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Introduction

History

Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation is a coalition of five organizations that are committed to building active citizens. It is an outcome of thought-provoking pragmatic approach to tangling societal challenges started as Youth Crime Watch program in the year 2002, a direct result of high rates of crime, violence, drug abuse and corruption in our society. To arrest the ugly trend which has eaten deep into our social fabric, over fifty (50) young people converged together to form the Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria (YCW Nigeria), which was successfully piloted in St. Teresa's College and Felele Community, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Having successfully organized programs and activities for students and youths in schools and communities in partnership with private and public institutions coupled with scholarship assistance given to its members and out-of-school youths, the United Nations granted to the organization, a special consultative status with Economic and Social Council in July 2010. To establish YCW as a National NGO and to further inspire, mobilize, engage, network, develop and secure and to also inculcate our experiences and lesson learnt in working with young people, communities, leaders at all level and policymakers, the Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria was transformed into the Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation duly and legally registered by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC/IT/NO 53808) to promote the common good of all Nigerians and Africans wherever they may be with a particular attention to children, youth and women, disadvantage communities and minority groups.



Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation works to create positive outcomes for Africa Citizens by improving the quality of education, conflict prevention development, leadership and accountability, election and good governance, Internet & ICT Diplomacy, ICT for Development, Citizen-Centred Crime Prevention, Conflict Resolutions, Conflict Analysis & Management, Rural Development, Environment, Human Rights, Anti-Corruption and Youth development programs. Also, we focus on transparency, accountability, anti-corruption, human rights safety and security, conflict management, and environment.

Vision: Building Citizens for A Better and Sustainable Society

Mission: To promote the common good of all through education

Thematic Area

1. Advocacy
2. Education
3. Crime Prevention & Security Education
4. Conflict Resolution & Management
5. ICT for Development
6. Rural Empowerment & Training

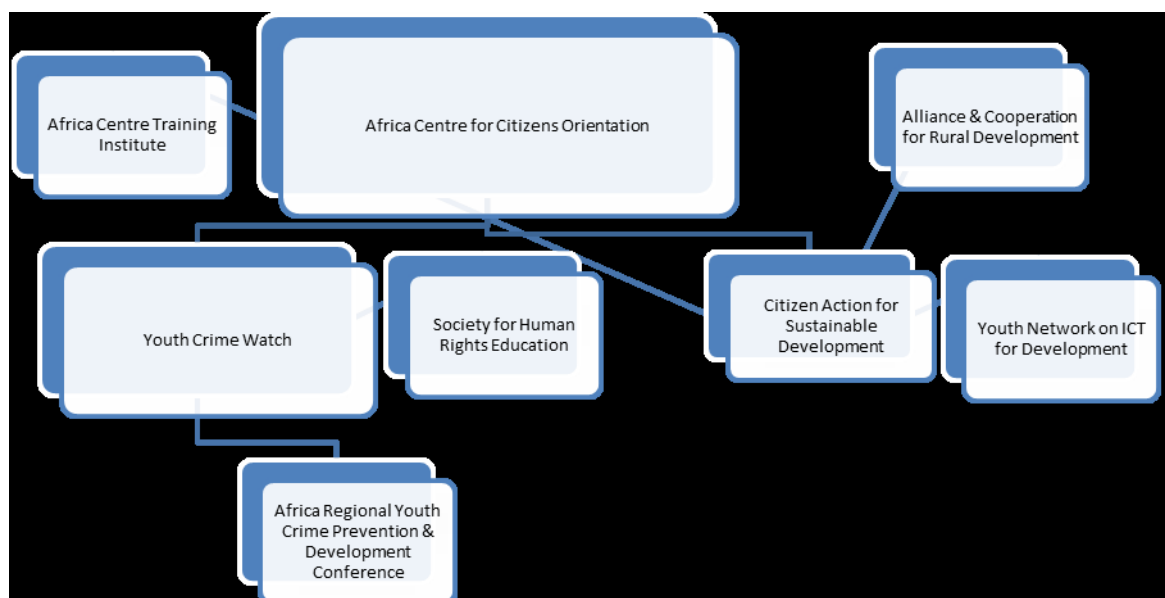
Objectives

The objectives of our organization among others are:

1. To promote the common good of all
2. To protect the rights of all Africans
3. To inspire, engage and empower African citizens in order to become active participants
4. To instill positive values, foster good citizenship and build self-confidence in our people
5. To provide all, especially children and youth, with educational opportunities that empower them to contribute actively to sustainable development

