

Womankind



MAY 2021



Our Current Project

With the support of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), we are currently implementing the "P.A.S. project", with "P.A.S." standing for prevention, accountability, and support. The PAS project is aimed at promoting understanding of SGBV as a way of **prevention** among at-risk populations, demand **accountability** from duty bearers, while ensuring effective and holistic **support** if/when SGBV occurs.

What We Did

In May, we produced 12 infographics and disseminated them through our social media pages on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. The messages were curated after extensive research on the different, broad forms of gender-based violence, their effects, and proposed solutions. The content had an impression/reach of 104,000 on Twitter, 22,400 on Instagram, and 14,500 on Facebook. Some of the infographics can be found below:

Some of the ways that men are sexually abused include:

- Unwanted touching, like a hand on the chest.
- Making sexually explicit comments disguised as "jokes".
- Unwanted sexting.
- Sexually suggestive gestures.

Excerpt from Tweetchat on Male Sexual Abuse with Yinka Ogunnubi.

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The average age of trafficked children in Nigeria is 15

73% of trafficked persons in Nigeria are trafficked across states,

The percentage of trafficked persons within states is **23%**

2% are trafficked outside the country.

NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (NAPTIP)

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3 Reasons male survivors DO NOT seek help after abuse:

- Confusion about erection or ejaculation during the assault.
- Embarrassment at not being able to protect oneself, being a man.
- A wrong belief that they have to handle the after-effect of abuse alone.

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Physical VIOLENCE can look like

- Threats with a weapon or actual use of that weapon
- Beating or kicking
- Burning of the skin or other part of the body
- Being hit with a fist or an object

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Specific forms of violence that are purely psychological include:

- 01 Isolation
- 02 Withholding information
- 03 Neglect
- 04 Providing false information
- 05 Threats with previous acts of violence.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Nigeria has a digital Sex Offenders Register to help members of the public conduct background checks on individuals and ensure they are not sex offenders. This is especially useful for organizations that work with children.

The register can be accessed at nsod.naptip.gov.ng

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#KnowTheVAPPAct Series:

In May, we disseminated three comic illustrations on key sections of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act under our #KnowTheVAPPAct series to simplify relevant sections of the VAPP Act that relate to SGBV. Through this initiative, we have been building a collective of citizens who are aware of the provisions of the VAPP Act, and who are empowered to take action.

#KnowTheVAPPAct
Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) (VAPP) Act, 2015

Section 20
HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES

OFFENCE: Any person who carries out harmful traditional practices on another person commits an offence.

PENALTY: Up to 3 years imprisonment or fine of up to N500,000, or both. Any person who attempts, incites, or supports someone to commit this offence is liable to up to 2 years imprisonment or fine of up to N200,000, or both. And any person who receives or assists someone that has committed this offence is liable to up to 2 years imprisonment or fine of up to N300,000, or both.

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Section 19
SPOUSAL/PARTNER BATTERY

OFFENCE: Any person who beats his/her marriage or intimate partner commits an offence.

PENALTY: Up to 3 years imprisonment or fine of up to N200,000, or both. A person who attempts, incites, or supports someone to commit this offence is liable to up to 1 year imprisonment or fine of up to N100,000, or both. And any person who receives or assists someone that has committed this offence is liable to up to 3 years imprisonment or fine of up to N300,000, or both.

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Section 16
ABANDONMENT OF SPOUSE, CHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENTS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT MEANS

OFFENCE: Any person who abandons a wife/husband, children or other dependents without any means of support, commits an offence.

PENALTY: Up to 3 years imprisonment or fine of up to N500,000, or both. A person who attempts, incites, or supports someone to commit this offence is liable to up to 2 years imprisonment or fine of up to N200,000, or both. And any person who receives or assists someone that has committed this offence is liable to up to 3 years imprisonment or fine of up to N300,000, or both.

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Fact Sheets and Frequently Asked Questions:

In commemoration of Children's Day on 27 May, we released multiple Fact Sheets and Frequently Asked Questions on 'Age-Appropriate Sex Education for Children' and 'Toxic Masculinity.' This was released in a bid to offer parents a blueprint to provide their children with sex education and, ultimately, prevent the occurrence of child sexual abuse. These Fact Sheets and FAQs can be downloaded from invictus.ng/publications.

