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BRIEF OVERVIEW OF JOSEF

Josémaría Escríva Foundation -JOSEF is a non-governmental organization established in 2007 and was formally registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja, Nigeria on 6th December 2013, with Certificate Number: CAC/IT/NO 65948. JOSEF has a 12 Member Board of Trustees headed by Dr. Matthew A. Izibili while the Project Team of 19 (4 Staff and 15 Volunteers) is headed by Comrade Jude Obasanmi, Ph.D.

JOSEF is dedicated to the care, development and upholding/defending issues affecting man and the environment. Using the symbiotic umbrella approach, we strive to cover both the interest of the able and challenged, as well as young and old individuals.

Vision: A nation where all will contribute and promote sustainable best practices to eradicate poverty and crime.

Mission: JOSEF is committed to promote sustainable socio-economic development through research, advocacy, capacity strengthening, continuous monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for effective service delivery.

Josémaría Escríva Foundation maintains accounts with:

- i. Josémaría Escríva Foundation, Zenith Bank PLC. AC/NO. 1014268220
- ii. Josémaría Escríva Foundation, Fidelity Bank PLC. AC/NO.6060293438
- iii. Josémaría Escríva Foundation Projects, Fidelity Bank PLC. AC/NO. 6060470707

Project Team

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| 1. | Comr. Obasanmi Jude Ph.D | Chief Responsibility Officer |
| 2. | Mrs. Blessing Egbochie | Administrative / Finance Officer |
| 3. | Mr. Williams Okhueleigbe | Project Officer / M & E |
| 4. | Comr. Morrison Igho | M & E Desk Review |
| 5. | Barr Obalowose Olajide | Head, Legal and Documentation |
| 6. | Mr. Osaro Ehimekpen | Logistics |
| 7. | Mr. Chris U. Enuenwosu | Visibility Officer |
| 8. | Ms. Ehiakhamen Ejeme Faith | Lead, Volunteers Corps (Edo South & Diaspora) |
| 9. | Mr. Emmanuel Omon | Lead, Volunteers Corps (Edo Central & Edo North) |

Projections for 2021 (From 2021 WorkPlan)

1. Regular and timely execution of projects and evaluation.
2. Proposal writing and funding opportunities.
3. Advocacy on Rights and Responsibilities.
4. Advocacy for Good governance and Transparency.
5. Acquisition of Office Vehicle.
6. Acquisition of Permanent site for the Foundation.
7. Sustenance of Board of Trustees Meetings.
8. Sustenance of Annual Lecture Series.
9. Sustenance of Children Against Forced Engineering Studies (CAFES) Project
10. Capacity building for Staff and Volunteers
11. Procurement of Laptops and Copier.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In line with the 2020 work plan which was adopted by the board for use on February 13, 2020, the Project team immediately commenced operations. The COVID-19 Pandemic that swept across the world had a major setback on our programmes as we could not carry out in full some of the planned meetings and activities of the Foundation. However, the Foundation tried to maintain very high ethical standards and also upheld strongly the various COVID-19 health protocol as prescribed by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

The following major activities were carried out, inspite of the vicissitudes experienced. The 4th Board of Trustees meeting was hosted by Prof Mrs. E. Ifidon on February 13, 2020. The 5th Meeting scheduled for the year could not hold due to the effects of COVID-19 regulations. The TB Programme took a new dimension as we concentrated more on some low cost activities like community sensitization and visitation to patients. In November, Ideal Development Resource Centre (IDRC) contacted JOSEF to facilitate TB sensitization in 4 LGAs in Edo State (Esan West, Esan Central, Igueben and Akoko Edo LGAs). Celebrated the World Aids Day in Ekpoma which involved reaching out to about 2,000 persons while 157 persons had free HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT). During the COVID Pandemic, the Foundation partnered with the Esan West LGA to conduct series of activities including advocacy visits to traditional leaders in the political Wards of the LGA, community sensitization on COVID 19 information through banners, flyers, road shows etc. Through the support of and kind disposition of Rt. Hon. Joe Edionwele, we facilitated the distribution of cash reliefs to the elderly, sick and widows in Esan West and Igueben LGA. A total of 340 persons got N5,000 each and over 4,500 face masks were also distributed.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health Edo State, the Foundation in August 2020 continued the Adolescent and Youths Reproductive Sexuality Health (AYRSH) intervention with technical and material inputs from The Challenge Initiative (TCI). 45 Social Mobilizers were recruited and trained for three LGAs: Igueben, Esan West and Etsako West. About 15,000 young persons were reached with Life Planning for Adolescents and Youths (LPAY) messages and some accessed services.

The community mobilization and capacity strengthening for good governance was partially implemented. We moderated activities in 3 Civic Groups and supported the activities of the Concerned Ekpoma Eminent Stakeholders Forum (CEESF) to have series of community interventions on security, unmotorable roads and rape cases. The Voter Education Campaign was initiated as part of JOSEF's activities on good governance and transparency for the 2020 Edo Gubernatorial Elections. The Foundation got the support of INEC, NOA, Centre for Democracy and Development, Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room, WANEP and Edo Peace Rally Group to carry out election related activities. JOSEF was appointed by the Nigeria Democratic Institute to serve in the Strategy Committee of the "Vote Not Fight Campaign" of TuFace Idibia.

