



ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024

AJOKE AYISAT AFOLABI FOUNDATION

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

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Area of focus/service(s) provided

- Education, Health, Entrepreneurship and Empowerment
- Key target population:
- General Population, Vulnerable/Persons with Disabilities
- Funding source:
- Internally Generated Funds, Donations and Grants from SIFAX Group & SAHCHOL

Executive Summary:

The core activities of the Foundation across Nigeria within the reporting period are as summarized below:

Education:

The Lagos, South-East and Zaria offices education program provided access for quality learning to more than **406** vulnerable children, 36 of these students were enrolled for the West African School Certificate Examination (WASCE) in 2024. The Foundation's education programme is aimed at reducing out-of-school children through improved access to quality education and equipping of vulnerable children with in-demand skills by promoting life-long learning opportunities.

- Beyond payment of tuition fees, the tertiary scholars of Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation organized an online webinar **themed: "Bridging the Skills Gap: Equipping Youth with Digital Competence for the Future Workforce."** Facilitated by Mr. G.O. Lawal, the session emphasized the rapid pace of technological change and its impact on the job market.
- Similarly, eight (8) new scholars were enrolled into the Lagos Scholarship Scheme within the reporting period.
- To promote access to good learning environment, the AAAF Eastern Office donated thirty (30) pieces of 3-in-1 furniture to seat 90 students in a public secondary school in Abia state. Studies have shown that a good learning environment lead to improved academic performance, which is essential for creating the conditions necessary for all learners to thrive.
- In order to strengthen the communication skills of its tertiary scholars, Lagos office coordinated series of online webinars to enhance their story telling abilities.
- Organized the AAAF 9th National Essay Competition to foster awareness and understanding among young minds about economic issues.
- In a bid to reduce the digital gap in Nigeria, Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation with support from the World Bank Group Staff Community Connection Campaign Project, launched the Skill Acquisition and Technology Training for 78 Senior Secondary School Students of Community Grammar School, Zion Pepe, Ondo State. The project was facilitated by Coappt Solutions.

Health:

In addition to operating a primary health care facility in Ijebu North-East LGA in Ogun state, access to medical needs was provided to vulnerable individuals, especially women and children, through outreaches and financial assistance in Lagos and Zaria as part of the Foundation's contributions to the attainment of SDG 3. Ultimately, services provided during the quarter included:

- Monthly medical support to **9** beneficiaries.
- Monthly support to Leprosy Foundation and Kidney Foundation for post-diagnosis management

- The Immunization of **1,739** children, Ante-natal care for **68** pregnant women, treatment of **481** adults (disaggregated into 144 male, **208** female) and 129 children (74 male and 55 female) and access to family planning methods for **152** patients (61 male and 91 female) as well as, and 4 deliveries respectively.
- A medical outreach in partnership with Gargash Hospital, Dubai, was implemented in Lagos to provide public healthcare to a total of 88 adults and 90 children. The screening detected fever, and a range of non-communicable diseases as well as, reproductive health challenges.
- Zaria office supports with medical bills, surgery, drugs for Dispensary, Physiotherapy and also supported a girl with a Pelvic Hernia operation.
- Medical assistance in the treatment of typhoid, malaria, and anemia.

Economic Empowerment:

Projects within the AAAF Economic Thematic Areas are designed to reduce poverty by enhancing inclusive and sustainable economic growth and productivity. The interventions under this sub-theme are geared towards creating productive, financial and marketing opportunities for vulnerable persons in a manner that enhance their access to economic resources, skills, and advisory services. Overall, the Foundation's commitment to poverty reduction and the empowerment of women and girls through related skills training includes;

- Improved access to mobile devices to strengthen livelihood opportunities for 9 women in Lagos.
- Similarly, a total of 80 women at Mile 12 International Market and Olugbede Market, Egbeda (both in Lagos) were equipped and trained in the use of computers to reduce gender-related biases in technology. In related advocacy to market authorities on the use of technology, they were urged to take a gender-response approach in the design and use of digital technology across platforms.
- In a bid to reduce energy poverty and promote sustainability and environmental consciousness, the South East Region distributed wood efficient stoves to 20 women.
- The South East and Zaria offices empowered 19 less privileged and 2 Teenage mothers in the community with financial grants and starter-packs for improve livelihoods.
- In a bid to combat food insecurity, the Foundation's initiative empowered 15 cassava women farmers in Idima Abam and Ogun State.
- The South East office engaged 7 teenage mothers with vocational skills training on knitting, 5 women in makeup and *Gele* and also entrepreneurial and online marketing training skill aimed at equipping young mothers with sustainable skills to support themselves and families.
- The Lagos office empowered 15 Girls with online social media empowerment training, digital literacy and personal growth.
- A total of 34 women and Girls received a combination of startup grants, kits and skills training; 13 in Lagos, 11 Zaria and 10 in Southeast. The project targeted vulnerable young and adult women to empower them socioeconomically.

- AAAF Zaria office engaged 122 vulnerable in the society with skills training, like fashion design, home decoration, shoe making, ICT, and bag making to engender self-dependency.

Welfare/humanitarian services:

The Foundation continues to support women by providing assistance in humanitarian situations as stated below: In Lagos, Ogun and South-East offices, a total of **758** widows and orphans benefitted from our welfare program.

- Monthly donations to inmates through prisons mission in Lagos.
- Community welfare: Lagos, South-East and Zaria offices distributed food items like rice, beans, millet, guinea corn and garri to the less privileged, widows and orphans.
- Support with house rents, building materials like zinc, roof repairs and cements are being disbursed to the less privileged.
- Access to safe and clean water to the community of Temidire in Aheri/Etikan LCDA of Ilaje, Ondo State.

Partnership and collaboration:

To progress programme goals and ensure a safer and inclusive world, Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation inspired lots of partners and stakeholders through collaborative approaches with impactful activities to strengthen institutional partnerships and promote the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

Recommendations:

Below are outlined recommendations to function efficiently:

- Following productive conversation with the Chairman, BOT, who directed that Isade's monthly operational funds should be disbursed to the facility, due to its impact on the AAAF operational costs. It is important that the directive be implemented immediately by the Finance department
- Similarly, a review of staff's salary and benefits is required to align with prevailing economic hardship: This will boost employees' morale and productivity; factors that are crucial for organization's success, especially during inflation.
- For administrative efficiency, it is important to upgrade the office photocopier machine for cost saving and prevent the sharing of sensitive official document with third parties at business centers.
- Due to the epileptic nature of electricity with its attendant rising charges, I recommend the installation of a Solar power system to generate sustainable electricity and reduce the cost of fuel consumption by the generator.
- Likewise, for the purpose of branding, a revamp of the office space will help create a dedicated meeting room to create a professional environment for engaging with relevant international and local governmental and non-governmental agencies.
- Following the directive of the Chairman to create a budget for the Chief Samson Afolabi Health Centre, Isade, I recommend a monthly payment of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (NGN500,000) to cover the minimum wage of Seventy Thousand Naira (NGN70,000)

each for three Community Health Extension Workers (CHEW) and other operational expenses.

