DURING THE ANNUAL HUMMANITARIAN PUBLIC LECTURE ORGANIZED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMANITARIAN STUDIES AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (IHSD) NIGERIA

Following the achievements and successes recorded by GCVSI in the humanitarian cum social development sector the Institute for Humanitarian Studies and social Development (IHSD) in partnership with the World Humanitarian Organization of Peace and Equity (WHOPE) recognized the contribution of GCVSI in the area of ageing and the alleviation of the sufferings Older Persons in Nigeria well as decorated the Executive Director with an award as the

Humanitarian Peace Ambassador. These awards were presented to GCVSI by the Country Representative of the United Nations Institute of Research and Training (UNITAR) and the former Nigerian Ambassador the Republic of Syria and Guinea, respectively. In the same vain, the Executive Director was equally conferred an Associate Fellow of the Institute for Humanitarian and Social Development Nigeria.





PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT/POLICY COMMUNICATION IN IMO STATE

On October 18th GCVSI embarked on a radio sensitization and public enlightenment program on Darling FM radio station Owerri to communicate to the general public its policies with the Imo State Government as well as other programs of the organization including the forthcoming UN International Day of Older Persons commemoration in collaboration with the Imo State government. The process included questions and answer sessions as well as contributions from the members of the public.



GCVSI HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION FOR OLDER PERSONS WHO WERE FLOOD VICTIMS ALONG THE RIVERINE COMMUNITIES OF OGUTA L.G.A. OF IMO STATE

GCVSI's core mission is to improve social determinants of health and breaching the gaps between the rich and the poor hence addressing health and social service disparities in communities with greater focus on Older Persons, pregnant women, and children under 5. The exclusion of Older Persons in international humanitarian law has continue to create policy gap leading to the exclusion of Older Persons in humanitarian context as



a vulnerable group. Older persons continue to suffer the aftermath of humanitarian crises and violent conflicts around the world. Older Persons are not prioritized and given special care during and after humanitarian crises. The temporal shelters and camps are not aligning to Older persons as well as nutritional and medical consideration are completely not included in the interventions.

During natural disasters and violent conflicts, Older Persons turn to lose valuable properties with adequate compensations, like the case of K-Beach and Osu-Obodo riverine communities in Oguta LGA of Imo State, where Older persons houses were mostly submerged while they counted their loses in Millions. Their farm lands and means of livelihood were totally destroyed and many of them abdicated from their homes to neighboring villages as refugees, some who has no where to go had no choice than to stay in very in human conditions without no post medical attention offered by government of any civil society organization. It is on this note that GCVSI embarked on Humanitarian intervention to provide post relief food and medical supplies and care services to the people.



IMO STATE 1ST ANNUAL STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE ON AGEING 2019 IN IMO CONCORD HOTEL OWERRI IMO STATE.

On the 29th of October GCVSI convened the Imo State First Annual Stakeholders Conference on Ageing (ISASCA) held at the Sam Mbakwe Hall at the Imo Concord Hotel Owerri, the quest to assemble stakeholders in the ageing sector to discuss the future of Older Persons and indeed ageing development has remain the conner stone of GCVSI advocacy to the Imo State government for many months before the conference was held. The conference was official approved by Governor Emeka Ihedioha as part of activities marking the commemoration of the UN International Day of Older Persons in Imo State. The governor duly represented by the Hon. Commissioner, Gender and Vulnerable Groups Affair, Barr. Nkiru Ibekwe, who read the Governors speech pledging the government of Imo State readiness to address the problems facing Older Persons in the State while partnering with GCVSI in in the sector. The Governor in his speech promised mainstreaming ageing and the care of Older Persons into the sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the state. He recognized the need for multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary policy framework on ageing has become imperative in order to advance ageing development in the State, The highlight of the occasion was the handing over of Awards to some selected Older Person who have succeeded in various sphere of human endeavors.





Welcome To

**IMO STATE
1ST ANNUAL STAKEHOLDERS
CONFERENCE ON AGEING
ISASCOA 2019**

DATE:
29TH OCTOBER,
2019

VENUE: OWERRI HALL,
IMO CONCORDE HOTEL

OUR PARTNERS/AFFILIATES

UNICEF, SGA Africa, HelpAge International, The IYA Foundation, The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People, IPrint Press Ltd, COSROPIE, DOB



ISASCOA 2019
**Imo State 1st Annual
Stakeholders Conference on Ageing**

Date: 29th October, 2019
Venue: Owerri Hall, Imo Concorde Hotel
Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

