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List of Acronyms

ABC	Abstinence, Being Faithful and (Correct and Consistent) Condom Use
ACOMIN	Association of Community-Based Organization against Malaria In Nigeria
AIDS	Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome
ART	Anti-Retroviral Therapy
ATM	AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
BBC	Behavior Change Communication
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CiSHAN	Civil Society Against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
CUBS	Community Based Support for OVC Services
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CVs	Community Volunteers
ED	Executive Director
EDFHO	Environmental Development and Family Health Organization
HAF	HIV and AIDS Fund
HES	Household Economic Strengthening
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HCT	HIV Testing and Counseling
HHs	Households
IGA	Income Generation Activities
KOSACA	Kogi State Agency for the Control of AIDS
MARP	Most At Risk Person
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MPPI	Minimum Prevention Package Intervention
MSH	Management Science for Health
NACA	National Agency for the Control of AIDS
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
LACA	Local Action Committee on AIDS
OVC	Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission
PO	Program Officer
REACH	Rapid and Effective Action Combating HIV/AIDS
SFH	Society for Family Health
SMILE	Sustainable Mechanism for Improving Livelihoods & Household Empowerment
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAD	Vitamin A deficiency

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BACKGROUND

Environmental Development and Family Health Organization (EDFHO) was established in Ekiti state in 1998 and registered as non- governmental organization in year 2004 with corporate Affairs Commission. Today the organization is firmly established in four geo-political zones of Nigeria with six state offices including Kogi State and its National head office in Ado- Ekiti, Ekiti state.

EDFHO was established to promote social-economic development of the less privilege through an improve poverty alleviation programme in Nigeria by providing its target groups (women, children, youths and artisans) with capacity to protect the environment, provide effective health services and economic empowerment for sustainable development. In order to achieve this, EDFHO adopted poverty reduction integrated programming which includes: Reproductive health, HIV / AIDS and Maternal health; Environment, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene promotion; Micro-credit for cooperative Agriculture and Enterprises development scheme for youths and women empowerment; and Capacity building, mentorship and consultancy services.

The general management of the organization is vested on the Governing Council which is made up of all members of Executive Council, all past President and General Secretary, 3 co-opted members and all Board of Trustees. They meet quarterly to deliberate on general management of the affair of the organization and make recommendation for appointment of Board of trustees to the Annual General Meeting. The duty of monitoring and execution of the decision and work/project being handled and/or supervised by EDFHO is entrusted to its Executive Council. The Executive Director heads the administration and day-to-day management of the organization, staff and activities and responsible to the Executive Council. Currently EDFHO maintain staff strength of 22 members in its head office and the state offices.

GOAL: Promote social-economic development of less privilege through an improve poverty alleviation programmes in Nigeria.

The **VISION** of Environmental Development and Family Health Organization is to see a Healthy Society free of social and economic poverty with access to basic needs and capacity for sustainable development.

Our **MISSION** is to catalyze actions which will provide its target groups {women, children, youths and artisans} with capacity to protect the environment, provide effective health services and economic empowerment for sustainable development.

The state of Nigeria economy and international fall in oil prices continue to create challenges for the average Nigerian family, the family size (number of children per household) is not reducing but ability to provide for the children adequately in all service areas required for healthy living continue to be on a decline. EDFHO therefore during the year focused more attention on sustainable livelihood development at household level by extending her hands to caregivers, building capacity and empowering them to take care of their children without recourse to public fund while not neglecting other community development initiative that falls within our thematic area of operation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Evidence had shown that Orphan and Vulnerable children in Nigeria are facing with different challenges that make life difficult and unbearable for them, some children had become homeless due to separation from their parents or poverty, some are malnourished and lack adequate diet that can aid child development and growth, Child labour becomes order of the day in order for children to provide food for themselves and their households, while some are used for odds jobs like commercial sex workers (CSW) and abused of their various rights.

