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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 Prof. Matthew A. Izibili. The Project Team consisting of 19 persons (4 Staff and 18 Volunteers) is headed by Comrade Jude Obasanmi, Ph.D. JOSEF is dedicated to care, development and upholding/defending issues affecting humanity 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: The vision of JOSEF is, “a nation where all will contribute and promote sustainable best practices to eradicate poverty and crime”.

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

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- i. Josémaría Escríva Foundation, Zenith Bank PLC. AC/NO. 1014268220
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| 6. | Mr. Samuel Idiahi | Deputy Program Visibility Coordinator |
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| 12. | Mr. Christopher Enuemnwo | Volunteers Corps |

Projections for 2024 (Extracted from 2024 Work Plan)

1. Regular and timely execution of projects and evaluation.
2. Proposal writing and funding opportunities.
3. Advocacy on Rights and Responsibilities, Good governance and Transparency
4. Advocacy for improved awareness of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).
5. Acquisition of Official Vehicle.
6. Design and Registration of Building Plan for the Foundation.
7. Sustenance of Board of Trustees Meetings.
8. 6th Annual Lecture Series / 10th Anniversary of the Foundation.
9. Sustenance of Children Against Forced Engineering Studies (CAFES) Project
10. Capacity building for Board members, Staff and Volunteers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year being reported was a very challenging for the Foundation. This was mostly attributed to the unexpected cost of things in the country. The Foundation was however, able to implement over 60% of the approved work plan. The following were part of the activities carried out:

The 7th Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting was hosted by the Foundation March, 22nd 2023. The meeting approved the work plan, reviewed the external auditors report and commended the good reports from the External Auditors and prayed for more collaboration and support. The high point of the meeting was the pledge of two hundred thousand naira by Bishop Mon Igbiosa to support the office rent.

Part of the health intervention in the year being reported was the TB intervention Like other years, the Foundation offered psychosocial support to patients, monitored drug adherence, conducted Advocacy, Community and Social Mobilization (ACSM), identified and referred fresh cases for screening and also linking patients to care. We commemorated the 2023 World TB Day, had market campaigns highlighting the causes and possible remedies. About 2,700 persons were reached. Next was the World Immunisation Day where we had online campaigns through flyers and street campaigns. Also, the World Malaria Day was marked on the 25th of April. The Foundation in collaboration with the Medical Students Association AAU Ekpoma Chapter and Indomitable Youths Organisation marked the 2023 WMD. There were online campaigns through flyers and street campaigns and free testing and administration of malaria drugs.

In partnership with the Ministry of Health Edo State and World Health Organisation, the Foundation commemorated the 2023 World Menstrual Day at Ujoelen Secondary School, Ekpoma. A team from the Ministry of Health and WHO had an interactive session with over 70 girls in the school. They were educated on how to have and sustain good personal hygiene particularly during their cycles. Thereafter, sanitary pads were shared to all the students and they were told how to effectively use and dispose them.

Project team members and volunteers took part in a Round Table dialogue organised by the Civil Society for HIVAIDS in Nigeria with other partners (Ministry of Health, EDOSACA, Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria, Heartland Alliance Foundation) in Benin City to mark the 2023 World AIDS Day (WAD) which is a global movement celebrated annually every December 1st to unite people in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

The Foundation had online campaigns in all her social media platforms with messages centered on the causes of HIV infections, how to avoid infection, symptoms, amongst others, WAD rally that took place in Benin City, free HCT. HIV Counselling, Screening and testing.

The Foundation continued to implement the Global Fund Harmonized C19RM/RSSH grant in Esan West LGA under the supervision of ACOMIN. The Foundation attended all the Monthly Coordination Meeting and trainings organised by NACA-ACOMIN, Had advocacies, identifying success stories and working in communities to get results. Some of the success stories were the renovation of the Ukhun PHC, attracted a resident nurse to the PHC. At Ujoelen PHC, the Foundation facilitated the donation of eight (8) complete sets of beddings to Ujoelen PHC and also provided 4 Office tables of different sizes to the PHC. Finally, with technical and material inputs from The Challenge Initiative (TCI) and the Ministry of Health Edo State, we continued with the Adolescent and Youths Reproductive Sexuality Health (AYRSH) intervention in three LGAs: Igueben, Esan West and Etsako West. About 13,400 young persons were reached with Life Planning for Adolescents and Youths (LPAY) messages and services.

3 LGAs hosted our sensitization and outreaches on ills of irregular migration and trafficking in person. The Foundation was able to integrate issues of migration into the CAFES Module for secondary schools, completed registration with the Network Against Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL) and got a donation of Books and two external harddrives from IOM and Edo State Taskforce on Human Trafficking (ETATH). About 1800 persons were reached with different messages on irregular migration.

Our educational advantaged continued with the CAFES Project in Schools. There were Five sessions of the expanded project on Addressing the Girl Child Dropout Syndrome in Schools (AGCIDS) / Children Against Forced Engineering Studies (CAFES) Project. The project seeks to address for instance the rise in school

dropout amongst young persons in the senatorial district, low self-esteem, 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, ills of irregular migration and so on. The Foundation reached over 500 students.

The 5th Annual Lecture to mark the Feast Day of St. Josémaria Escriva took place at Esan West Council Secretariat, Ekpoma. The lecture titled, 'Migration and Good Governance: The Quest for an Enduring Solution', was delivered by Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Okojie, Director of Liturgy/Pastoral Affairs, Seminary of All Saints, Uhiele, Ekpoma. This is also part of our efforts to impact on the community and also create awareness about the Foundation's activities. Participants were drawn from the academia, policy makers, religious and traditional rulers, students, security agencies, etc.