Programs

Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation is an umbrella body, a parent organization and a coalition of five main organizations and two educational-oriented Institutions committed to building active citizens. They are:



Citizens Action for Sustainable Development (CASDev)

Citizens Action for Sustainable Development is a local initiative to advocate for sustainable development and better quality of lives of the citizenry. CASDev creates a platform for citizens' creativity, innovation and pragmatic action to transform the society. A change in our attitude and behavior is all what every society needed to creating a sustainable environment. Through this program, we will build confidence

needed for positive change in our young people and children both in schools and in the communities. We also promote ethical values, cultural and spiritual orientations of all citizens in order to build a just society.

Alliance & Cooperation for Rural Development (ACORD)

ACORD focus on addressing the issue of rural underdevelopment by working with the rural community dwellers. Underserved communities must have a voice, invested interest, and ownership in the development of their land, economy, education, rights and values. Through listening to their needs, empowering their belief in change, and working beside them to implement practical solutions, real progress can be made that does not result in further disempowerment. Cultivating a thorough understanding of the complex realities on the ground is the key to empowerment and collective action.

This program set to provide capacity building, funding and human resources to women, girls and children and community-based organizations through Africa. In partnership with other stakeholders, we will implement solutions that improve social, environmental, educational and economic conditions at the community level. The mission of this program is to overcome poverty by empowering and education communities and their citizens to be agents of their own sustainable change and growth.



Youth Alliance on ICT for Development

Youth Alliance on ICT for Development is a program targeting young people through the use of information and communication technology for sustainable development. The poverty which has affected the quality of social, cultural and political lives in Africa has slow development in the last decade. But the presence of information and communication technologies (ICT) can carved out an alternative path to development. Notwithstanding the urgency and enthusiasm with using this new medium for social and economic change, the Internet has brought about negative as well as positive contributions to development in Africa.

Youth Crime Watch (YCW)

Youth Crime Watch is a youth-led movement that represents the School, the Community and you. It is a "positive gang" or family that changes the mood of the school and community. YCW is a force working to make schools and communities crime-free, drug-free and violence-free. Youth Crime Watch is not just a program. It's a philosophy of

"watching out, helping out", positive peer pressure, respecting people, taking responsibility for one's own surroundings and just plain good citizenship.

Youth Crime Watch mission is to mobilize and equip a youth-led movement in schools and communities in partnership with public and private institutions; to create a safer environment free of crime, violence, and illicit drugs in order to foster good citizenship. YCW recognize that youth can and must be part of civil problem-solving, community partnership development, and crime prevention.

Programs under Youth Crime Watch are College Crime Watch, Youth Crime Watch, Citizens' Crime Watch, Community Crime Watch, Civic Engagement, After School Service Learning and Youth Leadership. See **www.ycwnigeria.org**

Society for Human Rights Education (SHRE)

Society for Human Rights Education is an arm of the Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation with the aim of creating necessary awareness on human rights as enshrined in our nation constitution and other frameworks and resolutions believing that human rights is a local issue with global attention. The full enjoyment of human rights and welfare is possible only when the community shares positive values and has the means to provide protection. SHRE mobilizes local communities to build awareness for the rights and welfare of children, youth, and women. SHRE supports the health and education of these groups and helps their families and communities to stand up and break the chain of poverty.



SHRE listens to and provides voices to the most vulnerable and involves local groups in the planning, decision-making and implementation of every project. Professional skill training, education and volunteer programs are provided by SHRE to raise the voices of these groups in making lasting impacts in their communities.

Our *HEIRS* program

Our *HEIRS* programs are life-changing pragmatic actions to create an enabling environment for the common good of all.

1. Human Rights Education & Orientation Desk

We focus on human rights laws and instruments and translate the same to educate and empower children, young people and adult citizens in order to better reduce the rate of human rights abuse in Nigeria and across African countries and to create human rights awareness and consciousness to sustainable development of their nations actively. In partnership with relevant stakeholders, train and teach young men, women and girls about their rights and privileges as enshrined in their national constitution and to empower them to be fully aware about their roles and duties as related to voting and election, governance and democracy, leadership and grassroots participation.

2. Environment Desk

We aim to raise awareness about environmental issues locally and globally campaign for a better environmental practice. We work to take action against deforestation which has been a major concern in Africa and climate change through native forest restoration by involving young people to become tree planters and environmental sanitation supervisors and volunteers in their schools and communities.