Some families neglected their children and make them face hardship of life, striking hard to survive in an unsecured environment, some children had been raped and become unprepared parents through this occurrence, while high numbers of children are still lacking basic education, dropped out schools and become out-of –school youths engaged in different negative lifestyle like smoking, excessive drinking, drug and hard substance abused which endanger their lives and put them at high risk of contracting HIV and other related issues.

As part of her contributions, EDFHO, a charitable Organization was established to promote social-economic development of the less privilege through an improve poverty alleviation program in Nigeria by providing its target groups (women, children, youths and artisans) with capacity to protect the environment, provide effective health services and economic empowerment for sustainable development. In order to achieve this, EDFHO is adopting poverty reduction integrated programming which includes: Reproductive health, HIV / AIDS and Maternal health; Environment, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene promotion; Micro-credit for cooperative Agriculture and Enterprises development scheme for youths and women empowerment; and Capacity building, mentorship and consultancy services.

Looking at the organization vision, goals and objectives; 2016 had been a successful year for EDFHO team in Kogi State despite different challenges and issues encountered, the team had been able to work together and delivered quality improved services for target populations across the organization thematic areas, lives were transformed positively through different activities which helped the HHs to move out from vulnerability status, youths were provided with needed information and awareness to live an healthy positive lifestyles, staff capacities were strengthened through different internal and external trainings, field practices and office assignments which enhanced quality of the services delivered.

Also, EDFHO have been able to contribute to improved welfare of various target groups in the States of her programing in 2016 through capacity strengthening for community structures and key individuals for sustainable development.

EDFHO is looking forward to 2017 with full enthusiasm for a better impart. All these would not have been achieved without the support of donors and partners who continue to give financial, moral, and technical support throughout the year.

EDFHO ACTIVITIES BY THEMATIC AREA

Reproductive Health, HIV and AIDS, Child and Maternal Health

1. Mobilizing and enhancing community resources to create an enabling environment for improved quality of life for vulnerable children in Yagba East LGA of Kogi State (Funded by Catholic Relief Services)

Households (caregivers and their children) partake in a number of strategies, including agriculture, livelihood diversification, income generating activities (IGAs), Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC) and so on which may enable them to attain a sustainable livelihood. Rendering services to caregivers and VC will help in poverty eradication and sustainable livelihood for the entire household (s). Sustainable livelihoods comprise the capabilities, assets and activities required as a means to a living. A livelihood is sustainable if it can cope with and recover from stresses and shocks, maintain or enhance its capabilities, assets and provide net benefits to other livelihoods locally and more widely, both now and in future, without undermining the resource base.

Therefore, EDFHO-SMILE Project is aimed at improving the well-being of vulnerable household (children and caregivers) in Yagba East LGA of Kogi State by integrating a fragmented VC service-delivery system. It has mobilized community support, built local capacities, strengthened community-based vulnerable children service delivery, supported community volunteers to initiate and/or reactivate child protection and vulnerable children interventions, raised awareness and responded to the issues and needs of caregivers and VC. Over the last 12 months, the project exceeded its original target and reached 1399 caregivers and 4048 VC with at least three minimum care packages. The project helped the Organization to develop effective operational policies and procedures and conducted an in-depth analysis of the challenges faced by vulnerable children to inform evidence-based programming and this has helped the organization to provide quality and need based VC services for 4,048 Children and 1,399 Caregivers through different activities and approaches.

Caregivers capacities were strengthened on income generating activities (IGAs) so as to make them self-reliance in basic need provision for their immediate families. All the 1,399 Caregivers and 4048 VC were reached with at least three out of the seven core services in VC programming. The services include; Psychosocial, health, nutrition, education, shelter and care, protection and HES services.

Caregivers and older VC were provided with counselling support services on different challenges been faced by the households, They were also trained on various parenting skills during Caregivers' forum and kid clubbing activities. Communities (Isanlu and Ejuku) were sustained through capacity building of

community members who were trained as community volunteers to work with EDFHO for project sustainability. Also, community improvement team that was established in 2015 held their meeting fortnightly to discuss VC issues and challenges and to proffer solution to the identified challenges.

