

**Project Proposal:** Proposed Workshop for Gender and Child Rights

**Title:** Sensitization on the Rights of women and Children

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# Summary

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| **Project Title** | Proposed Workshop for Gender and Child Rights |
| **Out-come** | Establish dialogue and peace building platforms for women and youth to enable community-wide peace building process to promote human rights, coexistence, trust and appreciation of diversity. |
| **Key output** | Over 100 Women & Youth Trained |
| Participants are able to have better understanding of their full rights. |
| Participants are better able to resolve disputes peacefully and work together for common solutions |
| **Beneficiary group(s)** | Women, children and Youths |
| **Estimated project duration** | Three Days. |
| **Location(s)** | Lafia – Nasarawa State (North Central Zone) of Nigeria. |
| **Indicative budget** | $25,000 |

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# 1.0 BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion has viewed some challenges regarding the rights of Women and Children in Nigeria. These challenges range from violations such as Physical, Child related, Environmental, Political, Economic and Social.

Nigeria has some of the poorest and underdeveloped areas with people who live below to the poverty line. Poverty is always breaking the normal life and livelihood of most of the people. Most of the people in the country are unaware of human rights and the consciousness and practice of these rights are more vicious in the rural areas. Most people are totally ignorant of their Human Rights and so, they become victims of severe oppression, deprivation and exploitation.

The women’s rights in Nigeria are clearly provided for in the Nigerian Constitution. These rights listed in the 1999 Constitution are accordant with the principles of integral humanism. But regrettably, the rights and principles have remained mere speculative theories short of any concrete bearing on the lives and position of women in Nigeria. The constitution does not recognize the female gender so as to strike a balance and give more comfort to women in general. There is a gap for example in employment; some organizations have less regards for women, Nigerian women suffer violations of their Human Rights through; Violence in the home, Sexual harassment at school and work, Rape and defilement, Forced childhood marriages, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Sexual violence in conflict situations, Discrimination against the girl-child and Enforcement of gender biased laws.

Children on the other hand, have rights too that need to be protected but these rights are given little or no recognition making them vulnerable to different sorts of inhuman treatments, abuse and their fundamental rights are in some instances not protected or sometimes denied. One of the utmost trials faced in the world is the need to safeguard the human feature in development. By this, children will be protected and it gives them a future, thus making development sustainable.

The rights of children are those rights that make for their protection, development, survival, and meaningful contribution to the society. But these rights over the years have been violated; children are being trafficked in commercial sex trades, employed in industries, some are abused by trusted people and a good number of these children have died from undernourishment.

Notwithstanding some endeavors by the government and some NGO’s, some practices still hinders the acknowledgment of the women’s rights in Nigeria; the male-controlled system of the society, dereliction of Senate of Nigeria to pass the Abolition Of All Forms Of Discrimination Against Women In Nigeria and failing to pass a bill nationwide prohibiting violence against women and the disregard of the government to domesticize practices or ratify relevant legislations essential for bringing to pass its duties and activities.

As for the child’s rights, even though the Child Rights Act of 2003 was enacted into law at the national level, it is unfortunate to know that the Act is yet to be fully functional and unless the states enact it, its implementation and enforcement cannot be effective. Only 24 states in Nigeria have enacted the Act into law, while the other 12 states are yet to have a law in compliance with the Act.

Under these circumstances, it would be necessary for us to take proper steps in development of the women and children of our country. The effective steps may be in cause of awareness of women empowerment as well as child education and finding means to increase their skill and provide an income generating project.

International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion intends to implement a project with a view to empower women through developing consciousness and awareness about human rights and peace building. The proposed project will be for women and children/Youths of over 100 participants, aimed at enabling them to establish their due rights in the society. The proposed project will be Coordinated by Evang. Ifeanyi Richard and will achieve this through a training workshop for the participants.

It is the hope of International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion to create awareness on the rights of youths, women and children and in view of the above stated facts, these rights have not been made adequately available to the beneficiaries (women and children) to the level of their understanding and so, sensitization programmes like this will go a long way in getting them informed.