Citizens have the power to positively impact the future of our planet and educating people on the environment is therefore critical to building a better future for us all. We aim to deliver environmental education programmes that provide professionals, community members, children and youths with tools that will allow them to easily and cost-efficiently reduce their negative impact on the environment.

Our work aims to:

- i. Campaign for better environmental practices
- ii. Take action against climate change
- iii. Implement tree planting projects as well as provide funding for partner planting projects in schools and communities
- iv. Setting up school tree nurseries and provide environmental education
- v. Provide support for community development projects in urban cities and rural communities centered on tree planting.
- vi. Provide environmental consultancy services to schools in rural communities and urban centres

3. Information & Communication Technology for Development Desk

We believe that Africa has been hard hit with poverty and diseases and this has had an immense effect on the quality of social, cultural and political lives of the people. This has made development to move at a very slow pace in the last decades. But the presence of information and communication technologies (ICT) can carve out an alternative path to development. Notwithstanding the urgency and enthusiasm with using this new medium for social and economic change, the Internet has brought about negative as well as positive contributions to development in Africa.

Science, technology and innovation have become key factors contributing to economic growth in both advanced and developing economies. In the knowledge economy, information circulates at the international level through trade in goods and services, direct investment and technology flows, and the movement of people. Information and communication technologies (ICT) have been at the heart of economic changes for more than a decade. ICT sector plays an important role, notably by contributing to rapid technological progress and productivity growth.

Therefore, at Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation, we use ICT to organize transnational networks in response to international competition and the increasing need for strategic interaction. Drive local and foreign educational investment to the rural communities, build children and youths and empower rural women and young farmers to ease problem of food insecurity.

ICT accessibility and affordability has increased exponentially. As a result, opportunities for utilizing ICT solutions for e-services and for reaching all groups of society, including the poor, users in remote areas, and other disadvantaged groups, have transformed the landscape for development. We focus on using digital technology to deliver specific development goals (most notably the Millennium Development Goals). ICTs will be applied either in the direct sense, wherein their use directly benefits the disadvantaged population, or in an indirect sense, wherein the ICTs assist aid organizations or non-governmental organizations or governments or businesses in order to improve general socio-economic conditions.

We use this tool to drive trade and investment among young farmers, rural women, use to develop distance and virtual learning for children and young people in disadvantage community. Also, we explore this tool to aid our work in environment management and policy development for stakeholders in the local and national levels.

- a. **Economic Empowerment of Rural Women, Children and Youth** - Having known and understood the enormous advantages of ICT, we use ICT and Internet tools to empower the local women and disadvantage communities. The use of ICT is to better the effort of the local farmers and encourage young people to build up their skills and knowledge for economic impacts. ICT came with diverse opportunities and benefits and young people need to be encouraged to develop interest in it to better their career and bring about local and national development. Research will be conducted at any period of time and seminars will be organized to check the impact of ICT on children and youth, most especially the benefits and opportunities of the Internet to growth and development of their nation.

4. Rural Development Desk

Over the years, we recognized that young people migrate from rural areas to urban centres in search of jobs and social amenities while neglecting the basic development at the rural areas untapped. Whereas these social amenities eludes this set of population in the urban centres and this contributed also to the problems facing urban centres resulting in more criminal acts perpetrated by young people.

To reduce the inflow of young people from rural to urban centres, we are committed to rural development, capacity building of rural population - the youth, farmers, women and children using the community resources such as, agriculture, environmental resources, and Information and Communication Technology, creating awareness on HIV/AIDS, human rights and cultures.

5. Safety & Security Desk

We invest skills, develop capacities and channel resources to prevention education among young people, schools and communities through our sites, chapters and clubs such as Youth Crime Watch, Teens Environmental Network, Community Environmental Network Agenda, and Civic Education focusing on:

i. Cyber Security

As a global partner of the International Telecommunication Union Global Cybersecurity Agenda, we work to create safety education for young people, children online and business infrastructure through positive initiatives and programs. The Internet creates unlimited opportunities for commercial, social and educational activities, the opportunities associated with Internet is now being exploited to serve criminal purposes. Cybercrime covers Internet fraud not just online 419 – the use of computers and or the Internet to commit crime. Computer-assisted crime includes e-mail scams, hacking, distribution of hostile software (viruses and worms), denial of service attacks, theft of data, extortion, fraud and impersonation.

ii. Child Online Protection

Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria will help to apply locally the Child Online Protection International aims to tackle cyber security holistically, addressing legal, technical, organizational and procedural issues as well as capacity building and international cooperation. YCW Nigeria recognizes that young people and children are our future and they should be helped to harness their skills and energies to positive development while recognizing their vulnerability in the world driven by technology.