72 Teachers in public primary schools in Esan Central Local government area took part in the Teachers Skills Enhanced Project (TSEP) aimed at enhancing the teaching skills in schools. The project involved training 60 Teachers and 11 Learning and Development Officers (LDOs) in Esan Central and Esan West LGAs to have enhanced self-esteem, stress management, time management, effective lessons delivery, class room management and ICT skills by 2027. The Project was funded by TY Danjuma Foundation.

JOSEF was actively involved in the activities of the Edo State Management and Technical Teams on Sexual and Gender Based Violence. The Foundation did community sensitization, and case identification. The Foundation handled seven cases of SGBV in Edo Central LGA. Some were cleared while one is in court. To mark the 2023, 16 days of activism, the foundation partnered with the ministry of health to have series of activities in the Senatorial district. Also, the petition served on the Edo state government on Sky burial Rites going on in some parts of Edo State got the attention of the state government. This saw the government partnering with the Foundation to hold stakeholders meetings. for a and street rallies in the affected communities in Akoko Edo LGA.

The annual Widows and vulnerable support programme of the Foundation still took place. With the kind and supportive disposition of some individuals we were able to facilitate the support of 20 Widows. The Management of Chosen Hotels supported 120 widows and vulnerable and also gave out cash of N200,000 each to two widows and a promise to support a Virtually impaired Law graduate to go to the Law School.

On the Foundation's 200' x 200' project site along Ukhun Road, by the AAU Staff Quarters, Esan West LGA, we are yet to do a building plan and get it registered due to funds.

In 2023, a total of Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight thousand, Seventy One Naira, Twenty Kobo only (**N8,778,071.20**) was realized as Project Funds and from other activities while the sum of Seven Million, Seven Hundred and forty Three thousand, , Four Hundred and Eighty-Seven Naira, Thirty Kobo only (**N7,743,487.30**) was expended on various projects and interventions. Balance carried forward is One Million, Thirty-Four Thousand, Five hundred and Eighty Three Naira, Ninety Kobo only (N1,065,571.20).

The Foundation's accounts for the year 2023 was audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants and certified that the books of accounts were kept in line with best accounting practice.

Appreciation: We express our appreciation to God Almighty for 2023. We thank the Board of Trustees for their support, advice and suggestions. We thank our partners (TYDF, BC/EU, NSCSR, CONGOs, NAS, ACOMIN, NACA), 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 and commitment towards the activities of the Foundation in 2023. We equally appeal for greater support and commitment in the years ahead.

To God be the Glory as we hope for a rewarding 2023.

ENHANCING JOSEF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Introduction

One Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting of the Foundation was held at the Foundations office on 22nd March, 2023. The meeting was chaired by the Board Chairman, Prof M.A. Izibili. The meeting reviewed the 2022 report and approved 2023 work plan with some amendments. The Project Team was commended and advised to do more. They commended the good reports from the External Auditors and prayed for more collaboration and support. The high point of the meeting was the pledge of two hundred thousand naira by Bishop Mon Igbinsosa to support the office rent. Some of the board members took active part in the Foundations activities and also supported the hosting of all activities

List of Board members.

| S/N | NAME | CONTACT |
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| 1 | Prof. Matthew A. Izibili | Dept of Philosophy, AAU, Ekpoma |
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TUBERCULOSIS ACTIVITIES

Introduction

The Foundation offered psychosocial support to patients, monitored drug adherence, conducted Advocacy, Community and Social Mobilization (ACSM), identified and referred fresh cases for screening and also linking patients to care. We commemorated the 2023 World TB Day had market campaigns highlighting the causes and possible remedies. Also we integrated TB messages in our CAFES project in schools.

Activities Implemented

1. Advocacy Community and Social Mobilization. (ACSM).

| Activity | Location | No. Reached |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Market Campaigns | Ekpoma Market, Esan West LGA | 2,000 |
| | Illeh Market, Esan West LGA | 700 |
| | Ewu Market, Ewu Esan Central | 500 |
| | Igarra Main Market, Akoko Edo LGA | 1,500 |
| Advocacy Community and Social Mobilization Campaign | Ihumudumu PHC, Esan West LGA | 95 |
| | Ujoelen PHC, Esan West LGA | 80 |

2. Data on Clients (Esan West LGA only)

| S/N | Description | Male | Female | Total |
|-----|---|------|--------|-------|
| 1. | No. of TB Presumptive cases detected | 78 | 49 | 127 |
| 2. | No. of TB Positive Cases identified | 16 | 12 | 28 |
| 3. | No. of Persons that completed Treatment | 5 | 12 | 17 |
| 4. | No. of Persons on Treatment | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| 5. | No. of Persons that interrupted Treatment / Loss to follow-up | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 6. | No. of persons that died | 3 | 2 | 5 |

3. State Tuberculosis (TB) Meeting: Attended five (5) State meetings in Central Hospital, Benin City. Other virtual meetings were also held with JOSEF in attendance.
4. Home visits to thirty two (32) patients and five (5) DOT centres

Next Steps

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



TB Sensitization, Screening and Demand Generation activities: Road show and distribution of flyers

2023 WORLD IMMUNIZATION DAY (WID): APRIL 24, 2023

Introduction

World Immunisation Day is a global healthcare awareness event intended to create awareness of the significance of immunisation by getting timely vaccination and how it can be prevented from different diseases.

Activities

- i. Online campaigns through flyers.
- ii. Street campaigns aimed at demand generation for services.
- iii. Question and answer sessions coordinated by the students and volunteers from the Foundation.

2023 WORLD MALARIA DAY (WMD): APRIL 25, 2023

Introduction

World Malaria Day is marked each year on 25 April and brings together the global malaria community to highlight global efforts to end malaria, the need for sustained political commitment and continued investment for malaria control and elimination. This year 2023, the World Malaria Day theme is “ Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement”.

