



CITIZENS HEALTH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CHEDI)

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ACRONYMS

ACOMIN	Association of Civil Societies on Malaria, Immunization & Nutrition
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AMAC	Abuja Municipal Area Council
CAC	Corporate Affairs Commission
CBO	Community Based Organization
CHEDI	Citizens Health Education and Development Initiative
CSO	Civil Society Organization
ED	Executive Director
FACA	FCT Agency for the Control of AIDS
FCT	Federal Capital Territory
FEMCHIC	FCT Emergency Maternal and Child Intervention Centre
FHI	Family Health International
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
GF	Global Fund
GON	Government of Nigeria
HTS	HIV Testing Services
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
LGA	Local Government Area
NACA	National Agency for the control of AIDs
PHCs	Primary Healthcare Centers
SFH	Society for Family Health
VCs	Vulnerable Children
WHO	World Health Organization

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report mirrors Citizen's Health Education and Development Initiative (CHEDI) activities for the year 2023. It presents series of our efforts at providing need-based services to the communities and populations we serve viz, indigent households, orphans, youths, women and children and other vulnerable community group in the society.

With grants from World Bank Staff through the Community Connections Campaigns (FY 2023), undergraduates, out of school youths and graduates from Nasarawa, FCT and Niger States were economically empowered with sewing machines, hair dressing and barbing equipment. In addition, startup funds were provided for them (pls, see figs 1a- 6c).

In the same vein, CHEDI continued collaborations with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) through the Civil Society in Malaria, Immunization and Nutrition, ACOMIN Global Fund (GF) Project in Niger State in the implementation of 'The Advocacy and Accountability Project on Malaria'. This project is aimed at galvanizing community support in providing accountability for GF supported services and commodities in communities and facilities assisted the Malaria Elimination Project. One of the main highlights of the project is the monthly coordination meeting where program officers from all participating organizations make presentations/feedback on their activities for the month highlighting success stories and challenges/concerns that require attention of stakeholders (pls see figs 7a-c).

Furthermore, CRS and ACOMIN team visited the CHEDI Suleja Office to administer Organizational Capacity Assessment Tool (OCAT). The goal of the visit was to determine the level of CHEDI's implementation capacity and to ascertain the organization's suitability for engagement in the next phase of the project. The evaluation team also assessed staff report writing capacity and advised on identified capacity gaps. An online meeting was organized to introduce Executive Directors of newly recruited CBOs to inform them on their deliverables for the for the year (pls, see fig 8).

In keeping with our tradition, we embarked of monitoring of on-going programs for beneficiaries. This was to assess and document success stories and challenges. This has helped CHEDI improve her intervention plans to benefit target communities.

Finally, our immense gratitude goes to God Almighty who preserved the lives of CHEDI's staff and management. We also appreciate our donors and partners who supported CHEDI's initiatives despite the tough and hash economy.

INTRODUCTION

CHEDI is a non-profit organization founded in 2011 and legally registered in Nigeria with CAC in 2012. CHEDI was established in reaction to observations made bothering on inadequate information on preventive healthcare especially of communicable diseases like (Malaria, HIV, Tuberculosis) and non-communicable diseases such as (cancer, hypertension, diabetes, malnutrition), most at risk population, youths, persons living with disability, especially women and other vulnerable groups in Nigeria.

CHEDI envisions a Nigeria where the health and wellbeing of Citizens are advanced through Education and Awareness, thereby achieving a healthy and productive workforce.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of Communities by empowering the citizens with the right knowledge and skills to take responsibility for their well-being.

Our goal is to contribute in building a healthy and productive nation. We implement programs that cut across proactive advocacy, capacity building and empowerment of the citizenry especially the vulnerable and marginalized groups in Nigeria.

Our head office is located at Yashua Plaza Wuse II in Abuja, FCT. Our other branches are in Niger, Nasarawa and Imo States (pls visit www.cheding.org). Our focus areas are Maternal Newborn and Child+Nutrition, Immunization, Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases, Capacity Building, Skill Acquisition, Women/Youths Empowerment, HIV/AIDS and Construction of health facilities.










PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS/ACTIVITIES







In the year under review, CHEDI implemented the following programs:

World Bank Staff Community Connections Campaign (WBCCC) FY 2023. This project was aimed at eradicating poverty at the grassroots as outlined in the United Nation Sustainable Development Goal SDGs 1 and 2 (No to Poverty, No to Hunger, respectively). For the year under review, the Program focused on Economic Empowerment of 60 undergraduates, out of school youths and graduates of different institutions in the FCT, Nasarawa and Niger States. With grants from World Bank Staff **WBCCC** (FY 2023), 60 graduates who retrained in skills of sewing, head dressing and barbing, were empowered with sewing machines, hairdressing, and barbing equipment respectively. In addition, they were given startup funds to kickstart their businesses. 20 persons were selected for each of the empowerment categories.

Methodology: bio-data forms were distributed in existing training Centres. This was aimed at ensuring that the right beneficiaries were selected. Filled forms were submitted at CHEDI's head office where physical assessment and interviews were conducted. Also, follow-up phone interviews were conducted for the pre-selected beneficiaries after which the beneficiaries were invited for the distribution ceremony (pls, see below for the activity pictures).

Figure 1: a-c beneficiaries' registration ongoing		
		
Fig 2 a: beneficiaries seated	Fig 2 b: CHEDI Ex..Dir. welcoming the beneficiaries	Fig 2 c: Beneficiaries singing National Anthem
		
Fig: 3 (a-c) (<i>hair dressing</i>)	(b) equipment (<i>barbing</i>)	(c) for distribution (<i>sewing machine</i>)
		

<p>Fig 4 a: Exec. Dir. CHEDI reading her welcome address</p>	<p>Fig 4b: Chairman of the occasion delivering his message</p>	<p>Fig4c: rep. of the Hon. Min. of Humanitarian and Disaster Management delivering a goodwill message</p>
		
<p>Fig4d: Dr. Keshiro from State House Clinic delivering her goodwill message</p>	<p>Fig 4e: A dignitary delivering his goodwill message</p>	<p>Fig 4d: a previous beneficiary testifying how the program impacted her family</p>
		
<p>another previous beneficiary testifying how the program impacted her family</p>	<p>The two previous beneficiaries of the program appreciating CHEDI and World Bank</p>	<p>Rep. of World Bank staff, Zara Binta, Senior Social Development Specialist making her flag off speech</p>
		
<p>Fig 5a: Chairman CHEDI, ED and rep. of WB presenting hair dressing</p>	<p>Fig 5b: presentation of sewing machine, accessories and startup fund to a beneficiary</p>	<p>Fig 5c: Chairman CHEDI, ED and WB rep. presenting barbing</p>

kits, accessories and startup fund to a beneficiary		kits, accessories and startup funds to a beneficiary
		
Fig 6a: A cross section of dignotaries	Fig 6b: Cross section of dignitaries	Fig 6c: Group photo of beneficiaries and dignitaries
		
SOURCE: <i>Author</i>		

MEDIA LINKS for World Bank Projects FY 2023

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<https://infoguidenigeria.com/no-country-can-move-if-youths-are-lagging-behind-minister/>

<https://leadership.ng/chedi-world-bank-staff-empower-fct-nasarawa-niger-youths/>

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VIDEO FROM ARISE NEWS



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VIDEO FROM ASO TV

- <https://nnn.ng/ngo-empowers-vulnerable/>

MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAM

CHEDI is currently implementing the GF 'Advocacy and Accountability' project in collaboration with ACOMIN with funding from GF Malaria Program through CRS. The project's aim is to support community systems to provide accountability and support for Malaria interventions in selected communities and facilities across Niger State. The advocacy aspect of the project includes awareness creation on Malaria Prevention methods and support for the financing of malaria interventions among indigenous communities. Key populations like pregnant women, children under 5 years and Persons Living with HIV (PLWHA) are the main target of this project.

Client Exit Interviews (CEIs) are used to elicit responses from clients who have accessed malaria services in the participating Primary Health Centres; while Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) and Focus Group Discussions (FGD) are used to elicit information from community stakeholders and analyzed to form advocacy messages and feedback for service providers and to encourage local ownership of the project. One of the objectives of the project is to ensure accountability and transparency in the usage of GF and government supplied malaria commodity and services.