The Foundation continued with the sensitization and community / school outreaches in 5 LGAs. Over 300 persons were reached with our messages on the ills of irregular migration. The expanded project on Addressing the Girl Child Dropout Syndrom in Schools (AGCIDS) / Children Against Forced Engineering Studies (CAFES) Project was carried out in a very low level and we were only able to have three sessions in each of the five schools before they were closed due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic in March, 2020.

To mark the Feast Day of St. Josemaria Escriva, Josemaria Escriva Foundation (JOSEF) had the 2nd Edition of her Annual lecture series. This was also part of our efforts to impact on the community and also create awareness about the Foundation's activities. The event was in three parts – Lecture, Drama and Panel discussions. The theme for the 2020 Annual Lecture Series was: Rape and Gender-

Based Violence: The Silence and Conspiracy of Stakeholders delivered by Matthew A. Izibili Ph.D, Chairman, JOSEF Board of Trustees.

JOSEF implemented a project aimed at improving the quality of teaching and learning in 10 public primary schools in Akoko Edo Local government area by 2021 through the design and use of Teaching and Learning Materials. (TESD Project). The Project was funded by TYDF. TYDF through the Foundation also presented some Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs) to 10 Public Primary schools in Akoko Edo Local Government Area

As part of activities to mark the 2020 International Volunteers Day, JOSEF had a Zoom meeting on the theme: Together we can through Volunteerism. The guest lecturer Comrade Dr. Jude Obasanmi, explained that no society can survive without the contributions and support of volunteers. The event was moderated by Mr. Fortune Akpan (Volunteer, JOSEF). About 35 persons took part in the Zoom Meeting. The Foundation was among the 24 CSOs engaged by the Edo State CSDP to provide one month psychosocial support to identified vulnerable in Esan West LGA in March 2020. 142 Vulnerable were identified in Ekpoma, Egoro Amede and Farm Settlement and received psychosocial support. Also, the Directors of Compass Hotels and Suites, managers of Chosen Hotels Ekpoma engaged the Foundation to help in identifying 115 widows that were supported with food items during the 2020 December Christmas period.

17 capacity building programmes were attended by members of the project Team. Some of these activities took place in Lagos, Benin Cit, Ekpoma and Abuja and centred on different thematic areas of the Foundations work. For example volunteering and social mapping activities, Monitoring and Evaluation, Finance, Social Mapping, Budget Tracking, election observation etc.

On Finance, a total of Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Forty Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Fourteen Naira, Ninety-Three Kobo only (N9,847,314.93) was realized as Project Funds while the sum of Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty Eight Naira, Twenty-Nine Kobo only (N9,837,568.29) was expended on various projects. Balance carried forward is Nine Thousand, Seven hundred and Forty Six Naira, Sixty-Four Kobo only (N9,746.64). The accounts of the Foundation was audited by a firm of Chartered Consultants while the Board of Trustees through the Finance Committee certified the Audit implying that the books of accounts were kept in line with best accounting practice.

2020 was quite challenging in terms of funds and the negative effects of COVID-19 as the Foundation was temporarily shut down for five months. Sadly, on November 18th, 2020 some hoodlums visited the Foundation's office and went away with the a Projector, 32" Flat Screen Television, Laptop, Star Times decoder, a table top fridge, laptop batteries, some documents, etc. The case was reported to the police but nothing has come out of it. We thank the Board who through Barr. Tony Abdulahi Dania facilitated the raising of N200,000 to procure some of the stolen items (Projector). The Foundation was able to acquire a motor bike to aid most of our community movements. The Foundation could not acquire an office vehicle and a permanent project site due to paucity of funds.

Appreciation: We wish to express our appreciation to God Almighty for 2020. For his great help and support. We thank the Board of Trustees for their advice and suggestions. We thank our numerous Friends and Well-wishers who continue to support our activities. All those that wished to support but could not due to one reason or the other are also acknowledged. We thank the Project Team and Volunteers (Past and Present) for their unalloyed cooperation.

To God be the Glory as we hope for a rewarding 2021.

ENHANCING JOSEF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Introduction

The Board of Trustees (BOT) of Josémaria Escriva Foundation (JOSEF) held only one meeting in 2020 due to the pandemic. It was hosted by Prof. Mrs. E. Ifidon. Efforts to hold visual meetings did not work although the members interacted through the Board's Social Media platform. It is hoped that in 2021 more efforts shall be made to explore virtual meetings.

S/ N	NAME	CONTACT	ATTENDANCE
1	Dr. Matthew Izibili	Dept of Philosophy, AAU, Ekpoma	Present (Chairman)
2	Mrs. RuthMary Obasanmi	Social Worker & Nurse in Training	Present
3	Prof. Mrs. E. Ifidon	Former HoD, Dept. of LIS., AAU, Ekpoma	Present
4	Comr. Obasanmi Jude	Economist & Social Worker	Present
5	Mr. Joel Aidamebo	MD, Mindcast Hotels, Ekpoma	Present
6	HRH. Anthony Ehizojie Abumere II, LLB, BL	The Onojie Ekpoma	Absent with apology
7	Bishop Dr. Mon. Igbinosa	Gospel Outreach Min. INC, Ekpoma	Present
8	Prof. Mrs. E. Omoregie	Dean, Faculty of Education AAU, Ekpoma	Absent without apology
9	Barr. Chief Tony Abdulahi Dania	Tony Dania & Associates, Lagos	Absent with apology
10	Rev. Fr. Dr. Hycinth Orlu-Orlu	Parish Priest, St. Raphael, PH	Absent with apology
11	Prof. D. A. Enobakhere	Fac. of Agriculture, UNIBEN	Absent with apology
12	Prof. Sylvester Odion-Akhaine	Dept of Pol. Science, LASU, Ojo	Absent with apology

