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- Agency for All Dissemination event
- WASH event at Damagaza community



**VACCINE NETWORK
FOR DISEASE CONTROL**
...life is precious

MESSAGE FROM CEO



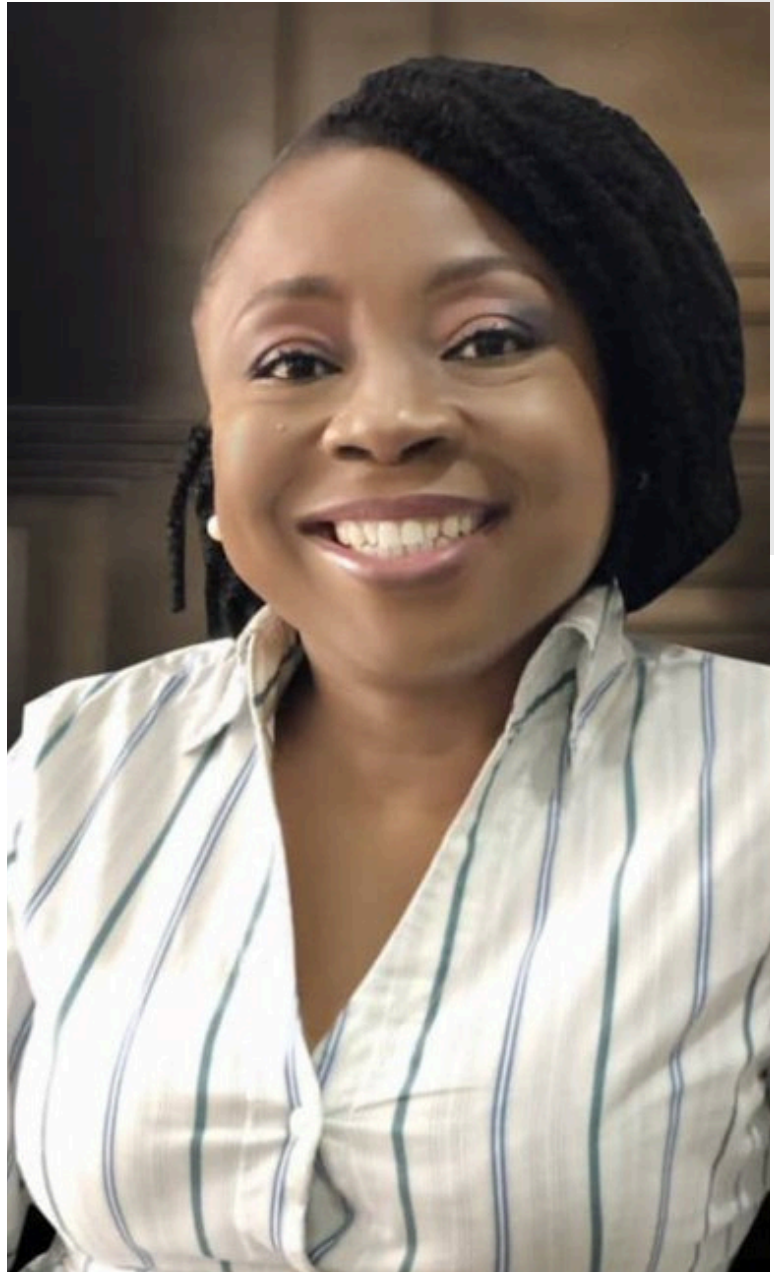
As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2023, I am filled with immense pride for the transformative initiatives that have solidified the Vaccine Network for Disease Control (VNDC) as a leading force aligned with Nigeria's health sector vision for 2023-2026. Our unwavering commitment was palpable through initiatives that seamlessly advanced national health objectives and closely aligned with Sustainable Development Goals 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. From addressing hunger to championing gender equality, VNDC has made significant strides in global development goals.

Our journey began with a focused effort on combating gender-based violence, contributing to the overarching goal of saving lives and fostering a safer environment. The introduction of the "Whole Family Approach" to GAVI exemplifies our commitment to comprehensive healthcare strategies, aligning seamlessly with the health sector's vision and resonating with global objectives. Our active participation in forums, awareness days, impactful programs, and unwavering community engagement has painted VNDC as a beacon of hope for a brighter, healthier future for all Nigerians.