Beneficiaries' lives were touched through food support services, families were re-trained on home gardening practices and how best they can managed and used available local food to prepare adequate diets that will ensure child development and growth, 1006 caregivers and 3,213 VC were reached with Nutrition education and counselling, growth monitoring, food demonstration and food support and nutritional supplement. 25 IYCF mother to mother support group were established.

Community members were sensitized on the rights and responsibilities of children through community outreaches, dialogue, community meetings and community volunteers were also trained on child right protection in order to spread the message of child right protection and these in turn reduced the cases of child abuse and/or labour in these two communities and community members now have good understanding of child rights and responsibilities. 15 VC were linked to training/skill acquisition centres, 15 skill acquisition centres' owners were paid training fees for the 15 VC enrolled to their various skill acquisition centres. 473 caregivers received 952 bundles of pro-vitamin A cassava and 287 Caregivers received 574 bundles of OFSP vines, the caregivers supplied with agric inputs planted it in their farmland and this reduced their cost of purchasing the Agric input and will increase their income through the profit will be generated from the harvest of the cassava and Orange Fresh Potatoes supplied. 211 caregivers from the two communities (Ejuku and Isanlu) received twenty thousand naira (#20,000) each as cash transfer.

Tabulated below are the detail of the various services provided and the target reached with each of the services:

S/ No	Services Provided	Output	Effects
1.	Psychosocial Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1,202 Caregivers and 3, 051 VC were counselled based on needs at least once during this implementation year. ➤ 50 Kid's club were established in 2 communities 	Caregivers counselled were able to share their challenges and future decisions were taken. While the children life building skills improve through counselling support services inception provided by EDFHO
2.	Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1,006 Caregivers and 3,213 VC were provided with Nutrition Counselling and Education, Food demonstration, Food support & Supplement, Growth Monitoring 	Caregiver's knowledge improved on sources of nutrients from local diet.
3.	Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 10 Community dialogue, awareness and sensitization on child rights protection meetings were held in collaboration with 	Children rights are protected, community members, caregivers and stakeholders knowledge improved on child right protection.

		Nigeria Police Force through the Local Government Quality Improvement Team (LGQIT) and other stakeholders	
4.	Household Economic Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 6 SILC groups were monitored and mentored to enable caregivers accessed soft loans and promote saving from their businesses ➤ 22 caregivers accessed SILC loan as start up capital for their chosen Income Generating Activities (IGA), ➤ 20 Capacities strengthen refresher training on IGAs were conducted for caregivers during caregivers' forum and SILC group meetings ➤ 189 Caregivers skills were strengthened on Income generating activities with 32 having petty businesses. ➤ 15 VC were linked to training/skill acquisition centres ➤ 15 skill acquisition centres' owners were paid training fees for the 15 VC enrolled to their various skill acquisition centres. ➤ 473 Caregivers received 952 bundles of pro-vitamin A cassava stems ➤ 287 Caregivers received 574 bundles of OFSP vines. ➤ 641 VC accessed Economic Strengthening services ➤ 923 Caregivers/Household heads received Economic Strengthening services ➤ 211 caregivers were given #20,000 naira each as cash transfer 	Caregivers and VC Caregiver's knowledge improved on various resources they can engage in within the community that will make them self-reliance.
5.	Partnership established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EDFHO partners with AHF, Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs, Ifesowapo support group, college of agric Kabba to serve target beneficiaries more. 	<p>Enable and make referral easily.</p> <p>Beneficiaries were able to access some services that were not in EDFHO thematic area.</p> <p>More partnership and network was established, meeting concerning stakeholders were also attended.</p>
6.	Capacity Building/Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EDFHO Officers capacities were strengthened on different VC services. ➤ 27 community volunteers capacities were strengthened to deliver VC quality services to 4,048 VC and 1,399 Caregivers 	All these trainings build & Strengthened the capacities of Community volunteers, Caregivers and VC on different capacity building issues; such as Nutrition, Child Right Protection, Psychosocial support, Home gardening, training on HIV prevention, care

