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## Annual Report 2019

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**Motto; Life is the greatest gift of all.**

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## **Welcome Note**

“We see a World where every child eats and goes to school, where women have access to opportunities and empowerment, where environmental and social justice is guaranteed. Together we can reach there.”

The years under review is a period for reflections, it offers an opportunity to at the progress that we have made and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. Much has been done over the past two years by OTEN ITA FOUNDATION and other partner’s organizations to highlight the ongoing care, support and empowerment.

Within OTEN ITA FOUNDATION we continue our efforts to provide and promote care, support, empower and advocate for orphans, vulnerable children, youths and women thus alleviating poverty in Nigeria. To this end, in the past years under review we have undertaken a number of important initiatives that will,among other things help us to better, measure our impact and further improve the way we work with partners and beneficiaries in our resolve to serve them.

Our work in these areas are described in the following pages, its clearly represents the results of the commitment of all those who have joined and supported us in our work. We would like to use this opportunity to thank you, members and Board of Trustees Oten Ita Foundation, partner organizations, project coordinator Staff and volunteers of OTEN ITA FOUNDATION.

Best wishes

Hon Justice/Elder (Mrs.) Eyo Effiom Ita

For Board of Trustees

## **PARTNERS AND FUNDERS:**

OTEN ITA FOUNDATION programmes and projects are joint efforts of several partners, project coordinator & staffs of our organizations. It is not possible to mention the names of all those who contributed in one way or the other to the successful completion of this report. The preparation of this report would have been impossible without their valuable contributions.

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- Niger Delta Development Commission
- Shell Petroleum Development Commission
- Young People's Initiative
- HIFFASS LOPIN 3
- FHI 360
- Association of Orphans and vulnerable Children (AOON)
- Federal ministry of women Affairs Nigeria
- State ministry of Women Affair
- VITAMIN Angel
- Roll Back Malaria
- United State Agency for International Development(USAID)
- Budget Transparency and Accountability Network (BTAN)
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- (Virgin Value London)
- (Ephraim Imports Calabar)

## **About OTEN ITA FOUNDATION**

Oten Ita foundation was founded in 1993 registered with state and local government area in 2004 and was incorporated in 2009 with cooperate Affairs commission Abuja Nigeria with registration number CAC/IT/NO 3122. This foundation was born out of an uncontrollable passion for less privileged women and children in both rural and urban communities, to see how this marginalized people can be socio-economically empowered and given a platform where they can participate in the socio- economic development and effective participation in the democratic process in Nigeria and beyond. Oten Ita foundation was passionately founded by Elder Mrs. Oten Eyo Ita

## **VISION**

We envision a world that cares for children and empower women.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to improve, promote and empower the right and the livelihood of the less privilege women and children notwithstanding their tribe or religion and facilitate their involvement in democratic and socio-economic development in Nigeria and beyond. It is based on this mission of empowering and promoting the Right of women and Children that Oten Ita foundation was poised with innovation of planning and implementation this project titled empowering and promoting the right of widows, girl child and vulnerable women in rural communities for self-reliance so that they can participate effectively in all phases of development in Nigeria.

## **VALUES**

Honesty, Transparency, Accountability, Integrity and Care

## **OBJECTIVES**

- (1) To build the capacities and develop the skills of underprivileged women, caregivers, orphans and vulnerable children.
- (2) To facilitate, mobilize and promote community involvement and other stakeholders in the care, support and empowerment of underprivileged women, orphans and vulnerable children.
- (3) Promoting Good governance through citizen engagement, freedom of media expression and promoting of human right
- (4) To provide primary healthcare, information, orphans, vulnerable children and their caregivers.
- (5) To facilitate sustainable livelihood alternatives at the grassroots through micro-credit, enterprise development and mentoring.
- (6) To network and collaborate with other organizations on sustainable development issues.

## **SUPPORTING GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Oten Ita Foundation in collaboration with Budget Transparency Accountability Network (BTAN) on anti-corruption radio program; working with Traditional Leaders on value re-orientation and building the capacity of community structures on election monitoring procurement monitoring and corruption risk assessment.

Oten Ita Foundation partner with local government of Calabar municipality to train whistle blowers and with the State House of Assembly to reenforce Whistle Blowers Protection Law in Cross River State. Project act as a catalyst through **the** actions of anti-corruption vanguards, who themselves are members of civil society organisations, to evoke citizen interest, using existing anti-corruption laws in Cross River State, and building partnerships with existing anti-corruption institutions.

Establishment and maintenance of procurement compliance and transparency ranking portal for MDAs to channel whistle blowing information and improve transparency in the procurement process, while social media was used to educate the citizens on value reorientation..