We are working with the International Telecommunication Union, stakeholders and other International framework and instrument to ensure that our children and young people are safe in an online environment by identify risks and vulnerabilities early to children in cyberspace, create awareness, design pragmatic tools to help minimize risk and also share knowledge and experience

METHODOLOGY:

The Organization seeks to achieve its noble aims and objectives through the following programs:

1. Education:
 - a. The Organization will cooperate and collaborate with appropriate agencies of government, international agencies, institutions, specialized NGOs and schools in order to facilitate the training of the citizens, law enforcement officers, judicial officers, teachers and other categories of societies on issues that affect the youth and the society well-being.

- b. The educational programmes of the organization will be both formal and informal and with priority to individual and groups with capacity for multiplier effect.
 - c. The Organization will explore the use of teaching aids including information and communication and publication of newsletter and magazines.
- 2. Lobbying
 - a. The Organization will engage the governance/administrative system in the country at all levels in a constructive, cooperative and collaborative way with the view to working mutually for the attainment of improved living culture and peace within the Nigerian and African society.
 - b. The Organization will employ lobbying of the various parliamentary arms of government, executive arms of government at all levels as well as regional bodies for the promotion of sustainable development.
- 3. Research
 - a. The Organization will prioritize research activities and thus work extensively on collecting and collating data on issues that affects Africans growth and development.
 - b. The Organization shall also keep a library of human development issues as a resource center for academia, students, and government agencies and as well as other interested person(s) or group(s).
- 4. Campaign

The Organization will use campaign as an instrument of social conscientization and mobilization. This will involve the use of the print and electronic media. Traditional channels of communication as well as awareness rallies.
- 5. Networking

The Organization will explore to its maximum, opportunities provided by technologies especially, the information and Communication Technologies for the purposes of mass mobilization, conscientization, education, communication and social interaction.
- 6. Monitoring & Evaluation

The Organization shall engage in monitoring and evaluation of projects directed toward citizens, draft and present report on its assessment of such projects.

Chapters

Our programs have spread to the following states: Oyo, Osun, Ogun, Lagos, Ondo, Ekiti, Ebonyi, Rivers, Delta, Akwa Ibom, Cross Rivers, and FCT.

Sites

Our school sites include:

- St. Teresa's College, Ibadan, Nigeria
- Bola Immaculate Group of Schools, Ibadan, Nigeria
- George & Duke International College, Ibadan, Nigeria

- Yejide Girls Grammar School, Ibadan, Nigeria
- Ikolaba High School, Ibadan, Nigeria
- Ibadan Grammar School, Ibadan
- St. Catherine College, Ibadan
- Doherty Memorial Grammar School, Ijero Ekiti
- School of Health Technology, Ijero Ekiti
- University of Ado Ekiti
- University of Ibadan
- Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho
- University of Ilorin
- Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki

Past Sponsorship/Funding Agencies

Our achievements and successes in the past are due to the moral and financial assistance from these corporations, agencies and friends:

1. MTN Nigeria
2. CHI Limited Ajanla Farms, Nigeria
3. Coca Cola Plc, Nigeria
4. 7UP Plc, Nigeria
5. British Medical Association, United Kingdom
6. UNODC
7. Henry-Tee Nigeria Limited
8. Youth Alliance on ICT for Development
9. New Creation Golden Services
10. All Nations Evangelical Church
11. Nigeria Television Authority
12. Galaxy Television
13. Voice of Nigeria

Partnership and Membership

- ❖ International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- ❖ Global Knowledge Partnership Foundation (GKPF)
- ❖ United Nations Commission on Trade & Development
- ❖ United Nations Global Compact
- ❖ United Nations Global Alliance on ICT for Development
- ❖ Internet Governance Forum
- ❖ World Summit on Information society
- ❖ United Nations Human Rights Commission – www.ohchr.org
- ❖ United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (NGO Section)
- ❖ Internet Society – www.isoc.org
- ❖ The Global Network for Africa's Prosperity
- ❖ Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
- ❖ African Youth International Development Foundation (AFYIDEF)
- ❖ Global Alliance Against Trafficking In Women (GAATW)
- ❖ United Nations Frameworks on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Management Team

In Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation, we have some very important personalities who are well grounded in development issues and who are presently occupying leadership and managerial positions in their organisations. These people willingly accepted to serve on the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council which is the spark plug of our organization.

