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Accelerating the Fight against Malaria for a More Equitable World,

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April was a roller-coaster of holidays and we enjoyed every bit of it. As we reflect on the impactful month of April, we are excited to proceed into May by paying it forward and igniting change one day at a time.

The new quarter was filled with remarkable celebrations, marking important International Days, and inspiring success stories as we round up the ANRIN project in Kogi, Niger, and Katsina states.

As an organization that prioritizes good health, we engaged in a road walk to raise awareness on World Malaria Day. Amidst dances and engaging conversations, we rallied residents in Abuja to 'Change the Narrative' and prioritize malaria prevention. Watch out for the beautiful pictures!

If there's one thing we will agree on, it is the fact that the earth and global climate have experienced a shift. We celebrated World Earth Day with a very informative video. You need to watch it.

Finally, in this edition, you get to see how we championed a SHE celebration and a glimpse of our partnership visits and collaborations.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we continue to sow seeds of transformation and we hope that together, the month of May is filled with purpose and impact.

PRESS CONFERENCE FOR WORLD MALARIA DAY



L-R: Mr. Boniface Imo, Internal Auditor/Compliance Manager, Ubong Tommy, Head of Project Delivery, Dr. Arome Salifu, the Executive Director of AYGF, Mrs. Ese Mowoe, Human Resource Manager, Mr. Gamble Aniekan Head of Operations at the Fight Against Malaria Press Conference. Photos: @AYGF 2024/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer

In commemoration of World Malaria Day with the theme: Accelerating the Fight against Malaria for a More Equitable World, AYGF held a press conference on the 24th of April 2024 bringing to the fore the need for all stakeholders to increase community engagement regarding the decision-making of health and creating more interventions that address factors that increase malaria risk.

Global statistics show that Nigeria accounts for 27%, the highest number of malaria cases in the world. This data is a pointer to change the narrative and find a lasting solution. In its way of fighting malaria, AYGF has impacted 2,375,329 pregnant women in Kogi, Niger and Katsina States. This was done via the implementation of the Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria project (ANRIN) through the distribution of Intermittent Preventive Therapy for Pregnant women.

As we commemorate this year's World Malaria Day, we urged the Nigerian Government to adopt universal health coverage and make healthcare affordable for low-income earners and those living in rural areas. Everyone has the right to quality, timely, and affordable healthcare.

WORLD MALARIA DAY: ROADSHOW AND ACTIVITIES.



AYGF Head of Project Delivery during the Malaria Day Roadshow



AYGF staff during the World Malaria Day Roadshow

AYGF, in collaboration with NMEP and various development partners, marked World Malaria Day on April 25, 2024, with a solidarity road walk.

World Malaria Day, an annual event observed globally on April 25th, stands as a significant reminder of the ongoing battle against malaria, emphasizing the need for heightened awareness and urgent action to combat this pervasive disease.

According to reports by WHO, infants and young children continue to suffer the greatest mortality. In a show of solidarity, AYGF united with other developmental organizations to amplify the theme "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world."

The road walk, which spanned a distance of 5 kilometers in the city of Abuja, served as a powerful symbol of collective determination and resolve. Each participant was driven by the shared goal of ensuring that no one, regardless of age or background, would continue to suffer the devastating effects of malaria.

AYGF, NMEP, and other partners have demonstrated that together, we possess the collective strength and resilience needed to overcome even the most formidable challenge.

AYGF EMPOWERS STUDENTS ON GIRLS IN ICT DAY



AYGF IT Senior Officer giving a lecture during the World day of girls in ICT.



Young girls from Government Day Secondary school Wuse 2 receiving a lecture from AYGF team during world day of girls in ICT

In response to the ongoing digital revolution and the gender gap in active participation, the AYGF Team recently visited the Government Day Secondary School, Wuse 2 to celebrate the International Day of Girls in ICT 2024.

Led by our Program Officers Ifeoluwa Prince and Caroline Godwin, along with the IT Facilitator Mr. Shedrach Obi, the team aimed to empower young girls with insights into the ICT sector.

During the session, our facilitator engaged with 20 girls, shedding light on current realities and the vast opportunities available in technology.

AYGF believes in a world where SHE thrives in the world of technology

AYGF CELEBRATES MOTHER EARTH'S DAY

Mother Earth Day serves as a vital platform for raising awareness and tackling the environmental crisis exacerbated by plastic pollution. This year's theme, "Plastic VS Planet," underscores the pressing need for concerted action to safeguard our environment.

At AYGF, our mission revolves around promoting sustainable practices to bolster the preservation of our planet. Through initiatives like our Earth Restoration Campaigns and awareness efforts, we actively contribute to shaping a more sustainable future.

We urge you to take immediate action to preserve the environment by:

Planting trees

Recycling bottles

Opting for eco-friendly materials

To mark this significant day, we've produced a video highlighting the detrimental effects of pollution on our planet.

COURTESY VISIT

PPFN COURTESY VISIT



AYGF Executive Director and staff with the Country Director of Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria

We had the honour of hosting the Country Director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria, Dr Aku Okai at the AYGF Headquarters in Abuja.

Dr. Okai was well received by the AYGF team and got more insights into the work done over the years, particularly in the area of children & women's nutrition and malaria prevention.

Dr. Okai expressed profound satisfaction with AYGF's achievements and eagerly anticipates a fruitful collaboration between AYGF and PPFN.

NEEM FOUNDATION



Mr. Nelson Egbunu head of Programs and AYGF team with the Senior Program Officer Minoe Duamwan of NEEM

The AYGF Team, led by the Head of Programs, Nelson Egbunu, paid a courtesy visit to Neem Foundation in Abuja.

The Senior Program Officer Minoe Duamwan and the Program Officer of Education, Blessing Tarfa at NEEM Foundation warmly received the team. The meeting focused on exciting opportunities for collaboration on education initiatives.

Together, AYGF and Neem Foundation share a commitment to getting out-of-school children back into classrooms and making a positive impact across communities.

AYGF SUCCESS IN ERADICATING MALARIA



As an organization with a strong passion for ensuring universal health coverage, AYGF has impacted over 2 million women in Kogi, Niger, and Katsina states by providing them with SP-IPTP to ensure a safe pregnancy. Over the years we have donated insecticide-treated nets and offered free medical advice and treatments to communities in Abuja.

With all these efforts and even more initiatives and investments made toward malaria eradication, we are confident that malaria will become something of the past soon.

(GALLERY OF MALARIA ACTIVITIES IN THE STATES AND EVEN MALARIA OUTREACH)



To wrap up our April Newsletter, we leave you with a video from one of our speakers Dr. Murtala Adogi at our annual retreat earlier in the year. We hope it reminds you to recognize your role as problem solvers in our immediate community and nation.



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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