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# 2.0 THEORY OF CHANGE

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# 3.0 OBJECTIVES

## 3.1 Development objectives

1. To establish more awareness on human right especially for the women and children and reduce violence and discrimination.
2. To create the empowerment and stability for the children/youth who are almost neglected in our society.
3. To develop and raise consciousness on women and child’s rights, trafficking of the people and establish these rights through arranging meeting, trainings, seminar, media etc.
4. To engage and encourage women and youth through capacity building so that they are capable of participating in programmes intended to benefit them.
5. To increase the honour of women in the society and ensure protection of their rights in the society.
6. To mobilize women and youth towards proper orientation for peace building and sustainability.
7. To engage in programmes that will ensure the rights of women and children are protected at all times in the society.
8. To stop and eradicate women and children trafficking.
9. To abate child labour, prostitution, physical and mental suffering on women and children in the society, ensure gender equality and protection from reckless abuse of women and children and to make available law support.
10. To make a safety communication and sustainable environment by establishing human rights through giving knowledge about human obligations.
11. To promote planned families, reducing maternal, child mortality and morbidity.
12. To create awareness and motivate the parents and guardians about the need for education and skill development in educational institutions.

## 3.2 Immediate objectives

1. From the training, over 100 participants will be sufficiently aware and conscious about their democratic and human rights and thus women can enjoy social justice, reduce violence, torture, discrimination and disparity.
2. Women’s and Child’s rights will be established and be honoured.
3. As the women’s rights will be established they can participate in every decision-making affair and get involved in developmental activities.
4. The participant will be conscious and sincere in the issues of women’s and child’s rights, their development as well as combat trafficking.
5. The target groups will become more aware of taking precautions.
6. They will be encouraged to send their children to school.
7. Child rights implementation would be enhanced.
8. The participants would acquire new and improved technical skills, knowledge and increased income-generating capacities.
9. The success of the training will determine an extension to other locations, as well as the experience gained can be applied to other sectors.

# 4.0 METHODOLOGY

The preparatory phase will include available support mechanism and joint planning with all relevant stakeholders. The project is envisaged to be highly participatory with all the participants involved.

International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion proposes to work with all relevant stakeholders to promote women’s empowerment projects and disseminate information and skills to advocate against gender-based violence and discrimination against women and enforcement of the child rights.

We seek to offer vocational trainings to over 100 selected women in various skills depending on the identified needs for a period of 3 days.

The project targets poor, illiterate, marginalized and displaced women and youth. The general criteria for beneficiary selection to be employed by International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion includes: -

* Priority to female-headed households (e.g single mothers) including widows,
* Mothers with children at high risk of various challenges faced by children (trafficking, child labour, child abuse e.t.c),
* women without income earning,
* Displaced women and children.

We will operate in partnership with several community-based organizations and international NGO’s in empowering communities for enhanced socio-economic development.

The project will aim at ‘Increasing their awareness on human rights and social and economic opportunities towards empowering women and youth’.

To achieve this, participants will be divided into self-help groups through which they will engage in various socio-economic activities.

# 5.0 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

**5.1 Expected Outcomes**

1. To establish dialogue and peace building platforms for women and youth, to enable community-wide peace building process, to promote human rights, coexistence, trust and appreciation of diversity.
2. To increase participation, awareness and influence of women and youth in policy dialogue with decision makers on issues on rights of women and children, issues impacting their socio-economic development and peace building and sustainability.
3. To educate and promote women and child rights and peace building initiatives and in the targeted communities.

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## 5.2 Project activities and work plan (Immediate)

International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion proposes to implement the project activities in a duration of one week as illustrated in the work planbelow.

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| Proposed Project Activities | | | | | Implementation Period (1 week) | | | | |
|  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | | 5th | 6th | 7th |
| Preliminary planning and sensitization meeting with all project participants. | ✓ |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Recruitment and Selection of the beneficiaries | ✓ |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Conducting a needs assessment for the  selected beneficiaries. |  | ✓ |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Acquisition of Training Materials and Equipment |  | ✓ |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Identification and Engagement of Trainers |  |  | ✓ |  | |  |  |  |
| Conducting a three day vocational training to the beneficiaries. |  |  |  | ✓ | | ✓ |  |  |
| Project monitoring | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Project Evaluation |  |  |  |  | |  |  | ✓ |

## 5.3 Project Beneficiaries

The project beneficiaries shall include over 100 Women and Youth who shall be mobilized from different communities across the geo-political zones of the country.

Women and Youth will be the main target group of the proposed training. they will be from areas most affected by conflict and highly vulnerable to trafficking and rights violations. This group also includes victims and survivors of trafficking who have been rescued or have repatriated.

