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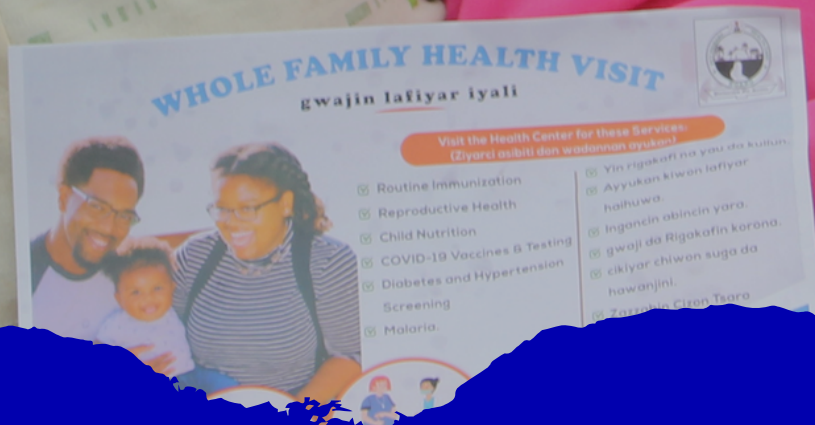
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## CEO'S DESK

“*Let us continue to foster long-term community health and development for all*”

In collaboration with the private sector, women-led organizations, VNDC led an effort to mobilize funds for the revitalization of four PHCs in FCT. All in all, through the various challenges, we made great strides toward our goals and made a difference in the lives of those in need. At this point, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of our team for their tireless efforts in making a positive impact in our communities. Your dedication and commitment to our mission has been truly inspiring and have allowed us to achieve so much in the past year.

I am especially grateful for the support of our donors and partners, such as the United Nations Foundation, Pathfinder International (Nigeria), Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria, Women Leaders for the World, Business and Professional Women, Premier Club, CORE Group, and a host of philanthropic individuals such as Ms. Alero, to mention a few. I thank you for your continued support and dedication to our cause. Let us continue to foster long-term community health and development for all.

Wow! What a year. At the Vaccine Network for Disease Control, we had a year filled with immense opportunities that were transformed into impact.

Our projects, with the shared goal of creating and sustaining disease-free and empowered societies, impacted the lives of over 6,000 women, 250 adolescents, and over 500 children. We worked to improve access, acceptability and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines across three states; to improve the livelihood of PLWHIV (including children and adolescents);, and to empower and equip women with funds and kits to help their emerging businesses thrive, particularly those whose businesses had been harmed by the pandemic. We also expanded our educational scholarship programs for vulnerable children to cater for those in senior secondary classes and mobilized people in the communities to increase health-seeking behavior and uptake of routine immunization (polio vaccination) in FCT.



# IMPACT AT A GLANCE



**200+**  
COMMUNITIES



**8000+**  
BENEFICIARIES

**6000+**

WOMEN GOT EMPOWERED

**106+**

CHILDREN GOT EDUCATED

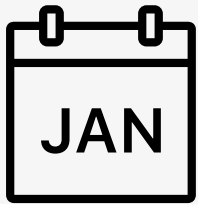
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PHCS GOT REVITALIZED

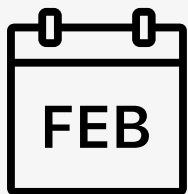
**1.7 MILLION**

INDIVIDUALS REACHED WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

## 2022 IN MONTHS



- > We hit the ground running with "Operation Adopt A PHC!" Citizens' ownership
- > Spring cleaning of Primary Health Care at Garki as part of the Adopt a PHC initiative.



- > We conducted WASH training to enlighten caregivers in Sapale
- > We partnered with Ms. Alero in paying school fees for 60 children in primary and secondary schools across three communities in the FCT.
- > We participated in a FCT private sector round table with Palladium Global CEO, Christopher Hirst.



- > To commemorate Women's Day, the **Audacity is Woman** webinar was held to celebrate women's strength, diversity, and inclusivity.
- > We partnered with CHESTRAD and Pathfinder to discuss vaccine justice, gender equity and youth inclusion as part of COVID-19 bounce back interventions
- > We conducted capacity building and financial training of selected beneficiaries on the **BuildingWomenBack** project funded by How Women Lead.