Activities/Results:

1. Reviewed the 2019 Annual Report.
2. Approved the 2020 Workplan
3. Discussed on the lukewarm attitude of some Board members. The house resolved that the Board Chairman should as a matter of urgency reach out to all affected members and establish their commitment.
4. The Chief Responsibility Officer Dr. Obasanmi Jude in line with the Board's resolutions visited two Board members in Lagos (Barr. Chief Tony Abdulahi Dania and Prof. Sylvester Odion-Akhaine)
5. Subsequent Boards meeting to be rotated amongst board members.
6. The need for more funding opportunities and support was solicited.



Group Pictures at the end of the BOT meeting (L – R). Comr. Obasanmi Jude Ph.D (CRO/BOT Secretary), Prof Mrs. Elizabeth Ifidon, Mrs. Ruthmary Obasanmi, Dr. Matthew Izibili (BOT Chairman), Bishop (Dr.) Mon Igbinosa and Mr. Joel Aidamebo

TUBERCULOSIS ACTIVITIES

Introduction

The number of TB Cases has continued to be on the increase in Nigeria. The Foundation has continued to offer psychosocial support to patients, monitor drug adherence, conduct Advocacy, Community and Social Mobilization (ACSM), identify and refer fresh cases for screening and also linking patients to care,. The

extent of work was limited due to the effect of COViD 19 Pandemic and the lockdown in 2020. In November 2020, the Foundation was contracted by Ideal Development and Resource Centre to conduct Community TB outreach in four LGAs in Edo State (Esan West, Igueben, Esan Central and Akoko Edo LGAs)

Activities Implemented

1. Advocacy Community and Social Mobilization. (ACSM): We used fliers and public address system in conducting the ACSM in four LGAs in Edo State.

Community / Location (Market Campaigns)	No. Reached	Advocacy Community and Social Mobilization Campaigns)	No. Reached
Igueben Market, Igueben LGA	530	Ebelle PHC, Ebelle, Igueben LGA	60
Iruekpen Market, Esan West LGA	600	Ujoelen PHC, Esan West LGA	67
Usugbenu Market, Esan Central LGA	200	Modern PHC, Irrua, Esan Central LGA	55
Igarra Main Market, Akoko Edo LGA	1,200	Hausa Community, Dambgala, Akoko Edo LGA	30

2. State Tuberculosis (TB) Meeting: Attended two State meetings in Central Hospital, Benin City.
3. Home visits to five (5) patients.

Next Steps

1. Continue with home visits and Community TB outreach in four LGAs.
2. Integrating TB advocacy, communication and social mobilization activities in JOSEF programmes.
3. Attend MDRTB state meetings and revamp the State TB Network.
4. Engage other Civil Society and Community Based Organisations for support and collaboration.



TB Sensitization and Demand Generation activities. **Left:** JOSEF Team with TBLS Akoko Edo LGA Mrs. Kadira Joy at Igarra Main Market. **Right:** JOSEF Team with TBLS Esan Central LGA Mrs. Ebhuoma Patience at Usugbenu Market.

2020 WORLD AIDS DAY (WAD): DECEMBER 1, 2020

Introduction

The Chief Responsibility, Josémariam Escriva Foundation, Dr. Jude Obasanmi led the Project Team and other volunteers to mark the 2020 World Aids Day (WAD) in Esan West LGA. The number of new infections is on the increase and most persons shy away from testing because they might be stigmatized. The campaign messages centred on the causes of HIV infection which includes, unprotected Sexual Intercourse with an Infected Person, use of Unsterilized Sharp Objects (Needles, Razor blades, Clippers etc), transfusion of an unscreened Blood to a Sick Person and transmission of HIV from an infected Mother to her Child during Delivering, Breast Feeding and during pregnancy; also care and treatment of positive cases.

Activities

1. Road and Neighbourhood campaigns in Ekpoma and Iruekpen communities.
2. 7 Referrals were made while 157 received free HIV/AIDS counseling and testing.
3. Reproductive health services and commodity uptakes for adolescents and youths.
4. Reached about 2,000 persons with HIV information.

In attendance were the Esan West LGA Health Educator and Local Action Committee on AIDS in Esan West LGC Mrs. Blessing Inegbenebor and the Reproductive Health Supervisor, Esan West LGA Mrs. Ruth Inegbenose who represented the Local Government Council Chairperson. The Foundation received some consumables from CiSHAN and Edo State SACA



L-R: CRO with Esan West HE, Testing podium and Blessing conversing for clients to receive HCT Services.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND SENSITIZATION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION IN EDO CENTRAL & EDO NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICTS.