The project will involve youths from the poorest section of the conflict-affected communities, who will directly benefit from the project activities. The project aims to cover as much youth in the project area by helping them build entrepreneurship and job-oriented skills.

## 5.4 Implementing agent/ management of project

The overall management and planning of the Project will be by Evang. Ifeanyi Richard. Theme: (Gender and Child Rights). He will utilise set ups in target districts to deliver this project.

The projects’ management will be based on a participatory approach, which promotes collaboration with other stakeholders such as:

1. The resource persons, (representatives of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID),
2. The government, (A representative from National Agency for the Prohibition of trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP),
3. Non-governmental Organizations,(a representative of Women’s Right Advancement & Protection Alternative (WRAPA),
4. Law enforcement agency (A representative from Nigerian Police Force),
5. A reputable lawyer or,
6. A representative of International Initiative for Inter-Religious Communion,
7. A representative from Centre for Law Enforcement Education and
8. Any other Community Based Organizations.

# 6.0 PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION

In close corporation with various stakeholders, International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion will regularly monitor the project in order to verify proper implementation. Reports of activities will be regularly provided in accordance with the guidelines.

**Evang. Ifeanyi Richard** will be responsible for preparing periodic project progress and final technical reports and for the accounting of expenditures. The project needs to be evaluated on completion. The key areas to be evaluated includes:

1. Adherence to the work plan/implementation schedule.
2. Adherence to the proposed activities and their subsequent budget line items.
3. Efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of the activities.
4. Cost effective measures put in place by the implementers.
5. Budget controls.
6. Sustainability measures undertaken by the project.

The evaluation should also focus on: -

1. The relevance of the project to the beneficiaries.
2. The impact of the project to the beneficiaries.
3. The extent to which the project has made a positive impact to the lives of the beneficiaries and their families/dependants.

The second level of evaluation will involve the targeted beneficiaries and Trustees of International Initiative For Inter-Religious Communion who will evaluate the project and comments or make recommendations to the implementing/Coordinating CEO (Evang. Ifeanyi Richard).

Monitoring will be a continuous process, assessing whether the project is progressing towards the achievement of specific objectives. Implementation of plans will be the subject of monitoring and the results of monitoring will be fed-back into the re-planning process for subsequent periods. The purpose of monitoring will be to compare the progress of activities and their outputs with the plans as developed in the project.

A final internal evaluation will be carried out in order to draw lessons for future projects. The results coming up from the evaluation will form the integral part of the narrative final report. The evaluation will be carried on during the final stage of the project.

# 7.0 BUDGET

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| S/N | DESCRIPTION | QUANTITY | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT( N) | REMARKS |
| 1. | PARTICIPANTS | 50 women  50 Youths  10 Children |  |  | Over 100 participants |
| 2. | FACILITATORS, RESOURCE PERSONS (IDFP/KAICIID/IFIC) | 20 |  |  |  |
| 3. | ACCOMODATION | 100 | 15,000.00 | 4,500,000.00 | For three nights |
| 4. | TRANSPORTATION | 60 | SOUTH EAST (6) -55,000.00  SOUTH SOUTH (6) – 55,000.00  SOUTH WEST (6) – 60,000.00  NORTH CENTRAL (6) – 40,000.00  NORTH EAST (8) – 60,000.00  NORTH WEST (8) – 50,000.00 | 330,000.00  330,000.00  360,000.00  240,000.00  480,000.00  400,000.00 |  |
| 5. | FEEDING | 60 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | TWO MEALS PER DAY FOR THREE DAYS AND A MEAL FOR ONE NIGHT |
| 6. | VENUE | 1 | 100,000.00 | 300,000.00 | FOR THREE DAYS |
| 7. | STATIONARIES  - Realm of papers  - Pens  - Files | 10  100  80 | 1,500.00  100  100 | 15,000.00  10,000.00  8,000.00 |  |
| 8. | PRINTING AND PHOTOCOPY |  | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |  |
| 9. | MEDIA   * PUBLICITY * MEDIA CONSULANTS * PRINT MEDIA * RADIO JINGLES * COMMUNICATION CONTACT * BANNERS | 2  2 | 25,000.00  15,000.00 | 50,000.00  30,000.00 | Publicity includes video coverage and photographs.  Daily Trust, Sun and Vanguard  Recharge cards and local runs for committee members. |
|  | **GRAND TOTAL** |  |  | N**8,063,000.00** | Approximately $25,000 (US Dollars) |