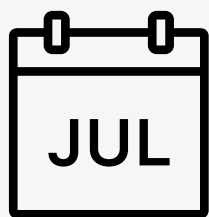


- > VNDC organized a roundtable meeting of high-level experts and policy makers to review and analyze the commitments made at the National Vaccine Summit 10 years ago.
- > We gave financial literacy and skill acquisition training to selected beneficiaries (rural women/girls in FCT) with respect to the BuildBackBetter project, funded by HowWomenLead
- > Our CEO spoke at the webinar on the Integration of Routine Immunization Services amidst the COVID19 pandemic.

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- > The USAID Integrated Health Project FCT team, the FCT Primary Health Care Board, and Biobak Kitchen Inc. held a consultation meeting for a nationwide hospitality grant in Nigeria.
- > A mentorship event- SHE IS IN THE ROOM! was held to conclude the Women Leaders for the World (WLW) program, designed to empower women by showing them women of impact in their daily lives.
- > We celebrated Children's day with our Damagaza education beneficiaries. There was lots of fun, food and laughter!
- > We held a Reflection Workshop for African Vaccination Week with WAIPH



- > We had our very first organizational retreat: Pause and Reflect – where we upgraded and updated our mission, vision and organizational objectives to direct our effort over the next five years.
- > Our CEO was the speaker at a webinar organized by how women lead on fundraising for NGOs.
- > We had Covid-19 vaccination sensitization at ILA college of health, Kuje, FCT.
- > We had a capacity building session for stakeholders (Health Workers and CSOs) on the Whole Family Approach and its implementation through the Adopt-A-PHC Initiative at FCT.



- > We had Covid-19 vaccination sensitization at Gosa community.
- > We had Kuje community sensitization on COVID-19 vaccine in FCT
- > VNDC partnered with NPHCDA for African Vaccination Week.



- > We signed an agreement for G.L.O.W Girls program to be commenced in January 2023.
- > Culmination of 4gates project with our implementing partner, CCFN. Renewed grant cycle with ECWES.

## 2022 IN MONTHS



- > We assisted the government with data collection by donating an internet router to facilitate the upload of vaccination status data.
- > Culmination of ACCESS project



- > We conducted a Monitoring and evaluation exercise for Ms. Alero's education beneficiaries
- > We celebrated World Children's Day with our Gosa education beneficiaries at the National park and zoo, Abuja
- > To commemorate the 16 Days of Activism movement, we hosted a discussion on gender-based violence on Mega FM 89.1 in Warri, Delta.
- > Our organization is finally part of the National Health Insurance Summit committee
- > Engaged our online community with videos of passionate children's response to pneumonia on World pneumonia day



- > Our CEO was appointed chairperson of the Health Sector Reform Coalition (HRSC)

# A RAY OF HOPE

Miracle is a 7-year-old boy who was involved in a fire accident in 2018 and sustained 1st-degree burns. He was referred to Oghara Teaching Hospital for surgery and needed skin grafting surgeries.

He was enrolled into the OVC program in 2020 and was located during one of CARITAS and VNDC household spot check which was conducted by CARITAS team, Mrs Chika Offor VNDC ED and Favour Unusere the case manager.

He has undergone 3 surgeries already and still needs another 2- 3 surgeries to help him use his right arm effectively.





## 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL VACCINE SUMMIT

The Vaccine Network for Disease Control invited a plethora of stakeholders, from policymakers to government agencies, civil society, partners, and the private sector, to its roundtable discussion and media engagement themed 'REFLECT TO ACHIEVE: Taking Stock of Nigeria's Decade-old Vaccine Commitments'. The aim of this event was to deliberate on challenges and opportunities in Nigeria's immunization program, track the progress of Nigeria's immunization commitments since the Summit, and collaboratively chart a course of action towards achieving them and ultimately the IA2030.

The first part of the round table discussion looked into Nigeria's past efforts to achieve each of its commitments set in the 2012 National Vaccine Summit.

