



CARITAS NIGERIA/JDPC

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"We are Caritas" Caritas Nigeria staff

CARITAS NIGERIA

Caritas Nigeria was established in September 2010 by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN), as a specialized national relief and development agency with a mandate for overall coordination of development programs for the Catholic Church in Nigeria. Although independently registered, Caritas Nigeria is an arm of the Church and Society Department of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria (CSN). **The legal name of the organization is Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (CCFN), however it is generally known as Caritas Nigeria.**

The Catholic Church in Nigeria has a total of 55 dioceses grouped into 9 provinces which cover the entire geographical spread of Nigeria. Caritas Nigeria serves as the umbrella organization supporting these regional institutions to implement development-oriented programs based on local needs. At the Diocesan and Provincial levels, Caritas Nigeria works with the existing structures of Church and Society: Justice, Development and Peace/Caritas (JDPC), Health, Family and Human Life, diocesan

Education departments etc, to execute programs impacting on human life and dignity. Caritas Nigeria also partners with relevant CSOs, CBOs, FBOs, NGOs and Government agencies to implement programs in various states.

As part of the universal mission of the Church, Caritas Nigeria targets beneficiaries on the basis of rights and need, and not based on creed, race or nationality.

The Catholic Church is known to be one of the oldest and greatest institutions in the world providing in addition to spiritual growth, access to good education, healthcare delivery services emergency and humanitarian assistance to the poor, vulnerable and excluded persons regardless of race or religion. In Nigeria, the Catholic Church has 1384 Health facilities and 375 schools mostly spread across hard-to-reach communities in the 36 states and Federal Capital Territory in Nigeria. Caritas Nigeria works with other Church Structures and relevant agencies to provide underserved groups/communities access to these services.

VISION

"A harmonious environment where everyone enjoys fullness of life"

MISSION

"Advance the wellbeing of all through participatory measures, in line with Catholic Social Teachings"

Thematic Focus Areas for Development Interventions:

- Emergency Response and Humanitarian Assistance
- Health and HIV/AIDS
- Good Governance
- Education
- Livelihoods and Agriculture
- Anti-Human Trafficking and Migration
- Environment
- Gender
- Institutional Capacity Strengthening



FOREWORD

– Most. Rev. Lucius Ugorji

EPISCOPAL CHAIRMAN

Caritas is at the heart of the Church, according to Pope Francis. Caritas indeed is one of the three planks on which the Church's mission stands. The Church's mission is an integrated mission to evangelise, to nurture and to show love. This is expressed succinctly in *Deus Caritas Est* when Pope Benedict XVI said “*“The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God (kerygma-martyria), celebrating the sacraments (leitourgia) and exercising the ministry of charity (diakonia). These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable” (Deus Caritas Est, 25).*

This stand was reiterated in the *Motu Proprio* on Caritas which Benedict XVI issued in November 2012. The work of charity is therefore not an after thought or one that is relegated to only one struggling society. It is the joy and the burden of the entire faithful.

Charity is also not a restricted activity of individuals; groups, communities, nations could do charity. 'The Church is also called as a whole to the exercise of the *diakonia* of charity, whether in the small communities of particular Churches or on the level of the universal Church.'(Cf *Motu Proprio*).

Charity cannot be a haphazard activity. Pope Benedict XVI insisted it must be something

organized. Although there is the natural instinct to love and care, charity cannot depend exclusively on instinct or impulse but through a rational process of organisation. This is why it is extremely important to coordinate. Coordination begins at the local community/parish level to the diocesan, provincial and subsequently the national office, which has this overall mandate on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN).

Ever since its establishment, Caritas Nigeria has been doing its best to coordinate activities in the relief and development sector on behalf of the CBCN. This is a no mean task especially considering the autonomous nature of the diocesan institutions. However, the Church is a communion and by nature collaborative. Caritas Nigeria would continue to do its best to

work along and with the institutions it coordinates in spite of perceived challenges.

As a Board, we shall continue to support the mandate and the strategies of Caritas Nigeria so that it becomes not only a world class organization but a dependable support to those who are most in need.

Our prayer and work therefore is to see Caritas Nigeria fulfil its mission, which is to promote the dignity of all, through participatory measures in line with Church's tradition of practical love and teaching. I urge every stakeholder not only to read this annual report of 2014 but to buy into the vision and mission of Caritas Nigeria and sacrifice towards its strategic objectives.

2014: A YEAR IN REVIEW

-Rev. Fr. Evaristus Bassey,
DIRECTOR CHURCH & SOCIETY/CEO CARITAS NIGERIA



The year 2014 was quite dramatic and far reaching in its implications. Two world wide events had direct impact on Nigeria, with a third actually originating

from Nigeria and reverberating around the world. The two refer to the Ebola crisis, which Nigeria contained impressively, with the Catholic Church making significant contributions, and the global fall in oil prices

of the Nigerian economy. The issue originating from Nigeria concerned the kidnap of the more than 200 girls from Chibok, Borno State. The whole world was united in one cry: #Bringbackourgirls#.

Around the world other events such as the South Korean ferry that sank, with hundreds missing, leading to the resignation of the Prime Minister, the Russian-Ukraine crisis, leading to the shooting of a plane with 298 passengers; the disappearance of the Malaysian plane with about 200 passengers, the Turkey mine disaster with hundreds dead, and the emergence of the Islamic State, became some of the worst events in mankind's recent history. On the flip side, the world banded together in solidarity.

Other more positive events included the extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family held in Rome, with the ordinary assembly holding this year (2015). Others included the landing of the European Spacecraft Rosetta on a comet, the Sochi Winter Olympics, the breakthrough in US-Cuban relations, and of course Facebook buying WhatsApp for a whopping 19 Billion US Dollars...

For Caritas Nigeria however it was a year to be mostly grateful. Caritas Nigeria continued its expansion in terms of its program areas. For instance rather than dwindle, Caritas Nigeria support from Centres for Disease Control(CDC) for the HIV/AIDS program got a boost, affording expansion in Benue, Kaduna and possibly Lagos States. Currently 30 Comprehensive Care & Treatment (CCT) facilities, 99 Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission facilities and 7 Community Based Organisations help to implement the comprehensive HIV AIDS program with more than a hundred thousand persons being affected positively in one way or another.

The Support for Vulnerable Households Accelerated Revenue Earnings (Share)

program in Sokoto, Kebbi and FCT which uses agriculture as an entry point, continues to be a means of creating wealth for poor populations in the North. Working with about 9 Civil Society Organisations, this project will touch the lives of about 42,000 persons some of who will receive conditional cash transfers (CCTs). It is heartwarming knowing how much the Catholic Bishops' Conference is touching lives through Caritas Nigeria.

CCFN institutional capacity strengthening program got a boost with the training of trainers on Program Management for Development Professionals (PMD-Pro). Lingos program director John Cropper was in- country to lead the two week training which has equipped Caritas Nigeria with enough human resources as trainers. Caritas Nigeria therefore could organize trainings in- country and equip development sector workers with common knowledge and tools.

Meanwhile, the CAFOD supported Good Governance and Gender program has continued to get deepened, with a success story of a group of women organizing themselves for participation in politics and actually campaigning jointly for themselves, although only one person scaled through. This program too saw to the participation of Caritas Nigeria/JDPC in the observation of the elections in Ekiti and Osun, and Caritas Nigeria/JDPC further accreditation to observe the 2015 general elections.

With regards to Emergencies it was a year of internally displaced persons, with nearly a million people displaced from their ancestral communities because of Boko Haram. Caritas Nigeria gave supplementary food rations to Maiduguri, Yola, Shendam, Katsina Ala, Jalingo in ensuring that they took care of displaced persons within their jurisdictions. Some of the support came from the Caritas

network, with some coming from Caritas Nigeria local fund raising efforts. As for the local fundraising efforts, about 1999 men, women and youths pledged to support Caritas Nigeria with amounts ranging from five hundred naira to ten thousand naira a year. Local fundraising continues to present a challenge as Nigerians are used to one-off donations for particular projects. The numerous activities in parishes continue to present a situation where national programs appear as a distraction.

Caritas Nigeria plan for a property got a boost with the Administrative Board of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria approving of its plans. The building could not commence because of issues with land re-certification but should hopefully begin in 2015. Caritas Nigeria also initiated the purchase of four plots of land in Akamkpa, near the College of Education.

Caritas Nigeria also spread herself around a bit, with a desk in Lagos, Benin and an office in Sokoto and Kebbi. The desk in Lagos has our Communications Specialist occupying it, while Sokoto and Kebbi offices are state offices of the SHARE program; Benin desk coordinates our anti human trafficking program, where Edo State is a major catchment area.



In the course of the year Caritas Nigeria was invited to participate in a symposium on Poverty and the Family, organized by Caritas Internationalis in conjunction with the Pontifical Council for the Family. Caritas Nigeria Executive Secretary Fr. Evaristus Bassey made a contribution that is being published in a volume by the organisers.

Similarly, Caritas Nigeria participated in an international symposium organized by the International Centre for Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) in Geneva in November. The objective was to understand the Humanitarian Country Team which is usually coordinated by the UN, and how local civil society organizations could key into the platform and become more influential in the coordination of emergencies and humanitarian interventions. Caritas Nigeria Executive Secretary attended the symposium.

Last year was a time too that the Caritas Internationalis management standards got to Caritas Nigeria and plans were put in place to integrate them. Luckily Caritas Nigeria built its systems in line with international standards, thus most of the management standards were already in place.

In order to align more with existing structures, Caritas Nigeria proposed to its board about working closely with St. Vincent de Paul Society. This would mean effectively that in some of its emergency relief to groups of individuals, Caritas Nigeria could work with Society of St. Vincent de Paul to reach the poor directly.

It was a year of modest achievements, a year of gratitude amidst all the shocks around the world.

THEMATIC AREA REPORTS

EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance is one of Caritas Nigeria's core areas of intervention. In 2014, Caritas Nigeria Emergency Unit was saddled with the enormous task of responding to the many challenges from man-made disasters around the country, resulting from the terrorism in the North East and the crisis with the fulani herdsmen in Benue and Nassarawa.

Project Title: Social Transfer for

- IDP or host households where malnourished children are found
- IDP or host households with 2 or more children (under 10) or aged persons (over 65)
- IDP or host households with pregnant women
- IDP or host households where there are sick, injured or disabled members
- female-headed IDP or host households
- large household size (12 or more combined IDP and host members)

Caritas Nigeria distributes relief items to IDPs to address their immediate food needs.
Credits: Steven Ofurum, CSN



Emergency Response in States affected by Insurgency and Farmers/Fulani Herdsmen Conflict in Nigeria

The Goal of the Project was to support Populations affected by insecurity in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Taraba, Benue and Plateau States to be able to meet their basic food needs.

Intended Beneficiaries: This intervention was initially targeted at 2000 of the most vulnerable Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) households in each community. The following criteria was adopted in the selection of the beneficiaries:

Project Activities:

- Project start up meeting/training with local Caritas teams.
- Sensitization of host community leaders and local government officials.
- Negotiations with local food Vendor.
- Constitution of community project implementation committees (CPICs).
- Assessment of IDP and host households.
- Registration of beneficiary households.
- Procurement of Food items.
- Food Distribution.
- Activity monitoring.



Relief items ready for distribution in Maiduguri
Credits: Fr. John Bakani

Key Achievements

The Project initially targeted 2000 families in all. But in view of the overwhelming population of internally displaced persons (IDPs) whose food needs ought to be addressed, and in order for the diocesan Caritas offices not to cause any form of disaffection amongst the IDPS, we decided to provide Supplementary Rations in a one-off distribution which addressed food needs of 11,060 Households in the affected dioceses (states).