1. Board of Trustees:

This is the policy-making organ of the organization. Its approves the budget of the organization, provides contacts for operational funds and support the operation of the secretariat

1. Bishop Olatunji I. Odeleye
2. Professor Elijah O. Baiyeri
3. Mr. Afeni Dare
4. Ms. Blessing Kayode-Ade
5. Ms. Rose A. Okon
6. Mr. Peter O. Adeleye
7. Ms. Blessing-One Ejika

2. Advisory Council:

The Advisor is the “Spark Plug” of the organization and guides in all activities.

- a. Comrade. Motunrayo Abu
- b. Chief (Mrs.) Bola Doherty
- c. Bar. Ranti Ajeleti
- d. Mr. Wale Ojo Lanre
- e. CSP Chris Ero

3. Secretariat:

The Secretariat is vested with the day-to-day running of the organization. It implements the decisions of the Board of Trustees. It is headed by an Executive Director who oversees the day-to-day running of the organisation while a Senior Program Officer oversees programmes implementation along with other programme staff.

International Headquarters

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| Mr. Peter O. Adeleye | - | Executive Director |
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| Bar. Oluwaseun Aiyelabola | - | Project/Legal Adviser |
| Ms. Akunna Joy Ukairo | - | Human Rights Educator |
| Ms. Bukola Adeboje | - | Accountant |

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| Mr. Gideon Banda | - | Regional Coordinator, North Central |

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Past events/Achievements

October 2002: Drug Abuse Education

YCWN brought a youth workshop to Obanikoro community to educate young people about the dangers associated with drug abuse. About 30 neighborhood youth attended the workshop.

April 1, 2003: St. Teresa's College launches YCW

Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria launched a new program at St Teresa's College, Oke-Ado, Ibadan, on April 1, 2003. Presiding at the launch ceremony were two YCW of Nigeria advisors, Mr. Kehinde Mosuru and Mrs. M. O. Abu from the Centre for Human Rights, the Vice-Principal of the school (representing the School Principal), and the Sister for the school. New Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria members posed for the camera (see photo above).

A-day conference on HIV/AIDS tagged, "IMPACT" held at the School Hall of St. Teresa's College, Oke – Ado, Ibadan.

April 12th & 19th 2003:

Monitored and Supervised (Local Observers) elections during the last general election in year 2003 at Ogbomosho Local Government area of Oyo State.

June 2003:

One-day workshop planned for young people in Oyo State.

July 2003: "Youth, Crime, and the Nation" workshop a success

More than 500 youth gathered for a one-day crime prevention workshop with an emphasis on youth involvement and historical perspectives. Guest speakers included Inspector Chris Ero of the State Police Public Relations Office; Mr. Tunji Ajibade, representing General Manager of the Nigerian Television Authority; Mrs. Dupe, representing the Sunday Editor of the Nigerian Tribune; and Youth Crime Watch advisors. The event was covered by Nigerian Television.

August 2003: Leadership Training

A one-day leadership training for Youth Crime Watch executives and committee heads was held at St. Teresa's College, Oke-Ado, Ibadan.

September 2003: Taking IT Global Conference

Youth Crime Watch participated in the Taking IT Global Conference at the University of Lagos.

October 18th 2003 – One-to-one discussion program was held at Calvary International College on personality building and crime prevention strategies.

October 2003: St. Teresa's College Project Update

Members of the Youth Crime Watch at St. Teresa's College have taken charge of the atmosphere on their campus and actively participate in school assemblies. The group organized a successful graffiti clean-up this month.

November 8th 2003:

- * A-day motivational and personal building Seminar and World Summit on Information Society pre-conference held at St. Teresa's College, Ibadan. Guests were: Mr. Gbenga Sesan (First Nigeria IT Youth Ambassador), Mr. McJarra (TakingITglobal Australia)
- * The flagging-up of YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE PROJECT also held at the School Hall of St. Teresa's College, Ibadan. Guest speakers included Dr. Olaitan Olaofe, Managing Director of CHI Limited Ajanla Farms, Ibadan; Mr. Hammeed Oluyedun of ONI and Sons Hospital, Ibadan; Mrs. Motunrayo Olanrewaju Abu, an activist and YCW advisor; and Mr. Gbenga Sesan, the First Nigerian Youth Information Technology Ambassador 2001-2003. The event was part of the Nigerian caucus on the December 2003 World Summit on Information Technology in Geneva, Switzerland.
- * Pre-conference on World Summit on Information Society, which was finally held in Geneva, Switzerland between December 10 and 13, 2004.