			and supports It promotes project sustainability in the intervention communities.
7.	Health Care Services & HIV Prevention, Care and Support Programmin g	Health Education was provided for 3,016 children, through HIV Counselling and Test conducted for 689 Caregivers and 2,840 VC were able to know their HIV status.	Target beneficiaries have access to HIV counselling and Testing with HIV prevention, care and support messages.

Nutritional Activities conducted to serve target beneficiaries:



Food Demonstration



HIV Counseling and Testing to enable target beneficiaires know their HIV Status



Activities during Caregivers forum and kids clubs monitoring and mentorship visits provided by EDFHO





Picture taken during visit to vocational trainers and trainees



EDFHO HES Officer distributing agric inputs to the caregivers



2. HIV Prevention and Behavioural Maintenance Champagne (Ondo State)

During the year, EDFHO continued with behaviour maintenance activities in all the previously covered brothels and hotspots. HIV counselling and testing work in centre was maintained at EDFHO office while a number of community outreaches was also carried out.

EDFHO comprehensively sensitized various target groups on the basic facts on HIV/AIDS; modes of its transmission, symptoms of HIV and prevention of HIV/AIDS, STIs and other sexual and reproductive issues. A key message for Out of School youths was correct and consistent use of condom accompanied by condom demonstration.

The table below shows the names of Hot Spot visited and the number of condom distributed.

S/N	Name of Hot Spot	Condom distributed	
		Male	Female
1	West End, Akinbayo star bus stop Oluwatuyi Rd	432	6
2	De Ultimate	288	10
3	DJ Mania	288	8
4	Favour Spicies	72	10
5	Mega IV	216	8
	Total	1296	42



3. Vitamin A supplementation and albendazole administration in infants and children 6–59 months of age towards reducing child’s morbidity & mortality in Kogi States (Supported by Vitamin Angels) – Ondo and Kogi States

Vitamin A deficiency affects about 190 million preschool-age children, mostly from Africa and south East of Asia (WHO, 2010). In infants and children, vitamin A is essential to support rapid growth and to help combat infections inadequate intakes of vitamin A may lead to Vitamin A deficiency which can cause visual impairment in the form of night blindness and may increase the risk of illness and death from childhood infections, including measles and those causing diarrhoea.

Vitamin A is necessary for growth. Young children have a special need for vitamin A because it encourages rapid growth. Similarly, pregnant women need vitamin A to help the growth of their unborn child. On the other hand, **Albendazole** is a medication used for the treatment of a variety of parasitic worm infestations. Therefore, the combination of both Vitamin A and Albendazole has synergistic benefit on child’s growth and development.

EDFHO with the support from Vitamin Angels administered vitamin A and adlbendazole to children 6–59 months of age, to enable children see clearly and to prevent night blindness and to as well prevent parasitic worm activities. EDFHO took the opportunity of the vitamin A provided to care for nutritional need of 486 Male and 533 Female, a total of 1,019. These activities contributed to the health development of children in Kogi State and save beneficiaries from any challenges that might occurred from eye problem as well as parasitic worm infestation.



4. World Breast Feeding Day commemoration – Kogi State

As part of EDFHO's activities to commensurate the "2016 World breast feeding day" conducted community dialogue in two intervention communities; Isanlu and Ejuku on infant and young child feeding (IYCF); where importance of breast feeding was discussed, as well table discussions around issues associated with infants and young child feeding (ICYF), risks associated with malnutrition was discussed and nursing mothers were encouraged to feed their babies on excessive breast feeding.