1.0 BACKGROUND:

To reduce inequality and end poverty in all its forms, both the global and national instruments must be mutually reinforcing to achieve gender equality and women empowerment. It is on this note that the Foundation takes into account the realities and capacities within the Nigerian context to respond to the priorities of vulnerable households. Therefore, in 2024, AAAF deployed strategies that are consistent with Nigeria's commitments to implementing the 2030 Agenda. In this regard, the year 2024 commenced with a variety of value-adding impactful activities to inhibit exclusion and discrimination. The Foundation recognizes the barrier to the empowerment of vulnerable households and therefore, work to design appropriate responses to their needs in the key priority areas listed below:

Programmatic Focus:

- Education
- Health / SGBV
- Economic Empowerment
- Welfare/Humanitarian Services

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

The Chairman, AAAF Board of Trustees was honorably recognized by the State of Georgia, the award signed by the Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger proclaims Dr. Afolabi as Honorary Georgia Citizen on account of his service. We acknowledge (Dr.) Taiwo Afolabi's contributions to human development and congratulate him for his global accomplishment.

Figure 1 Presentation of Award to Chairman AAAF Board of Trustee



2.1 Simultaneously, the Chairman motivates a young staffer by sharing his experience as the Chairman of AAAF “.... *Being Chairman of this esteemed foundation is a privilege,” he said. “It allows me to continue the legacy of my mother, Alhaja Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi, who was a true philanthropist. Her compassion was boundless; she would metaphorically give ‘her eyes’ to ensure someone’s survival.”*

Question 2: The Foundation’s Future “.... *My primary goal is for the Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation to be a leading force in alleviating hardship for Nigerian citizens, supporting the government’s efforts. We also have ambitious plans to expand our reach internationally, to countries like America, London, and others across the globe.”*

Figure 2 The Chairman AAAF Board of Trustee with the young staffer



3.0 EDUCATION:

The Foundation continues to provide access to quality learning for vulnerable children, especially children of the Widows, orphans and those living with disabilities. In 2024, the Lagos, East and Zaria offices expended the sum of Thirty million, six hundred and fifty-four thousand, five hundred and sixteen naira and twenty-five kobo (**#30,654,516.25**) as tuition payment for a total of **406** scholars in nursery, primary, secondary, tertiary scholars inclusive of Friends in Need Initiative, West African School Certificate Examination (WASCE), other educational project embarked on includes, presentation of projector, laptops, phones, and speaker, Girl Child and Children day celebration.

Figure 3 Mothers in wait for Presentation of Transfer Receipt



3.1 Enrollment of new applicants:

Since education is a core programme of the Foundation, in the first half of the year, five (8) scholars were recruited into the primary and tertiary section of our scholarship scheme.

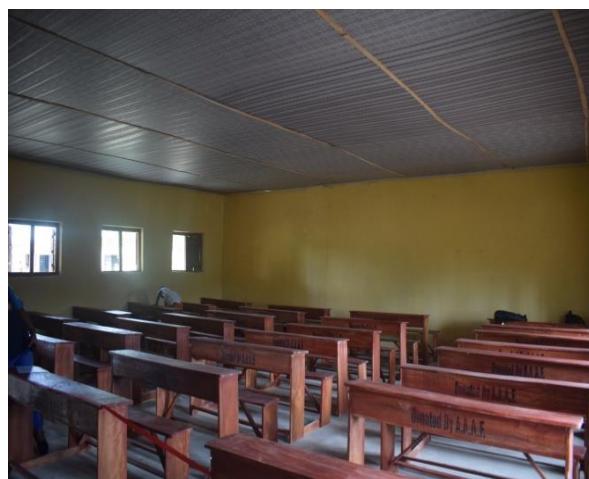
3.2 Donation of 30 Pieces 3-in-1 Desks and Seats:

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation is at the fore of given access to quality learning, the southeast office donated 30 pieces 3-in-1 desks and seats to Umunna Comprehensive Secondary, Umuosu, Isiala Ngwa North LGA. A good learning environment has a significant impact on a person's overall learning experience and success, the children are more likely to be motivated and engaged in the learning process. It enables them to have a deeper understanding, better retention of information, and a greater desire to learn more. The old and the new learning environment as captured below in figure 4&5

Figure 4 Old learning environment



Figure 5 New learning environment



3.3 Survey:

To address pervasive and underreported community level early and repeat pregnancies in Abia state, the Foundation commenced a study to gather data from schools, primary health care centers, and the divisional police offices on the causes, effects and solution to Teenage pregnancy in the State. The findings will be used to address girl-specific barriers and promote girl-child equal enjoyment of right to education.

3.4 Validation Exercise of the Survey on Perspectives and Experiences of Stakeholders on Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood in Abia state

The Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF), held a validation exercise in Abia State at Rapha Hotel Conference room to review the findings of its comprehensive survey on teenage pregnancy and motherhood. This exercise focused on the perspectives and experiences of key stakeholders, ensuring that the findings accurately represent the realities in Abia State. The event also served as a platform for stakeholders to discuss strategies and recommendations for addressing the root

causes and impacts of teenage pregnancy. The validation exercise included representatives from various sectors to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the issue.

Figure 6 Cross Section of Participants



3.5 AAAF Tertiary Scholars Engagement:

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) tertiary students held a program **themed "Voice Unleashed: Empowering Tertiary Students"** aimed to equip the scholars with skills to develop their communication abilities to become effective storytellers.

Program Objectives:

- Understanding the Modern World
- Crafting Your Personal Narrative
- Overcoming Information Overload
- Mastering Storytelling Techniques

The Facilitator Mr. Oluwatobi emphasized the importance of critical thinking and accessing reliable information to navigate the complexities of the modern world. He addressed the art of storytelling in an information-saturated world. He introduced the "Storytelling Pattern" a framework for crafting impactful narratives, focusing on:

- Relevance: Ensuring the story resonates with the audience's interests.
- Structure: Building a clear and logical flow of content.
- Call to Action: Providing a compelling reason for the audience to act.

The final segment focused on essential storytelling skills:

1. Writing Skills: he stressed the importance of clear and concise writing, differentiating between: Creative Writing is often used for content creation and shaping narratives (e.g., politicians) while Copywriting which is Persuasive writing used by companies to promote products and inspire action.

2. Graphic Design: Highlighting the role of visuals in grabbing attention and enhancing storytelling impact.

3. Video Editing/Making Skills: The ability to create engaging video content for storytelling purposes.

3.6 Children’s Day celebration:

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) in commemoration of National Children’s Day celebration, the Foundation held its 9th edition of the National Essay Competition **themed: “Inflation: the effect on the Nigerian Child and the Way Forward”** held at Ikeja Youth Sport Center, Ikeja, Lagos State. The Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) recently hosted a vibrant essay competition, attracting over 138 entries from aspiring young writers across Nigeria. The event, held simultaneously in Lagos, Umuahia, and Zaria, brought together students, teachers, and education stakeholders.

Executive Coordinator Mrs. Foluke Ademokun praised the finalists for their exceptional essays, emphasizing the importance of originality and clarity in writing. She highlighted the Foundation’s dedication to education, not only through scholarships but also by improving school infrastructure and fostering extracurricular activities.

Twelve finalists showcased their writing skills through compelling oral presentations. After a rigorous judging process, Umenwa Jessica of Baptist Model High School emerged victorious as the overall winner. Akanbi Iyanuoluwa (also from Baptist Model High School) and John Shammah (from Majesty Height Model College) secured the first and second runner-up positions, respectively.