In October, 2014 Caritas Nigeria also distributed food items to families who fled their homes in Gwoza, Borno state in the wake of massive attacks on them perpetrated by the dreaded Boko Haram Islamic sect, and are now residing in a squatter camp in new Kuchingoro, behind the Games village in Area 1, Abuja. The food items distributed enabled over 50 Households approximately 350 individuals on an average of seven persons per household address their immediate food needs. The food items distributed took into consideration their staple food. The following food items were distributed: 3 bags of Rice, 2 bags of Guinea Corn, 2 bags of Maize, 2 bags of Beans, A 25 litre Gallon of Palm Oil, A 25 litre Gallon of Vegetable Oil, 2 bags of salt, 2 Cartoons of Fish and a cartoon of Condiments.

Together with Sr. Ann Falola of Mission and Dialogue, the ES held a meeting with FCT Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and advocated for water for the community.

Networking and Collaborations

Caritas Nigeria is a member of several Coordinating bodies for Emergency Preparedness and Response. Caritas Nigeria participates and contributes to development of the National Strategic Response and Preparedness Plan in the country especially with the current security challenges and humanitarian crises in the North Eastern part of Nigeria.

The following are some of the organizations/bodies in Nigeria that Caritas Nigeria collaborates with on Emergency:

1. Local diocesan Caritas; Justice Development and Peace Caritas (JDPC)
2. National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
3. Inter-Agency Emergency Preparedness Response Working Group (IA-EPRWG)
4. Education in Emergency (EiE)
5. Humanitarian Coordination Team (HCT) under the Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).



Most. Rev. Oliver Doeme, Bishop of Maiduguri Diocese, distributes relief items to internally displaced persons.
Credits: Fr. John Bakani



HEALTH & HIV/AIDS

breastfeeding HIV positive mothers.

The program presently supports over 55,000 active clients in 102 health facilities, comprising of both comprehensive and stand-alone PMTCT sites, across 12+1 states in Nigeria, namely; Benue, Kaduna, Kogi, Nasarawa, Plateau States; Delta; Ekiti, Oyo, Ondo, Ogun, Osun, Lagos; and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). In addition, 7 Community Based Organizations have been engaged

in some of the aforementioned States to provide HIV Prevention and OVC related services.

One of the facilities upgraded from the manual record keeping system to the IQ-Care M&E system.

Credits: Toochi Ohaji

Caritas Nigeria has continued to demonstrate capacity in implementing maternal, new-born and child health (MNCH) interventions, as well as communicable and non-communicable diseases control programs through a network of over 100 faith-based primary and secondary health facilities. Our current health programme is a 5-year HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment program funded by the United States' Centres for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) called the Sustainable HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Action in Nigeria (SUSTAIN). Now in its third year, SUSTAIN has a goal of **“reducing morbidity and mortality due to HIV infection in Nigeria”** by providing life-saving anti-retroviral drugs to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIVs) through faith-based health facilities in under-served and hard to reach communities. The project also supports community based organizations (CBOs) to deliver HIV prevention interventions to at-risk and vulnerable groups as well as working with Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and their caregivers.

In line with the national plan to eliminate Mother to Child Transmission (eMTCT) of HIV, SUSTAIN has a strong focus on preventing new infections in women of childbearing age, creating demand for uptake of ante-natal care, and providing access to Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT) services for pregnant and

Activities currently supported in the SUSTAIN program include:

- Community Sensitization and Demand Creation for HIV services (particularly HIV testing)
- HIV Prevention and Behaviour Change Communication
- Support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (including health, education, legal support)
- HIV Testing and Counseling
- HIV/AIDS Treatment, Care and Support
- Tuberculosis/HIV Collaborative Activities (including Tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment)
- Laboratory Services support and upgrades
- Pharmacy Services support
- Logistics Management and Information System
- Strategic Information and support for Electronic Medical Records
- Health Systems Strengthening

**IQ-Care
M&E system
set up**
*Credits:
Toochi Ohaji*



Key achievements of the SUSTAIN Program in 2014

SUSTAIN SERVICES	CLIENTS SERVED	SUSTAIN STATES	PARTNERS
Treatment, Care and Support	51,307 patients are currently on Antiretroviral drugs. 132,942 adults and children provided with care	- Benue - Delta - Ekiti - FCT - Kaduna - Kogi - Lagos - Nassarawa - Ondo - Oyo - Osun - Ogun - Plateau	- 34 Comprehensive Health Facilities (Hospitals) - 68 PMTCT sites - 7 CBOs
Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT)	74,088 women were tested for HIV 3,384 HIV positive pregnant women received ARVs to prevent transmission of HIV to infants.		
HIV Testing and Counseling	604,795 persons received HTC services for HIV and received their test results (includes PMTCT, TBHIV and Infants).		
Orphans and Vulnerable Children	18,209 Orphans and Vulnerable Children received support services.		
AB Prevention	6,731 in-school and out-of-school youths were reached with prevention messages.		

Caritas Nigeria SUSTAIN has also conducted trainings for staff of SUSTAIN supported health facilities and CBOs in several program areas, including :

- HIV Prevention
- OVC Training for Community Based Organizations
- HIV Testing and Counseling
- Clinical Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) for adults and children
- Tuberculosis Diagnosis and Case Management in PLHIVs
- Adherence Systems for Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART)
- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV

regional Governments as well as Donor Agencies. These coordination networks have resulted in Caritas Nigeria actively participating in Technical Working Groups, Workshops and Meetings to improve the quality of patient care systems. The SUSTAIN team works closely with government HIV units including the National AIDS and STI Control Program (NASCP), National Agency for the Control of AIDS, the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Program (NTBLCP) and their state-level equivalents. SUSTAIN is an active member of the National HIV Drug Resistance Committee and also participated in the development of key policy documents like the 2014 National Integrated ART Guidelines and the 2014 HIV Care and Support Guidelines during the period under review.



Caritas staff conducting HIV Testing and Counseling.

- Monitoring & Evaluation Systems
- Grant Management training
- Program Management training

Networking and Collaborations

Caritas Nigeria in the course of her work in the fight against HIV/AIDS has collaborated with other Implementing Partners, federal and

Caritas Nigeria was also singled out by the National Agency for the Control of AIDS as a partner in conducting two large scale community-based medical missions in Nassarawa and Benue States during which over 8,000 persons received HIV prevention information and were screened for HIV.

GOOD GOVERNANCE



Rev. Fr. Evaristus Bassey, Director Church and Society/CEO CCFN flanked by Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Deputy Senate President of Nigeria, Rev. Fr. Ralph Madu, Secretary General of CSN, Rev. Sr. Ann Falola National Secretary for Mission and Kelechi Emeh, CAFOD Programme Officer listen as Fr. Bassey gives the introductory remarks during the Catholic Secretariat Forum in Abuja on 13th February, 2014.
Credits: Abel Amodu, Caritas Nigeria.

Nigeria though endowed with both human and material resources, has not been able to harness these resources for the overall well being of her citizens. This is attributable to weak governance structure ranging from poor management of resources to the high level of citizen apathy to governance issues.

Caritas Nigeria Good Governance and Gender Action for Peoples Development (G & G) Program seeks to enhance the capacity of the Church in Nigeria to support quality interventions in transparency, accountability and citizen participation in governance. The project has three aspects:

1. To address issues that will bring about good governance using the Caritas Nigeria and the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) in Idah and Lokoja Dioceses of Kogi State, in North-Central, Nigeria.
2. Implement activities that bring about gender development (equality & component of the activities in the project with the Center for Women Studies and interventions (CSWI).

3. Institutional capacity strengthening with a focus on supporting the capacity of Caritas Nigeria to boost its visibility, fundraising capacity and address emergency preparedness & response issues.

The G&G program is supported by the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD).

Key Achievements

- Contributed in the National Health Bill, 2014 using the Think Tank Committee.
- Trained and mentored 36 women political aspirants in Kogi State towards the 2015 General Election.
- Held the good governance week in Kogi State which brought key stakeholders together to brainstorm on good governance issues in Kogi State.
- Formed the Nexus Forum, a group of Civil Society Organisations committed to good governance in Kogi State.
- Organized town hall meetings in Kogi State.



A cross section of participants of the Catholic Secretariat Forum in Abuja on 13th February, 2014.

Credits: Abel Amodu, Caritas Nigeria.

- Formed the Human Rights Monitors club in Kogi State.
- Observed the Osun elections
- Got accredited to observe the 2015 general elections
- Produced the Caritas television spot which is being aired by a national television station (African Independent Television) towards making Caritas Nigeria not only visible but also boost her income generating capacity.
- Networked with other civil society organisations on matters relating to election advocacy.

- Produced the Caritas Nigeria & JDPC Quarterly Newsletter (Caritas Stylus).

Networking and Collaborations

- Justice Development and Peace Commission Lokoja and Idah Dioceses who are intervening in area of advocacy
- Center for women Studies and Interventions who are intervening in the area of Gender empowerment and mainstreaming
- Situation Room, which is a group of about 69 NGOs that engage on election issues and good governance generally.

A cross section of participants and Media Practitioners during the Catholic Secretariat Forum in Abuja on 13th February, 2014.
Credits: Abel Amodu, Caritas Nigeria .



LIVELIHOODS AND AGRICULTURE

Caritas Nigeria has implemented some pockets of projects in this area and its current livelihoods intervention is the Support to Vulnerable Households for Accelerated Revenue Earnings (SHARE) program.

SHARE is a 5-year project that focuses on empowering communities to improve their

Four hundred households in 16 communities were identified as beneficiaries to receive the disbursement of unconditional cash transfers that will last for 15 months.

Key Achievements of the SHARE program in 2014:

- Collaboration/partnership with relevant



Women farmers undergoing training at the KUCHI cowpea demonstration farm, Sokoto, in preparation to benefit from next year 2015 farming season.

livelihoods through enhanced agricultural production, income generation activities, nutrition/water and sanitation and unconditional cash transfers.

The SHARE project goal is to help 42,000 very poor households in Sokoto, Kebbi states and the FCT grow their agricultural production and incomes and improve the nutrition of their women and children. Caritas Nigeria is partnering with Catholic Relief Services and Mercy Corps to implement this project. It is a five-year project supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Goal of the SHARE Program is to **'reduce poverty of Households in Nigeria'** through;

- Agricultural production and productivity
- Income generation
- Nutrition and WASH
- Strengthening Local Governance system and poverty reduction.



Government Ministries, departments and agencies. (Successful coordination of stakeholders meeting, formation of state advisory committee and official launching of SHARE project by USAID - Nigeria).

- Allocation of office accommodation by the state government for SHARE project in Sokoto state.
- Competitive selection of 4 SHARE LGAs/16 Communities and signing of MOU.

Caritas Nigeria and INCRISAT staff on a monitoring visit to one of the Demonstration plot/farm for the SHARE project in Wababe community in Dange Shuni LGA, Sokoto State.

**Credits:
Olasunkanmi
Adeboyejo, Caritas
Nigeria.**



- Seconding of Desk officers by both the state and the selected 4 LGAs
- Successful selection of over 24,000 households target beneficiaries i.e. 6000 Households per LGA which implies 1,500 per community in Sokoto state.
- Selection of field agents according to the different thematic areas in the 4 LGAs (Agricultural field agents, Private Service providers, WASH field agents, Nutritional and conditional cash transfers Liaisons and supervisors.
- Agricultural field agents linkage to demonstration plots in each community/formation of households into target crops producer groups
- Private Service providers facilitated the formation of SILC groups among the targeted households and the formation of Safe space mentors and group's formation in all the communities.
- Liaisons supervisors and liaisons successfully linked to households
- WASH field agents linked to WASHCOM and households.
- Capacity building for all the SHARE project stakeholders.