As we approach 2024, I am inspired by the call for all of us to be changemakers, contributing to a world where hope transforms into reality, and every dream takes flight. Together, let us continue to be at the forefront of positive change, shaping a future where health is accessible to all.

Chika Offor

CEO, Vaccine Network for Disease Control



INTRODUCTION

ABOUT US

Vaccine Network for Disease Control is a woman-led, women- adolescent- and children-focused organization that delivers effective programs in the areas of Health and socio-economic development (Education, Economic empowerment, Gender Equity and Capacity-building). At VNDC, we believe that every ill that hinders health and development is a disease and the solutions are the vaccines. As a community-based organization (CBO), we strengthen urban slums and rural community structures through intentional and active engagement of community stakeholders in planning, development and execution of interventions and the empowerment of women and girls with the aim of improving their health outcomes, leadership and governance roles, and ensuring sustainability of programs.

WHAT WE DO

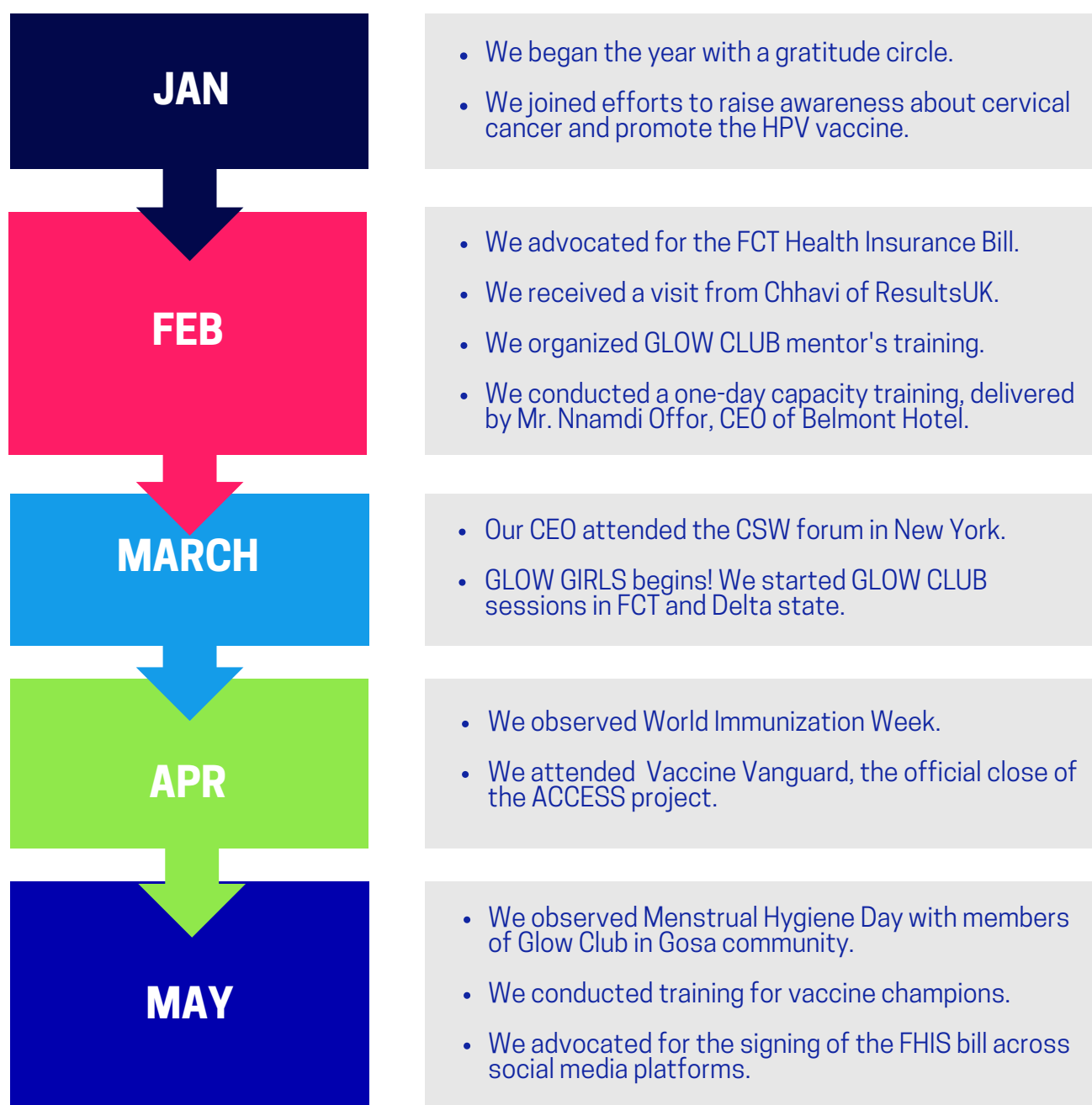
At VNDC, we discovered that ‘vaccines’ are not enough. From our experience, especially in urban slums and rural communities, providing vaccines for typical diseases is only the first step in developing sustainable communities. Hunger affects these communities even more. Illiteracy affects these communities and even contributes to other acts that could further hinder the development of communities. We wanted to do more. We wanted to provide solutions to as many of these other problems as we could. This led to the redefinition of the terms DISEASES and VACCINES.