The event was a resounding success, celebrating the talent and creativity of young Nigerian writers and reaffirming the Foundation’s commitment to nurturing future generations of intellectuals.

Prizes awarded to the finalist included a laptop, android phone and a Dell bag.

Figure 7 Cross-Section of Participants and the Winners of the Competition



The Children’s Day Essay Competition, themed “**Inflation: The Effects on the Nigerian Child and the Way Forward**”, was a significant event aimed at fostering awareness and understanding among young minds about economic issues. This year’s competition culminated in a final defense presentation where the top participants presented their essays to the panel of judges. In attendance was 25 participants including staffs of BCA (Broadcasting Corporation of Abia State), Parents, teachers, and 6 online participants.

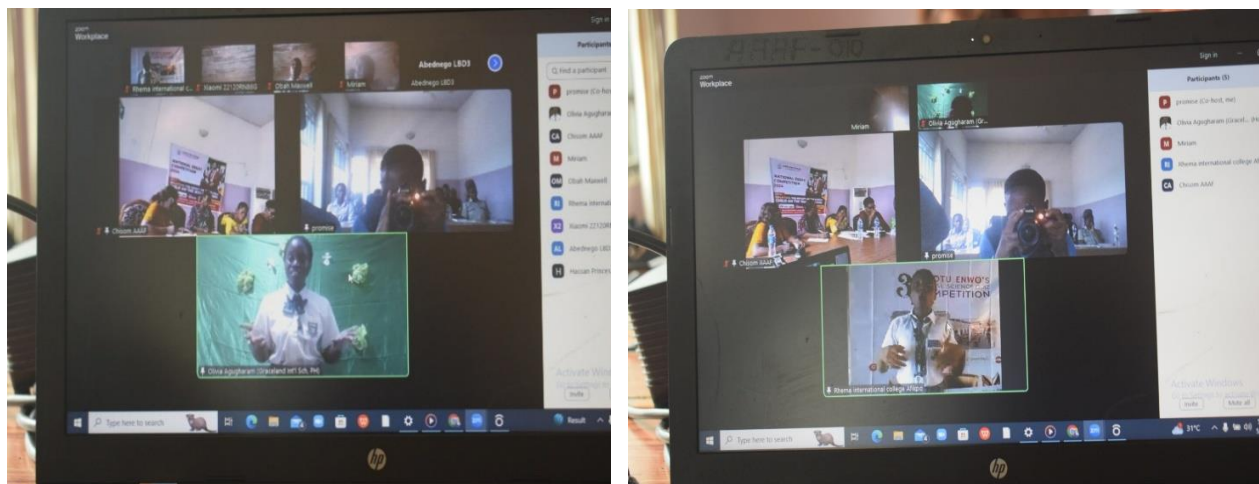
The event was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Sports and Youths Development, Principal Consultant, Karen Consult & Resources, Director of Television Services, Broadcasting Corporation of Abia State and Some Parents.

Cash Award Presentation as awarded to the finalist, #50,000, #30,000 and #20,000 1st position, Okochi Somtochukwu, SS1 Student from Intellectual Giants Christian Academy, Umuahia, Abia State, 2nd position, Agugharam Olivia, SS2 Student from Graceland International School, Port Harcourt, Rivers State and the 3rd position Hazzan Princess Dah, SS1 Student from Rhema International College, Afikpo, Ebonyi State respectively.

Figure 8 Cross Section of Participants and the Winner of the Competition



Figure 9 2nd and 3rd position of the Competition (online)



3.8 Tertiaries Scholars Engagement:

The Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation hosted an online workshop for its scholars titled "**Bridging the Skills Gap: Equipping Youth with Digital Competence for the Future Workforce.**" Facilitated by Mr. G.O. Lawal, the session emphasized the rapid pace of technological change and its impact on the job market. Lawal highlighted the evolution of technology from the computing revolution to artificial intelligence (AI), stressing the need for continuous skill development. He recommended platforms like Scan Academy and Google for Africa as valuable resources for acquiring free digital skills. The workshop aimed to empower young people with the digital proficiency necessary to thrive in today's interconnected world.

How we can keep the Gaps:

- Technology has connected us together and enabled us to explore more.
- Get connected to community.
- Share information
- Don't cage yourself
- Collaborate with people outside i.e. tell the world what you do.
- Think beyond the community.
- Be smart
- Keep learning, never stop learning.

3.9 West African Senior Certificate Examination (WASCE):

With support from SIFAX Group, Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation was able to support the education of vulnerable children, through the payment of tuition fees for 406 students, 36 of these students were enrolled for the West African School Certificate Examination (WASCE) in 2024. The outcome of the examination indicates 34 of them received their results, while 2 students still await their results.

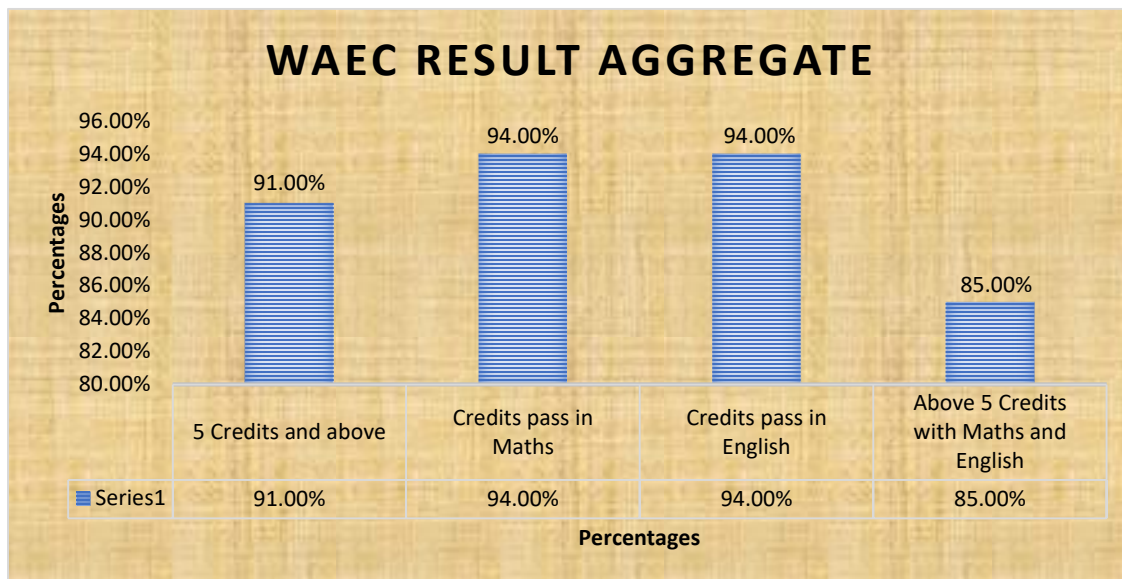
Mr. Monye Henzy and Miss. Akinsanmi Oluwatobiloba, emerged as AAAF top performers in the 2024 WAEC examination through hard work and dedication to in-class learning and other extra-curricular activities, such as National Essay Competitions Organized by the Foundation. They were presented with travelling box as gifts, as captured below in figure 10.