November 2003: Bola Immaculate School launches YCW

Another Youth Crime Watch site was launched on November 28, this one at the Bola Immaculate School, Orita Challenge, Ibadan, Oyo State. The School Proprietress, Chief Bola Doherty, Headmaster Makinde, and Casey Adeleye Gbenga presided at the official ceremony.

Aims

1. To bring out the hidden potentials in our young people for self-reliance, economic development, community action, and civic participation.
2. To build self-confidence and motivate young people towards a better future.
3. To engage young people in resolving disputes and conflicts amicably and make them peace ambassadors.
4. Encourage co-existence among ethnic groups and faith organization in schools and communities in order to achieve a peaceful community.

Size

The project started with students from eleven (11) local councils of Ibadan City and now covers other states of the federation. So far 8,712 young people had participated in the project since the year 2003 to 2009.

Impact

- a. 5,654 young people out of the total participants made five credits in their national examinations.
- b. 3,058 young participants at the end of the academic year made it to vocational schools and none constituted problems to the society so far.
- c. Young participants are now active community volunteers in their schools and communities.
- d. Young participants gained program development and management skills during the project cycle

Additionally, we appointed cheerleaders to supervise and coordinate this project which was started in the year 2003 and young people had demonstrated their enthusiasm in using their potentials and capacity to together stand up against social ills. These young people have grown to handle the Youth Crime Watch programs in Nigeria and full of management experience.

November 25th 2003 – One-to-one discussion program was held at Oke Ado High School on personality building and crime prevention strategies.

November 27th 2003 – Inauguration of YCW Site Bola Immaculate Group of Schools at the School premises.

April 30th 2004:

Inauguration of YCW Site George & Duke International College at the School Hall.

A-day Personal Building Seminar tagged, “PERSONALITY BUILDING AS MEANS OF CRIME PREVENTION”, the Guest Speaker among others were Mrs. R.F. Sali, Executive Secretary, Youth Development Council, Mrs. M. O. Abu, YCW Adult Advisor, Dr. Olurin and others.

May 10th 2004 – One-to-one discussion program was held at Yejide Girls Grammar School on personality building and crime prevention strategies.

August 3rd 2004: A-day Statewide Conference on HIV/AIDS tagged, “**YOU ARE VALUABLE**” was held at the Trechard hall, University of Ibadan. Dignitaries at the occasion were Mrs. Mutiat Olayinka Ladoja, Wife of the Oyo State Governor and initiator and founder, Idera De Foundation ably represented by Mrs. Nike Ashiru, Wife of the State Commissioner for Water Resources and Environment, Dr. A. Animashaun, National Open University of Nigeria, Mr. Abu Sylvanus, University of Jos, Mrs. V.I. Falope, Bar. Ranti Ajeleti, YCW Legal Advisor, Pastor (Mrs.) I.A. Odeleye, Mr. Moses Anegbode, Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Yinka Oladapo, PLAN National Coordinator, Mr. Seun Onifade, Chairman, National Youth Council of Nigeria (Oyo State Chapter), Mrs. R.F. Sali, Executive Secretary, Youth Development Council, Oyo State and many other dignitaries at the occasion.

December 22nd 2004: A-day public lecture on **YOUTH CARNIVAL** tagged, “**YOUTH OUR PRIDE**” held at the Studio 3 Hall, Nigeria Television Authority, South-West Zonal Network, Agodi, Ibadan. Attended by over 100 youth organizations in Oyo State. Dignitaries at the occasion were Mrs. Vicky Olumudi, General Manager, NTA; Mr. Moses Anegbode, Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Femi Adedeji, Police PRO, Oyo State Police Command, Mr. S. Adebayo, Director, Youth Development Council, Ministry of Youth & Sport, Oyo State, and Mr. Ayo, the Director, Fundamental Resources for the Disabled, Oyo, Oyo State.