Introduction

The Foundation limited her sensitization and community / school outreaches to 4 LGAs due to the effects of COVID 19 and paucity of funds. The focus was to educate community members / students on the ills of irregular migration

Activity

S/N	LGA	Venue	No. Reached	Schools	No. Reached
1.	Esan Central	Usugbenu	190	Ebudin Grammer School Ebudin	50
2.	Igueben	Ebelle	280	-	-
3.	Esan West	Iruekpen	400	Ujoelen Secondary School,	145
4.	Akoko Edo	Damgbala	220	Emaudo Secondary School,	45
5.	-	-	-	Enyi Primary School, Igarra	40

Next Steps

1. Integrate issues of migration into the CAFES Module.
2. Register with Networks on Human Trafficking.
3. Source for required funds to deplore the intervention.
4. Source for Books that can be used for the project.
5. Work with the various schools to the rescheduled time table.
6. Incorporate other schools and students was funding improves.



L-R: Mr. Pacqueen Aisagbonhi -Donor presenting some Books to Ebudin Sec. School, Ebudin, Esan Central LGA. CRO making a presentation at UJoelen Sec. School Esan West LGA. Group discussion after a presentation to some stakeholders in Edo Central.



COVID 19 PANDEMIC INTERVENTION IN EDO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, EDO STATE

Introduction

Josémaria Escrive Foundation was part of the efforts of government and non governmental agencies to create awareness at the wake of the COVID 19 Pandemic. JOSEF was a member of both State and National coordinating bodies on COVID. The focus of our intervention was on the following identified goals.

Intervention Goals.

1. To make the Esan West LGA management accountable in the area of providing support and creating awareness of the pandemic and taking proactive steps.
2. To create awareness on the need to maintain and adhere to the health protocol on COVID 19 Pandemic.
3. To provide psychosocial support to vulnerable persons in the LGA
4. To administer some palliatives to vulnerable persons in the constituency.
5. To distribute face masks to residents in Esan West, Igueben and Esan Central LGAs.
6. To empower some tailors through patronage in the production of face masks.

Activities

The Foundation with the kind disposition of some of friends and board members engaged in the following:

1. Advocacy visits: Visited some traditional and religious leaders on the need to maintain the various health protocol.
2. Listed, enumerated and verified potential palliatives beneficiaries.
3. Distributed free face masks to residents: About 4,500 face masks were produced and distributed at market places, motor parks, bus terminals, religious and traditional leaders houses courtesy of Rt. Hon. Joe Edionwele
4. Financial Palliatives: A total of 352 vulnerable persons in Esan West and Igueben LGAs received the sum of N5,000 each. This funds were delivered at their residence and the Onojie's/Odionwele's place courtesy of Rt. Hon. Joe Edionwele.
5. The Foundation produced a Public Service Announcement (PSA) in English language, Pidgin and Esan. The jingles were shared on social media and aired on Ray Power Radio and some CD sellers in Ekpoma.
6. 12 Banners were produced and placed at strategic locations within the LGA.
7. Joined the Esan West LGC to conduct a local government wide campaign on COVID 19 to the ten wards in the LGA. This included road shows and market campaigns on awareness of the disease.
8. Mobilised community members for free screening and testing at designated points in the LGAs



L-R: (1) JOSEF BillBoard at a spot. (2) With Esan West LGC Chairperson on awareness visit to Onojie of Idoia (3) Urohi Market Campaign.



L-R; Administration of financial and material Palliatives at Esan West (Urohi and Ekpoma) Igueben.

ADOLESCENTS YOUTHS SEXUALITY AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (AYSRH) - The Challenge Initiative Project.

Introduction

The Foundation continued to implement the Adolescents Youths Sexuality and Reproductive Health (AYSRH) under the Edo State Government Department on AYSRH with support from The Challenge Initiative (TCI) to provide technical support to implement AYSRH and Life Planning programmes at grassroots, to reach out to adolescents and young persons (15 to 24 years), parents, guardians and other stakeholders in Esan West, Igueben and Etsako West LGAs. However, due to the COVID 19 pandemic the exercise was suspended in March 2020 and resumed in August 2020.

Activities:

- i. Training and Retraining of 45 Social Mobilizers in the three LGAs (15 per LGA). The objectives of the training were to increase knowledge on AYSRH, modern issues on reproductive health, how to conduct Referrals using Go cards and challenges associated (if any), reduce unsafe sex and abortion among young persons and expand access to youth-friendly information and services especially contraceptives.
- ii. Attended two Technical Working Group Meetings in Benin: The meeting reviewed the TCI/JOSEF workplan and other activities by CSOs in the project, Reproductive Health Officers etc.
- iii. Step down training by JOSEF for selected Volunteers, Social Mobilizers (SMs) and other LPAY Ambassadors on effective tools for social mobilization for impactful results.
- iv. A total of about 15,000 youths and adolescents were reached with AYSRH messages.
- v. Trained 30 Patent Medicine Vendors on AYSRH data generation

Next Steps

- i. Demand generation activities in the 3 LGAs (Esan West, Igueben and Esan Central).
- ii. Intergenerational dialogues in selected communities in the 3 LGAs.
- iii. Continue with social mobilization in the three LGAs
- iv. Implement other activities contained in the TCI/JOSEF Work Plan for 2021.

L-R: Training of PPMVs from Esan West LGA. CRO interacting with a client during an outreach at Okalo, Igueben LGA



L-R: Some social mobilization and distribution of Go Cards to SMs in Etsako West LGA.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND CAPACITY STRENGTHENING FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE, ESAN WEST LGA, EDO STATE

Introduction

The community mobilization and capacity strengthening for good governance was partially implemented. Apart from moderating Civic Group Meetings, the Foundation continued to support the activities of the Concerned Ekpoma Eminent Stakeholders Forum (CEESF) and three other Civic Groups in Esan West LGA.