Figure 10 Top performers in the WAEC exams



3.10 The chart below summarizes the 2023/2024 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASCE) results. It highlights the percentage of students who achieved credit passes in Mathematics (94%), English (94%), five credit and above (91%) and above five credits with Mathematics and English (85%) as captured below in figure 11

Figure 11 Summary of 2023/2024 WASCE Results



3.11 Success Story:

Mr. Monye Henzy and Miss. Akinsanmi Oluwatobiloba the scholars with outstanding results in the recent WAEC exams. They were presented with travelling boxes as gifts, as captured below in figure 12.

Figure 12 Presentation of Gifts



3.12 Skill Acquisition and Technology Training (SATT):

Study shows that in sub-Saharan Africa, the computer access rate in rural area is 3.5%, which means that approximately 96.5% of rural residents do not have access to a computer. During the Skill Acquisition and Technology Training in Community Grammar School, Zion Pepe, Ondo State, it was discovered that out of 78 participants 40 (over 50%) of the class have never seen a computer before while over 80% of the class have never worked on a computer before with girls accounting for over 50%. The AAA Foundation engaged the students in digital skills training which includes basic computer skills and tools for daily use, understanding the internet and how it works, social media management, getting started with Artificial intelligence and content creation. Other non-tech skills taught includes transformational leadership skills, communication skills, understanding the sustainable development Goals and empowering the Girl Child, as documented below in 13

Figure 13 Cross Section of Participants



4.0 HEALTH:

The Foundation recognizes that poverty causes disproportionate impact on women and children, limiting their access to safe, available, affordable, accessible, quality and inclusive healthcare infrastructure and services. Therefore, as part of its health mission, monthly health support was given to vulnerable individuals and households to improve total their well-being. In this regard core areas of interventions included strengthening primary healthcare, improving the quality of care and reducing the cost of health services. In 2024, Lagos, East, Zaria and Ogun offices expended the sum of Ten million, six hundred and seventy thousand nine hundred and ten naira (**#10,670,910.00**) was expended on the following medical projects. Details are as stated below:

- Monthly medical support to Comfort Leprosy Foundation and Give Hope to Kidney Foundation in accomplishment to Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDGs).

- Support with medical bills, surgery, drugs for Dispensary, Physiotherapy and also supported a girl with a Pelvic Hernia operation.
- Medical assistance in the treatment of typhoid, malaria, and anemia

4.1 Chief Samson Afolabi Clinic:

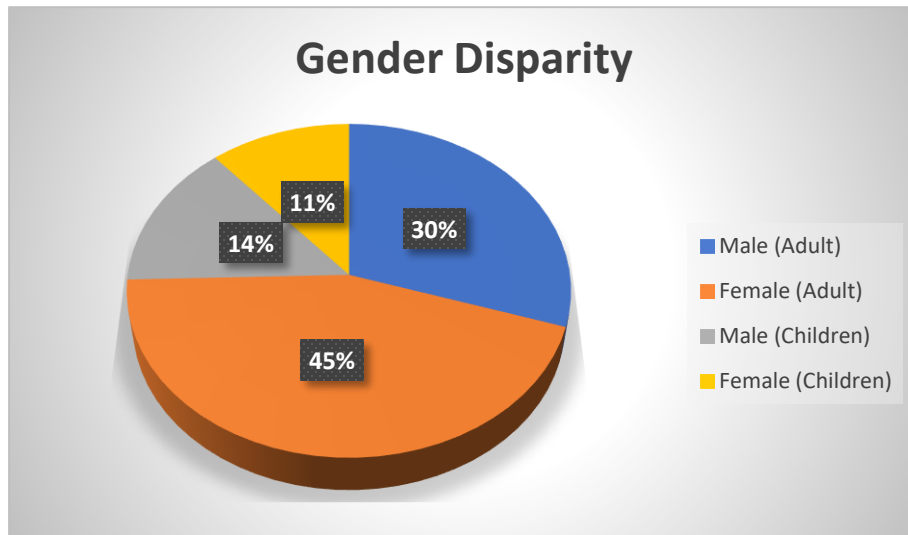
The Isade Primary Health Care Project is an initiative of Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation to improve health care in the rural area as well as improve the total well-being of vulnerable individuals' in communities with no access to medical needs.

- In 2024, the initiative has further enhanced the opportunity for **1,739** children to be immunized.
- Ante-Natal: during the reporting period, a total of **68** patients accessed ante-natal care and delivered 4 healthy babies: 1 girl and 3 boys.

4.2 Gender Disparity in hospital visit: The hospital experienced a noticeable uptick in patient visits in 2024, with a total of **481** patients seeking care, surpassing the previous year's figure of 314 with **percentage increase of (34.62%)**.

It is also evident that there exists a notable gender disparity in hospital visits. Specifically, women tend to seek healthcare services more frequently than men. In the period reporting, a total of **481** patient, 144 male, **208** females, 129 children (74 male and 55 female) were treated at the facility, the chart below shows the disparity.

Figure 14 Gender Disparity in hospital visit



Women's Hospital Visits:

The women at the primary health center consistently exhibit a higher rate of hospital visits compared to their male counterparts.

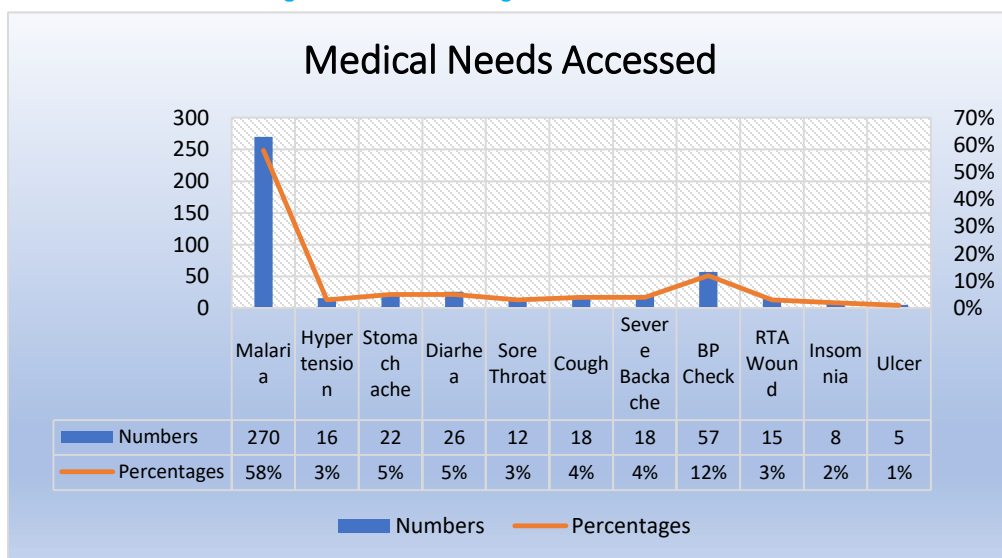
1. Maternal Health: A significant driver of women's healthcare utilization lies in maternal health services. This encompasses antenatal and postnatal care, vital for ensuring safe pregnancies and childbirth.

2. Reproductive Health: The regular interaction with healthcare providers is essential for addressing women's reproductive health needs, including pregnancy, childbirth, and family planning.