Questions focused on major accomplishments and the machinations behind them, such as technical groups, policies, funds, and partnerships, in order to determine where Nigeria stands in terms of implementing these commitments.

The following section featured questions that would make for a smoother journey forward toward achieving IA2030. Questions focusing on strategy and sustainability approaches, investments for supply, insurance improvement, and integration strategies were asked, and rich answers were given to inform following efforts.

At the event's conclusion, new commitments were made to the realization of IA2030 based on the many contributions of the discussants.



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## THE CULMINATION OF ACCESS PROJECT

In this project, the Vaccine Network for Disease Control worked with partners and the government to reduce COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and increase uptake of COVID-19 vaccines in selected communities in Kaduna, Kano, and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). This was done to mitigate community transmission of the virus and minimize the disease burden. This project aligned with the government's strategy for COVID-19 vaccine support under SCALES 2.0 to strengthen community response and acceptability and address hesitancy. The project complemented other state COVID-19 vaccine investments by bringing timely, relevant and necessary civil society expertise and community perception into the government's overall strategies and response at subnational and community levels.

According to our desk review, the first

phase of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in Nigeria began aggressively in March 2021, with the goal of reaching 70% of the eligible population by the end of 2022 to acquire herd immunity and thereby prevent the virus's transmission. Despite the availability of over 13 million vaccine doses, enough to fully vaccinate over 6 million people, or 3% of Nigeria's population, at the end of the first COVID-19 vaccine rollout, Nigeria had only fully and partially vaccinated slightly more than 1.5 million and 5 million people. A whopping 34.92% difference made within the life cycle of this project! As we celebrate this small win (gotten through the collaborative efforts of different stakeholders and partners), we are still faced with the obvious challenge of reaching the desired target of 70% coverage. Therefore, we have a ways to go.

# ADOPT-A-PHC PROJECT

The Adopt-a-PHC Initiative is a public-private resource mobilization and accountability initiative to support the government in providing essential primary health services to communities in Nigeria. This is borne out of the widespread realization that government funding is not adequate to sustainably revitalize primary healthcare but that there is a need to mobilize strategic resources from the private sector in a bid to improve the current suboptimal situation of primary healthcare services in Nigeria. This idea has been explored by a few organizations since 2020, most notably the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN), which conducts this at macroscales for a 5-year adoption of each primary health center in Nigeria's 774 local government areas.

This initiative was tested in the FCT as the outcome of a 2021 USAID-IHP-supported coalition project, in which our organization, the Vaccine Network for Disease Control, played a key role with other non-governmental organizations in the assessment of PHCs. The results of this assessment were concerning major deficits recorded in electricity and water supply, infrastructural integrity, human resources, security measures, etc.



In view of the growing interest as a result of sustained advocacy and one-on-one engagement between the Vaccine Network for Disease Control, the USAID-IHP FCT team, and the FCT Primary Healthcare Board, we were prompted to produce tools to guide the micro-adoption processes in the capital as well as across all the states of Nigeria.

We created and published a step-by-step practical guide to aid a facility adoption process, suitable for use by philanthropic and for-profit organizations in partnership with the government and civil society organizations, to improve primary healthcare services in Nigeria.

We also led the mobilization of philanthropic investments through women-led organizations eager to improve health-care quality, as well as the distribution of resources mobilized for the rehabilitation and revitalization of six primary health care facilities across FCT area councils.



## WHOLE FAMILY APPROACH (WFA)

The whole family approach (WFA) is a family-centered approach to care in which services are designed with the family in mind rather than the individual. Nigeria adopted the Whole Family Approach as a measure to increase the uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine in the country. The scope was to integrate COVID-19 vaccination into primary health services such as childhood routine immunization, hypertension, diabetes, malaria, reproductive health, and malnutrition so that when people visit primary health care facilities, primarily for any of these services, they and their eligible family members can take their COVID-19 vaccines.

On the demand side, trackable Information Education and Communication (IEC) print materials were deployed through designated health announcers who educate households on the benefits of the whole family health service package at the primary health center located in each community. Whereas, on the supply end, facilities were primed with training and data collection tools to provide health services and document the same.