Networking and Collaborations

- Diamond Development Initiatives (Agriculture production and productivity)
- Community Health and Gender Education Initiative (Income generation)
- Rural women and Youth Development (Nutrition and WASH)
- Justice Development and Peace Caritas (Strengthening Governance system and poverty reduction)
- Life helpers initiative (Nutrition and WASH)



Dankarangiya, Sani Tambawal of CRS and local farmers with a basket full of cowpea pods

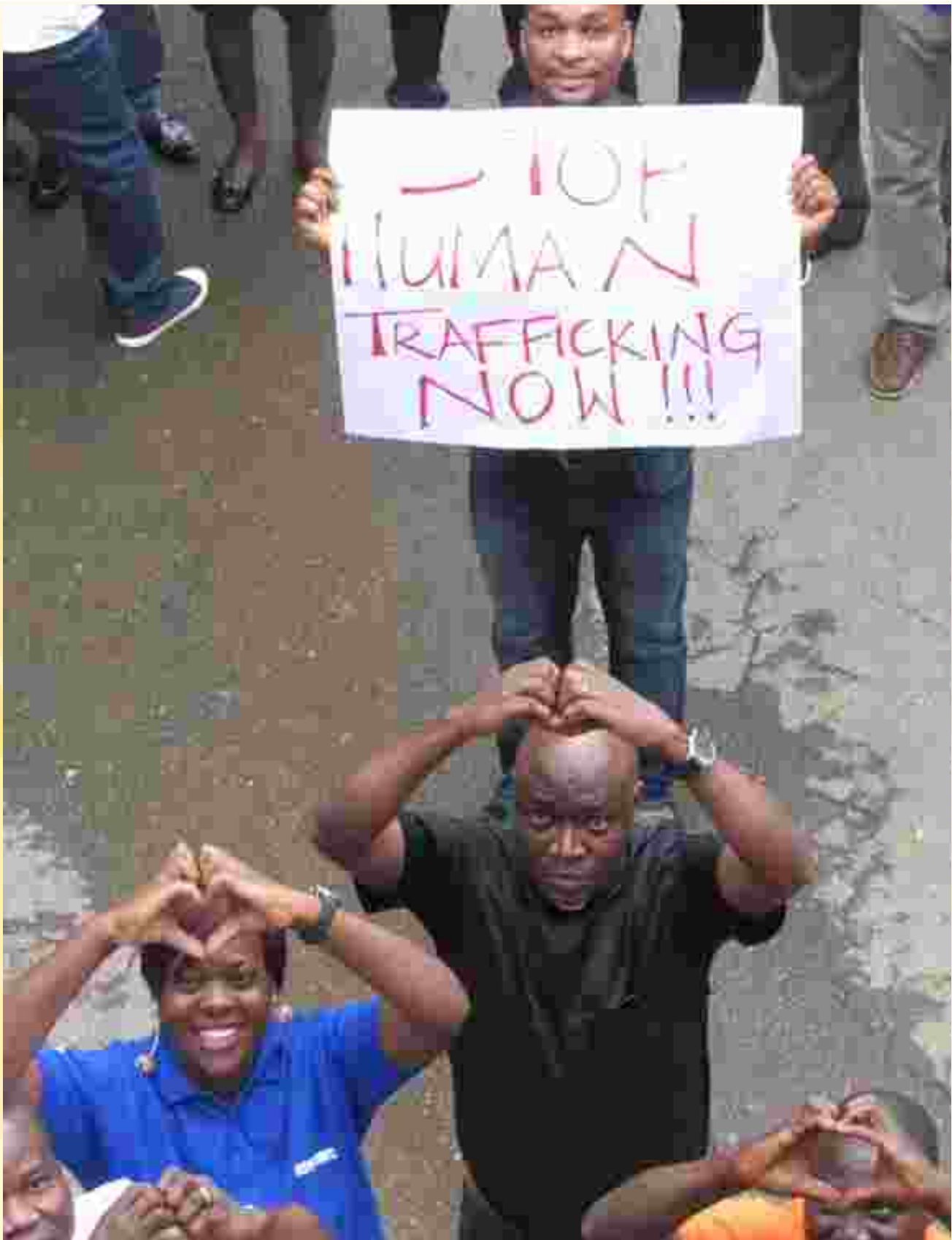
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MIGRATION



Caritas staff joins the UN #igivehope social media campaign to show support for victims of human trafficking.

Credits: Dr. Wale Fadare

Caritas Nigeria Anti-Human Trafficking and Migration Desk provide National coordination for the Catholic Church in Nigeria. The program is aimed at combating human rights abuses, human trafficking and irregular migration. The greatest achievement of Caritas Nigeria in this regard is the institution of an awareness creation day by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria on every Sunday after the Feast of St. Bakhita. In



2014 Caritas Nigeria animated the 55 dioceses on this issue including direct communication with parishes that are on its data base.

The following are objectives of the Desk:

- Sensitization and awareness creation on the dangers of human trafficking and irregular migration in our society
- Networking and building linkages with

other organizations/international bodies working on human trafficking and migration

- Identification of program funding opportunities to support anti-human trafficking and migration programs.
- Organization of capacity building sessions/workshops on human trafficking and smuggling of migrants for Caritas Nigeria staff and Local Partners to improve program quality.
- Rehabilitation and re-integration of victims of trafficking.

Caritas Nigeria supports the JDPCs and other sister organizations in enlightenment campaigns; raising awareness and consciousness of people about the vices and dangers of Human Trafficking which is referred to as modern day slavery. On the 30th of July 2013, Caritas Nigeria commemorated the First UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons ; the event was marked not only by the National Office but by most Dioceses as well. Similarly the Church World Anti-Human Trafficking Day was marked on the feast of St. Josephine Bahkita on February 8th, 2015 through awareness creation in parishes.

Also working with diocesan Caritas and sister agencies, the program officer provides psychosocial support for trafficked victims. Caritas Nigeria provides linkages to agencies that can help trafficked victims. Working more on prevention, Caritas Nigeria has tried

to reduce the vulnerability of young active adolescents and women in some of the Dioceses by encouraging them to start up small businesses or acquire skills which could enable them cater for their needs and that of their families thereby reducing the prevalence of falling prey to traffickers in those areas and ultimately reducing poverty which is acclaimed the root cause of human trafficking in Nigeria.

Caritas Nigeria has been networking and collaborating with organizations working in the area of Anti-Human Trafficking, Irregular Migration and Child Labour, Agencies like; Network Against Child Trafficking Abuse and Labour (NACTAL), National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking In Persons (NAPTIP), Committee for the Support of Dignity Of Women (COSUDOW) and COATNET.

Caritas Nigeria became a member of Christian Organizations Against Trafficking in Human Beings (COATNET) and has been attending it's meeting to further strengthen the Human Trafficking work of the organization. The organization has also participated in international symposia/conferences and will be hosting a program on Anti-Human trafficking in 2015 in collaboration with COATNET and Caritas Internationalis.

Strengthening **CARITAS**

Caritas Nigeria provides capacity building and institutional strengthening support for Church institutions through meetings, workshops, assessments, trainings, on the job mentoring and technical assistance. Caritas Nigeria realizes that capacity building is key to sustainable development, Caritas Nigeria is building and improving project management capacity of Church institutions and development workers across Nigeria to effectively respond to humanitarian and development needs of the Church.

The strategy for implementing the project is based on the concept of 'on the job training'. The church institutions that have undergone HOCAI capacity assessments are provided seed grants to implement a project to address a need which they have identified in their respective communities. The process involves the Church partners identifying a problem/issue, and developing a project proposal to address the issue. CCFN with support from CRS Nigeria evaluates the submitted proposals and also provide technical assistance to the partners to enable them select a suitable project that can be implemented easily. The partners are then trained and coached through the course of the project implementation on the various aspects of program management and financial management. The identified system

weaknesses during HOCAI evaluation are also corrected in the course of this process.

Key Achievements

The most significant results were achieved through the write-shops and small grants scheme.

The first write-shop had 50% success with regards to the number of organizations that were finally selected for the project implementation.

The second write-shop achieved a 100% success in terms of organizations that were successful in the SMILE funding application. A proposal development write-shop for the SMILE project was for six Church partners namely: JDPC Auchi, JDPC Abuja, JDPC Idah, JDPC Lafia, JDPC Gboko and JDPC Katsina-ala. During the write-shop, presentations were made on what the likely expectations of the donor maybe and their draft proposals are reviewed accordingly. The participating organizations were then guided on what corrections to make on their draft proposals before submitting them. After the write-shop some of the partners still sent in their proposals for a final review before submission.

A number of significant results were achieved through the small grants scheme. The results cut across all the participating organizations. Some of these results/outputs include -:

	JDPC UROMI Skill Acquisition project	DHSP BENIN PLHIV Household Economic Strengthening Project	JDPC AUCHI Empowerment of Widows and Indigent Women Project
SMALL GRANT AMOUNT	₦2,000,000.000	₦2,000,000.000	₦2,000,000.000
NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED	59	32	37
NO OF ADDITIONAL STAFF EMPLOYED	2	1	5
NO OF STAFF TRAINED	2	3	8
NO OF NEW PROJECTS AWARDED	-	1	2
NO OF PROPOSALS DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED	4	1	4

The participating organizations also had indicated they had challenges with securing project funding awards, inadequate knowledge on program management and inadequate knowledge on financial management.

The ICS project enabled these organizations to address most of these challenges through workshops and mentoring exercises. At the end of FY14, the capacities of these organizations have improved significantly in developing funding proposals, program

management and financial management as shown in the table above.

Furthermore, in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services and Learning In NGOS (LINGOS), Caritas Nigeria is now the training hub for Project Management courses for Development Professionals (PMD Pro) in West Africa and in the next fiscal year the organization hopes to have trained a sizeable number of development professionals in sustainable project management.

Gender

Caritas Nigeria ensures that gender is mainstreamed into its programs/projects and policies to ensure that the needs of men, women, boys and girls are addressed specifically in program design and implementation and in the organization as a whole. In addressing this, a review of CCFN Gender policy was done. Following the findings from the review, the management is currently working towards providing Crèche for staff who are nursing mothers for a more gender sensitive work environment.

One of the objectives of Caritas Nigeria's Good governance program is aimed at educating and empowering women and girls specifically to participate in governance and in decision making in their communities and states as a whole.

During this reporting period, Caritas Nigeria conducted technical support visits to two partner dioceses- Idah and Lokoja dioceses. The Gender focal staff supported the diocesan project teams to conduct gender analysis of their project implementation plans identifying gender sensitive strategies for an improved gender mainstreaming into their projects. A-one-day coaching session focusing on essential gender concepts was carried out to enhance partners' knowledge and expertise in making their projects more gender sensitive.