The Foundation in collaboration with the Medical Students Association AAU Ekpoma Chapter and Indomitable Youths Organisation marked the 2023 WMD. The fight against malaria still needs critical attention. Thus, JOSEF with her partners and collaborators remain fully committed to the fight against malaria and together, we can #invest, #innovate and #implement for a # ZeroMalariaWorld#

Activities

- Online campaigns through flyers.
- Street campaigns and community enlightenment of causes, treatment and prevention of malaria.
- Free testing and administration of malaria drugs.
- Questions and answers sessions coordinated by the JOSEF and partners.

2023 WORLD MENSTRUAL DAY (WMD): MAY 28, 2023

Introduction

In partnership with the Ministry of Health Edo State and World Health Organisation commemorated the 2023 World Menstrual Day at Ujoelen Secondary School. A team from the Ministry of Health and WHO had an interactive session with over 70 girls in the school. They were educated on how to have and sustain good personal hygiene particularly during their cycles. Thereafter, sanitary pads were shared to all the students and they were told how to effectively use and dispose them. The theme was, 'Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030.'

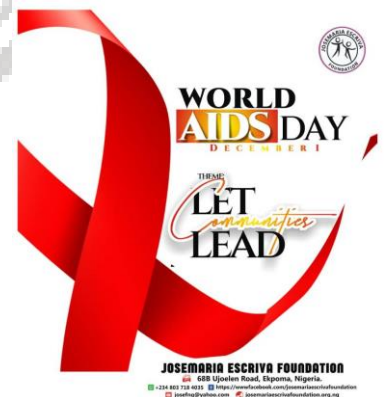


Scene from the WMD activities held at Ujoelen Grammar School, Ekpoma

WORLD AIDS DAY (WAD): DECEMBER 1, 2023

Introduction

The 2023 World AIDS Day (WAD) empowering theme was Let Communities Lead. The WAD is a global movement celebrated annually every December 1st to unite people in the fight against HIV and AIDS. The date exists to shine a light on the real experience of people living with HIV today, honour those who lost their precious lives and engage in activities that support HIV/AIDS research and advanced treatment. We in JOSEF believe that together, let us pave the way for a future where HIV is met with understanding and not judgement. We should spread the message and not the stigma.



Free Testing in progress. Stakeholders dialogue in Benin City.

Online Flyer used by the Foundation

Activities.

- The Foundation had an online campaign in all her social media platforms with messages centered on the causes of HIV infections, how to avoid infection, symptoms, amongst others.

- ii. Project team members and volunteers took part in the Round Table dialogue organised by the Civil Society for HIVAIDS in Nigeria with other partners (Ministry of Health, EDOSACA, Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria, Heartland Alliance Foundation) held in Benin.
- iii. WAD rally that took place in Benin.
- iv. Conducted free HCT. HIV Counselling, Screening and testing.

Global Fund harmonized C19RM/NACA/RSSH Project

Introduction

The Foundation continued to implement the Global Fund Harmonized C19RM/RSSH grant in Esan West LGA under the supervision of ACOMIN. The project was planned to end in June 2024 but what later extended to 2025. The RSSH component of the grant contributes to making foundational changes by strengthening the health systems in local communities in Nigeria through targeted interventions that support the federal government health reforms to drive sustainable improvements to reduce the impact on AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and COVID-19.

Activities conducted so far.

1. Attended all the Monthly Coordination Meeting in Benin City
2. Attended trainings organised by NACA-ACOMIN on advocacies, identifying success stories and working in communities to get results.
3. Advocacy visits to the PHC Coordinator, Esan West LGA Dr. Aimua Ehijele, Mr. Sam Ogbemudia, Head Establishment, Mrs. M. Ordia Ukhun PHC Matron, Mrs.T. Uwaifoh Ujoelen PHC Matron, and other relevant stakeholders from the host community. They offered useful support and corporation and promised to sustain the project in the community
4. Conducted 3 Entry and Exit Focus Group Discussions in the community
5. Conducted 3 Key Informants Interview with the PHC Coordinator and the matrons at the PHC to further establish areas of concerns and improvements.

Success stories

A. Ukhun Community, Esan West LGA.

1. Renovated the health centre at Ukhun
2. Facilitated the increase in demand for services at the PHCs through advocacies and campaigns. This saw an increase of over 40 percent as at August 2023 when compared with the figures of around the same time last year (2022).
3. Attracted a resident nurse to the community. This has helped to sustain patronage of the facility. the facility should be made to run for 24 hours
4. The Community Youths started to maintain the surroundings of the PHC. An effort which they have pledged to sustain.

B. Ujoelen Community, Esan West LGA.

- 1 Facilitated the donation of eight (8) complete sets of beddings to Ujoelen PHC.
- 2 Provided 4 Office tables of different sizes to the PHC

Issues raised for the period based on the interactions.

1. Protection of the health facility with the provision of perimeter fence and security watchman.
2. Renovation of the Ujoelen PHC which is in a state of disrepair.
3. Provision of consumables and fittings in the facility.
4. Provision of Electricity in the facilities.

5. Flooring of the PHC surrounding.



L-R: Presentation of sets of bed-sheets., Visit to Dr. Felix Ogedegbe, and Head of Establishment (EWLGA)



L-R: After the MCM in Benin City. FGD session at Ujoelen Community.

ADOLESCENTS YOUTHS SEXUALITY AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (AYSRH).

Introduction

With technical and material inputs from The Challenge Initiative (TCI) and the Ministry of Health Edo State, we continued with the Adolescent and Youths Reproductive Sexuality Health (AYRSH) intervention in three LGAs: Igueben, Esan West and Etsako West. About 13,400 young persons were reached with Life Planning for Adolescents and Youths (LPAY) messages and services.

Activities:

- i. Conducted 3 Inreaches and 3 Outreaches in designated Primary Health Care Centre and communities.
- ii. A total of about 13,400 youths and adolescents were reached with AYRSH messages.