This community dialogue activity gave EDFHO opportunity to discussed with 18 Male and 85 Female a total of 103 participants on how to determine nutritional status, important of breast feedings, reasons for men to support their wives during pregnancy, post pregnancy and child feeding, further steps were taken by program officers to counselled, sensitized and addressed issues relating to nutrition.

Pictures of activities during world breastfeeding day:



5. The reduction of the spread of HIV/AIDS among Female sex workers in Ado LGA of Ekiti state.

Female Sex Workers (FSW) have been identified as an important ‘bridge community’ for HIV transmission through which the virus is transmitted to the general population. In order to reduce the spread and mitigate the impact HIV infections among FSW, EDFHO seek technical and financial support from EKSACA/World Bank under its HPDP II Project with a goal of promoting sustainable HIV/AIDS prevention among FSW based on principles set out in the national HIV prevention plan. A total of 877 individuals (185 brothel based FSW, 464 non brothel based FSW and 228 clients) were reached with Minimum Prevention Package (MPPI) through Advocacies, training of peer educators, peer education sessions, community mobilization and sensitization, condom promotion, HIV counseling and Testing (HCT), Priority for Local AIDS Control (PLACE), Interpersonal Communication (IPC), Referrals, vocational skill acquisition and empowerment etc.

Overall, 112 advocacy visits were conducted to various stakeholders, two stakeholders meetings were conducted during the project, 20 brothel based peer educators trained and 180 peer sessions conducted by the PEs. 432 IPC sessions were held by 16 VOS within three months while 23,760 pieces of male condom, 336 pieces of female condom, and 442 sachets of lubricant distributed. A total of two clusters formed, 30 people accessed STI services, while 50 sex workers were trained on various vocational skills and empowered.



With DPO Oke – Ila Police Station



With Matron Ile – Abiye Health Facility



ASP Taye Akande of Ologede Police Station



Prof Odimaya (H.O.D) STI management Dept, EKSUTH



EDFHO Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Adeyanju



Cross – Section of participants at the training



VOS distributing IEC materials during condom



Cross session of activities during the PLACE



PEs and VOS during review meeting



HCT testing



@ confectionaries session



Bead making session



@ Soap/cream/perfume production



Given of empowerment instrument session

6. Malaria Elimination Program – Supported by Global Fund and ACOMIN

Environmental Development and Family Health Organization (EDFHO) with support from Association of Civil Society Organizations in Malaria control, Immunization and Nutrition (ACOMIN) reached out to In-School Youth (ISY), Out-of-School Youth (OSY), Pregnant Women and General Population (Gpop) in Ikere local government area of Ekiti State.

The Communities members were reached on malaria prevention and control messages through community dialogue (CD), community members were provided with basic information on malaria prevention and control, reduce the level of myths and misconceptions of malaria among community members, other issues relating to the symptoms of malaria, steps to take in managing malaria before it becomes deadly, the pupils were reached in different schools in Ikere LGA while Community members were also reached through household by household interpersonal communication.

The IPC Conductors used the opportunity of the malaria prevention and control program in these communities to counsel and guided the community members on effect of environment population on their lives, they were informed on how dirty environment, unclear brush, broken bottles, dirty water can habitat mosquitoes and mosquitoes causes malaria, they were encouraged to ensure their environment is clean and tidy to keep away mosquitoes that causes malaria and promote an healthy live.

The social mobilization intervention for an increase demand and use of malaria prevention and treatment product and services took place in all the ten (10) intervention settlements using community social mobilization as enter-educate(entertain and educate) for behavioral change communication through House to House and School sessions. The program illustrated the need for environment management as a preventive measure for malaria infection and the use of ACTs, IPT for pregnant women as well as LLINs for the households.

