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GENDER MOBILE INITIATIVE IMPACT REPORT 2020

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FOREWORD

As an Organization adopting a comprehensive approach and leveraging technology in gender-based violence prevention and response efforts, we have been laser focused on driving systemic changes, normative and cultural shift through viable policy intervention in environments of learning in the last one year.

Inspite of the unprecedented uncertainties occasioned by the covid-19 pandemic outbreak coupled with the national closure of institutions, the team fashioned new ways of engagement to accomplish desired results and meet up with timelines.



This period also witnessed a significant uptick in sexual and gender-based violence which also increased demand for the service delivery component of our work. As a team we are super excited about the palliative support and sexual and reproductive health information provided to thousands of households during the lockdown leveraging our call centre infrastructure. We owe this remarkable feat to the relentless effort of the Gender Mobile Team and immense support of our partners such as the Ford Foundation, Tribe XX Lab, YHER Africa and AIESEC Nigeria.

As we wrap up the year, we are excited about the year and what it holds for all of us and our community of interest. We wish you all a highly impactful 2021 filled with endless opportunities.

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Omowumi Ogunrotimi
Executive Director
Gender Mobile Initiative

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Gender Mobile Initiative is a non-governmental organization established to complement the policy and program designs of government and other relevant stakeholders in efforts towards reducing and ultimately eliminating the menace of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Nigeria, leveraging and harnessing the power of technology.

In 2020, Gender Mobile Initiative reached a total number of 27,721 people through the implementation of its project/programs. These statistics speak to our unwavering support, the remarkable efforts of our staff and the continuous innovation of our programs – considering the difficulty that much of the world faced this year. We adopted a comprehensive approach in advancing gender equality. An integral component of our work was leveraging technology to provide multiple accessible channels for survivors of gender-based violence to access information and a range of emergency response services.

Looking ahead, despite the uncertainties of the times before us, we continue to operate with tenacity, considering that the work done by NGOs like Gender Mobile are critical to the global development agenda and in ending SGBV in all its forms.

Our Vision

A just society devoid of all forms of gender-based violence, capable of undermining the existence of mankind in all forms and degree.

Our Mission

To build a strong, vibrant and accessible-for-all intervention platform that connects survivors to comprehensive specialized services.

Our Goal

To break the silence on gender-based violence, agitate for increased and improved institutional response to gender-based violence and curb it.