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 activities in Esan West, Igueben and Etsako West LGAs.

EDO CENTRAL SENATORIAL AGCIDS / CAFES PROJECT

Introduction

There were Five sessions of the expanded project on Addressing the Girl Child Dropout Syndrome in Schools (AGCIDS) / Children Against Forced Engineering Studies (CAFES) Project in two LGAs: Esan West and Esan Central LGAs. The project seeks to address for instance the rise in school dropout amongst young persons in the senatorial district, low self-esteem, 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, ills of irregular migration and so on.

Activities

- i. CAFES sessions in Ujoelen Grammar School, Ujoelen, Oasis Group of Schools, Ekpoma; Ebudin Grammar School, Ebudin and Uma Secondary Commercial School, Imoga,
- ii. Reached over 500 students.

Next Steps

1. Policy Advocacy to relevant stakeholders on mainstreaming some components of the module into school curriculum
2. Sexuality and reproductive health education
3. Organise debates, quiz and give technical support to existing Clubs in five selected schools in Esan West LGA.
4. Press releases and Social Media Campaign in line with the Project Goals.

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

Introduction

3 LGAs hosted our sensitization and outreaches on ills of irregular migration and trafficking in person. The focus was to educate community members / students on the ills of irregular migration. We completed our registration with the Network Against Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL).

Activity.

1. Attended and facilitated trainings organised by IOM - ETAHT both in Benin and Abuja
2. Team member on Local Response to Trafficking in Persons Cluster aimed at the review of the state Laws on Trafficking and Irregular Migration, creation of local response units at the LGAs and also increase in budgetary provision to ETAHT with JDPCI as Cluster Lead.
3. Conducted community sensitization and school engagement. See table below

| S/N | LGA | Community Venue | No. Reached | Schools | No. Reached |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Esan Central | Opoji | 100 | Ebudin Grammar School, Ebudin | 170 |
| 2. | Esan West | Iruekpen | 400 | Ujoelen Sec. School, Ekpoma | 300 |
| 3 | Akoko Edo | Igarra | 300 | Emaudo Sec. School, Emaudo | 320 |

Success Stories

1. Integrated issues of migration into the CAFES Module for secondary schools.
2. Completed registration with NACTAL.
3. Got a donation of Books and two external haddrives from IOM and Edo State Taskforce on Human Trafficking (ETATH)

Next Steps

1. Source for additional resource materials of TIP.
2. Incorporate other schools and students as funding improves
3. Source for funds and partners.

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

Introduction

The Foundation continued to support the activities of the Concerned Ekpoma Eminent Stakeholders Forum (CEESF) and two civic groups in the year under review with logistics and material support. 2023 was the General Elections in Nigeria and the Foundation seized the opportunity provided to create more enlightenment and voter education through the civics groups.

Locations and attendance:

| S/N | Civic Group | Location of Meetings | No. of Meetings | Average Attendance |
|-----|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Eguare | Eguare Community Hall, Ekpoma | 5 | 15 |
| 2. | Egoro-Amede. | Odionwele's compound, Egoro-Amede | 5 | 20 |
| 3. | CEESF | Eguare Community Hall, Ekpoma | 6 | 30 |

Accomplishments

1. Advocacy visits to the Divisional Police Officer, Commander, Edo State Security Network, Edo Central, Directorate of State Security, etc.
2. Dropped a petition with the Federal Ministry of Works on the need to commence work on the failed portion of the Ekpoma axis of the Benin Auchi Road.
3. Mobilised the community to protect the township roads in line with the directives of the State Governor. Our advocacy visits to the Esan West LGA Chairman led to the formation of an LGA Taskforce on Road Protection.
4. Took part in the 2023 World Human Rights Day organised by the Edo Civil Society Organisations held in Igubeben.

Next Steps

1. Regular meetings.
2. Continuous engagement with relevant authorities and government agencies particularly on the areas of Federal and inroads in the LGA.
3. NEEDS Assessment
4. Continuous capacity training for members / teams.



JOSEF ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

Introduction

The 5th Edition of Josémariam Escrivá Foundation (JOSEF) Annual Lecture to commemorate the Feast Day of Saint Josémariam Escrivá was held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Ekpoma. The lecture was aimed at increasing the body of knowledge, productivity, service delivery, quality and impact of the Foundation in the society. The lecture also served as an avenue to reflect on the various activities of the Foundation. The theme of the 5th Annual Lecture was 'Migration and Good Governance: The Quest for an enduring solution' was delivered by Very Rev. Fr Dr. Joseph Okojie of the Seminary of All Saints, Uhielle, Edo State.

Four members of the Board of Trustees were present physically: The Chairman of the Board, Prof. Matthew A. Izibili, Prof. Mrs. Elizabeth Ifidon, Mrs. Ruthmary Obasanmi and Comr. Obasanmi Jude PhD. Prof. Don Enobakhare and Bishop (Dr) Mon Igbinisa joined online. The occasion was chaired by Hon. Engr. Emmanuel Ibhado. Some of the guests present were representatives of Head of Local Government Administration, Esan West LGA, Mr Chris Ize-Iyamu, Hon Joe Ibhama, Member, Representing Esan West Constituency in the Edo State House of Assembly represented by Hon. Irene H.A, Members from the Academia, Mr Lucky Isibor representing NUJ, Civil Defense Corps, Edo State Traffic Management Agency, JDPCI Uromi, Community leaders, Opinion Leaders, Local Government Education Authority Secretaries from Esan West and Esan Central LGA, youths, students (secondary and tertiary), TYDF, Development Partners and CSOs. About One hundred (100) persons were present at the event.

