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INTRODUCTION

We are delighted to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter, packed with updates, stories, and opportunities that embody the spirit of our shared mission.

This newsletter serves as a window into the tireless efforts and remarkable achievements of our dedicated team, volunteers, and supporters, who are making a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

We encourage you to immerse yourselves in the stories we share, to reflect on the impact we have collectively made, and to find inspiration to keep driving positive change.

Together, we have the ability to shape a brighter tomorrow. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Stay connected, stay engaged, and let us continue making impacts together.

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AYGF COMMEMORATES 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN WOMEN 2023

By Miracle Joshua & Gift Madi

This campaign was established by UN Women and was pioneered with the hashtag #16DaysOfActivism and #UNITE from 20th November, 2023 - 10th December, 2023.

Africa Youth Growth Foundation, in tandem with UN Women's UNITE to End Violence Against Women initiative, has launched a robust awareness campaign in support of the 16 Days of Activism against Sexual Violence Against Women.

UN Women's UNITE to End Violence Against Women initiative, a longstanding global effort launched in 2008, aims to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls worldwide. Under the guidance of the UN Secretary-General, this initiative aligns with the civil society-led 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign, observed annually from 25 November to 10 December. The theme for this year's campaign is "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls." Managed by UN Women, UNITE appeals to governments, civil society, women's organizations, youth, the private sector, media, and the UN system to unite against the pervasive global issue of violence against women and girls.

Responding to this urgent call, AYGF has swiftly initiated several impactful campaigns to amplify the message, urging citizens, global entities, media organizations, and relevant stakeholders both nationally and internationally to take decisive action in the fight against sexual violence targeting women. Our initiatives began with a sensitization campaign at Doveland International School, commemorating the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence.

We conducted informative sessions for children and teenagers of diverse age groups, addressing these critical issues and providing resources to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. Since the 25th, we have consistently engaged in daily social media posts, community outreach programs, and educational campaigns targeting students, citizens, and organiza-



A group picture with AYGF Programs and Communications Officers and the students and staff of Doveland International School, Abuja. Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER 2023 AT AYGF (PROJECTS & PROGRAMS)

These are the key events that took place between 1st November and 30th November 2023 from Courtesy Visits to HQ Visitations.



AYGF was hosted at Action Against Hunger having deliberations on partnerships across projects in the northeast and northwest parts of Nigeria. Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.



AYGF warmly received the Association Of Recruiters License Placement Agents Of Nigeria (ARLPAN) on a Courtesy Visit the Headquarters to establish a partnership for the promotion of fair and regular international recruitment (Labor Migration). Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.



The AYGF Team paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Nigeria! AYGF is honored to engage in meaningful discussions and collaborations with the esteemed representatives of the Czech Republic. Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.



AYGF was well received on behalf of the ECOWAS commission by Mambury with an interesting conversation around regional integration and the need to ensure safe and orderly migration across the region while proffering solutions to our shared interest. Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.



AYGF Team on a Courtesy Visit to the Director General of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking In Persons (NAPTIP) was warmly received on her behalf by the Mr Josiah Emerole, the Director of Intelligence (Research and Programme Development) at the Headquarters for Partnership Strengthening.



AYGF hosted the North East Youth Initiative For Development in her head office with both organizations discussing on partnership and co-implementing projects in the Northern region. The EYES project is an avenue to explore this partnership and continuously contribute to peace building in the North East and North West.

AYGF MAKES REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE AFRICAN-WIDE MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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The Conference took place between 27th November and 29th November 2023.

In a remarkable display of collaborative efforts, the Civil Society Advance Forum on Sustainable Development (CAS2030) partnered with a coalition of influential NGOs dedicated to the SDGs in Nigeria, including OSSAP-SDGs Nigeria, TAP Network, National Senior Citizens Center, Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD), and the Kenya SDGs Forum. Together, they co-hosted the 2023 African-Wide Multi-Stakeholders Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This significant conference, convened in the city of Abuja, Nigeria, from the 27th to the 29th of November 2023, emerged as a pivotal platform for fostering connections, unveiling innovative strategies, and cultivating synergies among stakeholders. It served as a forum for sharing progress and raising awareness about SDGs, with a primary focus on reviewing advancements in SDG implementation both in Nigeria and across the African continent. This critical assessment marked the midpoint towards the target date of 2030, with a parallel emphasis on bolstering capacities for the realization of sustainable development goals.

One of the standout moments of the conference unfolded when the Executive Director of the Africa Youth Growth Foundation (AYGF), Dr. Arome, took the stage to address a pivotal session on "Building an Inclusive Financial and Digital Society." Dr. Arome's insights highlighted effective strategies for empowering every individual, particularly the youth, by granting them access to essential financial services and digital opportunities. He emphasized the significance of inclusivity in shaping a society where financial and digital resources are accessible to all. The emphasis on youth empowerment resonated strongly, aligning with the broader mission of advancing sustainable development goals across the African landscape.

Our participation in the African-Wide Multi-Stakeholders Conference stands as a testament to our commitment to driving positive change and contributing substantially to the discourse surrounding sustainable development in Africa. AYGF's engagement in this conference exemplifies our dedication to shaping the narrative and fostering actionable strategies that propel the continent towards a more sustainable and inclusive future.



Dr. Arome Salifu, Executive Director of the AYGF, delivering his address at the African-wide Multi-Stakeholders Conference on Sustainable Development Goal. Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.



Dr. Arome Salifu, Executive Director of the AYGF, highlighting strategies for empowering every individual, especially the youth, with access to financial services and digital opportunities during the "Building an Inclusive Financial and Digital Society" session of the African-wide Multi-Stakeholders Conference on Sustainable Development. Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.



Dr. Arome Salifu, Executive Director of the AYGF, with key speakers and contributors at the African-wide Multi-Stakeholders Conference on Sustainable Development Goal. Photo: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer.



AYGF is a regional non-governmental Organisation established in April, 2003 and registered in July, 2006 with the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja, Nigeria, with over 17 years of developmental projects implemented with the European Union (EU), International Organisation Migration (IOM), Johnson & Johnson, Dimagi, ECOWAS through the, Spanish Government, German Government, World Bank, Vitamin Angels, amongst others.

AGYF has operational base in British Columbia Canada, and Nigeria (Kogi, Niger, Abeokuta, Katsina, and FCT). The organisation's purpose is to strive for positive change in the economic and social status of Africans, the poor, the vulnerable and minorities, by implementing effective programs that deliver sustainable outcomes.

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