Locations and attendance:

S/N	Civic Group	Location of Meetings	No. of Meetings	Average Attendance
1.	Eguare	Eguare Town Hall, Ekpoma	5	10
2.	Egoro-Amede.	Odionwele's compound, Egoro-Amede	3	12
3.	Emaudo	Emaudo Town Hall	2	11
4	CEESF	Eguare Youth Hall, Ekpoma	5	30

Focus Discussions.

1. Issues of state of roads, light and environment
2. The COVID 19 Pandemic
3. Security challenges in most communities.

Accomplishments

1. Ability to sustain the activities in three groups inspite of the effects of COVID 19 Pandemic.
2. Mobilization to clear community roads, (Egoro-Amede and Eguare Civic Group)
3. Advocacy visits to the Area Commander, Divisional Police Officer, Directorate of State Security, HRH the Onojie of Ekpoma etc.
4. Inspected some road works and advised the contracting firm on better actions to take.

Next Steps

1. Regular meetings.
2. Needs Assessment
3. Continuous capacity training for members / teams



L-R: Inspection of Road Works



Capacity building on Citizens Accountability for some community stakeholders in Ekpoma

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT 2020

Introduction

The Voter Education Campaign was initiated as part of JOSEF's activities on good governance and transparency for the 2020 Edo Gubernatorial Elections. The Foundation got the support of the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC), while we collaborated with Edo State National Orientation Agency, Centre for Democracy and Development, Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room, WANEP, Edo Peace Rally Group etc. Also, the JOSEF was appointed by the Nigeria Democratic Institute to serve in the Strategy Committee of the Vote Not Fight Campaign of TuFace Idibia .

Objectives

1. To create awareness on the 2020 Edo State Gubernatorial Election
2. To educate voters on the voting patterns, procedures and electoral guidelines amidst COVID 19.
3. To explain to voters the various penalties for electoral malpractice as contained in the Electoral Act.
4. To educate the citizens on Citizens observation of elections and importance of voting.
5. To educate the people on the need to shun violence and support peaceful and credible elections.
6. To observe the elections.

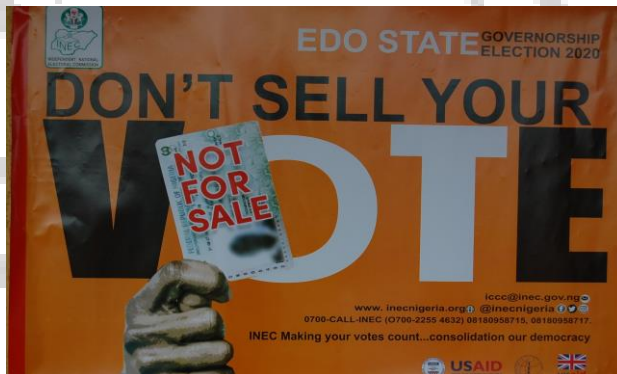
Activities / Accomplishments.

1. Distributed / shared over 10,000 IEC materials (flyers, Stickers bearing various messages of “Election is not fight or war”, “Our votes count”, “Vote not Fight” etc at motor parks, market places and high volume congregational areas..
2. Played jingles in Pidgin English and Esan Languages conveying electoral messages in musical stores.
3. Shared online messages / Social Media charts and flyers on the election.
4. Twenty (20) members of the Foundation (Josemaria Escriva Foundation) were accredited by INEC to observe the elections in Edo State.
5. Voter Education Campaigns took place in ten communities in Esan West Local Government Council. Iruekpen, Ekpoma, Ujemen, Ukhun, Egoro Amede, Ikokogbe, Urohi, Ujiogba, Ogwa and Emuhi.

Next Steps.

1. Provide continuous civic enlightenment on radio, IEC materials and bill boards.
2. Advocate and collaborate with unions and groups on party activities and citizens' participation.
3. Programme should include town hall meetings with other stakeholders
4. The Foundation should work towards getting Observers Accreditation from INEC.
5. Government to provide working tools for state agencies to carry out their roles - NOA, INEC.

Some Stickers used for the campaign



2020 EDO STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2020

ELECTION OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

(APPLICABLE TO CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION AND VOTERS PARTICIPATING)

OFFENCE	PENALTY
<p>1. ACTING AS A PROSECUTOR OR DEFENDANT IN ANY CASE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ANOTHER</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 2 YEARS OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>2. BEING A MEMBER OF A SECRETARY OR MEMBER OF THE ELECTION</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>3. TRYING TO KNOW WHO VOTED FOR WHICH CANDIDATE</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>4. ACTING AS AN INTERFERER, OBSTACLE OR AN OBSTACLE TO THE FREE AND FAIR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>5. BEING A MEMBER OF A SECRETARY OR MEMBER OF THE ELECTION</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>6. ACTING AS AN INTERFERER, OBSTACLE OR AN OBSTACLE TO THE FREE AND FAIR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>7. BEING A MEMBER OF A SECRETARY OR MEMBER OF THE ELECTION</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>8. ACTING AS AN INTERFERER, OBSTACLE OR AN OBSTACLE TO THE FREE AND FAIR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
<p>9. BEING A MEMBER OF A SECRETARY OR MEMBER OF THE ELECTION</p> <p>IMPRISONMENT</p>	<p>JAIL FOR 1 YEAR OR FINE OF ₦100,000.00 OR BOTH</p>
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VOIDING ELECTION OFFENCES!