The whole family approach met its main goal by increasing the uptake of key health services in these primary health care centers by 40%. We assisted approximately 700 people in obtaining this whole family health services package in the communities where WFA was implemented.

This formative study and project presents family-centered care as a viable solution and offers a fresh perspective on integrated health promotion. It should be noted that this approach has the potential to significantly support, if not completely change, current approaches to increasing the uptake of key health services. Based on stated evidence and implementation guidelines, it should inform intermediate adoption and expansion of the strategy.

We developed a WFA research manuscript, which is currently being reviewed by the Global Health: Science and Practice journal.

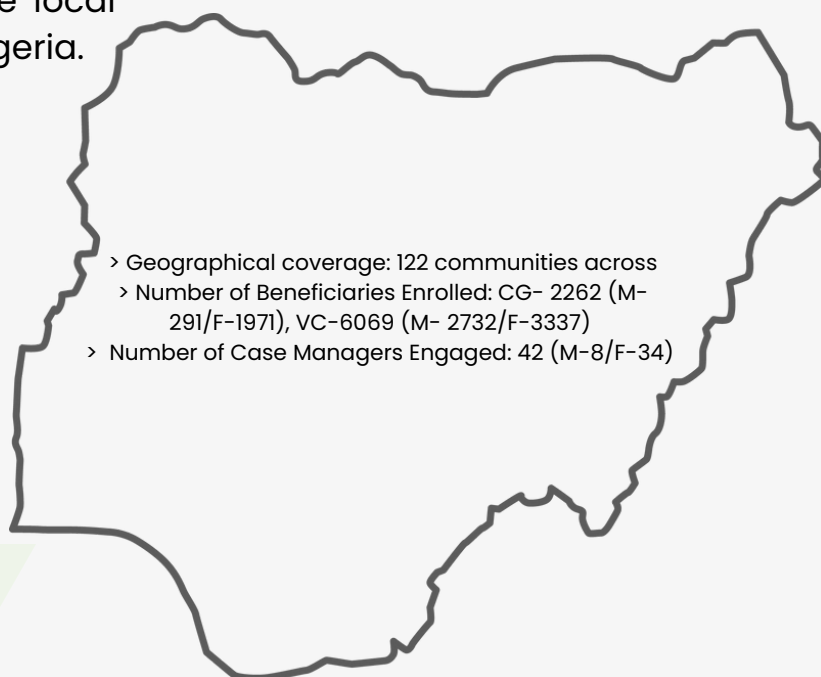
# CARITAS FOUNDATION PROJECT

The Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria/4GATES Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) programs, through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), serve children in a range of adverse situations, including children who are living with HIV, children living with caregivers who are living with HIV, orphaned children at risk of becoming infected, or a combination of these factors. Critical remaining risks pertinent to OVC programs include loss of follow-up of HIV-exposed infants and suboptimal viral load suppression among children and adolescents living with HIV. USAID continues to refine service delivery for OVC in high-burden communities to improve their health, well-being, and protection, as well as strengthen child, adolescent, and family resilience. The overall goal of the project is to have children who are healthy, stable, safe, and Schooled. Vaccine Network for Disease Control (VNDC) implemented the 4GATES 2020 project within the period of October 2021 to September 2022 in Warri South, Udu, Warri north, Warri south west and Sapele local government areas in Delta State, Nigeria.

VNDC enrolled and served 6915 orphans and vulnerable children within this period, 446 of whom are HIV-positive children, 1134 are HIV-positive adults, 76 are exposed infants, and 1038 are high-risk adolescents.

VNDC was able to conduct an HIV risk assessment for 1911 VCs at risk of HIV transmission and referred 1804 for HIV testing services, with four newly linked to treatment.

We were able to provide various services like transportation support, cash transfers, and income-generating activities for indigent households to support adherence, which led to an increase in the suppression rate from 80% in 2021 to 95% in 2022.