Key Achievements in 2014

- Conducted Gender Audit for 3 diocesan partners.
- Conducted sensitization and awareness creation activities to strengthen women participation in decision making.
- Built the capacity of project staff of 2 diocesan partners- Lokoja and Idah dioceses - Participants were equipped with knowledge and expertise to mainstream a gender perspective in Good governance program
- Supported the 2 partner dioceses to conduct gender analysis of their project implementation plans

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND VISIBILITY

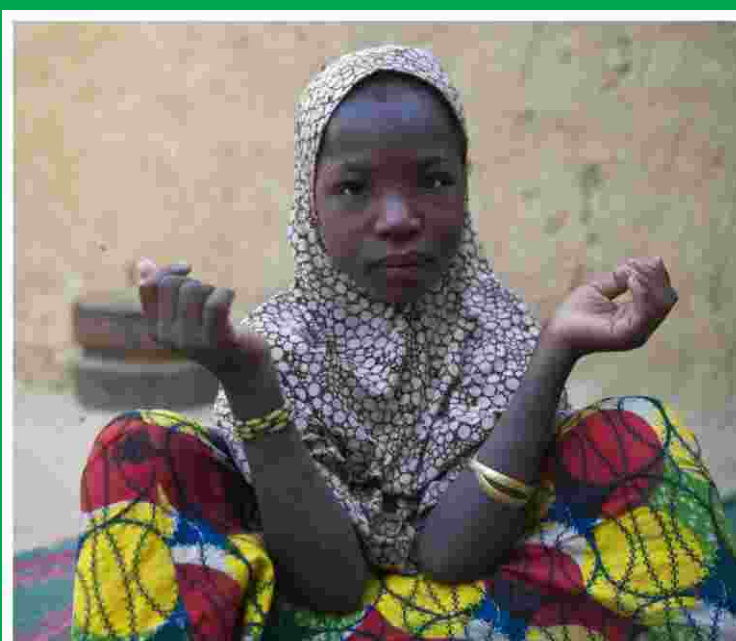
Caritas Nigeria has been making strategic efforts to increase local fundraising to support its development interventions as is her mandate by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria.

In this regards, several strategies have been employed to increase its local funding base. Based on previous experience, it was clear that one of the best ways to do so will be to first create awareness of its existence through

Lagos Archdioceses to conduct Parish fundraising, corporate organization sponsorship and to promote visibility of Caritas Nigeria in Lagos and Nigeria at large.

Caritas Nigeria then decided to focus on promoting the visibility of the organization and raise funds for the sustainability of Caritas Nigeria. The following are strategies that were proposed:

- Parish Fundraising



#BRINGBACKOURGIRLS

Prayer for the abducted girls in Chibok

Almighty Father, all good gifts come from you and the gift of children is priceless.

You sent your Son to die for us and to teach us your law of love.

We come before you, O God, conscious of our faults and failures but full of hope that you will hear and answer us.

A greed for power and control has put us in the terrible situation we find ourselves in Nigeria.

We commit the lives of the abducted Government Secondary School Girls in Chibok into Your hands and pray for their safe return home.

Protect the children from all dangers, strengthen their parents as they look to you for a solution to this problem.

Through your wisdom, inspire leaders of government, our security personnel, as well as the world's citizens to find a just and charitable end to insurgency and crises in Nigeria.

Amen

Prayer: Caritas Nigeria Photo: UNHCR / H. Caux / January 2014

Caritas Nigeria held a prayer day at the Catholic Secretariat for the abducted girls in Chibok. A prayer card was also developed and shared with Caritas confederation members around the world, praying for the safe return of the girls.

various visibility strategies that will help people understand more and identify with Caritas Nigeria.

To reinforce its resource mobilization strategy, it was decided that Caritas Nigeria should focus on a particular region (Archdiocese) to intensify its effort to raise funds. Towards the end of 2014, it was decided that Caritas Nigeria should focus on Abuja and

- Corporate Fundraising
- Increased visibility

In 2014, Caritas Nigeria's focus was on sensitization and awareness creation about the organization, as fundraising has been a major challenge due to the fact that most people hardly know about its existence, so it was decided that the organization should focus on strategies to improve its visibility.

Key achievements in 2014;

Visibility

- Produced and distributed Caritas Nigeria & JDPC 2013 Annual Report (Maiden Edition)
- Produced and distributed the 2014 Lenten Guide.
- Designed and rolled out Caritas One Human Family, Food for All campaign against poverty and hunger.
- Produced Caritas Nigeria television spot with Nigerian celebrity Segun Arinze to promote the organizations visibility.
- Supported the #BringBackOurGirls campaign.



Staff of Caritas Nigeria holding the #EndHungerBy2025 sign for the "Week of Action". Credits: Caritas Nigeria.

Produced and aired Caritas Nigeria television spot and jingles on Television/Radio Stations in Nigeria.

Commemorating World Days/Events

Produced 200,000 leaflets and 40,000

benefactor's cards for distribution to support resource mobilization.

Increased use of the social media to engage the public to promote its visibility.

- Published about 20 success stories on SUSTAIN, SHARE, G & G, Emergency & Humanitarian Assistance and on trends around the world that Caritas Nigeria was interested in.
- Designed a success story template to facilitate the process of documenting success stories from Caritas Nigeria interventions.
- Wrote and published several articles on SUSTAIN aimed at promoting HIV/AIDS programming and government support to faith-based health facilities.
- Designed Caritas Nigeria Factsheet for advocacy to promote government support to faith-based health facilities.
- Designed Caritas Nigeria SUSTAIN signages for review.

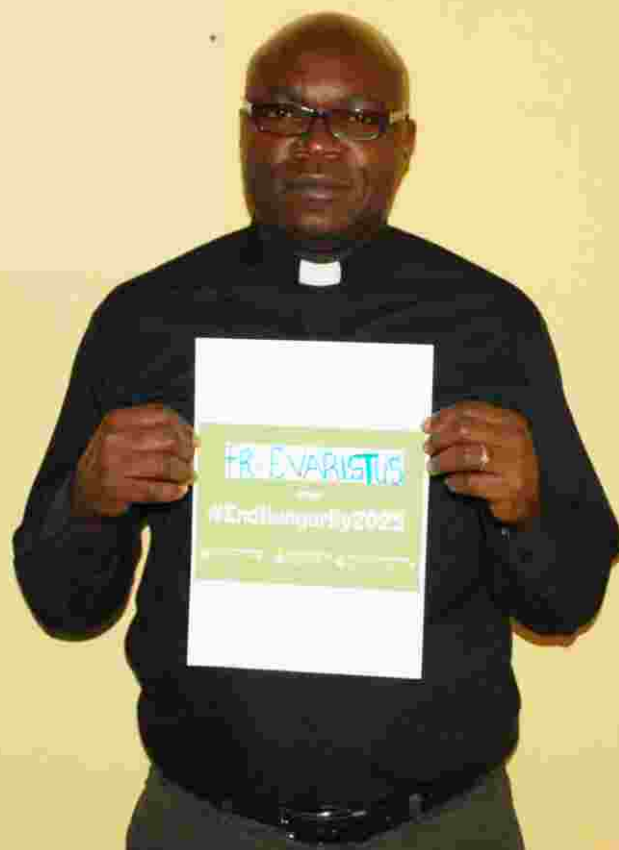
Resource Mobilization

- Caritas Nigeria conducted Fundraising in four Parishes in Abuja with the



following results: Karimo (95 men, 223 women = 318), Nyanya (426men, 606women= 1032), Wuse (208men, 317women = 525), and Games Village (124). A total of 1999 persons responded to the call for pledges ranging from 10,000 naira to five hundred naira a year with only a few reaching the 100,000 Naira margin. Parish visitation seems to be the most effective means of reaching out to Catholics in Nigeria. The responses have been consistent as well, even if they are small amounts. The level of distrust existing in the minds of Nigerians make the direct contact in ecclesial communities the most effective means of sensitizing and garnering support for Caritas Nigeria initiatives. There is need to upscale this approach nationally.

- An advocacy meeting was held in Imo State with JDPC coordinators.
- Attempts were made to sell the idea of corporate sponsorship to ABC Transport and Chisco Transport to have them donate a fraction of every ticket cost to Caritas Nigeria. There has been no positive response yet.



Caritas Nigeria & JDPC National Director, Rev. Fr. Evaristus Bassey displays the #EndHungerBy2025 sign for the "Global Week of Action" for the One Human Family, Food for All campaign

Empowerment (SMILE) project. The partners are: JDPC Auchi, JDPC Abuja, JDPC Idah, JDPC Lafia, JDPC Gboko and JDPC Katsina-ala.



Veteran Nigerian actor Segun Arinze supports Caritas One Human Family, Food for All campaign by displaying the #EndHungerBy2025 sign for the "Global Week of Action".

- Meeting with four corporate organizations for support to Caritas Nigeria.
- Coordinated an Emergency Appeal for Internally Displaced Persons by the insurgency in the North Eastern part of Nigeria.
- Caritas Nigeria developed and submitted proposals and concept notes on

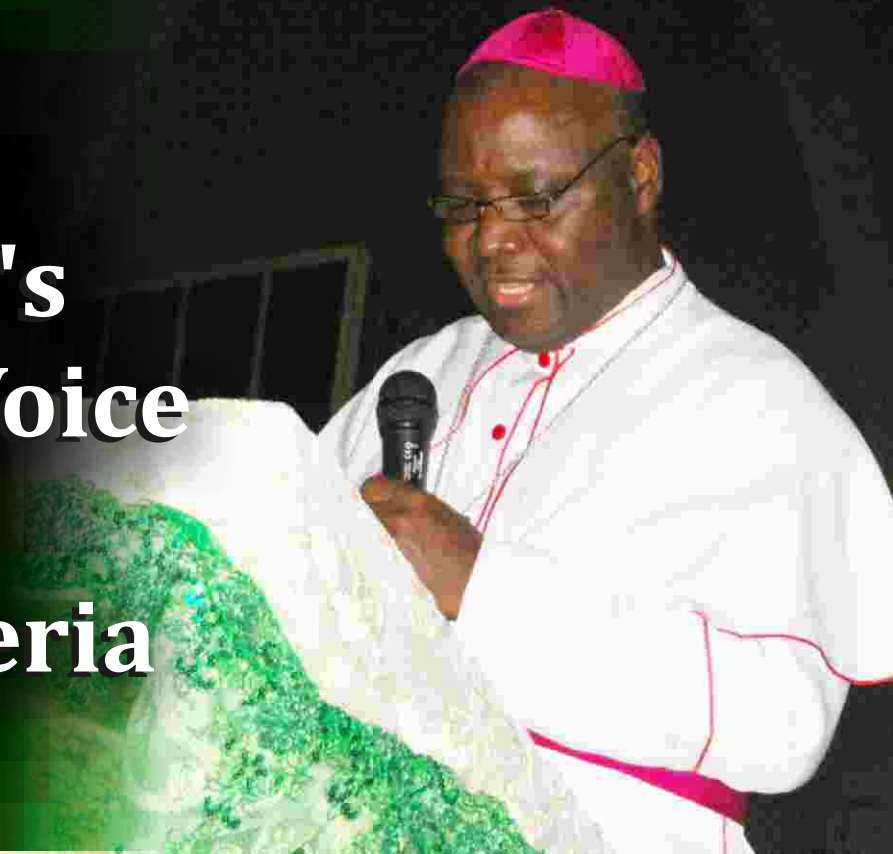
Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS, Inter-Religious Dialogue, Trafficking In Persons and Governance.

- Developed proposals and got funded by institutional donors like UNDP, and Caritas member organisations through Caritas Internationalis : CAFOD, Caritas Korea, Japan, Italy on Emergency, ICS and Good Governance program areas.



Caritas staff commemorates 2014 World AIDS Day with enlightenment campaign on prevention messages, access to HIV Testing and Counseling and referrals for treatment.

The Church's Prophetic Voice through Caritas Nigeria and JDPC



The Church has a responsibility to be the voice of the voiceless, especially in her preferential option for the poor. Sometimes even when other stakeholders have expressed a position on an issue, the generality of people also want to hear the voice of the Church. Caritas Nigeria and JDPC therefore rise up to the occasion.