S/N	ACTIVITIES	LGA	Male	Female	Total Persons Reached
1.	NUMBER OF HOUSE TO HOUSE IPC SESSIONS CARRIED OUT	Ikere	1363	1644	3007
2	NUMBER OF SCHOOL IPC SESSIONS CARRIED OUT	Ikere	153	154	307
3	NUMBER OF COMMUNITY DIALOGUE	Ikere	239	481	720
	TOTAL				4034

The table above showed the numbers of people reached during the program in the LGA





Cross session of the pictures taken during the IPC session in the communities

7. WORLD KIDNEY DAY CELEBRATION

The 11th World kidney day was celebrated on the 10th of March, 2016. This year goal is to ensure that the general public are aware of kidney diseases which affect millions of people worldwide, including many children who may be at risk of kidney disease at an early age. EDFHO ondo state had earlier formed a coalition for kidney control with other civil society organization in the state.

The coalition joins the world to celebrate the kidney day. Road show, sensitization of the general public through Interpersonal communication, seminar, radio programs on health talk and free kidney test are activities that were carried during the celebration to encourage early detection and a healthy life style especially amongst children, starting at birth and continuing through to old age, to combat the increase of preventable kidney damage including acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease and to treat children with inborn and acquired disorders of the kidney.



Rally on world kidney day



Free kidney test



Awareness campaign

❖ **Micro-credit for cooperative Agriculture and Enterprises development scheme for youths and women empowerment.**

8. Strengthening Community based Household Economy Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC):

EDFHO through SMILE project has strengthened the economic capacity of children and adolescents to realize their rights and fulfil their basic needs through mentorship on asset building and inauguration of SILC for children and adolescents to develop the culture of maintaining savings accounts within the community.

During the Fiscal year 2016, EDFHO monitored the activities of the SILC groups and ensure that the practices are in line with the guide/procedure provided by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The trained Field Agents (FAs) who formed, managed and supervised the SILC groups were monitored and mentored by the organization. All the 11 SILC groups formed by the FAs share out in January and February 2016 for cycle 1 but only 6 out of the groups proceeded to second cycle and out of these 6 groups 4 had shared out for second cycle and are planning to start new cycle whereas the remaining 2 groups will be sharing out in January 2016.

The total money that were shared out in first cycle by 287 members (228 female and 59 male) of first cycle SILC group was #1,125,450 and 157 members (129 female and 28 male) accessed loan and paid back before the expiration of the cycle. As at the time of compiling this report, the 6 SILC groups has 104 members (82 female and 22 male) and their total saving is #762, 600 out of which #584,800 has been shared out by the 4 groups who had closed their second cycle while the remaining #177,800 (which may increase as members save more) will be shared out in January, 2017 by the remaining 2 groups. In second cycle 65 members borrowed loan and have paid back.





Pictures taken during HES officer visit to SILC groups



Activities during Step-down trainings for Community Volunteers

❖ Education

- ‘Adopt A school Project’ (Ekiti, Ondo and Kwara States)

Adopt-A-School Initiative (AASI) – Supported by Oando Foundation

EDFHO during the reporting year organized stakeholder’s engagement meetings in Kwara states with scholars, their parent/guardian, SUBEB authority, adopted school representatives, as well as representatives of the scholars’ secondary schools. During the period, 1st term scholarship fee was also disbursed in the states. The stakeholders’ engagement for Kwara was full of joy as about 19 scholars in the state made the 70% cumulative average which is the requirement for the payment.

In Ekiti state, EDFHO in collaboration with SUBEB completed adoption process for two additional schools within the state. In collaboration with SUBEB, seven schools were visited during the selection process while two schools each from central and southern senatorial district respectively. All activities planned for the period were concluded.

PICTURE GALLERY FROM KWARA STATE







➤ Agriculture – EDFHO FARMS

Agriculture is the backbone of Africa's economy. About 70% of Africans and roughly 80% of the continent's poor live in the rural areas and depends mainly on agriculture for their livelihood. The sector accounts for about 20% of Africa's GDP (ECA, 2004), 60% of its labour force and 20% of the total merchandise exports. Agriculture is the main source of income for 90% of rural population in Africa. Agriculture represents a great part of the Africa's share in world trade. On the list of 20 top agricultural and food commodity importers in 2004, 60% are from Sub-Saharan Africa. African countries represent also 50% of top 20 countries, in terms of the Share of total agriculture/ total exported merchandise in the world (ECA, 2007).