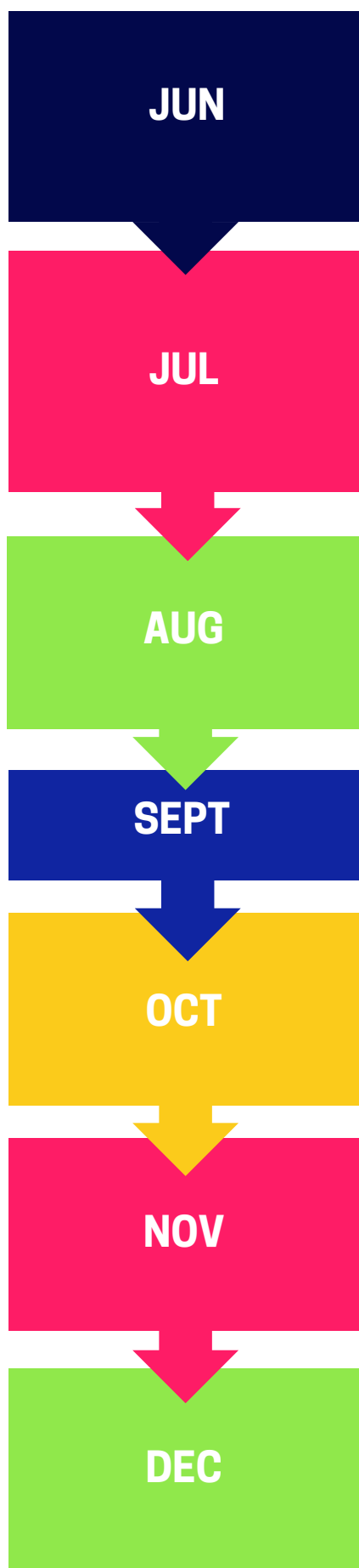
- Health
- Policy Advocacy
- Education
- Gender
- Empowerment



2023 IN RETROSPECT

The year 2023 began with an unwavering commitment by VNDC to address the pervasive issue of gender-based violence, directly contributing to the health sector's paramount goal of saving lives, forging a safer environment, and alleviating the physical and emotional pain caused by such violence. Through a series of advocacy activities and awareness campaigns, the organization not only provided a safe space for survivors but also harmonized with the broader vision of cultivating health for all Nigerians, irrespective of their socio-economic status. Concurrently, VNDC presented the innovative "Whole Family Approach" to GAVI, emphasizing the importance of a comprehensive healthcare strategy. This groundbreaking approach aimed to ensure that each family member could access healthcare services during a single visit to a health facility. By integrating family dynamics seamlessly into health interventions, the approach resonated with the health sector's vision of achieving health for all.





- Our CEO delivered a goodwill message at the 10th-anniversary conference of PRESTON Associates.
- Actively participated in the 4th meeting of the Ministerial Oversight Committee on Basic Health Care Provision Fund.