The programme had drama presentation entitled “Irregular Jakpa no dey pay” done by Volunteers of JOSEF. The lecture, with the theme, ‘Migration and Good Governance: The Quest for an Enduring Solution’, was delivered by Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Okojie, Director of Liturgy/Pastoral Affairs, Seminary of All Saints, Uhie, Ekpoma. The Guest lecturer identified various types of migration, causes of migration (push and pull factors), the nexus between Migration and Good Governance. He concluded that good governance was the most potent weapon to overcome poverty and reduce the rate of illegal migration in Nigeria.

The Panel Discussions had Mr. Peter Aisagbonhi (Country Representative for KBA-NOTASYs of Switzerland in Nigeria) and Mrs. Eseigbe-Ehimien Tina (Nursing Officer, ISTH, Irrua). The panelist shared their experiences and at the end the session agreed that, although it was a fundamental right of people to travel but it should be done in a way that migrants will not be subjected to unhealthy experiences.

Lessons Learnt

- i. The drama presentation served as an illustration for the theme of the Lecture.
- ii. Use of Bulk SMS, phone calls and reminders helped in ensuring that people attended.
- iii. Awareness creation should be improved upon especially when a programme has to do with youth.
- iv. It is important to distribute question slips to participants during question and answer sessions.
- v. The Facebook live streaming was a plus as it gave the opportunity to other outside the venue to join.
- vi. Conscious efforts should be made to commence at the scheduled time.
- vii. Get approval from ministry of education to enable invited schools to attend.

Next steps

- i. The Foundation should start planning for her 6th Annual Lecture and 10th Anniversary. It is our hope that a compendium of the Foundation’s lectures and activities will be published and launched
- ii. Identify and work with other stakeholders.
- iii. Have a round table conversation of the outcome of the event (Communique issued).



L – R: Guest Lecturer Rev.Fr. Okojie (Guest Lecturer), Engr Emma Ibhado (Chairman of the Occasion), Prof. M. A. Izibili (JOSEF Board Chairman) Dr. Obasanmi Jude (JOSEF CRO),



L-R: High Table & Pix with BoT Chair, Guest Speaker and others

TEACHERS SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (TSEP PROJECT)

Introduction

The TSEP Project is funded by TY Danjuma Foundation. It is a five years project aimed at enhancing the skills of teachers in some identified areas - Knowledge in subject area content and effective curriculum delivery strategies using the Teachers Tablets, building self-esteem, time and stress management, writing and communication, and class room management skills. The project is being implemented in Esan Central and Esan West LGAs. A total of 10 Learning and development Officers and three hundred class room teachers in Public Primary school would be trained on an annual basis of 110 LDOs and 30 teachers per LGA.

Activities

- a) Advocacy Visits to stakeholders: State Urban Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Head of Local Government Administration, Esan Central and Esan West LGAs, Local Government Education Authority, Nigeria Union of Teachers etc.
- b) Engaged consultants/Stakeholders to develop Training manual.
- c) Project Commencement..
- d) Training manual validation meeting
- e) 4 days Training of eleven (11) Learning and Development Officers from Esan Central and Esan West LGAs
- f) LDOs conducted 2 Termly capacity building sessions for selected teachers.
- g) 2 Review Meetings with the LDOs
- h) 87 Stepdown Training sessions conducted by the Teachers
- i) 27 Monitoring Visits by the LDOs and JOSEF Team to schools.
- j) 71 Motivational and skills enhancement books were given to the teachers.
- k) Teachers Conference and award of certificates
- l) Close out event and award of certificates.

Deliverables

| Josemaria Escriva Foundation | | | | | |
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| Indicators | 5years target | 1 year target | Progress made | % | Comment |
| Number of capacity Building workshops held | 40 | 8 | 8 | 20% | Training manual shared. Motivational and skills enhancement books given to the teachers served as additional resource materials for the teachers |
| Number of Teachers trained and retrained | 300 | 60 | 60 | 20% | Teachers have Knowledge in self-esteem, time and stress management; writing and communication skills; and class room management |
| Number of schools reached | 150 | 30 | 32 | 21% | Two schools were not having up to 3 |

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| | | | | | teachers. |
| Number of schools supported to meet teaching standard | 150 | 30 | 32 | 21% | Motivational and skills enhancement books given to the teachers |
| Number of schools receiving increased government and community support . | 150 | 30 | 30 | 20% | |
| Number of schools receiving teaching Equipment / Aids | 150 | 30 | 32 | 21% | Added the 11 LDOs, HOSSS |
| Number of supervisors trained | 10 | 10 | 11 | 110 % | LDOs have improved knowledge on the modules. |
| Number of visits carried out by the supervisors | 30 | 6 | 6 | 20% | |
| Number of Stepdown Trainings | 300 | 60 | 87 | 29% | Some teachers had more than one stepdown session |
| Certification of participants | 300 | 60 | 71 | 24% | 11 LDOs also trained were added to the 60 teachers |

Other results achieved from the implemented activities.

- There is available baseline information that would serve as reference point for knowledge gained and impact assessment.
- Materials for training were validated and made available to the trainers and participants.
- 60 Teachers have improved in subject area content and effective curriculum
- Demystified the fears and concerns in the use of the Teachers Tablets.
- Teachers had improved knowledge in subject area content and effective curriculum delivery strategies using the Teachers Tablets.
- Teachers were able to develop their self-esteem, acquired time and stress management; writing and communication and class room management skills.
- Review meeting afforded the LDOs, JOSEF Project Team and TYDF to compare notes and proffer possible ways of meeting project objectives.
- 87 Step-down Training sessions conducted by the Teachers expanding the scope to 177 additional Teachers indirectly reached.
- Monitoring visits by the LDOs and JOSEF team to schools enabled team to access quality of mastery of contents taught and adherence to various strategies on how to improve on content delivery, self-esteem, time and stress management; writing and communication skills; and class room management, tips on sexual based violence, amongst others.
- 60 Teachers were able to share experiences and best practices, success stories and steps towards effectively making use of the Teachers Tablets,

Impact stories.