April 12th 2005: A-day Life-changing and Life Building Seminar tagged, “**POWER TO SAY NO**” held at the School Hall, Yejide Girls Grammar School. The Guest Speakers at the occasion were: Mrs. Okunnoren, The School Vice-Principal, Mr. Austin Aninoya, CEO

Canaan Homes, and Mr. Seun Onifade, Chairman, National Youth Council of Nigeria (Oyo State Chapter) and Coordinator, National Youth Network on HIV/AIDS.

July 26th 2005 – One-to-one discussion program tagged, “**Self-Esteem**” was held at Yejide Girls Grammar School, Ibadan, Oyo State.

July 27th 2005 – One-to-one discussion program tagged, “**Self-Esteem**” was held at Ikolaba High School, Ibadan, Oyo State.

October 1, 2005 – HIV/AIDS, DRUG ABUSE, HEALTH & SAFETY

Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria has been very active in 2005. The organization has made itself felt in schools and communities through educational and outreach efforts on such subjects as HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, and health and safety. Individual leaders in YCWN have also earned recognition for their efforts.

April 2005: Two from Nigeria receive International Extra Mile Awards from Youth Crime Watch of America

The International Extra Mile Award recognizes the hard work done by dedicated individuals to establish Youth Crime Watch programs in international settings. We recognize these individuals for accepting the challenge and "going the extra mile" in adapting the crime watch philosophy to local conditions. Pastor Olatunji Oluwaleye and Adeleye Gbenga have demonstrated enormous dedication and leadership in the Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria program. In part due to the individual efforts of these two gentlemen, there are now Youth Crime Watch sites in 7 Nigerian states. Their desire to make safer communities in Nigeria and the ability of these two men to accomplish their goals with virtually no resources is commendable and we salute them as 2005 International Extra Mile Award recipients.

CELEBRATION OF PEACE

Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria in collaboration with an indigenous youth organization in Jos, Plateau State, YOUTH RESCUE MISSION will hold an event to celebrate the return of peace in Jos, Plateau State after series of violent ethnic and religious clashes among the citizens of the state which resulted in President Olusegun Obasanjo declaring six months of emergency rule in the State. Youth and youth organizations in the Plateau State are warming up to see the light of this program.

"SAY NO TO VIOLENCE"

A weeklong violence prevention network event among the Youth in the oil region of Delta state (Warri) and River State (Port-Harcourt) will be scheduled by May 2005. This program will serve as an avenue for the youth to speak their mind about the issue of unemployment and resource sharing in the oil regions.

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This sporting event will engage secondary schools students in Oyo State and will serve as a crime prevention tool to reduce the high rate of crime, drug abuse and violence in our schools and communities.

December 2006: AIDS Day

On December 1st 2006, the Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria joined other youth organizations, government agencies, and non-profits to commemorate world AIDS day in Nigeria. The YCWN participated at a rally organized by the Network of Youth Organizations working against HIV and AIDS in Nigeria, in which YCWN is an active member and holds an executive position. The members of the YCWN were fully involved in the event.

November 2006: National Youth Conference on Political Violence

The Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria organized a two-day National Youth Conference on Political Violence, Crime and Corruption in Nigeria. The event was held at the National Museum Centre, Ibadan. Speaking at the occasion were Mrs. R.F. Sali, Executive Secretary, Oyo State Agency for Youth Development, Bishop I.O. Odeleye, YCW Parent Advisor, Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Commissioner of Police, Oyo State represented by CSP Chris Ero, Mr. Yinka Ayanlola from Nation Builders' Organization. The Nigeria media were also at the event, the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA), Galaxy Television and Nigerian Tribune. It was well attended by students and youth from Oyo State and beyond. Students from the Youth Crime Watch site at Yejide Girls Grammar School staged a drama on corruption. YCWN plans a sequel to this successful conference in October 2007.

March 2006: National Census

The Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria participated in the March National Population Census in NIGERIA conducted by the National Population Commission. Prior to this event, YCWN held a one-day forum on political violence prevention in Ibadan in which the Commission took part.

February 2006: Youth Forum

YCWN's one-day youth forum on political violence and youth unrest in the Niger-Delta was organized in partnership with the National Population Commission and Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to create an enabling environment for the National Population Census and electoral process in Nigeria. The program was held on Friday February 17th 2006 at the Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria temporary office, Ibadan. The program kick started our POWERED TO SAY NO project for the youth in the Niger-Delta region and other States of the federation.