One major happenstance in 2014 that drew world attention was the kidnap of more than 200 girls from a school in Chibok, Borno State Nigeria. Caritas Nigeria apart from organizing a prayer rally, issued a widely circulated statement that proffered suggestions that would take care of root causes. Apart from sympathizing with the parents and the community, Caritas Nigeria/JDPC challenged the military to rebuild the confidence of Nigerians in their ability. State governments were advised to legislate on the issue of 'Almajiri' children who form the recruits for Boko Haram terrorists. These children often

receive only Islamic education and fall easy prey to ideologues. State Houses of Assemblies were urged to *"study best practices in other countries and promulgate legislation that promotes the dignity of these children. We suggest Northern State governors should go back to the study commissioned by the late Sardauna in the 60s and implement its recommendations as affects Almajiris"*. Caritas Nigeria/JDPC urged that dialogue and collaboration between Muslim and Christian clerics be institutionalized beyond high profile personalities and five star venues through to local communities. Caritas Nigeria/JDPC asked Nigerians to close ranks and fight the terrorism, otherwise there would be no country to fight over. *'Politicians should not play into the hands of those who may want to see this country go the way of Sudan, come 2015. If we all are not careful, we will make the speculated intentions of our enemies come true. We all need to fight for the preservation of the unity of*

the country.'

Another major event was the state election held in Osun. This election was crucial in moving forward popular confidence in the electoral process; it was the election that would have marred or made the credibility of the vote. Osun State is controlled by the opposition All Progressives Congress (APC). There was great speculation that the deployment of security forces was meant to intimidate voters and skew the elections towards the ruling Peoples' Democratic Party, (PDP). Caritas Nigeria was involved with observing the elections and issued a statement on the conduct of the election which was won by the opposition. Caritas Nigeria in fairness to truth, congratulated the electoral body, the people of Osun and the re-elected governor. This election helped to restore confidence in the electoral system.

With the renewed acts of terrorism and increasing displacement of persons internally, Caritas Nigeria held a press conference urging a change in the lifestyle of Nigerians, berating the generality of people for their insensitivity towards the suffering segment. Caritas Nigeria/JDPC lamented a situation where Nigerians in other parts of the country lived as if everything was okay and urged Nigerians to spare a thought to hundreds of thousands of Nigerians living in a war situation. *'The tragedy is that the rest of the country is moving on as if nothing catastrophic is happening. Politicians are gathering, multi million naira parties being hosted, and everyone is carrying*

on with business as usual. Is it that we have heard so much about Boko Haram that these happenings are no longer news but have become normal daily narratives? But imagine being displaced in your own country! Imagine running for hours for safety. Imagine not being certain if you would eat for days. Imagine having to sleep in the hills for days and weeks. Imagine not having a bath for days and wearing the same cloth...' However the attempt for a mass appeal through the media did not yield much result in terms of financial appeals. However many Christian churches, perhaps as an aftermath, resolved to support the churches in the North East.

On learning of the 'death' of Shekau, the leader of the Boko Haram, Caritas Nigeria issued a statement congratulating the military. The essence of this statement was to show that the Church was not just out to condemn but also to encourage and express joy. This period witnessed a boost in the morale of soldiers and subsequent victories, although about two weeks later, Shekau in a video, said he was alive. Speculation has it that Shekau actually had been killed but the terrorists were manipulating electronic images. Caritas Nigeria referred to it as 'second death', allowing room for doubt, and urged the military to use the momentum to be on the offensive rather than being often reactive.

Towards the end of the year, political activities increased in their velocity, although officially campaigns had not started. Many rallies were being held by the major parties. Tension was rising, as each of the two major parties

displayed unbridled desperation. There was concern for the unity and peace of Nigeria. Caritas Nigeria cashed in on the situation to organize rallies across the country on World Day of Peace. Caritas Nigeria advised as follows: *Nigeria belongs to all of us, and we the citizens should determine the fate of politicians rather than allowing them to determine our fate. Let us pray and at least resolve as citizens that we shall not contribute in any way towards the realization of the negative predictions about our country Nigeria. This peaceful procession is an indication that we as citizens are ready to stand up for the peace and unity of our country.*

Caritas Nigeria urged citizens to among other things: *publicly embarrass any politician who wants to use them as instruments of violence*; Come February 2015, go out en masse and vote, and not give room for politicians to mass-thump- print ballot papers; wait outside the perimeter fence and witness the public counting of votes at polling units and keep a record of the results; not restrict their votes to the two main opposing parties and vote for credible individuals in lesser known parties, especially at the presidential elections, as the two main opposing parties were ready to bring down the nation if neither of them won the presidential election. Finally Nigerians were urged to stop hate speech in the social media.

Later, as doubts and rumours filled the air with regards the intention of the ruling party to bring in an interim government rather than

allow the elections to hold, Caritas Nigeria issued statements that were much publicized by the media. *'The 2015 elections mean a lot to Nigerians. A free and fair election will be an expression of the will of the people and the basis for a new Nigeria. Nigerians want to choose their own leaders, no matter the character of these leaders; Nigerians don't want a clique or a cartel to do this for them. If a free and fair election will affirm or change leadership at local government, state and federal levels, it will go a long way to instill the commitment to participation, accountability and transparency which are hallmarks of good governance. These elections must hold, and they must be free and fair, in order for political actors to have respect for the ordinary Nigerian and value our collective participation and sovereignty.*

As threats of violence became more and more palpable, Caritas Nigeria/JDPC advised Nigerians to know that politicians were all the same. *If APC wins the presidential election, everyone will decamp there and if PDP wins, they will move back to PDP, so it is not worth it destroying property and or especially destroying lives just because one set of politicians have lost elections.*

Generally, Caritas Nigeria/JDPC have remained in the public consciousness as a vibrant agency of the Catholic Church in Nigeria. Caritas Nigeria Executive Director and program directors get invited to television programs to speak on current issues; Caritas Nigeria is also networking with other agencies and NGOs to always bring in the perspective of the Church.

PROVINCIAL REPORT AT A GLANCE

Caritas Nigeria is structured to work at the National level. The Diocesan Justice Development and Peace/Caritas Commissions (JDPCs) are Caritas Nigeria's primary implementing partners, along with Health departments and health facilities of dioceses and religious congregations. The dioceses themselves are grouped into nine regional sub-coordinating bodies known as Ecclesiastical Provinces, which work with Caritas Nigeria national office to facilitate coordination. The 9 Ecclesiastical Provinces altogether sub-coordinate fifty five dioceses, many with varied and same number of dioceses. The following are reports from some provinces for this reporting period.



ABUJA PROVINCE

Abuja Ecclesiastical Province is made up of the following Dioceses; Abuja, Gboko, Katsina Ala, Makurdi, Lokoja, Idah, Otukpo and Lafia.

The Provincial Office of Health and JDPC, Abuja Province is not a field implementing organ, rather it initiates actions that galvanize the Diocesan Offices of Health and JDPCs within Abuja Province, to function optimally and serves as a bridge between the Dioceses,

in Abuja Province, and the National Office in strengthening platforms for information sharing and maintenance of quality assurance of programs/projects implemented by both Health and JDPC Commissions in the Dioceses.

In 2014, Abuja Provincial office of Health and JDPC carried-out the following activities which had impactful contributions to our Arch/Diocesan interventions;

a. COORDINATORS' MEETINGS: In the year under review three Coordinators' meetings were held. The meetings provided platform for experience sharing, notably, was dedication of one of the meetings to review SMILE project's guidelines and technically



supported Diocesan Commissions aspiring to be enlisted in the second phase of SMILE project. It is heartwarming to note that ten (10) Commissions of Health and JDPC in Abuja Province are presently involved in SMILE Project implementation. Five Commissions; JDPC Abuja, JDPC Lafia, JDPC Idah, JDPC Katsina-Ala and JDPC Gboko, were all enlisted in SMILE Project in 2014.

b. PULL-OUT OF ALL CONSTITUTENCY PROJECTS EARMARKED FOR STATES IN ABUJA PROVINCE FROM 2014 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET:

The Provincial Office did a comprehensive pull-out of all social service sector projects earmarked for execution in 2014 across Communities in Abuja Province, the information was shared with the Diocesan Commissions of JDPC and Health. A total of 160 projects were identified from the budget which were to benefit Communities in Abuja Province. The breakdown of the identified projects for 2014 showed that; 19 projects were sited in FCT, Abuja; 64 projects for Old Makurdi Diocese (22 projects for Gboko, 27 projects for Katsina-ala and 14 projects for Makurdi); 13 projects were earmarked for Idah Diocese; 25 projects for Lafia; 25 projects for Lokoja Diocese; and 14 projects for Otukpo Diocese respectively.

However, 45 projects were chosen by our Diocesan Commissions for monitoring and tracking in 2014. To assist the Commissions to effectively monitor the projects, the Provincial office accessed quarterly disbursement information made in favour of the projects from Federal Ministry of Finance and Accountant General's office. The quarterly disbursement information aided the Diocesan Commissions in mobilizing other Stakeholders' interest in tracking the Constituency project implementation in their respective Arch/Dioceses.



c. RESEARCH INTO THE IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE CAUSES OF RESURGENCE OF CONFLICT IN ABUJA PROVINCE:

The resurgence of violent conflicts across five Diocese; Lafia, Makurdi, Otukpo, Gboko and Katsina-Ala got to its peak in 2013, which prompted the Provincial Bishops to direct the Provincial office of Health/JDPC to carry out a research with a view to establishing the immediate and Remote causes of the resurgence of conflict in the area. The research started in the last quarter of 2013 and concluded in the 1st quarter of 2014 with submission of comprehensive draft report to the Provincial Bishops and Coordinators. It is

important to note that during the course of the research we had meaningful interfaces with relevant State Actors such as Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, IPCR; Nigeria Police Force, Headquarters; Public Relations' Unit of

Directorate of State Security, DSS; National Boundary Commission; Representatives of Department of Land and Survey of Benue and Nasarawa States.

d. DRAFT 5 YEARS STRATEGIC PLAN DOCUMENT FOR JDPC LOKOJA:

We worked with Stakeholders of Lokoja Dioceses in developing a comprehensive five-year strategic plan (2015 – 2019). The strategic plan has since been adopted by all the Stakeholders, including the Diocesan Bishop.

e. DRAFT NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR JDPC, IDAH:

The Abuja Provincial Office of Health&JDPC facilitated the processes leading



to the development of a Needs Assessment Document for JDPC Idah Diocese in 2014.

f. PRODUCTION OF 2013 ANNUAL REPORT OF H/JDPC, ABUJA PROVINCE: We continued in our organizational culture of producing our Annual Report. More so, in 2014 we produced our 2013 Annual Report which was a collation of activity reports of both Health and JDPCs across Eight Dioceses within Abuja Province and of course, it included reports of activities directly superintended by the Provincial Office.

HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACTIVITIES OF DIOCESAN JDPCs IN 2014:

JDPC ABUJA ARCHDIOCESE

- **Prison Apostolate**
 - Legal Aid to four (4) Awaiting Trial Inmates
 - Released 15 Inmates of Kuje Prisons
 - Donated food and none food items valued at over N2m
 - Facilitated the payment and enrolment of 40 Inmates in 2014 GCE Examination
- **Empowerment**
 - 53 women accessed varied soft loans in 2014
 - Facilitated Communities' Need Assessments in the following Communities in FCT; Galuwyi, Kaima, Tokulo, Kawu, Igu, Share, and Ushafa
 - Trained 22 Communities Volunteers for SMILE Project

- **Constituency Project Monitoring:** 6 Constituency projects were monitored in 2014

JDPC, GBOKO

- **Peace Building**
 - Organised interfaith dialogue for leadership of religious bodies
 - Intervened in conflict between Mbakyar and Dzev Communities in Iyon district of Kwande LGA
 - Mobilized relief materials worth over N2.5m which were distributed to Katsina-Ala, Makurdi and Otukpo Dioceses respectively.
- **Empowerment**
 - Provision of food and Nutritional Support to 1,091 vulnerable persons
 - Facilitated 5,088 HIV/AIDS Patients to assess varied services
 - Trained 22 Community Volunteers for SMILE Project
 - Trained 20 women on soap making, 10 of them were empowered to start production
- **Constituency project monitoring**
 - 7 Constituency projects were monitored in 201

JDPC, IDAH

- **Empowerment**
 - 42 Saving (SILC) Groups were formed in Ajaka and Idah in 2014
 - A poultry farm was established to support the economic strengthening of women
- **Good Governance**
 - Convoked accountability forum and rally in Idah LGA
 - Advocacy with State Government on Tree planting and environmental conservation
 - Participated in Advocacy, Budget monitoring and network building trainings
- **Constituency Project**
 - 5 projects were monitored in 2014

JDPC OTUKPO

- **Prison Apostolate/Human Right**
 - 3 Awaiting Trial Inmates were given Legal Aid in 2014
 - Facilitated the released of 3 Sentenced Inmates by paying their option for fine.

- Food and non-food donation worth N170,000 was made to the Prison in 2014
- Facilitated the birth registration of 2,560 Children, of which, 700 of them have been issued with birth certificates
- **Peace Building**
 - Mediated in conflict between Fulani Herdsmen and Farmers at Idobe Community of Okpoga district in Okpokwu LGA
 - Convoked Stakeholders' engagement for peace especially as it affects Idoma farming Communities and Fulani Pastoralists.
 - Monitored 5 Constituency projects in 2014

JDPC KATSINA-ALA

- **Peace Building**
 - Mediated in conflicts between traders at Tomanyiin Market, Katsina-Ala
 - Carried-out rally to commemorate International Day for Peace
- **Empowerment**
 - Facilitated the formation of Parish Based JDPC in all the Parishes in the Diocese
 - Facilitated the enlistment of women in SILC and PROMIC (Savings and Loan Schemes)
- 4 Constituency projects were monitored in 2014

JDPC MAKURDI

- **Peace Building**
 - Trained 251 selected Farmers and Pastoralists in Guma, Gwer West and Makurdi LGAs on ADR
 - Facilitated the formation of two Peace Clubs in Schools and one(1) out of School Peace Club
 - 12 Community Peace Structures were strengthened in 2014
 - Organised State-wide Peace forum and FGD in Gwer West, Guma and Makurdi LGA
- **Empowerment**
 - 588 persons benefited from soft loan in 2014
 - Improved Cassava stems were supplied by JDPC to 1,048 Farmers in 2014

- 5 Constituency projects were monitored in 2014

JDPC LOKOJA

- **Empowerment**
 - 115 persons benefited from soft loans in 2014
 - On-going effort at resuscitation of Ododo Weaving and skill acquisition/vocational centre
- **Governance**
 - Advocacy on passage of Gender and Equal opportunity bill is being facilitated by JDPC in collaboration with other Stakeholders
 - 6 Constituency projects were monitored in 2014
 - Participated in Advocacy, Budget monitoring and Network building trainings

JDPC LAFIA

- **Peace Building**
 - Four Community Peace Committee were established in Doma, Obi and Kokona LGAs
 - Facilitated series of activities to commemorate International Day of Peace
 - Facilitated ADR training for stakeholders at Doma and Kokona
- **Governance**
 - Advocacy activities aimed at establishment



of Inter-Religious Council in Nasarawa State

- 7 Constituency projects were monitored in 2014

BENIN PROVINCE

Benin province is made up of the following dioceses; Benin, Warri, Issele-Uku, Auchi and Uromi. In the course of 2014, the Province' development intervention activities which focus on the Church's mission with regards to integral human development, justice and option for the poor are highlighted below;

BENIN JDPCI

- Capacity building on gender, conflict resolution and work plan development for staff and Diocesan Directors of JDPC in the province. 25 persons benefited 11 males and 14 females.
- Capacity building on proposal development and writing. 21 persons benefited: 14 females, and 7 males.
- **Health & HIV/AIDS**; The Archdiocese conducted HIV test and counselling with the support of Edo SACA in 3 major communities Ologbo, Iguosa and Iguobazuwa. 240 persons were reached with HTC; 89 Males, 151 Females.
- **Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)**; in collaboration with Ogbe Secondary School (Food bank project): Male 9, Female 10, Total 19 children and their care givers of Ogbe Secondary School benefitted from this project.
- **Prison Apostolate**; Inmates. Visiting and carrying out some welfare services assisting inmates who do not have legal representation. During this reporting period 1 female inmate who delivered a baby benefited from the support of the Archdiocesan prisons apostolate project.
- **Saving Internal Lending Communities (SILC)**; micro credit to uplift people above poverty level. The

project beneficiaries are selected 126 women in Benin Archdiocese.

- Computer training institute to empower young people to reduce unemployment. In 2014, the scheme trained and graduated 4 young people and also admitted 12 students; 9 female 3 male for the next session.

UROMI JDPCI

- **Good Governance**; Community Mobilization and Capacity strengthening for Good Governance. 22 communities benefited from it Esan South East LGA and Igueben LGA. The project is funded by **Misereor Anchen Germany**.
- **Health & HIV/AIDS**; promoting healthy living at the grassroots, through the integration of HIV/AIDS services. Sensitization activities were carried out and about 62,075 have been reached with sensitization messages while 160 persons who tested positive have been reached with care and support service in Esan North East L.G.A.
- **Prisons Apostolate**: There were several visitations to Ubiaja prison to provide psychological and legal counseling for inmates. So far, 22 families were visited on behalf of the inmates and some food items like rice, garri, 40 tubers of yams were given to inmates.
- **Promoting Micro Enterprise (PROMIC) PROMIC I and II and individual lending scheme**; The PROMIC 1 & 2 has empowered a total number of 194 and 210 less privileged and active women of Uromi Diocese. 60 other individuals supported by the lending scheme.
- The Livelihood Desk promotes skill acquisition and training for out of school vulnerable children and young active care-givers. The skills acquisition contract and empowerment program empowered 11 persons and supported 48 persons to start up different trades.

- **Sustainable Mechanism for Improving Livelihoods and Household Empowerment (SMILE) project:**

A project that focuses on the well being of vulnerable children and their households in 4 communities; Iyue, Eror, Obeidu, and Ebele in Esan land. So far, 25 care-givers have been empowered; household and vulnerable children have been enrolled as beneficiaries of this project. SMILE is a USAID funded project with Catholic Relief Services as the lead implementing partner.

- **Anti-Human Trafficking awareness campaign in Uromi Diocese;**

Awareness creation through campaign

and empowerment of 59 vulnerable adolescents. 5 Communities in Uromi Diocese. Campaign over 10,000 Men, Women, Youth and Children were reached with enlightenment

campaign messages on the ills of human trafficking (also known as modern day slavery).



AUCHIJDPC

- **Good Governance:** The project trained and sensitized people on their electoral rights and the need to go out and vote for their preferred candidates. The project was implemented in 4 Local Government Areas; Etsako Central, Etsako West, Etsako East, and Owan East.

- **Roll back malaria program** to sensitize people on how they can prevent malaria. Some communities Azukhala, Udaba, Ogbe, Iviari, in Etsako East LGA and Aloko LGA benefited from this project.

- **Sustaining livelihoods:** Selected widows and indigent persons from 2 communities (Iyerekhua and Ugiekha) in Auchi were beneficiaries of this project. The sum of 20,000 to 35,000 naira was given to the beneficiaries.

- **Sustainable Mechanism for**

Improving Livelihoods and Household Empowerment (SMILE);

the SMILE project is also being implemented by Auchi Diocese. So far, vulnerable households and children in 3 villages in Akoko Edo LGA, Enwan and Damgbala all in Akoko Edo LGA are beneficiaries of the project.

WARRIJDPC

- **Skill acquisition programs.** Empowering people with skills through skillful services. A total number of 39 persons were trained, 24 females, 15 males. 2 schools benefited: Jesus Salvator High school, Orerokpe and Sacred Heart School Abraka
- **Scholarship award initiative** to underprivileged children. Five primary school pupils are beneficiaries of this scheme, 4 females and 1 male.

CALABAR PROVINCE

Calabar Province is made up of the following Dioceses; Calabar, Ogoja, Ikot Ekpene, Uyo, and Port-Harcourt. The year 2014 witnessed quite a few new initiatives in programming as against past years. However, JDP/Caritas Calabar maintained and cascaded our existing development project from 2013 to 2014 notably:

PROMIC SWISSHAND

PROMIC Project is one focused on poverty reduction through Micro – Credit for rural women for self-sufficiency, noting that poverty affects women most in the rural communities.

The project kicked off November 2012 with an initial release of N 1.3 Million only.

PROMIC project served the first 50 (fifty) recipients in February 2013.

By 2014 JDP/Caritas Calabar received 6.8 Million in total and we are reaching about 300 (three hundred) rural women with Micro – Credit in Atimbo, Akpap (in Akpabuyo) Efut Abua, Ikot Omin, Ikot Edem Odo, Ikot Ansa & Ekpene Tete.

United Cement Company – Peace Building Project

The Justice Development and Peace/Caritas is partnering with UNICEM in their Corporate Social

Responsibility efforts through Peace Building in the host communities of UNICEM Plant, notably Mfamosing, Abiati, Mbobui, Akwa Ikot Effanga, Akansoko and Ekonganaku.

JDP/Caritas Calabar facilitated the formation of Community Trust Committees by developing constitutions and registration of the CTCs with the relevant government regulating bodies.

The CTC is supported to implement community projects with funds provided by UNICEM – this is done to reduce youth restiveness and destruction of UNICEM properties.

Through the support of JDP/Caritas Calabar – indigent youths have educational support from UNICEM as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

The project is on-going, it is estimated to cost N 3.5 Million yearly.

Policy Advocacy – Support to Cross River SACA JDP/Caritas Calabar support to Cross River SACA: In 2014, JDP/Caritas sitting as Chairman Policy and Advocacy



Technical Working Group (TWG) supported Policy Briefs for increase in SACA funding for HIV/AIDS intervention by the Cross River State government. The advocacy was successful and there was an increased from N 100,000,000 (Hundred Million Naira) to N 300,000,000 (Three Hundred Million Naira only) for funding of HIV/AIDS program by the state government.

There was also support in developing the Work plan Policy in Cross River State and while supporting the establishment of Local Authority for the Control of AIDS (LACA) in the 18 Local Government Areas of Cross River State.

USAID, HIFASS/CAACA–OVC Program
Local Orphans and Vulnerable Children Partnership Initiative in Nigeria (LOPIN) Region 3 (LOPIN 3): It is a five year program with the overall goal of mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and families. The project is implemented in Cross River and Ebonyi States. The program uses a tri-focus approach of Community engagement, delivery of Comprehensive care and Support services to OVC and capacity development for Local Organization for better management system of OVC in Cross River State.

JDP/Caritas, through our sister organization – Calabar Archdiocesan Action Committee on AIDS (CAACA) signed a Teaming Agreement with Health Initiative for Safety and Stability in Africa (HIFASS) for the LOPIN 3 program. The program is funded by USAID.