PARTICIPANT

GCVSI PARTICIPATION IN THE 2ND ANNUAL NATION CONFERENCE ON AGEING AT THE NATIONAL WOMEN CENTER ABUJA

GCVSI holds a National Executive position as the Southeast coordinator of the Coalition of Societies for the Rights of Older Persons in Nigeria (COSROPIN), Nigerian's foremost right and advocacy body for the ageing population, and the main organizer of the National ageing conference in partnership with the Federal Ministry Women Affairs and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs Disaster Management and Social Development which took place on the 30th – 30th of October at the National Women Center Abuja. During the first day of the conference which was mainly an interactive phase of all civil society Organizations, the Executive Director of GCVSI Amb. Dr. George Andreas Adikibe-nana made two presentation highlighting the proposed plan of COSROPIN southeast and GCVSI, respectively. Consequently, on the November 4th a post conference media press briefing was held at the National Secretariat.



ARISE AFRICA MAGAZINE COURTESY VISIT TO GCVSI HEAD OFFICE

On the 8th of November, the Management of Arise Africa Magazine paid GCVSI a courtesy visit in the office at plot C/R9 Mc Donald Mall Arugo Layout Onitsha Owerri Road Imo State. The visit was to familiarize and associate itself with GCVSI's activities in Imo State as well as congratulate the organization and the Executive Director Amb. Dr. George Andreas Adikibe-nana for the dual award received during the Annual Humanitarian Public Lecture as the Humanitarian Peace Ambassador and award of recognition of the contributions of GCVSI in the alleviation of sufferings of Older Persons in Nigeria. Highlights of the visit was a display of Arise Africa Queen 2019.



GCVSI PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICA HIGH LEVEL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS IN AFRICA

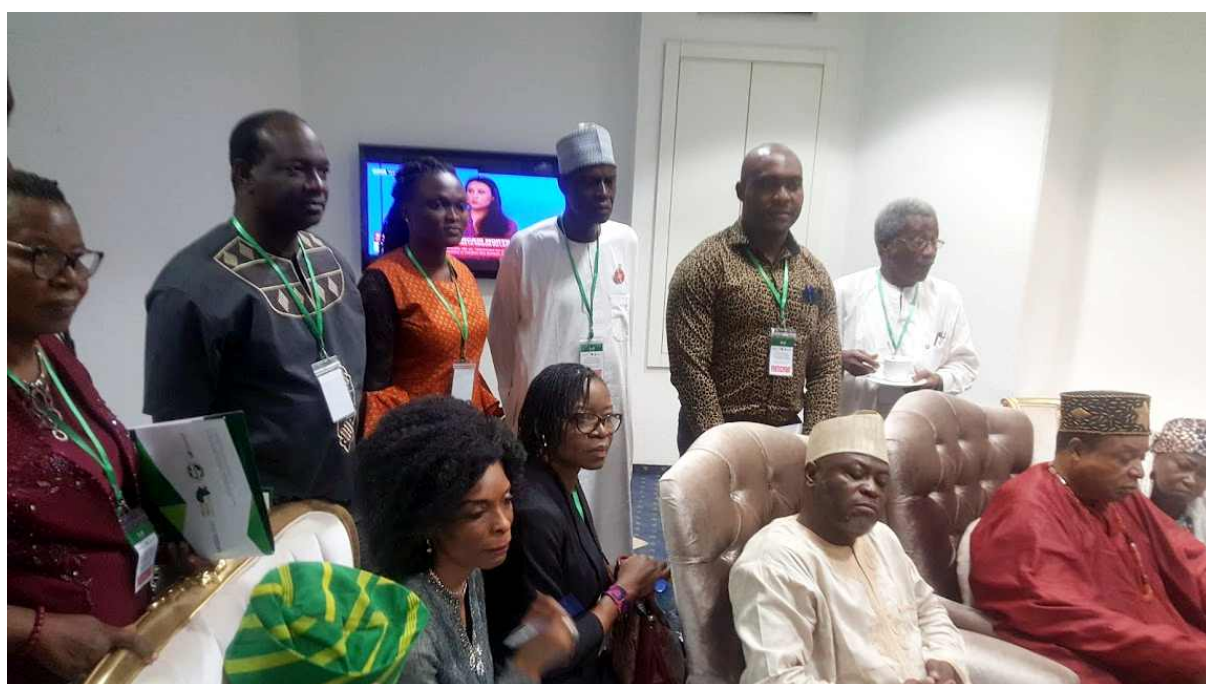
On November 25th – 26th GCVSI actively participated in the Africa High Level Conference on the Human Rights of Older Persons in Africa jointly organized and championed by Stakeholders Group on Ageing, Africa (SGA) Africa, National Human Rights Commission Nigeria (NHRCN), the ECOWAS's Parliament, in partnership with the United Nations High Commission of Human RIGHTS, and the United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Commission, held at the Seat of the ECOWAS Parliament in Abuja Nigeria. GCVSI as a pioneer member of SGA Africa, was actively engaged in in this conference where key stakeholders were gathered to assess the human rights situation of Older Persons in Africa. Details of GCVSI position on the outcome of the conference is found at the list of GCVSI position papers.