AGE APPROPRIATE SEX EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN
A-Z OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Early Childhood (Age 2-5 years)

Discussing sex with your child is a continuing process.

Below are some of the age-appropriate sex-ed discussions to have with children at the different stages of their growth.

Appropriate touching

Body Boundaries

Body feelings

Difference between male and female body parts

Consent

Assertiveness practice

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AGE APPROPRIATE SEX EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN
A-Z OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Middle Childhood (Age 5-8 years)

Discussing sex with your child is a continuing process.

Below are some of the age-appropriate sex-ed discussions to have with children at the different stages of their growth.

Exploring digital spaces safely

Speak more explicitly about sexual abuse

Start to talk about body changes

Assertiveness practice

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A-Z SEXUAL ABUSE FAQs

Parents' A-Z Questions are developed based on their research and an extensive review of relevant research. Invictus Africa reserves the right to edit and update the content of this document without notice. The content was facilitated by Mrs. Grace Kaka and Mrs. Kele Agbo-Okpara, both of the Open Society Foundation.

01 What Exactly is Child Sexual Abuse?

02 How do we protect children from online predators?

03 What should I do if my child tells me /he was abused?

04 How can I identify someone who is likely to sexually abuse children?

05 What can I do as a teacher to help my students open up?

06 What can I do as a parent to help my child?

07 How can I educate a child with intellectual disabilities about child sexual abuse?

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#MindTheGaps Series: Likeability: Silencing the Girl-Child

We hosted our monthly virtual advocacy series tagged #MindTheGaps. In line with our focus key segment for May, the topic for the month was: "Likeability: Silencing the Girl-Child", and our guest was Wemimo Adewumi, Broadcast Journalist and Women's Rights Advocate. She addressed the meaning of likeability and how our society's application of it exposes girls to social conditioning that proves harmful to them in the long run, how to mitigate that conditioning, and the role of the media in unpacking these harmful gender norms. #MindTheGaps series for May was implemented via a Tweetchat.

#MindTheGaps
...addressing inequality gaps

Tweet Chat
**Likeability:
Silencing the
Girl-Child**

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SPEAKER

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SUNDAY
23 May, 2021 4PM

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#1minOnGBV

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GUEST
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TOPIC
Rape as a Human Rights Violation

RELEASE DATE
Friday, 28 May, 2021

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#1minOnGBV: Rape as a Human Rights Violation

We released the fourth episode of our video series, #1minOnGBV, which is hosted on SheTV. The series is aimed at providing education on concepts that are related to SGBV. The topic of this episode was "Rape as a Human Rights Violation", and it was well-handled by Seun Bakare, who is the Head of Programs, Amnesty International Nigeria. He highlighted specific human rights that rape as a violent crime violates, and reiterates that it is a crime that has no place in our society. #1minOnGBV is released on the last Friday of every month.

Field Exercise - Enugu State

In May, we commenced the field exercise in Enugu State, where 509 residents were interviewed in four communities across three LGAs: that is, Ibagwa Nike Community, Amorji Nike Community (both in Enugu East LGA), Ogui Nike Community (Enugu North LGA), and Ngwo Community (Udi LGA). This study was conducted by first sensitizing the populace on GBV before using qualitative and quantitative methods in collecting field data. The exercise is, among others, aimed at better understanding the traditional, religious, and cultural norms within the communities that aids GBV, how GBV plays out in the community, existence and effectiveness of formal and informal reporting and referral structures, and recommendations on how their communities can be safer for women and girls and ways in which GBV survivors can be better supported.



What We Will Do Next

In June, we will implement another #MindTheGaps series, where we host a subject matter expert on SGBV. On the last Friday in June, we will release the fifth episode of our #1minOnGBV video series. On June 12, we will also hold our third interactive webinar for a key segment, girls, providing them with actionable information linking likeability and SGBV. You can register your girls under 18 [here](#). Field Officers for Plateau, Ondo, and Taraba States will also be deployed for our ongoing field exercise on GBV. Also, expect our comic illustrations on relevant sections of the Violence Against Persons Prohibitions (VAPP) Act.

AN INTERACTIVE WEBINAR FOR GIRLS UNDER 18
Linking Likeability and SGBV



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DATE

12 JUNE 2021

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4 PM - 6 PM

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