The sustainability of agriculture in Nigeria cannot be isolated from the sustainability of development in the country and beyond. Agricultural development, a subset of economic development, implies a sustained increase in the level of production and productivity over a reasonable length of time and the subsequent improved wellbeing of farmers as reflected in their higher per capita income and standard of living. Rural development relates not only to a sustained increase in the level of production and productivity of all rural dwellers, including farmers, and a sustained improvement in their wellbeing, manifested by increasing per capita income and standard of living, but also leads to a sustained physical, social and economic improvement of rural communities.

EDFHO during the year intensified efforts on farming with the cultivation of 10 hectares of plantain, 2 hectares of Cassava (with one hectare of the vitamin A enriched variety popularly known as yellow cassava) and four hectares of maize.







➤ EDFHO CHARITY SHOP

To meet up with our charity obligation in the face of dwindling international funding support, EDFHO incorporated a social marketing strategy that have direct impact on sustainable development, all proceeds from the marketing is channelled back into EDFHO charity activities to limit dependency on foreign assistance.

As a step towards improving funds available for charity activities, protect the environment and re – distribute materials in a way that benefits the society, EDFHO operates a CHARITY SHOP.

The charity shop raises fund for EDFHO's 'Keep A Child in School' Project and also make possible for the very low income earner quality and affordable materials which they might not be able to afford in the open market.

Some of the benefits of the shop include:

- Environmental benefits: new resources are not used in the creation of goods and selling second-hand goods saves the environment.
- Budget shopping: the charity shop will be a dependable source of good quality items at low prices.
- Volunteering opportunities: Youths will be given the opportunity to volunteer in the stores where they can learn new skills, build team spirit, and make new friends as they gain work experience.

To get quality materials for shoppers, we appeal to the public to donate their unwanted or unused materials (Cloths, Shoes, Bags, Electronics, Books, Toys, etc) that might still be of use to other people.

The shop is supported in the following ways:

- Donating: Individuals and establishment supports the shop by donating items to the shop.
- Buying: People who buys from charity shops also contributes since such money goes directly into our charity activities.
- Volunteering: Individuals or groups could also contribute by volunteering in the shop (activities in the shop include sorting, packaging, house – to – house pickups, mending, etc).

Achievements:-

- Six Children have been selected are currently on Scholarship with Funds Generated from the Shop
- Over 3 Tons of household materials (Cloths, bags, electronics etc) have been collected and redistributed to low income earners in Ondo State thereby encouraging recycling and reducing materials going into dumpsites

DONATIONS AND SORTING



SALES ...





Challenges

- Heavy dependence on donor funding, affects implementation and office running.
- Staff alteration

Conclusion:

The year has seen tremendous changes in EDFHO's programming principles especially in the drive towards sustainability of the organization and activities. As we take up year 2017 with eagerness and great expectation, we will continue to rely on our team of extremely dedicated staff, the ever supportive BoT, our partners, and most importantly various community stakeholders we work with in our drive to ensure improved status of living for our target beneficiaries.

In the coming year, we will be dedicating more time to our agricultural drive as a step in changing the landscape of development work in Nigeria, we desire to see a Nigeria where larger percentage of fund used for development work is generated internally without depending on foreign donors. This will require development organizations thinking outside the 'box' and be the driver of innovations in community development, EDFHO is taking a bold step by diversifying our funding source and piloting various ideas. We call on all of you to be part of the process, contact us for partnership ideas that contributes to this dream visit our webpage at www.edfhonigeria.org to see where you could work us. Despite the anticipated challenges, EDFHO will continue to develop and implement programmes that has direct bearing on the less privileged and benefits the community at large.