- > Geographical coverage: 122 communities across
- > Number of Beneficiaries Enrolled: CG- 2262 (M- 291/F-1971), VC-6069 (M- 2732/F-3337)
- > Number of Case Managers Engaged: 42 (M-8/F-34)



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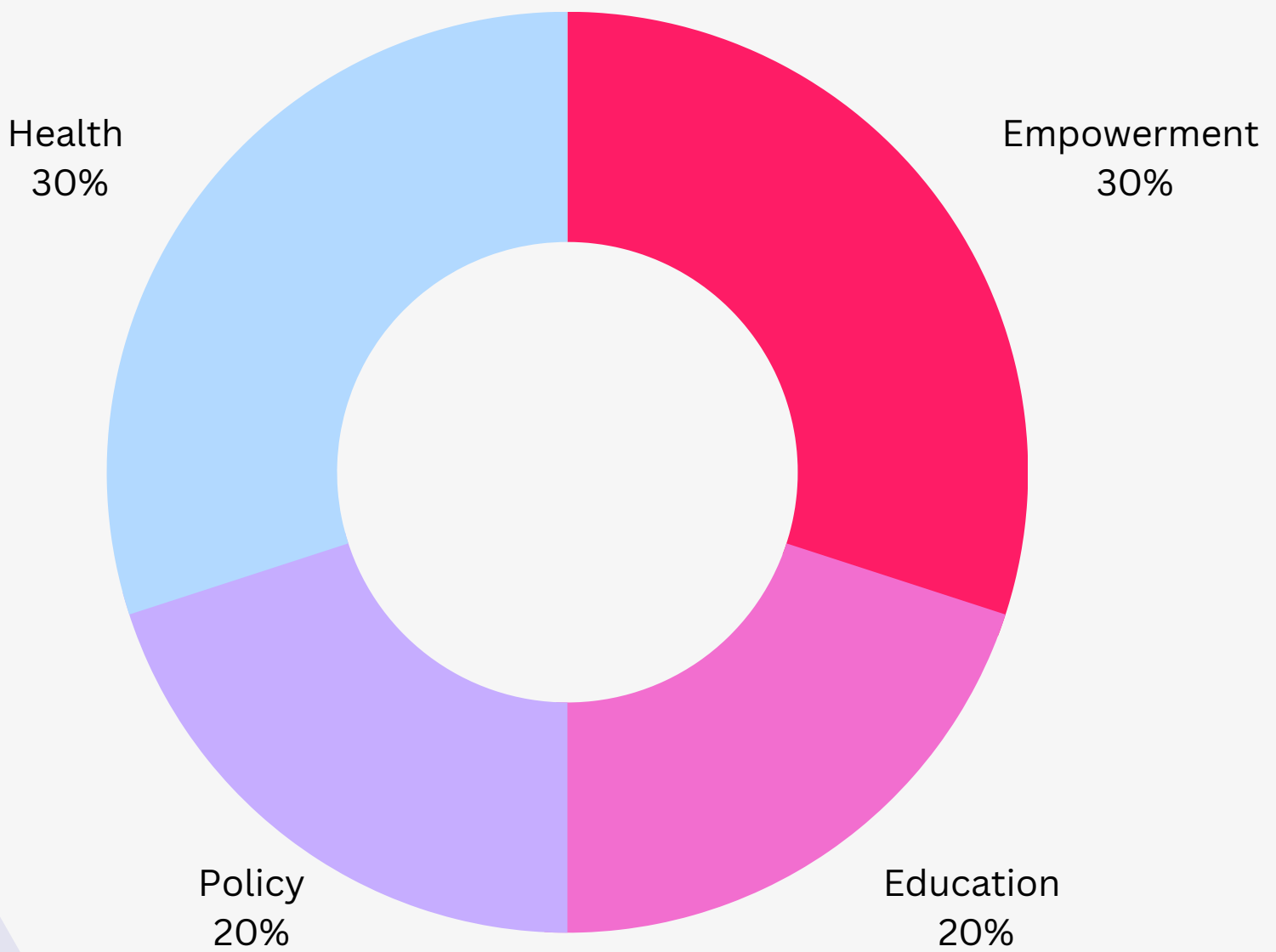
## BUILDING BACK WOMEN IN THE FCT