- Participated in the joint WHO stakeholders feedback workshop.
- Took part in the Health Policy Dialogue Series organized by HSRC.
- Organized a WASH program in Damagaza.

- Our CEO served as the judge at the 4GWorg Innovation Bootcamp final pitch event.
- Conducted in-person dissemination of the Agency for All research findings.

- Our CEO delivered a presentation at the UN General Assembly.

- We commemorated International Day of the Girl Child
- We participated in the #makepoliohistory campaign

- We conducted HPV vaccine champion training
- We participated in the 16 Days of Activism campaign

- We concluded 16 Days of Activism
- We carried out an catalytic intervention- an Act of Kindness
- Conducted Community Carnival

SUCCESS STORY



Leveraging the trust established within the community, VNDC initiated a comprehensive renovation of Mrs. Ibrahim's home, collaborating with the FCT Mandate Secretary, Mrs. Dayo. This project addressed vital elements such as ceilings, flooring, screeding, and painting. In addition to the renovation, Mrs. Ibrahim received a customized package containing essential household items, including a fan, mattress, mosquito net, insecticides, and bags.

This undertaking not only showcases VNDC's commitment to meeting the immediate needs of vulnerable individuals but also contributes to fostering a community resilient to gender-based violence. The meticulous technical and logistical execution of these efforts serves as a testament to the trust forming the bedrock of VNDC's impactful initiatives within communities.



OUR PROJECTS

The Vaccine Network for Disease Control (VNDC) recognizes the interconnectedness of issues that affect sustainable health and development. We therefore, bring to bear the unique approaches of achieving community health outcomes through a lineup of intentional interventions. The path to self-reliance is to accelerate individuals and communities to a level of sustained development through standard development indicators, community profiling systems, and community adoption strategies.

PREACH PROJECT

VNDC is working with Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAi) on a Gavi funded project - Partnership to Reach Zero-Dose Children (PREACH) Project. The goal of the project is to redeem, expand and sustain multi-stakeholder commitment to investment in immunization and primary healthcare to reach zero-dose children and increase immunization coverage in Nigeria. Through this project, VNDC will advocate for increased domestic resource mobilization for immunization and PHC; timely release of budgetary allocation to immunization especially Gavi co-financing; and advocate for effective allocation, use and accountability of resources. Through engagement with the sub-national stakeholders, the governors, using the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), VNDC has proposed effective strategies to increase domestic financing of immunization, immunization delivery systems and strengthen PHC at the primary health facilities.



AGENCY FOR ALL

As the dissemination consultant for the USAID-funded Agency4All mission, VNDC played a crucial role in bolstering COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Nigeria. The initiative began with strategic stakeholder engagements, fostering collaboration and laying a solid foundation for subsequent efforts. These included a radio interview with a live audience, a targeted Twitter X-Chat discourse addressing youth concerns, and a validation meeting with the FCT-Primary Health Care Board to align strategies with healthcare professionals and policymakers. VNDC also organized a meaningful in-person dissemination event and launched a comprehensive campaign advocating for integrated life course immunization approaches. The project reached its pinnacle with a global webinar sharing insights on tackling vaccine hesitancy, show-

casing VNDC's adaptability and dedication to positively influencing public health in the face of a global crisis. Throughout these varied but interconnected activities, VNDC successfully reached and adapted to a wide array of audiences, reflecting our enduring commitment to learning, adapting, and positively influencing public health strategies in the challenging context of a global health crisis.

GLOW CLUB

VNDC is working with GLOBAL GLOW to provide girls with out-of-school safe spaces to learn and explore, and with trusted and knowledgeable mentors to help them discover new techniques for advocacy, self-empowerment, and skill-building. We believe that when girls are strong, healthy, and educated, they change their communities and transform societies.

Since the initiation of our club activities in March 2023, encompassing Bright Girls Club, Unique Girls Club, Girl's Encouragers' Club, Flabbergasting Girl's Club, and Diamond Girls Club, we have connected with an average of 120 girls aged 11-17 in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Warri, Delta state.