Fig 7a an FGD session	Fig 7b: Community members on skill acquisition for liquid soap making	Fig 7c: Client Exit Interview session
		
SOURCE: <i>Author</i>		

ORGANIZATION CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

In the year under review, CRS and ACOMIN team visited CHEDI office in Suleja Niger State to administer their Organization Capacity Assessment Tool (OCAT). The goal of this routine visit was to determine the level of CHEDI's implementation capacity for the incoming implementation year. The meeting also evaluated the report writing capacity of CHEDI staff, to ensure reports are

written in line with key principles of report writing and in tandem with project's basic requirements.

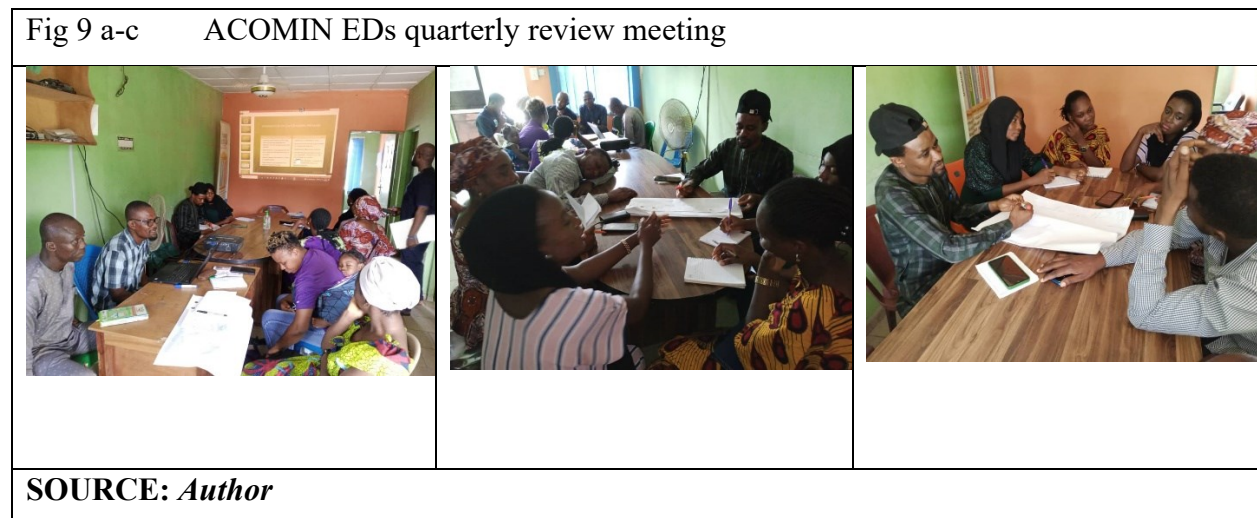
During the meeting it was emphasized that ACOMIN and CRS would henceforth work strategically and with CBOs that have the requisite capacity for project delivery based on track records and internal organizational systems put in place. Subsequently, an online meeting was organized to introduce the new CRS team to the Executive Directors of the various organizations and to inform them before time on the areas of demand in the next phase of the project, and the expectation of CRS team from the respective EDs.

Fig 8: ACOMIN & CRS administering OCAT on CHEDI staff.




ACOMIN QUATERLY REVIEW MEETING

The Executive Director of CHEDI was represented at a one-day quarterly review meeting on the GF New Funding Model GF-NFM Project in Suleja Niger State. The aim of this meeting was to evaluate the performances of the various implementing CBOs, discuss gaps in program implementation and adopt best practices for improved project outcomes and deliverables and ensure accountability in the realization of project goals. CHEDI made presentations on documented success stories and challenges encountered during implementation in the quarter.



ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Being a community-oriented organization, CHEDI has imbibed a comprehensive community engagement strategy to ensure community buy-in and ownership of our programs. In 2023, CHEDI conducted several advocacy visits to various community heads and stakeholders such as Karu Local Government Chairman as well as tradition leaders at Ado community. In a similar manner, CHEDI visited Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of identified vocational training institutions especially those providing training courses in barbing, hairdressing and sewing.