Our Values

Equality

Diversity and Inclusion

Integrity

Our thematic areas of focus

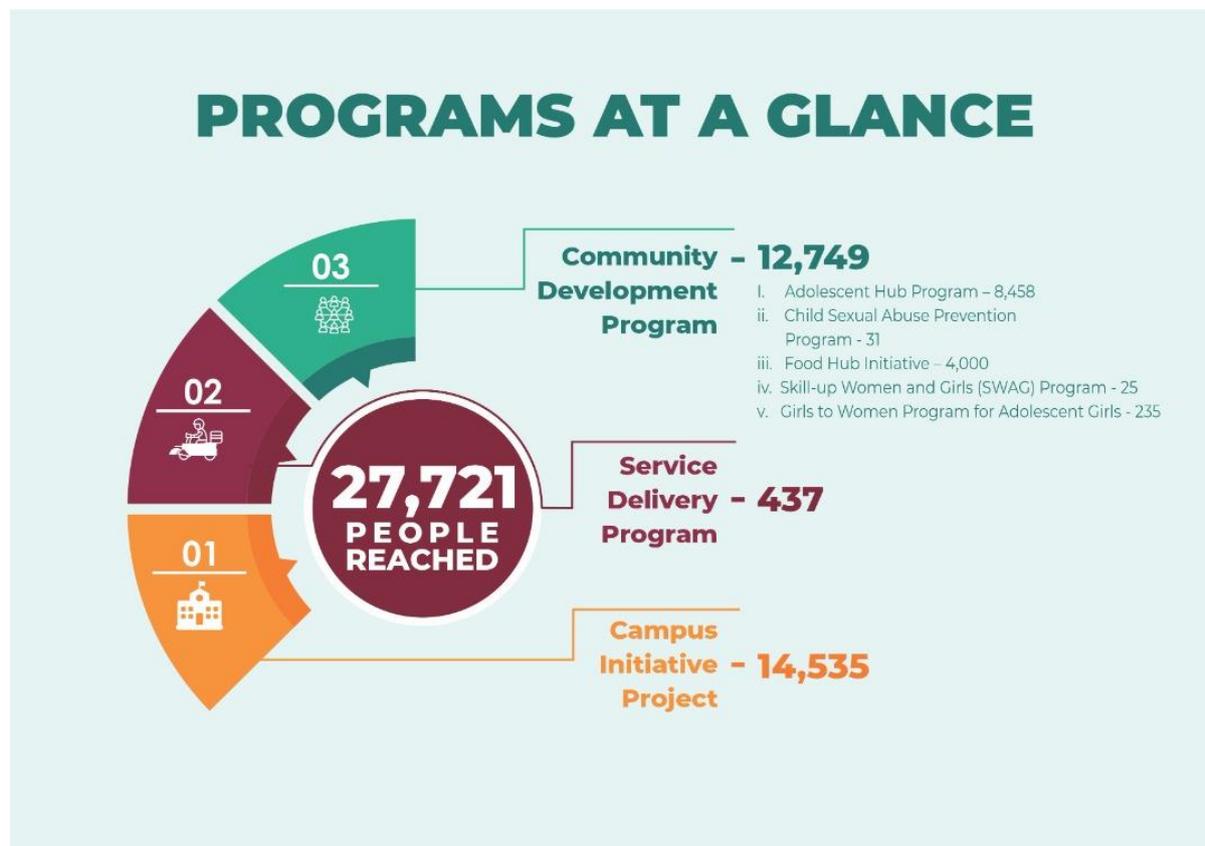
Gender Justice and Inclusion

Women Economic Empowerment

Gender-Based Violence

Policy Advocacy

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION



1. Campus Initiative Project

Our Campus Initiative Project is a Ford Foundation funded project launched in 2018 and implemented in 4 tertiary institutions in Nigeria aimed at instituting a model policy template and guideline on sexual harassment prohibition in campuses, leveraging technology (Mobile App adoption) for safe reporting, data generation and training students (Campus Ambassadors) to be proactive and reactive bystanders on all forms of GBV in their institutions. In 2018, the Campus project was launched in 4 institutions and was scaled up to 101 Nigerian tertiary institutions in 2020. The project aligns with the Sexual Harassment Prohibition Bill in Tertiary Institutions passed by the National Assembly in 2020, focused on strengthening institutional response to reports of sexual harassment on campus.



Campus Initiative Project: A Management meeting on project implementation

In 2020, we held 47 meetings with members of management of tertiary institutions. 12 tertiary institutions have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gender Mobile and 12 institutions have developed model policy templates and guideline on sexual harassment prohibition. In line with agreed MOU on the Campus Initiative Project, 10 institutions have received mini grants to facilitate model policy validation processes, disseminate copies of policy and Mobile App adoption. The Campus Initiative Project has also equipped 14,535 students with knowledge on SGBV prevention and response, sensitization on Bystander Intervention and information on channels for safe reporting on sexual harassment.



Gender Mobile Team photographed with some Tertiary Institution Management Staff

In December 2020, a Roundtable Zoom event was converged with 129 participants in attendance aimed at building the capacity of students on bystander intervention towards addressing sexual harassment in tertiary institutions. A survivor of sexual harassment in a tertiary institution shared her experience and the importance of speaking out. Winners from the #MyCampusStory and #MyCampusInnovation, two Gender Mobile online campus engagements on experiences and solutions to sexual harassment in tertiary institutions were also announced. The top 5 winners who shared impressive videos of the #MyCampusInnovation challenge were awarded cash prizes.

2. Service Delivery Program

We adopt a survivor-centered component to our Service Delivery Program that provides emergency response services to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. So far, we have reached 437 people with hands-on counselling services, legal aid services and other referral services on a need basis.



3. Community Development Program

As an organization, we serve communities through strengthened partnerships with other organizations and local partners by engaging duty bearers and other stakeholders to raise awareness on gender issues, access livelihood support opportunities and constitute community response on local adoption and implementation of relevant laws and policies. In 2020, Gender Mobile Initiative served a total of 12,749 people across five (5) components of our Community Development Program: Adolescent Hub component, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program, Food Hub Initiative, Skill-up Women and Girls (SWAG) Program and the Girls to Women Program for Adolescent Girls.

i. Adolescent Hub Program

According to UNICEF, 6 out of every 10 children experience sexual, physical or emotional violence before the age of 18. This profound finding represents this as a problem that requires context specific intervention. In response to this epidemic proportion of SGBV in high schools, the Adolescent Hub Program, a curriculum-based prevention program targeting in-school adolescents between ages 12 to 19 was implemented to equip Adolescents with the tools, skills and resources to prevent and respond to SGBV while catering to their physical and psychological wellness.



Adolescent Hub Program: providing adolescents with SGBV tools and information and helping them develop confidence to break the repressive culture of silence

This evidence-based intervention was further validated after the data analysis collected from over 4,000 respondents in our pilot program in Gbonyin Local Government Area, Ekiti State. Through our scaled-up Adolescent Hub program, 8,458 in-school adolescents have been equipped with information on SGBV prevention and response in 20 high schools across 3 Local Government Areas in Nigeria. The school-based program has also enabled capacity building training for 42 Peer Educators and facilitated educational support for 12 girls

to ensure that more girls remain in school. The impacted adolescents have encouraging stories of behavioral changes as a result of the Adolescent Hub Program while more than 50 students have accessed our one-on-one counseling sessions in response to their experience of sexual abuse.

ii. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program

The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program (CSA) targets young boys and girls between ages 3 – 12 years with information on sex education, prevention and reporting of child sexual abuse. School teachers and counsellors are also trained on adequate response to the needs of children in line with the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program.



In response to the spike in reported SGBV cases across Nigeria, we implemented the CSA prevention program between July to September 2020 in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State. A total of 31 children were educated on identifying their body parts, understanding sexual and physical abuse and its impacts, communication skills, reporting incidents of abuse and the importance of leadership and social responsibility.

iii. Food Hub Initiative

The Covid-19 Pandemic severely impacted food prices and supply thereby exacerbating food insecurities for many in Nigeria. In response to the heavy toll of the pandemic on economic activities and human lives, Gender Mobile implemented its Food Hub Initiative from April to July 2020. The Food Hub served 4,000 households through food outreaches in communities within Ekiti State.



iv. Skill-up Women and Girls (SWAG) Program

In commemorating the 16 Days of Activism 2020, Gender Mobile conducted a community outreach tagged 'Skill Up Women and Girls (SWAG)' in Irasa Community in Ado LG, Ekiti State. We mobilized and sensitized the community dwellers on the importance of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights and provided 25 women with access to free family planning services.



v. Girls to Women Program for Adolescent Girls

Our Girls to Women Program was implemented in Ekiti State to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism 2020. This program was carried out in Iworoko Community High School, Iworoko-Ekiti and reached 235 young girls with sexual and reproductive health information as part of our efforts to reduce the prevalence of teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and other forms of school-related violence experienced by young people.

