

ONELIFE INITIATIVE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



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Onelife Initiative
For Human Development

ABOUT ONELIFE INITIATIVE

Onelife Initiative for Human Development is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation registered under Nigerian law - CAC/IT/NO/87277.

Often called Onelife Initiative, we are based in Ibadan, Nigeria and our key target populations are **young people of both sexes, and of diverse economic, educational and social background.**

We believe in the long-term effect that results obtained from **engaging young people** can generate. We are adept at using **participatory learning and action tools**, PLA, media tools to trigger development in areas of governance and policies, **sexual and reproductive health issues and enterprise.**

We believe that the amalgamation of these thematic areas targeted chiefly at young people helps increase the worth of life of Nigerian youths given the overlap of these thematic areas.

Our mission is to empower young people with the right skills using participatory **tools whilst giving them access to appropriate information** needed to activate sustainable change in society. With this, we envision a generation of **young people enjoying improved socio-economic life** through innovative and consistent engagement with Nigeria's public space.

Thus far, we have reached over **16 million Nigerians** through trainings, media engagement and other strategies at ensuring young people are empowered to pull themselves up by the bootstrap.

OBJECTIVES

As a non-governmental organisation, Onelife Initiative's activities are built around the pursuit of the following objectives:

- To **get more people engaged in the governance process and policy formation around health and gender issues** through civic engagements, democracy literacy drives and other participatory approaches;
- To **inform young people through skills development trainings**. These trainings would initiate profound interest in micro-enterprise and also give support in terms of knowledge, referrals, opportunities, publicity for entrepreneurial efforts and employability edge;
- To channel the use of new media by young people towards more productive deployment for developmental purposes. Thus, these development issues enjoy both online and offline attention with the potential to trigger robust change.

MISSION STATEMENT

To empower **young people with the right skills** using participatory tools whilst giving them access to appropriate information needed to activate sustainable change in the society.

VISION STATEMENT

We long to see a generation of **young people enjoying improved socio-economic life** through innovative and consistent engagement with Nigeria's public space.

Our **core values** are **innovation, networking, partnership, integrity, and accountability.**

Thematic Areas

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



We are interested in **helping trigger policies and initiate projects that benefit women** especially around issues of reproductive health for adolescents and young people, particularly **Ending Female Genital Mutilation** and advocating against **Gender Based Violence (GBV)**. We work around this theme to engineer behaviour change

With a mix of grassroots campaigns, advocacies, training of champions and also use of media to amplify our message, we ensure we reach several stakeholders effectively.

OIHD/FOIR/SOS/17/04

26th July, 2017.

The Rector,
Federal School of Surveying,
Oyo-Ogbomosho Road,
Oyo State,
Nigeria.

Dear Sir,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Onelife Initiative for Human Development is a non-governmental organisation based in Ibadan, Oyo State. Our thematic areas of work, which are biased towards serving young people, include policy and governance, sexual and reproductive health and enterprise.

Youth apathy to governance in Nigeria is evident in their lack of thorough engagement with the system. We intend to solve this challenge by **making information about government activities available to young people** to activate their citizenship.

Through engagement with the **Freedom of Information Law**, advocacy on implementation of policies, leadership trainings and analysis of public policies and amplification of social justice issues like we do on www.igotalk.ng we walk young people through the governance and policy space in Nigeria.

GOVERNANCE



ENTERPRISE



Innovation drives us and we understand that if governance and sexual health issues will count, the dignity that comes with enterprise and employability for young people has to be guaranteed. Through our agribusiness desk, we provide **advisory on agribusiness options for young people and also offer trainings on our farm.**

We have also worked with cluster actors on the maize and vegetable value chain in parts of South West Nigeria on the **Toward Sustainable Clusters in Agribusiness through Learning in Entrepreneurship (2SCALE)** project; a pan-african initiative to support livelihood. Ultimately, it's about making business men and women of farmers and getting young people into the various value chain points in agribusiness.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Average Age of
Board Members
- 33

'FISAYO SOYOMBO
Chairman

UMMI BUKAR
Board member

ROTIMI OLAWALE
Board member

'SOLA FAGORUSI
Board Secretary





The **'Ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Through Last Mile Reach' Project** afforded us a means to engage in communities with the highest prevalence of FGM in Oyo State.

In addition, we had the first market media outreach in 17 markets across 8 Local Governments in the State. **Bodija, Agbeni, Molete, Oke-Ado, Ajegunle, Oja-Oba, Gbonje, Gbawojo, Gbagi, Erunmu, New Waso, Oranyan, and Old Waso** are some of the markets reached.

In Asawo community, Ogbomoso, **we influenced a royal order prohibiting FGM.** The **72 community champions we trained** continue to push information into interiors of their community engaging even at naming ceremonies of baby girls.

IMPACT

'Ending Female Genital Mutilation through Last Mile Reach'





The **End FGM Poster Art Competition** which we had five states in Nigeria with the highest prevalence of FGM held in **Osun, Ebonyi, Ekiti, Imo** and **Oyo** states with 2,217 girls from 232 secondary schools participating in the competition.

With this, conversations on the ills of FGM were triggered among several girls for the first time with most promising never to allow a cut on them or their daughters in future. In 2017, we trained radio journalists from 19 states in Nigeria at the **End FGM Media Campaign Academy II in Enugu State**. They now knowledgeable to produce contents for radio on FGM related issues.

We also continue to provide **Sexual and Reproductive Health information** to adolescents and young persons in addition to this.

IMPACT

End FGM Poster Art Competition





On the governance front, through the **#VoteNotFight** campaign we embarked on in Oyo State as an implementing partner, we got citizens on and off the streets to sign the pledge cards renouncing electoral violence.

We also got celebrities like **Uche Umez, Ayo Adesanya and Tony Mba** to endorse the campaign. Our effort contributed to a peaceful 2015 elections. We have also engaged federal institutions in Oyo State on the Freedom of Information Act.

Our next step includes training for some of these institutions and also pushing for litigation to ensure compliance with the **FOI Act (2011)**.

IMPACT

#VoteNotFight





On the **Child Rights Bill Advocacy (CRIBAP) Project** we have ensured sensitisation on the need to implement the Child Rights Law of 2006 in Oyo State. We recently triggered consideration for action by the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community Development, Social Affairs and Poverty Alleviation on the rising menace of child beggars in Akingbile community in Ibadan.

Our advocacy for free and quality education policy got us to screen the documentary on **Yousafzai Malala** on girl-child education at the cinema to girls from 11 local government area of Oyo State and also in Erunmu.

Our policy drive also led to our involvement in the National Youth Policy policy review as we brought stakeholders in Oyo State, including the **National Youth Council, independent youths, Oyo State Agency for Youth Development, Person Living with Disabilities and other youth-related stakeholders.** This activity led to an inclusion of deliberations on various youth-related interests into the national document reviews.

IMPACT

Child Rights Law Campaign





On the agri-business desk, through the **2SCALE project support**, we have reached over 1,500 cluster actors facilitating the adoption of hybrid seeds and other **Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)**.

We have also triggered group dynamics among actors, market linkages, adoption of aflasafe for maize and establishment of an agro-input store by one of the clusters.

IMPACT

2SCALE



PARTNERS



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FGM

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GENERATION

AFRICAN
YOUTH PANEL

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DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

YOUNGSTARS FOUNDATION

Project Sites - Oyo, Osun, Ebonyi, Ekiti, Lagos, CrossRiver, Kwara, Akwalbom, Enugu, Imo, Kano, Kaduna, Kano, Ondo, Balyesa and Abia.



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