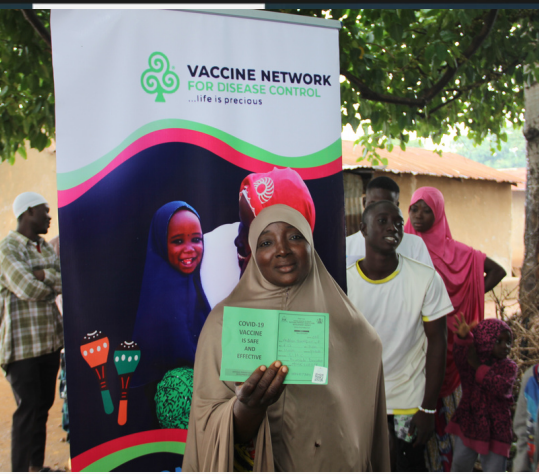
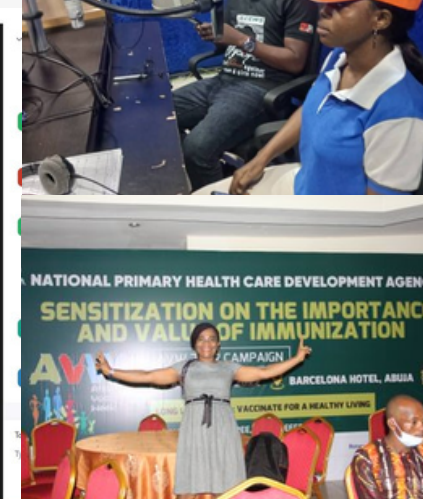
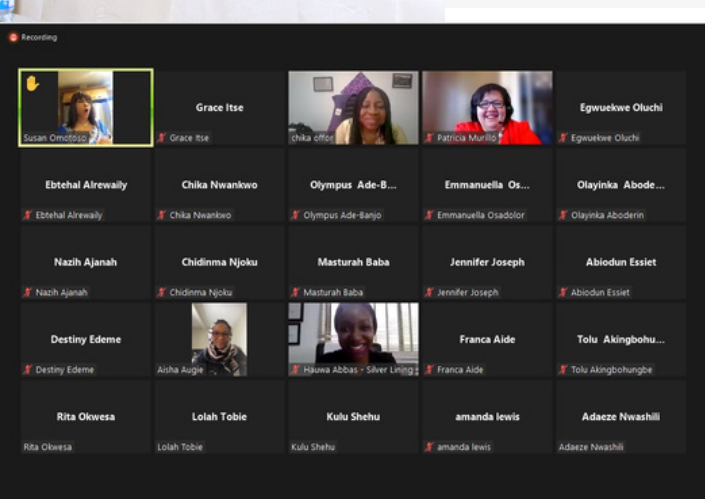
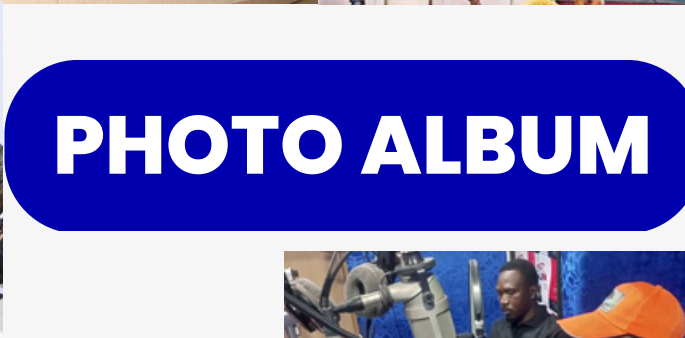
The Building Back Women in FCT Rural Community Project is an I-WLW Grant whose main objectives were to accelerate the entrepreneurial activities of local vulnerable women whose businesses have been affected by COVID-19, and follow up acceleration with mentorship that will help businesses belonging to women overcome start-up challenges and sustain and scale women-owned businesses with the local community business hub, access to funding opportunities, and market visibility.



The 150 selected participants received financial literacy and entrepreneurship training to help them build their capacity. They were also a part of a four-month training program in essential trade skills such as hairdressing, tailoring, manicures and pedicures, gele-tying, makeup artistry, soap-making, and so on. At the end of the program, we provided the women with certificates and start-up kits to help them on their way. They were also assigned mentors (also women) who could monitor their progress and provide guidance as needed.

## FINANCIALS





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