- Mr. Michael Okosodo said that before the start of the programme there were some critical challenges he felt could not be managed based on time allotted to lessons. With the training on Time and Stress management he was able to realise that the time he wasted on some tasks were more or else based on the stressful conditions associated with the school work and use of the TC. Now, with the training, he has started implementing some unique strategies like ensuring a “To do list” is usually generated for each day and at the close of work takes some time to evaluate his work during the day.
- With the lesson on effective communication, Mrs. Gloria Ebhota said that the training on communication has helped to have a much more effective interaction with her learners. A situation where the Teachers assuming what is being said by the learners does not help in ensuring communication and making the learners to effectively express themselves,
- Mrs Blessing Iyoha, Oriolade Primary School, Oriolade, Esan West: The session on Pedagogy and Montessori skills has continued to expose her to modern ways of getting young learners have the desire to learn. This was coming at a time when the use of Teachers Tablet and access of learners to android

phones to so many kiddies packages has thrown a bigger challenge to the class room teacher to realise that they have to beef up their montessori skills.

Lessons learnt.

- i. Including potential beneficiaries in the course of developing the proposal helped in ensuring that they are able to on their own assess, see and appreciate the efforts currently being made by the Foundations (TYDF and JOSEF) in addressing their peculiar challenges that they felt were note solvable.
- ii. Getting the LDOs trained by the Foundation to conduct the training for the other teachers was very impactful. The LDOs were able to give real life experiences and examples based on the fact that part of the task of the LDOs is to monitor and guide the Teachers under their care.
- iii. Conducting practical sessions, having case studies on the various themes.



L-R: Visit to Esan West Liaison Officer After a session with LDOs. LDO facilitating a session



Award of Certificate to an LDO



EU-AGENTS FOR CITIZEN-DRIVEN TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (EU-ACT)

Introduction

The EU-Agents for Citizen-driven Transformation (EU-ACT) Programme implemented by the Foundation ended in 2022. However, the Foundation continued to engage the various community youths that we worked with during the project. We did community sensitization and radio programmes where the need for young persons to get themselves engaged in governance were further reechoed. We conducted campaigns on voter education and collection of Permanent Voters Card. Also, with the support of the the State Focal Person Mr. Newton Otsemare, we took part in series of capacity strengthening exercises in Benin, Lagos and Abuja. It is our hope that we continue to engage as we prepare for the Edo election 2024.



SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (SGBV) INTERVENTION

Introduction

The Foundation is continued to serve in the Management Committee and the Technical Working Group of the Edo State SGBV. The committee has the Wife of the Governor Mrs. Betsy Obaseki as Chairperson, heads of MDAs, CSOs, professional bodies and the security agencies as members. JOSEF has a mandate to coordinate SGBV activities in Edo Central Senatorial District.

Activities

- Attended 2 quarterly meetings of the State Management Team in Benin
- Made advocacy visit to the DPO Ekpoma Police Division.
- Incorporated the issues of SGBV in our CAFES Project.
- Community sensitization, and case identification.

Some reported cases and interventions on SGBV

Next steps

- Capacity strengthening for identified security agents (Gender Officers in the Police, Civil Defence, etc)
- Community sensitization, and case identification.
- Identification of cases of SGBV in Edo Central Senatorial District.



Some market campaigns and enlightenment activities.

STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ADVOCACY AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT (SCALE) - CARITAS NIGERIA PROJECT

Introduction

In 2023, the Foundation is part of the Strengthening Civil Society Advocacy and Local Engagement (SCALE) – CARITAS project aimed at strengthening the capacities of CSOs to have working systems in their organization and to have their capacities built in the areas SGBV Case management and reporting.

Activities

- Participated in the 4 days training Course on Psycho-Social Support (PSS), Victim Centered & Trauma Informed Case Management Approaches for CSOs.
- Updated the Foundations M & E Tool to track and identify cases
- Had a 3-day step down with the Project Team and Volunteers facilitated by Mr. Festus Anelu.



Group Picture after an Event.



Mr. Chris (JOSEF) facilitating a session

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM November 25th to December 10th, 2023

Introduction

Josémaría Escrivá Foundation celebrates 16 Days of Activism partnering with the Edo State Ministry of Social Development and Gender Issues to have series of activities. The 16 Days of activism for 2023 had the theme, Let the Community lead. The high point of the 16 Days was a one day Consultative Meeting/Sensitization Campaign at Igarra on the Violence Against Person Prosecution Law (VAPPL) to end the practice of Sky Burial and its implications in Akoko Edo and environs. , with the Theme: Unite and Prevent The Practice of Sky Burial was the focus of the consultative meeting. In her opening remarks, the Edo State Commissioner of Social Development and Gender Issues, Hon. Mrs. Christabel Omoh Ekwu, commended Josémaría Escrivá Foundation (JOSEF) for taking a bold steps on calling the Edo State government in condemning the evil practices of Sky Burial and to formulate a reforms for the eradication of this evil practices in some communities in Edo State. The highlight of the event was the review of the Edo State Violence Against Person Prosecution Law (VAPPL) by Mrs Lauretta Asaka, Esq, who represented the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice Barr Oluwole Osazee Uzi. There was also a panel conversation where Ms. Priscila Usibaifo of Braveheart Initiative took the panelist through a review of bad and good traditional practices that are inimical to development.

Present at the event where the Commissioners for Social Development and Gender Issues Mrs. Christabel Ekwu, Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hon Monday Osaigbovo, Health, Mr Samuel Alli, represented by Dr. Edward Aisowieren; Environment and Sustainable Development Arc. Joshua Omokhiodion represented by Mr. Omozusi James, Chairman of Akoko Edo Local Government Council, Hon Tajudeen Suleiman, prominent traditional rulers (including the Imma of Somorika HRH O.J. Idiaye, the Okogbe of Ojah HRH D.S. Lawani, Oluimoga of Imoga , Chief Mike Balogun, the Omuafeonia of Ososo, representative of the Otaru of Igarra, security agencies, opinion leaders, clergy.

