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INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD

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**ASSOCIATION FOR REPRODUCTIVE AND FAMILY HEALTH
(ARFH-ICHSSA 2) PROJECT, LAGOS STATE**

SAFE DOMAIN

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) is currently implementing the **Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award (ICHSSA)**, in Lagos State, in partnership with **Project HOPE and FHI360**, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development (MYSD).

The Project seeks to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on vulnerable children and their households in ten LGAs namely Agege, Ajeromi/Ifelodun, Apapa, Badagry, Kosofe, Lagos Island, Lagos Mainland, Ojo, Shomolu and Surulere. It is a five year project (2019-2024), with a critical mass of ten community based organizations (CBOs).

Scope of Services to Vulnerable Children and their Caregivers:

- Health, • Education,
- Food/Nutrition, • Psychosocial,
- Legal protection, • Economic strengthening
- Social protection
- Household Economic Strengthening

In line with PEPFAR and UNAIDS “95-95-95” Goals, the ARFH-ICHSSA Project will facilitate identification of HIV positive children, linkage to treatment and supported to achieve viral load suppression.

BACKGROUND



17 Million

Nigeria's children under-5, or 1 in 5, remain unregistered (UNICEF, 2019)



31 Million GBV

With prolonged COVID-19 lockdown, and health services disruption, UNFPA projected there could be 31 million additional cases of GBV globally (UNFPA, 2020)



1 in 3 Violence

Women globally experience have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime (WHO, 2017)



31% Sexual abuse

Women aged 15-49 years experienced sexual abuse in Nigeria (NDHS, 2018)

ACHIEVEMENTS



49%
of Boys

17,291

Vulnerable children have birth certificates through collaboration with CBO partners and National Population Commission



51%
of Girls



35%
of Boys

16,342

Beneficiaries reached with **Gender Norms Intervention** from December 2019 to December 2020



65%
of Girls



9%
of Boys

64

Identified cases of violence, exploitation, neglect or abuse and provided with post-GBV care.



91%
of Girls



61

ARFH-ICHSSA 2 project staff, CBO staff, LGA, facility GBV focal staff, MYSD focal staffs and facility Case Managers trained on WHO LIVES strategy to prevent and respond to GBV cases

SOLUTIONS



Support legal protection services for vulnerable children and their caregivers



Provision of birth certificates to children without birth registration.



Training of personnel on Child Safeguarding Practices



Strengthening community and government capacity to secure and protect the rights of OVC and their caregivers



Development of GBV referral directory and established linkages with SARC and 52 FHI360 supported facilities for access of post GBV clinical and social support services

"We must promote evidence based social behaviour change communication strategies to help overcome harmful social norms, secure and protect the rights of OVC and their caregivers"



AREAS OF SUPPORT NEEDED

- Support community development of child/youth friendly spaces (recreational, social and development centers) including Parks, Playgrounds, ECCD centers and Kids/Youth clubs.
- Support training of caregivers on parenting skills, and provide access to income-generating opportunities to increase their ability to provide their children's basic needs
- Support the development, printing and distribution of service referral directories to assist households in linking with community resources and services available to them.
- Support communities in organizing child/youth-friendly activities such as drama, sports, debate, dance and exhibition of talents and crafts.
- Media engagement to develop and disseminate public awareness materials on SGBV, Child abuse, FGM, Child labor and other harmful practices through available media platforms – Radio jingles, TV spots and others.
- Support legal protection activities – obtaining birth certificates for vulnerable children, succession planning and legal services for SGBV cases.
- Provide platforms and mechanisms to address protection issues – reporting of rape cases, medical and psychosocial support for survivors of sexual violence).
- Support the establishment of hotlines for children and youth for reporting cases of abuse, and use hotlines to disseminate useful information about reporting mechanisms.

RIPPLE EFFECT





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