EMEC – making your voice COUNT – consistent and democratic

Some Activity Pictures



Left: (A) Team members from JOSEF (Jude, Racheal, Fortune and Blessing). JOSEF Team with Mrs Badaiki at INEC Office, Ekpoma, after a visit. (C) Jude Obasanmi explaining a point to an eligible voter on the new voting procedure.

EDO CENTRAL SENATORIAL AGCIDS / CAFES PROJECT

Introduction

The expanded project on Addressing the Girl Child Dropout Syndrome in Schools (AGCIDS) / Children Against Forced Engineering Studies (CAFES) Project seeks to addressing: Rise in school dropout amongst young persons in the senatorial district (2018 Baseline Survey), Low self-esteem amongst young persons, poor parenting and counseling on career path, lost socio-cultural values and increase in drug and substance addiction amongst young persons, leading to sexual immorality and poor reproductive health consciousness.

Objectives

1. To build the capacity of young persons through life skills training and mentoring.
2. To promote healthy living and reproductive health habits
3. To build inner strength and good choices
4. To promoting good peer pressure
5. To create awareness on drug / substance abuse and its consequences
6. To help build entrepreneurship/skills development.
7. To acquire improved knowledge on human trafficking and migration issues.

Activities

CAFES sessions in Ujoelen Grammer School, Emaudo Secondary School, Eguare Secondary School, Oasis Group of Schools and AAU Secondary School Ekpoma. The team was able to cover four modules out of the eight modules in the CAFES intervention plan.

Next Steps

1. Policy Advocacy to relevant stakeholders
2. Seminars, Community sensitization and awareness programs at Youth, Religious meetings etc.
3. Sexuality and reproductive health education
4. Street rallies and road shows / campaigns, organise debates, quiz and give technical support to existing Clubs in five selected schools in Esan West
5. Press releases and Social Media Campaign in line with the Project Goals.
6. Produce and disseminate IEC & SBCC materials, CAFES campaign caps, T-shirts, etc



L-R: Group pix at Ebudin Sec. Sch (Esan Central LGA). CAFES Session at Emaudo Sec Sch, Ekpoma (Esan West LGA) & Mr. Pacqueens Aisagbonyi making a presentation of some books to a participating School.

JOSEF ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

Introduction

To mark the Feast Day of St. Josemaria Escriva, the Foundation had the 2nd Edition of her Annual lecture series. This was also part of our efforts to impact on the community and also create awareness about the Foundation's activities for better service delivery. The event was in three parts – Lecture, Drama and Panel discussions. The theme for the 2020 Annual Lecture Series was: Rape and Gender-Based Violence: The Silence and Conspiracy of Stakeholders delivered by Matthew A. Izibili Ph.D, Chairman, JOSEF Board of Trustees.

The 2020 edition was unique in the sense that the Foundation collaborated with Esan West Local Government Council and Indomitable Youths Organisation (IYO), a frontline civil society group in the fight against rape and gender based violence in Nigeria. The event took place on Tuesday, 30 June, 2020 at the Council Hall, Esan West LG Ekpoma, Edo State. There was full compliance with the NCDC regulations on COVID 19. About 120 persons were in attendance.

Nature of Programme

Phase 1- Lecture: There was a lecture on the theme Rape and Gender-Based Violence: The silence and conspiracy of stakeholders delivered by Matthew Aziegbemhin Izibili, PhD. FCAI, an Associate Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma. The lecture tried to demystify some myths of rape and gender based violence. According to him no excuse is excusable. The paper identified some stakeholders and admonished them to play their role with a view to breaking the silence and conspiracy.

Phase 2 - Drama Presentation: This was done by members of Josemaria Escriva Foundation's Volunteers and Drama Troupe from Assemblies of God Church, Ukpenu 1 on the theme: The Conspiracy. The drama showed how some stakeholders were involved in the silence and conspiracy as regards rape and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).

Phase 3 - Panel Conversations: Mr. David Aire (NTA Uzairue) moderated the session while the panel was made up of stakeholders representing different segments in the community. Hon. Barr. Mrs Maria Omonzele (Commissioner for Social Development and Gender Affairs), Rev. Fr. Dr. Fidelis Arhedo (JDPCI, Uromi), Mallam U.A.C. Aliu (Head, Muslim Community Ekoma), Mr. Ovbiose O. Felix (National Human Rights Commission), Prof. Mrs. E. Ifidon (AAU, Ekpoma) and Dr. Erah Francis (Chairman, Nigeria Medical Association, Edo Central Chapter).

Some dignitaries at the event were Barr. J.B. Agbogun (Chairman of the Occasion), BOT Chairman Dr. Matthew. A. Izibili FCAI, who was also the Guest Lecturer, Distinguished Guest of Honour, Governor Godwin Obaseki represented by Hon. Esther Eghaghe, SSA to the Governor of Edo State, the Onojie of Ekpoma represented by Chief Benson Idoboiwa, CONGOs President Comr. Daisy Abiola, Area Commander, Ekpoma DPO, DSS, Civil Defense, Representatives from ASUU, NULGE, NMA, NBA, National Human Rights Commission, Chief Tony Abdulahi Dania and Prof. Mrs E. Ifidon (JOSEF BoT Members).