3. Medical treatment: of other illness such as malaria, BP Check, children vaccination e.tc

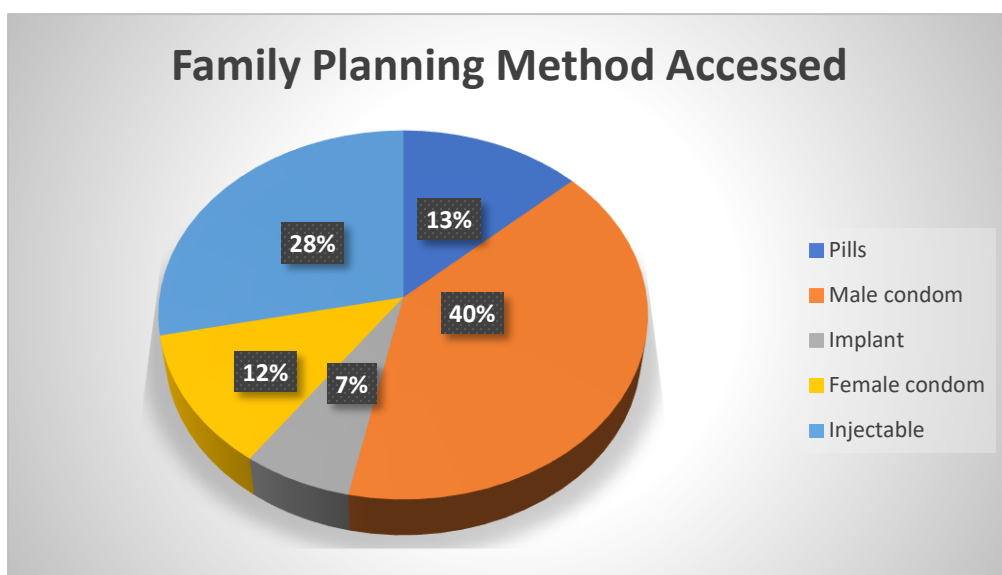
Similarly, the following medical treatment was accessed, 270 (58%) of the recipients were treated on Malaria, hypertension 16 (3%), stomach ache 22 (5%), BP Check 57 (12%), Diarrhea 26 (5%), Sore-throat 12 (3%), cough 18 (4%) Severe Back Ache 18 (4%), RTA Wound 15 (3%), Insomnia 8 (2%), Ulcer 5 (1%) as documented in the chart below.

Figure 15 Chart showing medical Treatment Accessed



Accordingly, a total of **152 patient** (61 male and 91 female) accessed family planning methods in the period reporting, there exist a notable uptick with **percentage increase of (23.58%) compared to previous year**, 43 injectables, 18 female condoms, 61 male condoms, 10 implant and 20 pills respectively, the most predominant family planning method accessed was male condoms, this method of family planning can be easily accessed, as captured below in figure 16.

Figure 16 Chart showing medical Treatment Received



4.3 Medical Outreach:

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) in support with Gargash Hospital, Dubai held a comprehensive medical screening and empowerment program in Lagos, in a bid to promote community health as well as empower women entrepreneurs, the program was held 23rd January 2024 and a total of 88 adults and 90 children were reached. Those with severe health issues were referred for further examination.

The medical screening which encompassed a range of essential health checks, including blood pressure, blood sugar, and gynecological examinations was designed to raise awareness about health issues and ensure the well-being of community dwellers. In addition to the screenings, beneficiaries received personalized counseling on their health, emphasizing the importance of holistic well-being and preventive healthcare. As documented below in figure 17.

Figure 17 Medical Outreach



4.5 Visit to Give Hope to Kidney Foundation:

The AAA Foundation, dedicated to improving healthcare for vulnerable populations, recently visited the Give Hope to Kidney Foundation to observe the administration of vital medications. The visit, attended by the AAA Foundation Chairman and other key members, aimed to understand the challenges faced by kidney patients and provide direct support.

During the visit, Mrs. Cynthia, Coordinator of Give Hope to Kidney Foundation, expressed gratitude for the AAA Foundation's ongoing monthly support. The Chairman offered words of encouragement to the beneficiaries, acknowledging the difficulties they face and praying for their healing. The AAA Foundation demonstrated its commitment by presenting a check for ₦50,000 to Mrs. Wogu on behalf of her husband. Additionally, Mr. Innocent received two packs of medication valued at ₦60,000 each, while Mr. Yunusa received three packs of medication valued at ₦40,000 each, for his daughter's treatment.

Mr. Innocent, one of the beneficiaries, expressed his sincere appreciation to both foundations for their invaluable support in his ongoing medical journey.

4.6 Medical Assistance:

An investigation was carried out to verify a request for medical assistance for Mrs. Evelyn Ogbeide.

Findings: it was indicated that she visited Apapa General Hospital and received a test indicating typhoid, malaria, and anemia. The lab prescribed medication costing ₦52,500, but she couldn't provide a registration card. Since she wasn't registered, we recommended two nearby hospitals. She went to Tin Can Hospital on 47 Calacuta Crescent, Apapa, for diagnosis and treatment.

5.0 ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT:

5.1 Investing in women's economic empowerment sets a direct path towards gender equality, poverty eradication and inclusive economic growth. The Initiative featured an empowerment segment which targeted at the economic advancement of women in the community, in overall a total of 172 Teenagers (male and female) with training in knitting, leather bag, fashion design, shoe making, hair dressing and online training, capacity building for 80, distribution of 20 energy stove, empowering cassava women farmers while 14 women were provided with Android phones, a move designed to enhance their business growth and technological capabilities respectively. Some widows were empowered with bags of charcoal as start-up grants to enable them start up business of their own and also an avenue for the women to create wealth and reduce the rate of dependency, most especially the women in the rural areas, details as captured below:

Figure 18 Women empowered with phones, medical team and the organizer



5.2 The Cassava Women Farmers:

Agriculture is the heart and soul of our community, providing the nourishment that sustains us. By growing a variety of crops and livestock, we ensure food security, combat hunger, and promote healthy diets. Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation's initiative to empower 15 cassava women farmers in Idima Abam and Ogun State is a shining example of this. These dedicated women are working tirelessly to cultivate, harvest, and process cassava into garri, a beloved staple food. Their efforts are not just about food production; they're also driving economic growth, empowering women, and fostering sustainable practices. From the fields to the frying pans, these women are transforming cassava into a symbol of resilience, dedication, and community spirit.

Figure 19 Harvesting and processing of the Cassava, Abia State



Figure 20 Processing of Garri (Staple food),



Figure 21 Processed Garri (Staple food) in Ogun State



5.3 Capacity Building: In Lagos, a capacity-building session on technology literacy was facilitated by Mr. G.O Lawal, to emphasize the relevance of digital technology to business growth and security in the online market. Although women entrepreneurs were advised to create websites

for product marketing, they were also exposed to how smart phones can be used to access a wider reach for online marketing. The market authorities also shared their plans to continue training in order to build the capacity of members. The training session as captured in figure 22.

Figure 22 Training on Tech at Olugbede Market



5.4 Women Empowerment: Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation South East Region office embarked on a mission to empower 20 vulnerable women through the distribution of energy-efficient stoves in Amuru Community Village, Abam, Arochukwu LGA, Abia State. The initiative aimed not only to provide practical assistance but also to promote sustainability and environmental consciousness as well as improve their livelihoods. The Resource person, Mrs. Priscilla Ogbonna conducted comprehensive training and educate the participants about the operation and benefits of the energy-efficient stoves. The participants are captured below in figure 23.