SIDELINE ADVOCACY MEETING WITH NIGERIAN LAW MAKERS IN THE ECOWAS PARLIAMENT

Similarly the leadership of the Coalition of Societies for the Rights of Older Persons in Nigeria (COSROPIN) organized a sideline emergency meeting at the seat of the ECOWAS parliament to lobby lawmakers to support COSROPIN's bill at the floor of the senate which has passed second reading title **"COSROPIN BILL OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OLDER PERSONS IN NIGERIA"**. Reacting the lawmakers in both the upper and lower legislative chambers promised to support the to ensures speedy passage of the bill as well as do all within their powers to continue to advance the rights of Older Persons in Nigeria.



GCVSI/COSROPIN ADVOCACY/COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN KWAMBA COMMUNITY IN SULEJA NIGER STATE.

On the 27th of November GCVSI Executive Director Amb. Dr. George Andreas Adikibe-nan headed a technical community needs assessment team to Kwamba community in Suleja Niger State of North Central Nigeria. COSROPIN National Executives headed by its National President Senator Eze Ajoku championed the advocacy visit while the Executive Director of GCVSI headed the technical needs assessment team. The local community leaders, religious and social workers in the community contributed in all activities undertaken during the advocacy visit. One of COSROPIN's agenda discussed during the meeting was the establishment of a senior citizen center for the people to enhance social inclusion and empowerment of Older Persons. The community leadership expressed joy in the proposed establishment of a senior citizens in Kwamba community and equally pledged their readiness to collaborate with COSROPIN to achieve the project. Highlight of the meeting was focused group discussion by members of the community, site visitation by COSROPIN delegation and the leadership of the community to the land donated by the community for the project and group photograph.



GCVSI/COSROPIN PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IN ABUJA NIGERIA

On the 10th of December is often celebrated as the International Human Rights Day set by the United Nations (UN), consequently the European Union and the British Council in Nigeria organized series of functions the rap up the 16 days of Gender Base Violence and the commemoration of the International Human Rights Day in Nigeria. Civil Society Organizations working in advancing the human rights of various population groups were nominated, consequently GCVSI was nominated to join COSROPIN to attend the planned activities. The European Union and the British Council in the ECOWAS sub region, pledged their support respectively to ensure that Gender Base Violence and other human rights violations are checked in Nigeria, they promised to continue to exert pressure on the government while supporting the activities of civil societies in accelerating human rights related programs in the ECOWAS sub region and Nigeria in Particular. Highlight of the occasion was the display and sharing of experience and challenges face by human rights activist in Nigeria and the role of the government.



GCVSI/COSROPIN ADVOCACY VISIT TO THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT COMMISSION NIGERIA

On the 12th of December GCVSI/COSROPIN achieved a milestone in our national advocacy strategic program, first is to influence and strategically position COSROPIN's agenda in line with national human rights commission Nigeria, and the second is to achieve the inclusion of Older Persons into the national human rights calendar which will eventually provide a joint platform for programmatic coordination and implementation of various rights oriented activities. Making a case, the President of COSROPIN Senator Eze Ajoku thank the National Human Rights Commission for the audience and pleaded for Older Persons to be carried along in the scheme of affairs of the Commission. The president stated that it will only be fair if

Older Persons are equally treated like other vulnerable groups in the country. Responding in his acceptance speech, the Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission Barr. Tony Ojukwu, thank the COSROPIN delegation for the visit and mark of respect as well as the intention to partner with the commission, he further pledged the commission's readiness to work with COSROPIN to achieve its objectives and thanked COSROPIN for the selfless work they are doing to protect and speak for the elderly in Nigeria. He promised to review the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and relate back to COSROPIN for an official date for signing. Highlight of the visit was group photographs and personal networking.



GCVSI/COSROPIN COMMUNITY GERIATRIC MEDICAL OUTREACH

On the 26th of December GCVSI in partnership with the president of COSROPIN undertook a community geriatric medical outreach to mark his mother's 101 years in Obibiezena in Owerri North LGA of Imo State. Older persons from various communities benefited in the program as they were able to receive nursing, medical lab investigations, optometric nutritional service and dispensed drugs from our medical team members. Food items and other social support products were donated to the Older Persons meanwhile highlight of the occasion was cutting of the 101 Anniversary cake.







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