STOP CRIME – TAKE THE LEAD PROJECT – September 28, 2008

Aims

1. To reduce high rate of crime, substance abuse, and violence among young boys and girls in our schools and communalities.
2. To inculcate the habit and spirit of prevention and safety.
3. To encourage young people to report crime and pin point problems that can leads to more crimes in their schools and communities.
4. To demonstrate to young people that togetherness, affiliation and partnerships are powerful responses to threats that require more than individual action.

Size

- a. More than 5,000 youths have been enlisted as crime problem-solving analysts. The process is ongoing in our schools and communities.

- b. Youth Crime Watch chapters has been established in more 10 states of the federation.
- c. Seven Youth Crime Watch school sites have expanded creditably to accommodate more young people.

Impact

- 1. Seven schools supported the idea of establishing YCW programs in their schools.
- 2. Students and community youths now report crime without fear to appropriate office.
- 3. Students after the project kick-start their own campaign against crime and rape in schools and communities.
- 4. Increase young people self-esteem and confidence.
- 5. Improve leadership and organizational skills.
- 6. Help young people to stay safer.
- 7. Increase young people sense of accountability and motivation
- 8. Develops closer bond with school and community.

ICT for Youth Development & Cybersecurity Initiative

Trainings were conducted for children and young people in Oyo, Ogun, Osun, Ekiti, Ebonyi and Delta States where there were prevalent cases of cybercrime, cyber abuse and cyber theft. The project was designed to create awareness among children and Youth on the danger of cybercrime to socio-political and economic situation of Nigeria and their immediate environment

West Africa Regional Crime Prevention & Cyber Security Summit, Ghana, 2011

A 2-day Summit was held at Busy Internet Centre, Accra, Ghana focusing on transborder crime prevention and cybersecurity in the West Africa Region. The Summit was in partnership with the Ghana Police Service and Ignitus Worldwide, USA.

Africa Regional Youth Crime Prevention & Development Conference: 2012-2016

The Africa Regional Youth Crime Prevention & Development Conference (Secure Africa) is Africa's premier crime prevention event for youth and adults. The conference attracts over 500 participants from nearly every state and several foreign countries who come to exchange ideas and information about the most effective youth crime prevention methods. It is a chance for youth to develop the motivation and leadership skills needed to make a positive difference in their schools and communities. Please see Secure Africa website.

ICT Library Sustainability Project 2014

focus on empowering students within Government Secondary School with ICT education. Under this program, we will train the beneficiary school's students, IT teachers and principals to understand, maintain and operate the infrastructure, ensuring the project is sustainable in the long-term.

PROJECT SITE

Government Secondary School, Odi, Bayelsa State
 Community Secondary School, Ezinnes Mgbidi, Enugu State
 Community Secondary School, Bugindu, Zamfara State

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To improve quality of Secondary education resulting in enhanced intellectual, Social and cultural learning.
2. To provide training for students to learn computer and gain ICT skills.
3. To bring sustainability to existing rural ICT centres in Nigeria with the aim of developing local efforts, promote integrated and whole systems oriented approaches to grassroots development.
4. To enable student access new knowledge and information that can be incorporated into their local knowledge and context.
5. To complement and support the national human capacity development efforts by building a platform to absorb and develop young people talents and contributions using ICT, for the realization of Nigeria's economic vision and meeting the target of MDGs.

SCOPE

- Identify community and school ICT needs
- Training for ICT Trainers
- Training Workshop for Principals
- Establishment of ICT Club
- Partnership with schools and technology companies
- Project for students to teach at after-school ICT club
- Intra and inter-school's ICT quiz competition
- Development of relevant offline educational content with our partner

Girls in ICT Empowerment Program 2014-2015

In partnership with Federal Ministry of Communication Technology and HUAWEI Technology, we conduct ICT training and empowerment program for over 1000 young girls and women all over Nigeria.

FASTAfrica Internet Forum – 2016

A one-day FASTAfrica Internet Forum to raise necessary awareness among Nigerians about the impact of the internet, opportunity and also to increase the levels of accountability mechanisms for internet related rights violations, and advance agendas that improve conditions for the respect and application of human rights online. The event was held on Thursday 5th May 2016 at the Mike Okiro e-Learning Centre, Faculty of Arts, Premiere University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria with the theme: "Access to Information, Free & Open Internet: Our Challenges, Our Opportunities". As part of the event, opinion polls and sampling survey were conducted on cost of Internet Access within the city, which is the largest city in West Africa. Participants include but not limited to students, community youths, women and girls, academia, trade unions, lawmakers, disadvantaged community and business organizations.