Activities

- i. Human Rights Clinic at Ekpoma where individuals were counseled on a one on one basis on our to protect their rights and letting others know about their right. A total of 27 persons were part of the clinic.
- ii. Market campaign on the Violence Against Person Prosecution Law (VAPPL)
- iii. Production and sharing of a jingle on the VAPP law in collaboration with Society for the Awareness of Family Initiatives (SAFI) and Edo State Government.



Cross section of participants, CRO with Oluimoga & CRO with the Comm. SDGI Hon. Cristabel Ekwe

JOSEF WIDOWS AND VULNERABLE INTERVENTION

Friday December 15th 2023

Introduction

The Foundation has continued to enjoy collaboration with the Management of Chosen Hotels and Suites, Ekpoma in the areas of listing beneficiaries and ensuring that they benefited annually. The event coincided with the 10th anniversary of Chosen Hotel, Ekpoma. In his opening remarks, Executive Director, Chosen Hotels and Suites, High Chief Patrick Agbator JP thanked God for yet another opportunity to show love to widows, the aged and the less privileged in the society. He also appreciated those who have patronized the establishment for the past ten years and sue for its sustenance. He equally appreciated Josémariam Escriva Foundation for helping in scrutinizing and planning for the Widows support over the last three years. Also, the Board Chairman, JOSEF, Prof Matthew Izibili, thanked the Executive Director for always partnering with the foundation in the annual widows end of year party over the years. He however informed him that the foundation will be marking her 10th year anniversary in the year 2024. The Management of Chosen Hotels supported 120 widows and vulnerable and also gave out cash of N200,000 each to two widows and a promise to support a Virtually impaired Law graduate to go to the Law School.

We thank Bishop Mon Igbinosa, member JOSEF BoT who gave 5 bags of 10Kg of Rice. Comr. Friday Ukpoko's family who provided a package of rice, chicken and other cooking ingredients to 2 widows amongst other contributors.

Activities

- 120 widows and vulnerables were supported with some food items for the Yuletide through the Management of Chosen Hotels.
- The Coordinator, Primary Health Care (PHC) Dr. Aimua Ehijele introduced the widows to the free health care services available at the PHCs.
- 2 Widows got a cash donation of two hundred thousand naira each from Double High Chief Dr. Patrick Agbator to supporttheir business.
- A Virtually impaired Law graduate from AAU, Ekpoma got employment to work with the Hotel and also a promise to support her to go to the Law School.

Next Steps

- Identify and increase the donors net for the widows..
- Strengthen the relationship with the Management of Chosen Hotels
- Update the list of beneficiaries
- Connect beneficiaries to free health care at PHCs in Esan West LGA particularly those who are unable to take care of themselves.



Prof Izubili giving his speech.



A PWD being escorted by the CRO



Presentations



High Chief Patrick Agbator and others at the high table.



Group picture

JOSEF VOLUNTEERS CORPS

Introduction

The Volunteers in the Foundation have continued to be an integral part of the Foundations activities. The Volunteers took turns to take part in different activities in the Foundation. They had few monthly meetings programmes and interventions due to the academic calendar. As a policy the Foundation made sure that challenges like accommodation, transport and feeding were provided for in the course of carrying out any assignment for the Foundation.

Activities

- 4 Monthly meetings were conducted. Participation was through physical or online.
- 5th Annual lecture activities
- Social mobilization and sensitization in different areas like World AIDS Day, Immunization Day, World TB Day, Population Day, Int. day for migrants, Volunteers Day etc
- Supported the Foundation in the areas of documentation, report writing and attending programs within and outside the state.

Next Steps

- Get new volunteers using online platforms.
- Refresher capacity building in relevant thematic areas for both old and new volunteers.
- Provision of ID Cards
- Reconstitution of the Volunteers executive and operational documents.
- Develop succession plan for the Volunteers.



L – R: Volunteers at Work during the 5th Annual lect., Conducting CII at a PHC & Market Campaign on TB.

JOSEF PERMANENT SITE

The Foundation could not do a building plan and getting it registered due to paucity of funds. The Foundation only continued to clear the plot with the intention of securing the Land.