Fig 10a: Advocacy visit to Karu LGA Chairman	Fig 10b	Fig 10c
		

USAID MULTI-SECTORIAL NUTRITION PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

CHEDI staff attended the USAID Multi-sectorial Nutrition Strategy Proposal Development Training. The main aim of the training was to empower CBOs with the techniques required to develop award winning proposals in the field of Nutrition. The staff of the selected CBOs were taken through a 5-day crash course on tips of writing “nutrition proposals” that can help CBOs get funding from donors and make the desired impact of improving lives through a comprehensive nutrition package. It was noted during the training that proposal writing is teamwork and respective team members should be allowed to think outside the box, bright ideas should then be captured and articulated by the project team head. Proposal drafts should be reviewed by the entire team before an external expert looks at it for fresh ideas and insight before submission.

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MONITORING OF EMPOWERMENT BENEFICIARIES

After empowering 60 youths through grants from World Bank Staff for their Community Connections Campaigns (FY 2023), the need arose for a routine monitoring of beneficiaries of the

intervention to follow-up, track progress and provide feedback to donors on the success of the project. CHEDI staff had to travel to rural areas in Nasarawa, FCT and Niger state to ensure that the true situations of beneficiaries are documented for future programming. Also, CHEDI carried out routine monitoring of projects in other states to ensure that project activities are in-line with donor standard, and project deliverables.

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WORLD MALARIA DAY PREVENTION CAMPAING

CHEDI marked the World Malaria Day by carrying out road show/campaign to sensitize the people living around Minna metropolis on the need for personal and environmental hygiene. The event featured mobilization of community members to support clearing of water ways and create passage for stagnant water. The occasion was also used to conduct public demonstration of correct usage of Insecticidal Treated Nets (ITN) and management of complicated and uncomplicated malaria. One of the main highlights of the road show was the distribution of free ITNs donated by CRS.

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WORLD AIDS DAY

CHEDI in collaboration with NACA marked the World AIDS Day with series of activities. The 2023 theme: “Let Communities Lead: “The world can end AIDS, with communities leading the way”, organizations of communities living with, at risk of, or affected by HIV/AIDS spearheaded the campaigns. CHEDI as a frontline organization in the Nigerian HIV response actively participated by conducting free HIV counselling and testing. The event also featured road walks, road shows, march pasts and sporting event to raise awareness in HIV in Niger State. CHEDI is currently an executive council member of The Civil Society HIV and AIDS Network in Nigeria, Niger State Chapter.

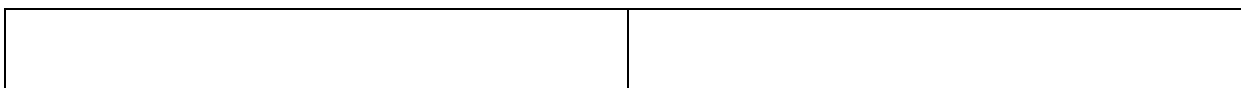


WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

2023 CSO Accountability Forum (7th- 9th November). This meeting held at Barcelona Hotel. Objective of this meeting was to strengthen transparency and accountability engagement in Nigeria’s HIV, TB and Malaria response. The forum was also used to highlight the Roles and responsibilities of Civil Society Organization’s roles in complementing government’s efforts at eradicating HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.



ACCOMIN FCT Chapter Quarterly meeting: This held on the 20th of June2023, at Jasmine Hotel Abuja. The main aim of the meeting was to strategize and reposition the coalition for sustainable funding. It was also used to bring members up to speed with recent happenings for future planning.



Advocacy Visit to FCT Action Committee on AIDS (FACA) On the 3rd of October 2023, CHEDI paid an advocacy visit to FACA head Offices to update the agency on its activities in supporting government's efforts in the response to HIV/AIDS in the FCT. The occasion was also used to congratulate the newly elected FACA program manager and to affirm CISHAN's availability for funding opportunities in the next implementation year.



FCT HFS&P held on the 7th of November 2023 focused on the planned meeting with the new permanent secretary by the group's stakeholders to look at documents reviewed earlier by three breakout sub-groups at an earlier meeting. These reviewed documents contained updates and suggestions made by the respective teams for harmonization and finalization of the advocacy document to be presented to the Permanent Secretary for onward usage and the involvement of other stakeholder and partners in FCT (the public, private cooperation, philanthropist).

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