JDP/Caritas Port-Harcourt

The followings are achievements of the Port-harcourt Diocese in 2014;

- **2014 Lenten campaign** – The diocese successfully launched the Lenten Guide.
- **Intervention to flood victims;** the dioceses supported flood victims in Ahoada, Omoku and Ndoni communities
- **Prisons Welfare Service;** JDPC Port-harcourt donated 65 pieces of mattresses to Port-harcourt Prison and also supported the renovation of Degema Prison roof.
- **Seminar/interactive section with Rivers State INEC;** we conducted a successful interactive session with INCE on upcoming 2015 elections preparation.

- Conducted the Right of the Child Seminar aimed at educating and enlightening parents, care givers and all on the rights of children.

IBADAN PROVINCE

Ibadan Province comprises six dioceses namely: Ibadan, Oyo, Osogbo, Ondo, Ilorin and Ekiti.

The JDP Coordinators of the province meet at least six times in a year and are also well represented at various meetings and programs at the national level. Training of staff which is one of the important tools for skill acquisition and empowerment for effective services is not



left out in the provincial calendar. The province organizes at least two major training and workshop for the members of staff.

There are also collaborations with individuals, various Funding partners and selected government agencies that serve as strong pillars that support the Province to achieve its set objectives for the year.

Some of the activities and programs undertaken by the various Dioceses and the Province include:

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME

Human Right

The program which runs across the dioceses of the province focuses on advocacy and lobbying to achieve greater impact on the life of its targets. The legal aid program is committed to increasing the knowledge of all people on issues of human rights and civic duties.

The Legal Aid program continues to offer assistance to prisoners and members of the public through representation in court, both in

and this has yielded an encouraging result as it proved to be successful and the groups and individuals who benefited from it were largely satisfied with its outcome. A specialized seminar was organized in favour of prisons decongestion. The program treated speedy Administration of justice and how to decongest Prison by promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution.

JDP and the Media: The organization engages the media for wide dissemination of its many interventions; this has raised the level of Awareness and active participation of the populace with very commendable involvement in the radio program. Numerous activities under the media as undertaken by the JDP within this period of reporting include, half an hour weekly slots on radio stations in which various issues to holistic human development are discussed. In this program, burning issues within the society are discussed by experts and listeners are allowed to air their views through phone calls. The program so far has a wide audience capacity.



Civil and criminal cases. Bails applications filed to ensure the right to liberty to some awaiting trial prisoners. Awareness on issues of civil rights is created through advocacy visits and lectures, symposia etcetera.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

It has been noticed that issues of conflict that ensue between parties and individuals are usually issues that could be settled out of court and since this is possible, it will contribute to having less number of cases to deal with in the court, unnecessary detention of persons at the police stations and also bridging factions and establishing a cordial relationship among individuals. To this end, we have taken to the ADR method in handling issues of this nature

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

JDP intervention focuses also on the training of peasant farmers (men, women, and youths) on organic agriculture to improve their livelihood and the environment. Rural Development program, works with farmers and villagers in the remote communities where government intervention has been weak and sometimes almost not felt at all. The mission is to have a group of farmers and community development committees that are empowered to attract benefits from all relevant agents on Rural Development and Agriculture.

Areas of focus include, Soil and water

conservation, Livestock promotion, Crop management, Networking, Youths in agriculture, Farmers' group initiatives, Community Development Initiatives. The success behind the program could not be achieved if not for the support of various funding agencies home and abroad. Examples: Misereor, Resource Centre on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF) Foundation, European Union (EU-Inside) and a host of others. The micro credit scheme within the organization and across the dioceses also provides credit facilities to support qualified farmers groups. There were active participation and collaboration with FADAMA, OXFAM AND ASSAPIN AND IITA.

Environmental Awareness: our efforts in environmental sustainability received a boost from the European Union INSIDE Program. Thus we were able to intensify our efforts with the rural communities. Our focus has been to increase the

environmental consciousness of our people and ensure environmental protection and promotion.

MICRO CREDIT SCHEME

The establishment of the Micro Credit scheme is to impact positively on the economic lives of the poor and underserved in our society. In respect to this, people in the same business line and within the same economic or residential environment are mobilized, formed into viable groups and trained on the mode of operation and guiding principles before assessing credit from the Scheme. This has gone a long way to promote saving culture by encouraging weekly savings from

members which also serves as a prerequisite for accessing loans. Beneficiaries of the scheme are multi-dimensional and in fact more than 75% of those under the scheme are non-Catholics and Muslims alike.

WELFARE/ WOMEN DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

The preventive Health Care Program focuses on enhancing the health and wellness of the populace by reducing the impact and spread of the preventable diseases around. We educated the People especially on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Many beneficiaries were directly reached through this intervention and we are sure that they in turn would reach out



to many others. People living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) and Orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) have received our care and support in the last one year.

Economic empowerment of women through training and vocational skills acquisition and child right advocacy are but some of the other ways through which dioceses across the province have helped to reach out to the masses they serve. The activities here include: organization of capacity building and training, networking with and collaboration with agencies like State Action Committee on AIDS (SACA) Association of OVC NGOs all with successful results.

PRISONS APOSTOLATE

Interview and counselling, visitation, establishing contacts between offenders and their families, project areas and target beneficiaries are a few of the activities carried out to assist inmates. Rehabilitation and skill acquisitions are regularly offered to inmates to assist them engage in self sustainable jobs on release. Inmates and their families are grateful for these services rendered as it has been quite beneficial to them.

LENTEN CAMPAIGN

The 2014 Annual Lenten Campaign was hosted by Ibadan Province and it was indeed successful. The event took place on Sunday, the 2nd of March, 2014 at Sacred Heart Cathedral Akure. The occasion was

August last year. The National Office played a leading role by providing the technical and financial support needed.

Before the elections, we carried out series of activities geared towards peaceful polls in the two states. We must appreciate the Archbishop for his fatherly advice and encouragement which led to a press release titled, '**Pace in Terris**', where citizens were encouraged to exercise their right without any form of violence throughout the electoral period.

JOS PROVINCE

Jos Province is made up of following Dioceses; Jos, Bauchi, Maiduguri, Jalingo and Yola. Some of the activities and programs undertaken by the Province include;

- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TRAINING (EPRT);** aimed at building capacity of stake holders for effective emergency response.
- **ANIMATION;** aimed at raising awareness of JDPC activities and planning of Lenten Campaign.
- **ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (AWEP);** aimed at empowering women to fully participate in the economic, educational, political and social development of their communities.
- **IMPROVED COOK STOVE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ICCD);** aimed at improving the health



graced by guests from the Province and other parts of the country. The theme for the campaign was **Eradicating poverty: The right to food.**

Elections in Ekiti and Osun States

We commend the efforts of our JDP offices in Ekiti and Osogbo Dioceses for their active participation in the gubernatorial elections held in the two states in June and

status of the poor and marginalized households through the adoption and use of improved cook stoves.

- **MICRO CREDIT**; aimed at empowering women who are into petty trading by boosting their capital base.
- **GOOD GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**; aimed at promoting good governance and justice for the indigent and the marginalized.
- **PEACE BUILDING**; promoting peaceful coexistence in Plateau State.
- **Rural & Urban Development Programs** promoting sustainable agriculture, Water and Sanitation and construction of Culverts/Bridges.
- **PROMOTING MICRO ENTERPRISES**; aimed at developing rural communities through

the empowerment of rural women by loan provision.

Key Achievements

- Setting up of formal and informal peace clubs in schools
- Establishment of peace agents at violent conflict flash points
- Pool of volunteers in the 17 local government area of plateau state
- Improvement in relief intervention
- Wider coverage of EPRT activities (three videos on YouTube)
- Published activities on three donor organization websites
- Successful completion of Improved Cook Stove pilot project

NUMBER OF DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

ACTIVITY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TRAINING	3028	1958	4896
PEACE BUILDING	1592	1302	2895
PROMIC	-	450	450
MICRO CREDIT	-	2700	2700
IMPROVED COOKSTOVE	53	238	291
ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT	-	255	255

KADUNA PROVINCE

Kaduna Province consists of the following Dioceses; Kaduna, Kano, Sokoto, Minna, Kontagora, Kafanchan and Zaria.

The following are some of the activities and programs undertaken by the Province during this reporting period;

• NIGERIA STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION PROGRAM (NSRP)

Northern Nigeria has generally been a cultural and religious sensitive environment for a long time now. Even with the promotion of gender equality. However with the return to democracy in 1999, the religious dimension has become more prominent with greater agitation for women participation in all

economic issues and the need to get them better education. All these conflicts and economic instability, with strong impact on the vulnerable necessitates the intervention of the British Council managed project Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Program (NSRP).

Justice Development Peace Caritas Advocate (JDPCA) Kano, working in partnership with Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN), and Jamaltu Nasril Islami (JNI), Women's Wing is implementing an output of the project that is targeted at Security and Governance with specific focus on community peace building. The sub-project titled;

overall objective of this project is to address the *Almajiri* situation; a subset of street children found principally in the northern states of Nigeria. It aims to reduce their exposure to violence and anti-social behaviors, thus contributing to reduction of insecurity ravaging the northern part of Nigeria.

The project investigates and documents the number of Almajiris and the linkages with violence in Nigeria's north; advocates for peace and reform of key institutions and processes in the region; establish essential and detailed particulars of the social conditions of the Almajiri and of the abuse of their child-rights in the Almajiri education system in Kano State.



The project had all stakeholders adopt a policy document expressing agreement to end the labour-exploitation of the Almajiri and other abuse of their rights, improved enforcement of the law of Kano State on labour-exploitation of the Almajiri and other abuses of their rights

The **output** of the project is a research-based report on the conditions of the Almajiris, their exploitation, and other abuses of

Community Peace Building Project For The Promotion Of Peace, Security And Stability In Kano State; is aimed at reducing the impacts of inter and intra communal violent conflicts as well as improved internal and external relationship between communities and security stakeholders in 3 LGAs of Kano State namely; Doguwa, Bichi and Kumbotso LGAs.

their rights; a policy document adopted by the stakeholders (or their representative organizations) on the rights of the Almajiri; Judicial cases in enforcement of the Kano State law outlawing the exploitation of the Almajiri.

The project is a partnership between the Justice, Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) and Resource Centre for Human Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED). It is an 18 months project that started in September 2014 and will end in February, 2016.

• **ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN ON COMBATING LABOUR EXPLOITATION OF STREET CHILDREN BEGGARS TO DE-ESCALATE INSECURITY IN KANO STATE, NORTH-WEST NIGERIA:** The

• **AGRICULTURAL PROJECT: TRAIL PROJECT WITH AFRICAN RICE**

& CRS: JDPA is currently implementing the Trail Project in 3 local government areas namely; Bunkure, Kura and Garun Mallam. The objective is to use a software known as Nutrient Manger for Rice to analyze the data gathered from farmers so as to advice key stakeholders to increase their learning on sustainable and improved rice production for higher yield. The project also evaluates Fertilizer guideline obtained from NMR relative to farmers fertilizer management practice and current recommendation practice. 20 farmers are beneficiaries of this project.

Key achievements

- Improved visibility and positioning with the State Government and other humanitarian actors
- Strengthened capacity of JDPCA staff on Peace Building and Project Monitoring
- Enhanced networking built with non-church actors and partners
- Strengthened leadership position among other CSOs
- Increased volunteer base
- JDPCA has been adjudged the best among all implementing partners of the NSRP project in Kano State and North-West Nigeria from the yearly review in October and November, DFID/British Council and an External Reviewer appointed by the donor.
- Strengthened Research work that will hopefully place JDPCA in more strategic position in the CSO community and with International Partners

- Over 100 direct beneficiaries ranging from technology transfer to in-depth capacity building.
- Over 1,000 indirect beneficiaries gained from the trials in Kano.
- Strengthened relationship among the various participating stakeholders.
- Public, private and non-governmental linkages created better enhanced Rice value chain development.