Lessons Learnt

1. The event was an eye opening to the need for regular enlightenment on topical societal issues and efforts should be made to sustain the quality and standard of the lecture series.
2. Attendees were strategically selected to capture the target stakeholders. This facilitated a robust engagement during the panel conversations.
3. Partnering with the Council was a plus as it enabled us to have a closer engagement with the management of the council. Also. partnering with Indomitable Youths Organisation (IYO) enabled us to benefit from the wealth of experience particularly in event management and social media campaigns.
4. The pattern of events that included a drama session brought out the beauty of the event
5. The use of Infrared Red thermometers, hand sanitizers and distribution of face mask enabled us to uphold the various health protocol. In addition, the sitting arrangement ensured proper physical distancing
6. Live Streaming of the events on our Facebook page to enable other persons to follow the activities.
7. The presentation of the communiqué at the end of the dialogues and onward distribution to all relevant stakeholders and social media platforms.

Next steps

1. It is expected that more funds would be raised to sustain the annual lecture series.
2. A Youth version to be implemented when schools resumes this is to enable us capture their opinions as they are the worst hit in this emerging pandemic.
3. Identify and work with other stakeholders through advocacy visits and collaboration.



Some dignitaries at the event. Dr. Jude and Dr. Bright setting up the Social Media Platforms & defining roles.



Scenes from the drama and lecture presentation at the event.



Panelist and some members of the the High Table (Barr Agibogun, Dr. Izibili & Prof Mrs. Ifidon at the event.

TEACHERS FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY, AKOKO EDO LGA (TESD PROJECT)

Introduction

Josemaria Escriva Foundation implemented a project aimed at improving the quality of teaching and learning in 10 public primary schools in Akoko Edo Local government area by 2021. However, based on the plea of the LGC Chairman during our advocacy visit, the number of schools was increased to forty in which case one teacher was selected per school. As at December 2020 when the project closed, the LGA was yet to make provision for Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs) for the additional 30 schools which they added. This project was sponsored by TY Danjuma Foundation (TYDF) and lasted from February - December, 2020.

Objectives

1. To build the capacity of 40 teachers on the design and use of TLMs for effective lesson delivery and class room management in 10 public primary schools
2. To empower 10 public primary schools in Akoko Edo Local Government Area with some Teaching and Learning Materials.

Deliverables

1. Selected 40 Schools and 40 Teachers from Public Primary Schools in Akoko Edo Local Government Area, Edo State.

2. Procured Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs) for teachers training. [Textbooks and Workbooks for Teachers. Mathematical sets, Protractors, Charts, real objects, photographs, maps, electronic interactives (Calculators for Teachers), etc]
3. One Day sensitization and training for twenty (members) of the School Based Management Committee.
4. Held 7 sessions on how to design and use TLMs for effective teaching and learning for 40 Teachers.
5. 40 Teachers engaged the pupils in the use of TLMs constructed by themselves for effective teaching and learning.
6. Two Examinations were held for the teachers on the design and use of TLMs and skills learnt.
7. Step-down training by the 40 Teachers for other teachers were held and monitored by the Foundation and TYDF
8. Presented some TLMs to 10 Public Primary schools in Akoko Edo Local Government Area
9. Certificates of participation presented to 40 Teachers.



L-R: Contract award in Benin. Inception meeting with Management of Akoko Edo LGC & Training of SBMC members



Cross Section of some items presented to schools. Snap shot with a benefiting school with TYDF



Various Practical Sessions involving the participants



Left: Group Photograph with the LGC Management Team, TYDF, JOSEF and some participants. Middle: Examination Session for Participants. Right: Close Out Group Pictures with some dignitaries.

2020 International Volunteers Day: December 5, 2020

Introduction

As part of activities to mark the 2020 International Volunteers Day, JOSEF had a Zoom meeting on the theme: Together we can through Volunteerism. The guest lecturer Comrade Dr. Jude Obasanmi, the Chief Responsibility Officer of Josémaria Escriva Foundation explained that no society can survive without the contributions and support of volunteers. Volunteers are integral part of our society where everything seems to be lacking. He defined Volunteerism as, “an unselfish devotion to the welfare of others”. It is a service given with no financial or social gain but for the benefit of another person, a group or organization.

The event was moderated by Mr. Fortune Akpan (Volunteer, JOSEF). About 35 persons took part in the Zoom Meeting. Some notable personalities that were actively involved in the lecture included Dr. Bright Onovokhukor (Indomitable Youths Organisation), Mr Pacquens Aisagbonhi (Chairman, NAS International, Edo Central District), Mr. Armstrong Irabor (Leadership trainer from Ghana, Ms. Cynthia Adeseiye (AYRSH Desk Officer, Ministry of Health, Edo State) Prof. Edmond Karl (TCI University), Mr. Emmanuel Omon (LPAY Ambassador) amongst others.