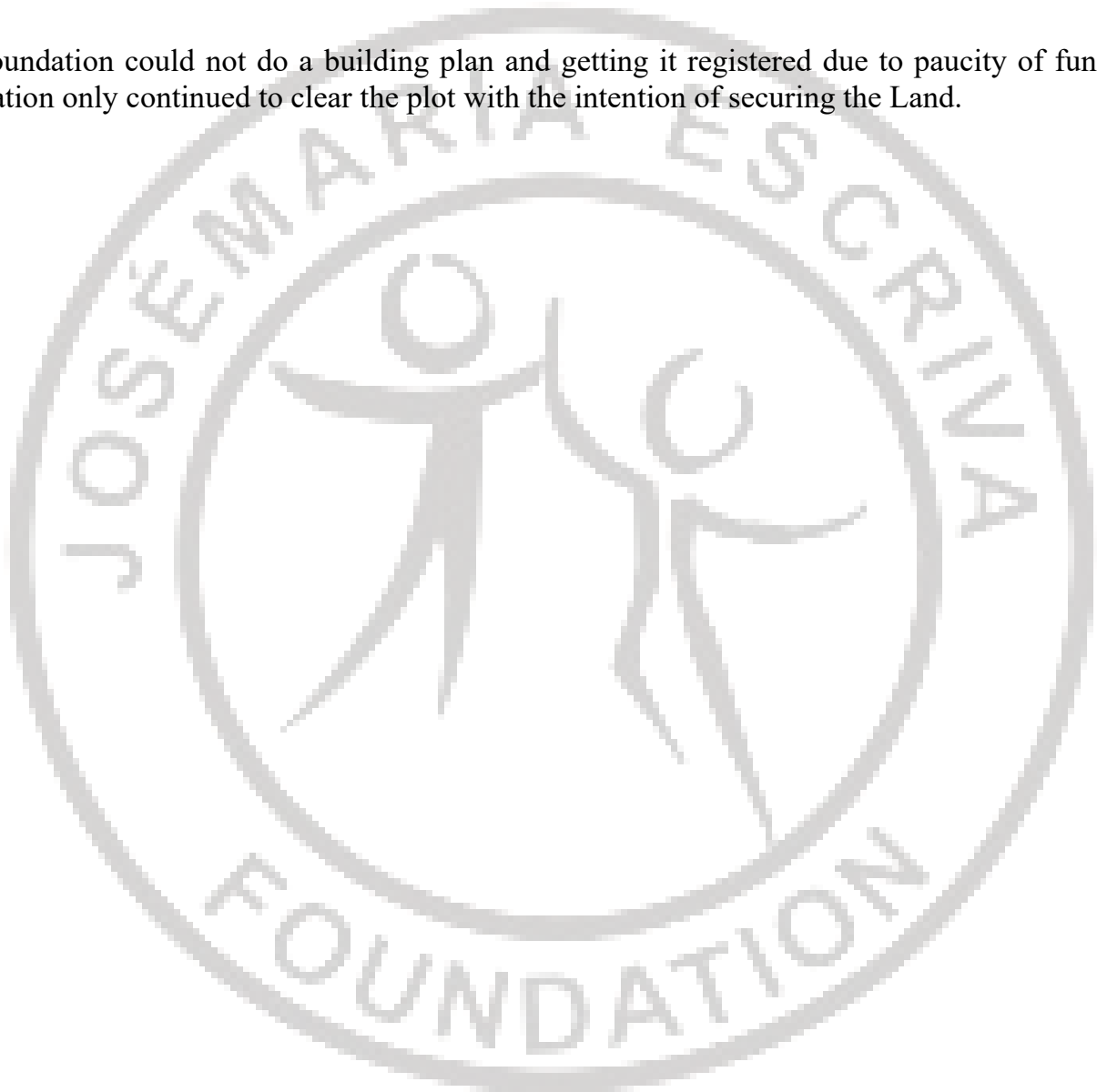


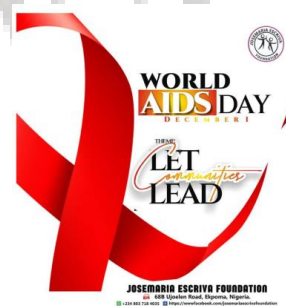
PHOTO GALLERY OF EVENTS IN 2023



Group pictures after a programme at Igarra and after the annual lecture



CRO and wife (Chosen 10th Year), Step-down at Central Pry Schl Iruokpen & CRO with Prog Officer Festus



Some flyers and banners used during the year



Group picture with Facilitator Dr. Paul, TYDF State Officer Ms Tomi Ajayi & Ms Tomi Ajayi at a sessions.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT. (JANUARY – DECEMBER, 2023)

| S/N | Income Sources | Amount (N) |
|-----|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Opening Balance | 1,065,571.20 |
| 2 | Donations From BOT Members. | 240,000.00 |
| 3 | Rebates for events attended | 470,000.00 |
| 4 | Support From PIJAVEL Family | 380,000.00 |
| 5 | Donation from friends and Co (NAS, MBA Class 97) | 400,000.00 |
| 6 | Donations Towards 5th Annual Lecture | 539,000.00 |
| 7 | TY Danjuma Foundation TESD Project (bal from 2022) | 38,000.00 |
| 8 | TYDF TSEP Project in Esan Central and Esan West LGAs | 4,875,500.00 |
| 9 | Donations for Welfare of Widows | 70,000.00 |
| 10 | GF/ATM/NACA/ACOMIN C19RM/RSSH, CLM Project | 700,000.00 |
| | Total Income Amount (N) | 8,778,071.20 |
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| S/N | Expenditure | Amount (N) |
| 1 | 5th Annual Lecture Series | 578,200.00 |
| 2 | Good Governance Project | 28,000.00 |
| 3 | Electricity and other utilities | 138,000.00 |
| 4 | Office Stationaries | 49,000.00 |
| 5 | Transportation / Fuel | 213,000.00 |
| 6 | Computer and Systems maintenance | 84,000.00 |
| 7 | Logistics for the Hosting of 7th BoT meeting | 14,800.00 |
| 8 | TYDF TSEP Project in Esan Central and Esan West LGAs | 4,875,500.00 |
| 9 | CAFES Intervention in 3 schools | 28,000.00 |
| 11 | Staff Salary | 1,200,000.00 |
| 12 | Staff Welfare | 120,000.00 |
| 13 | Office Rent (2023) | 180,000.00 |
| 14 | Dues and Levies to Networks and Affiliates | 30,000.00 |
| 15 | Annual Widows and PWDs Support | 70,000.00 |
| 16 | CEESF and CSOs Activities | 80,000.00 |
| 17 | Auditing Fees | 50,000.00 |
| 19 | Bank Charges | 4,987.30 |
| | Total Expenditure Amount (N) | 7,743,487.30 |
| | Balance Carried Forward | 1,034,583.90 |

| Summary of Balance Carried Forward as at December 31st, 2023 | | |
|--|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Cash in Bank [Zen N186,296.11+ Fidelity N42,700.49 + KeyStone N802,187.30] | 1,054,323.20 |
| 2 | Cash at Hand | 3,400.00 |
| | Balance Carried Forward | 1,034,583.90 |