DPC KADUNA

- Providing skills for livelihood and human development = Adult, women and men acquire skills as means livelihood and selfreliant
- Community peace building in addressing peace and security issues in a non violent manner
- Promoting micro credit for economic development to rural active poor women
- Providing access to justice for the poor using ADR approach as key component

Key achievements

- Over 700 women and men have acquired skills and have means of livelihood
- Over 80 Men and women in conflict prone communities have capacities to manage security and conflict issues non violently
- Tenancy and civil cases are now being addressed in 4 local communities of Kaduna South LGA

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARIES		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Skills Acquisition program	245	455	700
NSRP	58	22	80

JDPC MINNA

- **Skills acquisition:** This project supported 75 beneficiaries (50 women and 25 men) in acquiring skills to support their livelihoods and that of their family members.
- **Good Governance:** The JDPC good governance project is geared towards human rights issues. The project provides access to justice and empowering community justice system.
- **Micro-credit and Livelihoods:** This project provides access to micro credit facilities for rural women to improve



their livelihoods.

- The diocese also carried out sensitization campaigns in communities aimed at creating awareness on matters of civic responsibility and rights.

Key achievements

- Community justice system in place
- Interventions are spread across communities in the six Deanery and beneficiaries are selected based on need.
- Marginalized persons have access to free and fair justice.

ONITSHA PROVINCE

Onitsha Province is made up of the following Dioceses: Onitsha, Enugu, Nnewi, Nsukka, Awka, Abakaliki and Awgu, across three states; Anambra, Enugu and Abakiliki. The following reports covers the entire locations mentioned above.

The Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) Onitsha within the year under review has engaged in several activities geared toward realization of its mission of integral development of human person through a holistic empowerment approach. JDPC activities in the year 2014 revolve around the 3 out of 6 areas of focus which include;

- Democracy and Good governance
- Economic and Social Reforms
- Caritas

DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRAM AREA

Strengthened 32 community institutions capacity to engage duty bearers and demand their rights: Under the Voice to the people project, JDPC Onitsha has supported activities that tend to increase rural community knowledge of rights. More than 2,500 community members and leaders were reached with training on rights and advocacy within the year. This has promoted the process of rights claiming across 8 LGAs in Anambra State.

- **Increased participation of 100 women in rural community decision making organs**

Using targeted advocacy and learning among women traditional institutions such as Umuada, women wing of the Town Unions and others, about 100 women has been elevated within the year 2014 to be part of community

decision making. Space has been created for 24 women and 3 women in Umuoba-Anam and Nando communities respectively to join traditional rulers' cabinet. This was possible due to negotiation meetings and training /information provided by JDPC Onitsha targeting traditional authorities and community women.

- **JDPC Onitsha introduced new demand tool 'community demand charter'**

JDPC Onitsha as a way of promoting demand-side governance has supported more than 40 communities in Anambra State to develop citizen demand charters containing

- **210 JDPC Onitsha Volunteers were trained on Hospital Monitoring and Evaluation**

In order to improve the standard of services in the Primary and Secondary health facilities across the State, JDPC Onitsha has trained 210 animators to support the monitoring activities. They were provided with monitoring tools to be used to make quarterly reports which will be forwarded to the Commissioner for Health who made strong commitment to partner with the commission.

Other program activities conducted under the Democracy and Good Governance program includes;



community prioritized needs. More than 72 demand charters were developed with the year and were further used to engage the budget process at both LG and State levels.

- **Mobilized Stakeholders to Promote Tax Justice**

More than 120 Stakeholders have been mobilized by JDPC Onitsha to support advocacy to discourage multiple and double taxation in Anambra State. 2 Public dialogue sessions were organized with FIRS and tax payers and a communiqué issued and shared/distributed across the State. Special Sunday mass was also organized on the Tax Justice.

- 300 voter education facilitators trained and deployed to support voter education and information/awareness creation across the Archdiocese
- Sensitization to form JDPC in 17 additional parishes
- 8 Local Government Areas (LGAs) supported to develop Budget Implementation Strategy. This is to be used in 2015 Local Government Budget implementation.
- Budget Forum organized in 8 Local Government Areas where 51 community demand charters were presented to be included in the 2015 Budget.

- 58 Ward Councillors trained on quality representation – This has improved the Councilors' level of representation in the Local Government Legislative Council.
- 2 rounds scorecard processes conducted in 5 service sectors (Education, Health, Agriculture, Infrastructure and water and sanitation) and used evidence to make formal request from relevant government agencies.
- Intensive mapping exercise conducted across 82 Parishes to build a comprehensive list of credible election observers with album. About 1300
- Support to 17 Civil Society groups to build their capacities on organizational development and networking.

Networking: JDPC has a network of partners at International, National, State and Local levels. These include the Department for International Development (DFiD), Christian Aid (CA), Centre for Leadership and Strategic Development (C-LSD), Civil Rights Concern (CRC), Development in Practice (DiP), and a host of community articulated partners like Community Empowerment Network (COMEN), Community Based Monitors (CBO's) who work collectively for a better society. This enables JDPC to continually liaise with the 32 communities that it works in at Anambra State in diverse areas of activities while mainstreaming participatory monitoring & evaluation. JDPC Onitsha has strong relationship with National Human Right Commission (NHRC), NAPTIP, Ministry of Women Affairs and National Orientation Agency (NOA).



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE/EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM AREA

The Promoting Micro-enterprises (PROMIC) is divided into three levels PROMIC 1, 2, 3;

observers have been identified. This makes it easier to supply observers whenever the need be.

- Organized forum to standardize the process of logging-in of human right abuses – the forum was organized to link communities with agencies that promote and protect human rights.
- Introduced JDPC Hour – a live Radio Listeners Program to discuss issues of rights, advocacy and learning.
- Periodic Information sharing with the priests and laity on Community Engagement, Governance and advocacy.

➤ Promic 1

JDPC Onitsha operates 3 PROMIC programs: PROMIC 1; PROMIC 2 and Agric PROMIC. The 3 programs have received over N3m each and have turned in large amounts of money which have covered the costs of the program as can be testified by the reports sent to SWISSHAND. This has given women new lease of life through enhanced agricultural activities, economic empowerment activities and soft loans since its inception in 2010. More importantly, PROMIC in Onitsha has disbursed loan to over 1200

women and still counting. These are women in the riverine areas of Anambra West, Anambra East, Ayamelum, Ogbaru and Oyi Local Government Areas. Others in the upland communities are in Idemili North, Idemili South and Ihiala LGAs

➤ **Promic 2**

The JDPC Onitsha- PROMIC scheme has typically helped women establish new micro and small businesses, expand existing ones, helped local market women buy more goods and expand crop plantation. The fund is being recycled, thereby accommodating and increasing the total number of beneficiaries. Interestingly, PROMIC fund has been re-disbursed in Mmiata-Anam community more than 5 times, Umuoba-Anam 7 times, Anaku 3 times, Nnado 3 times, Umueri 2 times, Atani 5 times, Atani 4 times, Ossomala 3 times, etc. PROMIC is thriving because the loan schedule is convenient and viable unlike the loan system in their villages where 100% of the money borrowed is paid back in bulk.

➤ **Promic Agric 3**

This is being implemented in five (5) communities of Anambra State presently with 141 women benefiting.

2.1. Over 1,200 indigent persons in 3 poorest of the poor LGAs in Anambra with Archbishop Val. Okeke support fund/program titled Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha Micro-Credit Support-CADOMICS

2.2. **Empowerment**—At least 10 applicants have benefited in JDPC new Job Outsourcing Program. Transport empowerment using KEKE NAPEP has been introduced. 2 persons have gotten tricycles. Seventy persons received training on job ethics and morality in the work place

2.3. **Improving Community Response to Management Malaria (ICRAM)**

This project covers Aguata Local Government Area only. Aguata Local

Government council health official's monthly meeting was exclusive for the health officials, but this has changed with the involvement of JDPC (ICRAM) project partners.

JDPC (ICRAM) apply effective advocacy skills to engage Government officials and State level community leaders and created space for community awareness and patronage of PHCs. It also enhanced upward engagement with State Government on the challenges of PHCs. As a result, JDPC (ICRAM) partnership helped to address the problem of Aguata Health Department.



2.4. **School Run**

The JDPC Onitsha School Run program has benefited more than 60 school children. The scheme is introduced to help parents reduce the burden of taking the children to and fro school. This has helped to reduce the incidence of Okada accident faced by children in the town.

2.5. **JDPC Lenten Campaign:**

Lenten Campaign was carried out in 7 Parishes within the year. JDPC Market Lenten campaign drive was also conducted in 5 major markets; Main market, Ochanja market, Electronics market and New/Old tyre market

Activity Area 3; Caritas

3.1. JDPC disbursed about N600,000.00 on Charity, Bursary and Medical assistance within the year. More than 60 persons benefited

3.2. Valentine Day celebrated with more than 150 motherless babies in Onitsha Motherless babies home and environs.

- 3.3. Provision of education materials such as school bags, textbooks, exercise books and other learning aids for 50 indigent primary school children in Odoakpu area of Onitsha



NUMBER OF DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
1,538	2,675	4,213

Networking and Collaboration with Partners

The national Caritas together with its Provincial and Diocesan Justice Development and Peace/Caritas Commissions (JDPCs), work in close collaborations with about 40 partners, including Caritas members from other regions of the world summarized as follows;

- Institutional donors
- Other Caritas Organizations
- United Nations Institutions
- International Private Sponsors
- Government Institutions



Into 2015

Caritas Nigeria & JDPC will begin the year with reviewing its strategic focus for the next five years. Thematic areas will include Good governance advocacy, Health, HIV/AIDS and Family and Human Life, advocacy towards quality and affordable education, Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance, Agriculture and livelihoods, Institutional Capacity Strengthening.

Key priorities will include:

- Strengthening Church Structures right down to community level
- Developing Disaster Risk Reduction capacity at Community, Diocesan and National levels

- Sustainable Development Goals as Framework
- Health System Strengthening
- PMD Pro – providing professional development training and certification to those in the development sector in the Church and society in Nigeria
- Prisons Lobby and Advocacy
- Employment Generation: Youth Empowerment and Capacity Building(Training) for Women
- Driving Accountability in governance
- Local Fund Raising

9. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Caritas Nigeria is a national agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) with 55 Diocesan organizations networked together across the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory in Nigeria, as part of humanitarian and development mission of the Catholic Church. For financial information on individual diocesan organization please refer to their own websites if possible.

The Financial Information provided here is based on Caritas Nigeria financial year 2013-2014 (October 2013 – September 2014), as indicated in the most recent audit report of the organization.

Caritas Nigeria national office provides coordination and support to the Diocesan structures. It is funded by contributions from member organizations, grants from donor agencies and through private donations. Its finances are reviewed annually by an external auditor and a full report is available for download from www.caritasnigeria.org.

Summary

Sustainable HIV/AIDS care and Treatment Action In Nigeria (SUSTAIN) program, funded by the Centre for Disease Control and prevention (CDC)	N1,582,556,599.49
Support to Vulnerable Households for Accelerated Revenue Earnings (SHARE) program	N123,316,979.60
Institutional Capacity Strengthening (ICS) project by Catholic Relief Services (CRS).	N7,876,560.00
Emergency to the Philippines	N5,988,424.75
Parish Fundraising	N4,259,890.00
Donations	N4,562,342.00
Lenten Collections	N8,842,849.10
UNDP	N16,987,385.24
Total	N1,801,200,776.35