Outcomes from the meeting

1. Participants lamented the attitude of young persons not prepared to serve voluntarily.
2. Advised people to serve in some identified volunteers interventions like: Resource mobilization, Environmental Activities, Care for Children/Young/Persons with Disability, aged, script writing, Trustees of a Charity Organization, Refugees (IDP) / Migrants, ICT, report and proposal writing etc.
3. Induction of three volunteers into Josemaria Escriva Foundation Volunteers Corps. Those inducted were Abhulimen Rachael, Itua Christiana and Precious Okhumaile.

Next Steps

1. To be an annual event
2. Get Volunteers to plan and implement the event.
3. Expand the scope of activities to include community work as time and resources would permit.

EDO STATE COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CSDP)

Psychosocial - Intervention for Victims of identified cases

Introduction

JOSEF was among the 24 CSOs engaged by the Edo State Community and Social Development Project (CSDP) to provide one month psychosocial support to identified vulnerable in Esan West LGA in March 2020. Three JOSEF project team members were trained on how to render psychosocial support when cases are identified, eg Victims of rape, gender based violence, herdsmen attacks. The Foundation has since then continued to render psychosocial and material support to identified persons and engaging some organisation to add it to their corporate social responsibility. This paid well for the Foundation as through the BoT Chairman JOSEF was contacted by Compass Hotels and Suites managers of Chosen Hotels Ekpoma to help in identifying 115 widows that were supported with food items during the 2020 December Christmas period.

Activities.

1. 142 Vulnerable persons were identified by the Foundation and received psychosocial support in Ekpoma, Egoro Amede and Farm Settlement.
2. The data containing their names and type of case were also identified.
3. Four of the victims were referred for further support based on the nature of their cases.
4. 115 Widows were supported by Compass Hotels and Suites managers of Chosen Hotels Ekpoma

Next Steps

1. Engage Edo CSDP on subsequent task.
2. Continue with the psychosocial support in line with available resources.
3. Identify corporate organisations to consider this as part of their corporate social responsibility.

PHOTO GALLERY OF OTHER EVENTS IN 2019



TESD Teacher display her work and some session goes on.



TESD Registration at Igarra

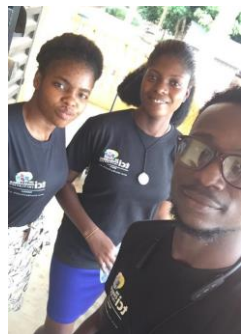


Administration of palliatives



TCI SM at Work in Igueben

October 19, 2020, hoodlums visited our office and went away with several items including Optimo Projector, Plasma Tv. Start Times decoder, Table refregirator, Lacer pointer, table clock, letterheads, etc. Pictures after the incident. Nothis was recovered.



SMs from Esan West LGA. BoT Member facilitating an Outreach of TB at a Ujoelen PHC



Giving Palliatives at Amahor

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE PROFILE JAN - DEC., 2020

S/N	Income Sources	Amount (N)
1	Opening Balance	8,314.93
2	Donations From BOT Members.	75,000.00
3	Rebates for events attended	400,000.00
4	Support From PIJAVEL Family	540,000.00
5	Donation from friends and Co (NAS, MBA Class 97)	170,000.00
6	Donations Towards 2 nd Annual Lecture	201,000.00
7	INEC Support for Voter Education	100,000.00
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9	Rev. Fr. Moses Aburimen	23,000.00
10	TY Danjuma Foundation TESD Project	3,000,000.00
11	TCI Implemented activities	780,000.00
12	TCI SM Stipends	2,300,000.00
13	TCI Consultancy Activities	2,189,000.00
14	CSDP PSS Intervention	102,000.00
15	Fund raising for replacement of stolen items	200,000.00
	Total Income Amount (N)	9,847,314.93
S/N	Expenditure	Amount (N)
1	Voter Education	103,000.00
2	AGCiDS Meeting Attendance at Igarra	10,500.00
3	2 nd Annual Lecture Series	269,400.00
4	Office Maintenance, stationaries,	17,500.00
5	Good Governance Project	3,200.00
6	TCI / Health Programmes (TB, HIV/AIDS & Malaria)	534,000.00
7	TCI SM Stipend (Igueben, Etsako West and Esan West)	1,860,000.00
8	Rt. Hon Joe Edionwele Palliatives intervention	2,000,000.00
9	JOSEF Palliatives	56,000.00
10	Electricity and other utilities	10,000.00
11	CEESF and CSOs Activities	12,000.00
12	Transportation / Fuel	22,400.00
13	Computer and Systems maintenance	4,500.00
14	Hosting of 4 th BoT meeting	3,500.00
15	TCI Consultancy (Monitoring, Evaluation & Inspection)	1,226,000.00
16	TYDF TESD Project in Akoko Edo	2,560,000.00
17	CAFES Intervention in 5 secondary schools	21,000.00
18	CONGOs 10 th Anniversary	16,000.00
19	Staff Salary	480,000.00
20	Staff Welfare	146,000.00
21	Office Rent (2020)	36,000.00
22	CSDP PSS Intervention	62,000.00
23	Dues and Levies to Networks and Affiliates	10,000.00
24	Purchase and Registration of Operational Bike	160,000.00
25	Purchase of Optimo Projector	180,000.00
26	Auditing Fees	30,000.00
27	Bank Charges	4,568.29
	Total Expenditure Amount (N)	9,837,568.29
	Balance Carried Forward	9,746.64
	Cash in Bank [Zenith N2,133.67 + Fidelity N6,837.97]	8,971.64
	Cash at Hand	775.00