Figure 23 Cross-Section of Participants



5.5 Start-up Grants: In a bid to build economic resilience Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) Zaria office empowered the less privileged by providing funding and resources for some women to identify and assess new business opportunities in order to create a culture of innovation within communities.

Figure 24 Cross-Section of women empowered with bags of charcoal



5.6 In building stronger communities, Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation provided economic empowerment opportunities, fostering social independence and a brighter future for teenage mothers. The teenage mothers were empowered with sewing machines, the event aimed at equipping these young mothers with sustainable skills to support themselves and their families which aligns with the Foundation’s mission of promoting skills development and empowering vulnerable persons, as documented below in figure 25

Figure 25 Presentation of Sewing Machine in Southeast office



5.7 Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) was enlisted on 2024 World Bank Group Staff Community Connection Campaign project to implement a program **themed: “Inspire Women Project”** a project to empower 34 business women in Lagos, East and Zaria, In attendance was dignitaries, Mrs. Shyllon Olufunke representing Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Mr. Basil Agboarumi, the Executive Director, Group Corporate Services and Government Relations, Mrs. Treasures Uchegbu of speaking fingers and the media.

Women in business face significant challenges in accessing resources and opportunities to secure financial stability. This project addresses this critical need by providing them with the support necessary to overcome these barriers and become active contributors to their households and communities, the presentations as documented below:

I. Presentations in Lagos:

Figure 26 Presentation of Business Tools to the women



Figure 27 Presentation of Financial Grants



II. Presentations in Zaria:

Figure 28 Cross-Section of Participants and the presentation of sewing machine



Figure 29 Presentation of financial grants



III. Teenage Mother’s Project:

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) hosted the launch of the 2024 “Inspire Women Project” at the Southeast office Abia State. The event marked the commencement of a knitting empowerment program specifically designed for seven teenage mothers in Abia State. The initiative aims to provide these young mothers with valuable skills and opportunities to foster self-sufficiency and economic empowerment. In attendance was Mrs. Alilionwu Esther, from the Office of the Assistant to the Abia State Governor on Vulnerable Groups and Poverty Alleviation, Mrs. Ogbonna Ijeoma, representing the Abia State Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, Mrs. Azubuike Augusta, from Vision Springs Initiatives.

Figure 30 Cross Section of the participants and guest



IV. Empowerment Training on Knitting:

The Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation successfully implemented a 6-month knitting empowerment program for teenage mothers in Abia State. This initiative was designed to provide teenage mothers with essential knitting skills and entrepreneurial training, enabling them to achieve economic independence and contribute meaningfully to their communities. The program successfully transformed the lives of the seven teenage mothers by equipping them with marketable skills and entrepreneurial knowledge. It created opportunities for economic independence, improved their standard of living, and inspired others in the community. Please see figure 31 below:

Figure 31 The Teenage Mothers Project



V. Entrepreneurial and Online Marketing Training:

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation South-East office held a two-day training session on entrepreneurial skills and online marketing. This was part of AAAF's holistic approach to empowerment, preparing the participants to manage and promote their future knitting businesses. The session also included 5 prospective participants from an upcoming makeup training program, creating a diverse learning environment and fostering a sense of community among the women.

The participants have advanced in their technical skills, completed challenging knitting assignments, and gained knowledge in entrepreneurial practices. Their consistent attendance and enthusiasm, paired with AAAF's financial and logistical support, continue to drive the program's success. The program looks forward to further skill enhancement and sustainable business training in the remaining months, equipping these young mothers with essential tools for economic independence.

Figure 32 Cross Section of Participants



6.0 WELFARE/HUMANITARIAN SERVICES:

Humanitarian services are essential to building strong communities by providing a lifeline for those in need. Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) Lagos and East office supported 250 Widows, 6 teenage mothers with foodstuff. The Foundation ensured that widows from various homes in Lagos, Abia and Ogun State received foodstuffs as part of the Foundation's welfare support, especially in a time when food insecurity continues to be a concerning issue, as captured in figure 33.

Figure 33 Distribution of food to the vulnerable



6.1 Memorial of Alhaja Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi

The Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation, established in memory of the beloved Alhaja Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi, is a testament to her extraordinary legacy of service. Alhaja Afolabi was a beacon of hope, a living legend, dedicating her life to empowering women and widows in her community. She recognizes their vital role in building, strong families and communities, she tirelessly worked to advance their well-being.

At a heartfelt ceremony, the Foundation gathered 80 widows, staff, and respected Muslim clerics. Together, they offered prayers for Alhaja Afolabi, honoring her memory and seeking blessings for her soul. The event also served as a poignant reminder of her commitment to helping those in need, as the Foundation distributed aid to the community.

6.2 Welfare Support:

I. A widow (Hafsat Idris) who ran to the Foundation for assistance to complete her house rent, was assisted with a token to enable her complete the house rent.

II. As part of the Foundation's ongoing welfare support, each teenage mother engaged with kitting training received N10, 000 for their personal needs. Additionally, Amarachi Okorie, who had been hospitalized, received N50, 000 to assist in settling her hospital bill.

- Monthly humanitarian routing services with donation to prison mission.

6.3 Food security:

The Foundation had its food distribution in Zaria office, in a bid to relief the less privileged of the economic hardship in the community, the widows and orphans were supported with food items like maize, beans, sugar and salt, in actualization of SDG 1&2.

6.4 Birthday Celebration of the Chairman Board of Trustee

Humanitarian services play a crucial role in communities, acting as a safety net for those in need and fostering a stronger society as a whole. The chairman Barr. (DR.) Taiwo Afolabi AAAF Board of trustees was celebrated, as part of Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation humanitarian services the Foundation commemorated the day in Lagos, South-East and Ogun state offices with visit to vulnerable homes, the teenage mothers, nursing mother and pregnant women were all supported with food stuff, diapers, pads, toiletries, beverages, disinfectants, drinks e.tc. Captured below in figure 34 are the items distributed in Lagos office.

Figure 34 Visit to the Vulnerable homes



Figure 35 Presentation of Diapers in Southeast office



Figure 36 Presentation of Diapers, Food stuff and Pads in Isade health Center, Ogun State



6.5 This is an initiative to support people facing hardship. It's play a critical role in mitigating suffering, promoting dignity, and building a more just world. The Foundation supported a widow and her baby with mattress.

Figure 37 Presentation of mattress to a widow



6.6 Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation paid a visit to Temidire in Aheri/Etikan LCDA of Ilaje, Ondo State to provide borehole water for the community. This initiative will serve the community for a long time as it is a sustainable and reliable source to safe and clean water. Investing in this project will not only improve Ilaje community's health and well-being but will also contribute to their economic development as well as contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 3 and 6. As documented in figure 38 below

Figure 38 Provision of borehole water in Ilaje community



6.7 Christmas Funfair:

AAAF celebrated Christmas funfair with over 200 beneficiaries in Lagos and Ogun State i.e. its beneficiaries especially the widows, nursing mothers and pregnant women, they were supported with food stuff, cash and gift for the children to commemorate the festive period, the Foundation also supported some vulnerable Homes with Food stuff.