SPEED PROJECT

We are currently implementing a U.S Government PEPFAR/CDC funded project on HIV/AIDS/TB through the Excellence Community Education Welfare Scheme (ECEWS) project tagged "Sustainable Programs for HIV Epidemic Control and Equitable Service Delivery (SPEED)" in Delta State. We have enrolled and are serving 7,882 orphans and vulnerable children across four local government areas within this project. Here, we have conducted HIV risk assessment for over 5,988 individuals, conducted strategic sensitizations on HIV prevention, SRHR, PMTCT, Condom education and Adolescent care and treatment services,

and contributed to increased viral suppression. In our HIV programming, implementation efficiency is ensured through the creation of Service Care Plans for every beneficiary (family) to facilitate effective progress monitoring, utilization of the NOMIS, NDR software for monitoring and tracking update, upload, and analysis of data.



HPV Vaccine Introduction Mobilization Project

VNDC in collaboration with WAVA and DCL implemented a GAVI funded project to facilitate the introduction of HPV vaccine as a 1-dose regimen for girls aged 9-14 years in AMAC LGA, FCT.

VNDC executed a comprehensive training initiative to promote the adoption of the HPV vaccine in FCT, employing the CHIPS strategy to effectively train, advocate for and promote the uptake of the HPV vaccine across 10 wards in the AMAC LGA. Initially, VNDC raised awareness and mobilized 10 key vaccine champions in each ward. Subsequently, these primary champions underwent additional training to effectively enlist and empower 5 community-based champions in diverse settlements. This strategic approach significantly expanded the network, resulting in a total of 50 committed vaccine champions throughout the region.



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To Know About **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)**

1 What? Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a medication that protects individuals from HIV infection

2 Why take? PrEP is a highly effective and confidential way to prevent HIV, especially for people

BENEFITS OF PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS

HIV

Social Media Campaign for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Project

The Vaccine Network for Disease Control (VNDC) is actively involved in consulting for the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to implement a targeted social media campaign focused on promoting awareness about the effectiveness of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in preventing HIV transmission. PrEP is considered a groundbreaking medical strategy designed to reduce the risk of contracting HIV among individuals at high risk of exposure. VNDC's efforts aim to leverage social media platforms to disseminate crucial information, dispel myths, and encourage individuals at risk to consider and adopt PrEP as a preventive measure. Through this collaborative initiative, VNDC contributes to the broader public health goal of reducing HIV transmission and promoting overall well-being within communities.

Health Security Project

The Health Security Project, funded by the Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN) and undertaken in partnership with HERFON & GEMHUB, is a pivotal initiative aimed at reinforcing health security in the region. VNDC collaborates closely with the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) to realize this project's overarching goal: to fortify health security by enhancing accountable and transparent health finance management and ensuring equitable access to vaccines.

At the heart of this project is a commitment to bolster accountability and augment financing from domestic resources. This approach is anticipated to significantly improve disease surveillance capabilities and the response efficiency to disease outbreaks. By focusing on these key areas, the Health Security Project aims to establish a more robust and resilient health infrastructure, capable of effectively managing current challenges and preemptively addressing future health crises. The collaboration between VNDC, HERFON, GEMHUB, and NCDC under the auspices of AHBN is a testament to the collective effort required to achieve sustainable improvements in health security and pandemic preparedness.



WASH PROJECT, DAMAGAZA

Vaccine Network for Disease Control spearheaded an impactful WASH program in Damagaza Community, FCT, as part of its commitment to bolster community health. The multifaceted program incorporated a community-wide cleaning initiative, providing a cleaner and healthier environment. VNDC also facilitated medical interventions, conducting malaria testing and distributing drugs to address prevalent health concerns. As part of the holistic approach, we distributed food, addressing not only immediate health needs but also contributing to community well-being.

An innovative element of the program was the inter-house cleaning competition, instilling a sense of community pride and responsibility. The competition not only motivated residents to actively participate in maintaining cleanliness but also created a healthy community spirit. As a commendable initiative, VNDC awarded monetary gifts to the top three cleanest houses, recognizing and reinforcing the positive impact of collective efforts.





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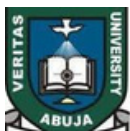
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