



## GERIATRIC CARE AND VULNERABLE SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Defending the Rights and Dignity of the Vulnerable Population

# 2020 ACTIVITIES REPORT

1ST HALF OF THE YEAR

## GCVSI/COSROPIN SENSITIZATION AND PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT CAMPAIGN ON DARLING FM RADIO STATION OWERRI IMO STATE.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, GCVSI in partnership with COSROPIN national President anchored a radio sensitization and enlightenment campaign in Owerri Imo State. GCVSI was represented by the Executive Director Amb. Dr. George Andreas Adikibe-nana while COSROPIN was represented by the National President Senator Eze Ajoku, the program educated the public on community resources to support Older Persons, as well as elaborated on both Imo State and federal government policies on ageing.



## GCVSI/COSROPIN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT IN ABUJA

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January COSROPIN held its first national executive and general meeting respectively, GCVSI, holding the office of the southeast coordinator actively participated in the meetings and the deliberations and presented situation reports of the activities of the Southeastern zone. Agenda of the meetings were Introduction of the new board of trustee director, follow-up of correspondence from the king and council of chiefs from

Kwamba on the land for the planned established senior citizens civic center, reactions from he just concluded national conference, and strengthening and consolidating on COSROPIN's gains.





## GCVSI PARTICIPATION IN THE TWO DAYS RETREAT ORGANIZED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO NIGERIANS PRESIDENT ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

On the 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> GCVSI was nominated and invited to attend a 2-day retreat for civil society organizations organized the special assistant to the president of Nigeria on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The retreat was organized to build the capacities of civil societies in the country working to deliver the SDGs in all the states and the federal capital territory Abuja.

The retreat was declared opened by the Head of United Nations Missions to Nigeria, in attendance were top government functionaries and other development partners. The retreat saw the inauguration of Nigerian Civil Societies strategic groups a body saddled with the responsibility to coordinate all civil society's work on SDGs. The civil Society Strategic group will coordinate a centralized reporting of the SDGs achievements in line with government guidelines and UN systems. The civil Society Strategic Group represents Nigeria in the Africa Civil Society Strategic Engagement Mechanism tied to the High Level National Voluntary Reporting held every year and coordinated by the United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Commission (UNECOSOC).





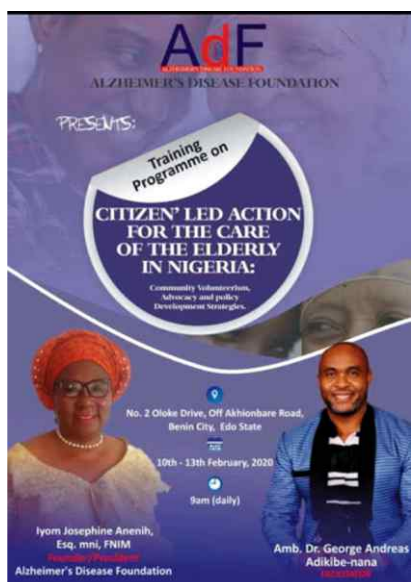


## GCVSI IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALZHEIMER DISEASE FOUNDATION EDO STATE CONDUCTED CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN EDO STATE

On the 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of February, GCVSI consultancy services anchored capacity building training for civil society organizations in Edo State in partnership with Alzheimer's Disease Foundations based in Benin City Edo State Southern Nigeria, with the Theme, "Citizen's Led Actions for the Care and Inclusion of Older Persons Into the Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria" Over the years a handful of civil society organizations have been faced with inadequate capacity to properly run their organizations especially in areas like, fundraising, NGO and financial management, project implementation skills, Monitoring and Evaluation as well as project

reporting. skills. These short comings' has resulted to low engagement, redundancy, and unproductivity hence the need to support Civil Society Organizations to develop capacities and skills needed to drive the affairs of their organizations and same time impacting lives.

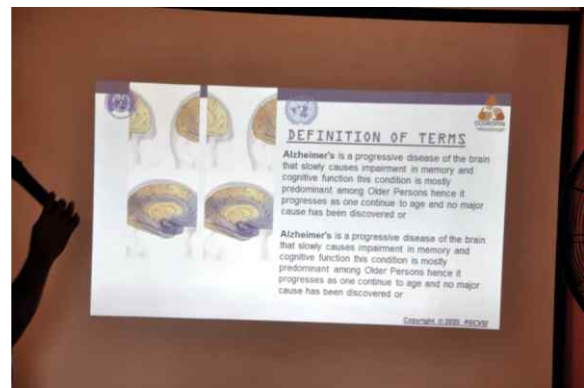
Secondly due to inadequate capacities, civil society organizations working with Older Persons are not productive enough to translate to any policy influencing directions therefore if the ageing sector will see any turn around, civil society organization must improve their technical knowhow in order to



influence government policies through effective and goal oriented advocacy and program implementation strategies. Multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary policy framework integration on ageing can only be achieved if civil society organizations working in the sector improve their knowledge in global best practices, international binding instruments, UN systems and other actors operating in the ageing sector. The 3 days program saw reinvigorated spirit and improved knowledge and skills on how to influence public policies, community and citizens led action for better outcomes. Speaking on the opening ceremony, the former Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development and the Executive Director of

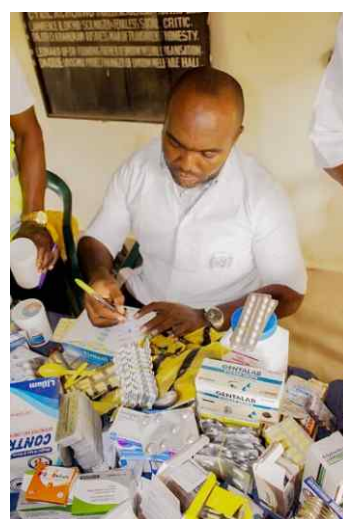
Alzheimer Disease Foundation Barr. Mrs Iyom Josphine Anenih. Esq thanked the Coalition of Congress of Non-Governmental Organization in Edo State for mobilizing their members for the training and equally encouraged them to implement best practices in the pursue of their activities.

Highlight of the training program was the presentation of certificates of participation to participants by the Edo State Commissioner of Social Affairs and Gender Issues, Barr. Mrs Maria Edeko. Esq, who represented the Edo State Government.





# PLOT STUDY ON ACCESSIBILITY TO MEDICATION FOR CHRONICALLY ILL OLDER PATIENTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN AWO-OMAMMA IMO STATE, A MODEL APPROACH IN ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL COVERAGE AMONG THE ELDERLY IN NIGERIA.











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