Figure 39 Christmas Party celebration with beneficiaries



7.0 GLOBAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS:

7.1 UN International Women's Day:

The UN International Women's Day is dedicated to celebrating achievements of women and marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Around the globe, groups unite to celebrate women's achievements or advocate for gender equality.

7.2 UN International Widow's Day:

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation (AAAF) commemorates the UN International Widow's Day themed: **Accelerating the Achievement of Gender Equality with emphasis on Strengthening Land and Property Rights**, which was held simultaneously in our 3 offices.

In Lagos office, the event was graced with a total of 120 participants, amongst dignitaries, Mr. Ronald Kayanja, Director, United Nations Information Center, Abuja-Nigeria, the keynote speaker ably represented by Mrs. Adeola Adedeji, Mrs. Chinyere Anokwuru, Executive Director, Selfworth Organization for Women Development, The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs & Poverty Alleviation, ably represented by Mrs. Abosede Omodoyin, Dr. Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi, Executive Director, Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) and Widows Advocacy Coalition in Nigeria (WACIN), and the media.

The UN International Widow's Day is commemorated to highlight the issues faced by the widows. Widows around the world face a multitude of challenges, including social exclusion, economic hardship, and discriminatory practices. This day brings these issues to light, fostering a global

understanding of their plight. We walked alongside widows, raising awareness and amplifying their voices. Many bravely shared their stories – heartbreaking tales of in-laws seizing inheritances. Food distribution offered a helping hand, and a sense of community bloomed.

Figure 40 Cross Section of guest and the participants



I. Opening Remark: Mrs. Foluke Ademokun, the Executive Coordinator Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation, in her opening remark, she brings the plight of our widows to the forefront: inadequate housing, limited education for their children, a lack of empowerment, and the burden of taxes. Today, we raise our voices. The rally is a call to action for the government to step up. We demand safe, secure housing, opportunities for employment, accessible education for their children, and access to quality healthcare.

II. The Rally: No longer silent, widows march in a determined line, demanding a long-overdue recognition of their rights. Their voices echo a call to action, urging policymakers and the government to step up and deliver.

Figure 41 Cross Section of the widows during the rally



III. Drama Presentation: The widows thrilled the audience with their drama presentation, demonstrated some of issues of the widows.

Figure 42 Drama presentation



Figure 43 The Participants



Figure 44 Presentation of materials (Ankara) to some of the Widows



7.3 The International Widows' Day commemorated in Zaria, Kaduna State

The widow's day was held on the 24th of June 2024 at Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation, with a total of 38 participants at the Zaria office. The event **themed:** Accelerating Gender Equality with emphasis on Strengthening Land and Property Rights. Recognizing that widows often face legal challenges after losing their spouse, the program provided them with access to legal services.

The experienced attorneys could efficiently guide the widows through legal issues, even when the widows themselves weren't sure where to begin. The program successfully achieved its goals and effectively communicated its purpose. Widows participated in engaging activities and received financial support in the form of tokens to launch or expand small businesses.

Figure 45 Cross Section of the participants, Zaria



7.4 The International Widows' Day commemorated in Umuahia, Abia State

Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation hosted a successful commemoration of International Widows Day, at the Egwunaeleke Okaiuga Nkwoegwu Ohuhu Town Hall, Umuahia North, Abia State. The event, themed "**Accelerating the Achievement of Gender Equality with Emphasis on Strengthening Land and Property Rights,**" saw the participation of over 50 widows, surpassing the expected number.

Key attendees included representatives from the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Vision Spring Initiatives, Okaiuga community women leaders, the President General of Okaiuga community, and the Senior Special Assistant to the Abia State Governor on Ease of Doing Business, who served as the Special Guest.

During the event, a representative from the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) delivered an informative session on "**Understanding Legal Rights and Documentation**" Mrs. Ngozi Nwosu from Vision Spring Initiatives addressed "The Role of Relevant Agencies towards Achieving Gender Equality for Widows" the widows shared Personal testimonies from their experiences as well as distribution of food items to the widows. In conclusion, commemorating International Widows Day is a crucial step towards creating a world where widows are treated with dignity, respect, and have their rights protected.

Figure 46 Cross Section of the participants, Abia State



I. COMMEMORATION OF WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, 2024

The World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2024 was observed in Oboro Community, Ikwuano LGA, Abia State. The event was organized by the Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation in collaboration with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). The theme for this year's commemoration was "Leave no Child behind in the fight Against Trafficking in Persons". The objective was to raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking, particularly the trafficking of children, educate the community on the signs of trafficking and how to prevent it, and foster collaboration between local organizations and government agencies in combating human trafficking.

Subsequently, Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation, Lagos office partnered with Web of Hearts Foundation, Street Child Care and Welfare Initiative, Lagos State Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the 100 Women Lobby Group united to raise awareness on child trafficking and urge action to dismantle trafficking networks. The theme for the year "**Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking**" The activities included rally, thought-provoking talk, and community outreach in Yaba to raise awareness and drive action.

Figure 47 Cross Section of Participants Abia State/ Distribution of Noodles to street Children in Lagos



7.5 UN International Girl's Child Day:

The Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation commemorated the United Nations International Day of the Girl Child with Peacefield College and Ojo local government with over 100 participants, the event focused on the theme "**Girls' vision for the future.**" The goal was to empower young girls by providing them with education on topics like leadership, self-esteem, health, and hygiene. By supporting these areas, the foundation hopes to help girls achieve their aspirations and create a brighter future for themselves.

Activities:

- ✓ Introducing of the Foundation and its mission to empower women and girls.
- ✓ Lecture on education, leadership, and self-advocacy. The girls were encouraged to focus on their studies, be confident leaders, and make their voices heard.
- ✓ The girls were educated on the importance of personal hygiene, health maintenance, and self-care practices with the distribution of sanitary pads.
- ✓ Overcoming possible challenges in achieving their vision.
- ✓ Staying safe on the Social media.

Interactive Session:

The girls were actively engaged, asking questions on areas they needed clarity, especially in leadership, achieving their vision and personal hygiene. We provided thoughtful responses, and the students expressed their appreciation for the interactive discussions.

Figure 48 Cross Section of Participants



II. Grassroot People and Gender Development Center (GRADE) commemorates the UN International Day of the Girl Child with Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation themed "**Achieving Your Vision in Nigeria as a Girl!**" this was to sensitize and educate the girls on how they can achieve their vision, this includes having a role model that will have great impact on them, overcome

challenges, speak out in the face of gender-based violence, and other necessary services that will allow them to fulfil their full potential.

8.0 PARTNERSHIP/COLLABORATIONS:

I. National Child and Society Conference and Awards:

Child Protection Network of Nigeria supported by Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation held its 2nd Annual National Child and Society Conference and Awards in Lagos, Nigeria. **Themed: Future of the Nigerian Child: Hopeful or Hopeless?** The key root cause of the menace of street children in Nigeria has been identified to have their Foundation in the prevalence of abject poverty. Due to the present economic and social situation, the family institution is in great difficulty of coping with its function of child rearing and upbringing of its young members. The inability of the family to perform its function in this regard has led to the uncoordinated activities of children, extreme starvation and lack of parental care fleeing homes to fend for themselves on the streets.

The Conference and Awards highlighted the issues faced by the Nigerian Child. It also aims at reducing the rate of street children with provision of alternative care for children with the measures which includes, Foster care, Group homes, Kinship care e.tc. with implementation to prevent abuse, exploitation, health risk, trafficking e.tc.

Other Innovations includes:

- Street outreach program
- Family strengthening program
- Drop-in centers: offering temporary respite and basic services
- Advocacy

Conclusively, there is hope for the Nigerian child, all CSO's need to join hands together and contribute their quota to making sure that there is a suitable environment for the Nigerian Child. Cases of child sexual abuse (especially minors) should be made a taboo in the society, perpetrators should be made to face life imprisonment.

II. Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation being an advocate of women joined Women Advocate Research and Documentation Center (WARDC) to commemorate international women's day with a Walk in Solidarity to advocate for the lifting of the ban on Lagos State Guidelines for safe Termination of pregnancy to reduce the incidence of fatal abortion among young girls, and ways to strengthen prevention of violence against Women and Girls.

III. WOCOM/ECPAT engaged stakeholders from different organization to deliberate on the themed "Sexual Exploitation of Children" aims to foster a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Gender equality is both a basic human right and essential for a good society. Despite some progress, achieving gender equality by 2030 is unlikely. This should matter, and answers that equality benefits everyone by reducing poverty, improving health and education, and protecting all people. Children with disabilities are vulnerable, often under-researched unreported victims due to their inability to advocate for themselves. Cultural factors, and as Forced and Early Child

Marriage: Exploitation takes the form of sexual assault, molestation, social media devices, sex for marks e.tc the "Almarji" system, where children are taken for Arabic education but end up as street beggars increases Vulnerability to sexual exploitation.

Action Plan for the Coalition

- Advocacy on Approval of Affirmative Procurement Policy for Lagos State
- Advocacy for Private sector to adopt Gender Responsive Procurement Practices
- Capacity building of Coalition on Gender, gender-responsive Procurement practices
- Monitor and Progress in Implementation.

II. The ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation engaged women focused NGO's and other stakeholders on an interactive meeting aimed to Sensitize stakeholders on Transportation and Environmental matters in Lagos state. Engr. Sukanmi from the Ministry of Transportation deliberated on the need to ensure safe, convenient, and affordable transportation for all residents, this includes prioritizing the needs of women. As well as educate and inform women focused Non-governmental organization (NGOs) about the Lagos state environmental initiative, policies and programs, Lagos State is the sensitive comprises of waterbodies (Rivers, Lagoon, Ocean, wetland, Mangrove and vegetation etc.) The Earth is the only planets that supports life, it is the only place we called a "home"

She reiterates some of the activities and practices that hurt the earth which includes, Bush/ Refuse burning, Discharge of untreated sewage/waste water into public drain and water bodies, dumping of waste into the Lagoon and rivers, Indiscriminate disposal of wastes.

Some of the Symptoms of Sick Earth includes Global warming, Extreme weather condition, Soil and water pollution, Desertification and we can help the earth by putting an end to practices that hurt earth, Live responsibly and be a voice for the Earth.

Addressing the Environmental Challenges;

Adopt proper waste disposal and recycling practices, reduce air emissions and ensure proper management of liquid waste, promote sustainable practices and renewable energy.

Roles of NGOs includes:

- Educating and awareness campaigns
- NGOs can run a program to create awareness to various environmental issues among the women. NGOs can educate and train women on substantial environmental practices.
- Capacity building and empowerment.
- NGOs can empower women by providing them the skills and resources needed for sustainable environmental management.
- NGOs can directly involve in environmental projects such as waste management, renewable energy and waste to wealth etc.
- Networking and collaboration.
- NGOs help bridge gap between the government environmental policies community needs.

9.0 FINANCIAL REPORT: COMBINED EXPENSES FOR LAGOS, EAST, ZARIA AND ISADE OFFICES:

S/N	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSES
1	Balance B/F and Refunds	5,624,689.74	
2	World Bank Group	8,841,688.92	
3	SIFAX	95,382,610.11	
4	SAHCOL	11,000,000.00	
5	Education		30,654,516.25
6	HEALTH PROJECT (Isade, Health Partnership, Monthly Upkeeps)		10,670,910.00
7	ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (Projects, WELFARE, & GRANTS,)		39,880,638.42
8.	Admin for the 4 offices (Repairs, Fuel, Stationaries, Internet Subscription, Electricity Bills, Land use Charge, Estate Security Bill, Service of Bus, LAWMAN Bill, Per Diem, Domain, Domain Name Renewal and Maintenances,}		13,095,735.9
9.	PAYEE (LAGOS)		661,239.96
10.	SALARY/ALLOWANCE		19,976,759.36
	TOTAL	120,848,988.77	111,615,764.58
	Bank Charges (Lagos)		121,739.56
	Grand Total Expenses		115,061,539.45
	Balance in Bank	5,787,407.32	

10.0 ACHIEVEMENTS:

Lagos, Abia, Zaria and Ogun offices:

- **International recognition to the Chairman, BOT, as a Goodwill Ambassador to the State of Texas, US on account of the contributions of the Foundation to development**
- **Access to quality learning:** the AAAF education programmes have given access to quality education for **406** vulnerable children in an effort to contribute to the accomplishment of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDGs).
- The occasion of the Children's Day Celebrations was leveraged to aid the integration of children's voices into national discourse through essay writing and other forms of out-of-classroom learning.
- **Access to Medical Needs:** The Foundation made a real difference in the lives of over **200** adults and children by providing access to vital health services, partnerships with two Foundations for the treatment and dialysis for those in need, plus the immunization of **1,739** children at the Isade medical facility, protecting them from preventable diseases. We've also treated **481** patients and empowered **152** individuals with family planning resources. **68** expectant mothers received crucial antenatal care, and we celebrated four healthy deliveries. All of this incredible work brings us closer to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3 – good health and well-being for all.
- **Empowerment:** AAAF reaffirm its commitment to supporting **118** women and girls in their journey towards empowerment and equality, where they can break barriers, shatter stereotypes, and create a more inclusive and equitable world.
- Similarly, **122** vulnerable beneficiaries were empowered with skill training in fashion design, home decoration, shoe making, ICT, POP and bag making.
- **Access to grants:** a total of **34** women were empowered in Lagos and Zaria with financial grants, business tools while **10** teenage mothers were engaged in skill and entrepreneurial training, it aims to empower micro business and contribute meaningfully to the society and become self-sufficient.
- Improved food security for more than **800** vulnerable women, in Lagos, East, Zaria and Isade, homes for the elderly, persons with disabilities, the initiative was to extend a helping hand through various humanitarian services, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to those in need.
- Access to safe and clean water through the installation of a borehole in a rural riverine Ilaje community in, Ondo State.
- **Access to good learning environment:** the initiative enables learners feel like they belong to a community of learners, this can also provide them with a sense of support and belonging, which can be essential for their overall well-being and success.
- **Access to energy-efficient stove for 20 vulnerable women:** with a reduction in wood consumption, good transference of the heat from the fire to the pot and minimal smoke emission. This translates to significant cost savings for households, especially in areas where fuel is expensive.

In conclusion, 2024 was a viable year with lots of impactful programs and engagements, addressing social issues, providing essential services and adding value to the lives of our beneficiaries and the society at large.