### **Achievements**

1. For the first time, the members of the Budget Transparency Accountability Network scrutinized the process of the Cross River State Appropriation Law. This made the SA to the Governor on Budgeting to come up with series of explanations in the course of the passage of the Law
2. Community had their capacities built on the procurement process and with the knowledge they learnt in the course of the training, engaged the procurement processes in some line ministries and agencies in Cross River State.
3. It gave the platform for duty bearers in the state to appear before the anti-corruption radio programme to throw more lights on what is happening in their ministries

## **TB/HIV/ AIDS/MALERIA intervention Project for Internal Displaced persons and Refugees**

Sensitization on TB/malaria prevention and the use of insecticide treated bed nets in rural communities; this project was implemented in collaboration with roll back malaria and USAID through the Ikom LGA councilor for health who where the ones who provided the insecticide treated. 6000 women where directly impacted by this project in rural communities; a total of 6000 nets were distributed in Ogoja, Obaliku, Calabar south Local Government Areas and women where trained on the use of insecticide treated net to prevent malaria; Malaria preventive drugs were also distributed to 7000 women and children in Akpabuyo and Bakassi Local Government Areas; information Education and communication material (IEC) was distributed to 320,000. Our electronic media outreach programme on malaria prevention reached more than 360,000 people. Our organization independently distributed 200 insecticide treated net to pregnant women in Cross River Sate. We also distribute ARV in Cross River State, conducted free HIV/AIDs testing and counseling rural communities of Nigeriato 450 people. This project took place from 2006 to 2019

## **Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Empowering Women and Youth Project**

The training programme for youths /women of Odukpani as a matter of fact was consumed huge amount of time, work, research and dedication. Its implementation would not have been possible if we did not have support of Oten Ita Foundation, individuals and CUSO International, MEDA international with their collaborating teams. Therefore, we will like to extend our sincere gratitude to you all.

Oten Ita Foundation build the capacity of 250 women and girls on sustainable agriculture, the project provided opportunities to women and youth in the area of fish farming, mushroom cultivation, continental cropping, snail farming and rice cultivation . Our training session covered a lot of activities like teaching, having knowledge of rejuvenates mushroom cultivation /marketing, rice farming, practical fishing and lots more with the aim of becoming a future entrepreneurs in this value chain to start up a business or expand their business and be employer of labour . The curriculum was designed in such a way that it suits the training and the beneficiaries were prompt. The approaches were an exciting one. The beneficiaries were well behaved and the teaching was made easy, the class was interactive with excellent participants who were very serious and willing to learn due to a green environment. Flipchart, cardboards, workbooks, markers, projector were provided for trainees to make the training successful.

## **De-worming and Provision of Vitamins Programme in rural communities and urban slum for Children support by Vitamin Angels**

The staff and volunteers of OTEN ITA FOUNDATION in collaboration with Vitamin Nigeria limited embarked on a de-worming and provision of vitamins to children at Obudu, Obanliku, Akamkpa Ogoja, Bakassi, Calabar Municipality the banga camp pamol estate Calabar. Two hundred and fifty nine (259) took part in the exercise.

It was started with the introduction and registration, after which the resource person took the stage as she delivered a talk on the causes of worms, at the end of her talk participants asked several questions. This was followed by the deworming exercise, as one hundred and twenty (120) children were dewormed.

## **PSALMS SCHOOL**

The psalm school project is a project poised with the mission to provide universal basic education, dialectical education, care & support, nutrition and reproductive health education to orphan and vulnerable children especially the child girl. We also provide psychosocial support and livelihood empowerment to their care givers of these children

In attempt to proffer a sustainable intervention on girl child education and support for orphan and vulnerable children around the Ikot Effang aMkpa, the foundation started organizing the children into a playgroup in 2006 in collaboration with the peoples club of Nigeria Cross River State Chapter with the vision to establish affordable school to these children and also accommodate the teeming orphans and vulnerable children in their premises. In the year 2019, Oten Ita Foundation provided scholarship to 250 children in both private and public schools

OTEN ITA FOUNDATION and ONESKY a Canadian institute for sustainable living to train the staff, teachers and volunteers and also arranging for an exchange program for the children to visit schools in Canada.

The unique feature of the school is that it offers orphans and vulnerable children the opportunity to access comprehensive care and support services as they also study along side with privileged children. Despite of these numerous achievements there are challenges by the foundation especially payment of salaries, transportation and the acquisition of land for the permanent building of the school.

We hope that in future all these challenges will be surmounted as we look forward to raising leaders that can stand out anywhere in the world to compete and contribute to the service of humanity.



1-3 Cross sections of scholarship beneficiary in psalm school pupils and some of the staff of the school

#### **Care and Support to orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC Project)**

OTEN ITA FOUNDATION provided care and support to orphans and vulnerable children through the following care and support services:

- (1) Health (HEA)
- (2) Nutrition. (NUTR)
- (3) Education. (EDU)
- (4) Protection. (PROT)
- (5) Household Economic strengthening. (ES)
- (6) Psychosocial support. (PSY)
- (7) HIV Test Service (HTS)

**HEALTH:** The foundation provided orphans and vulnerable children and those in need with medical services. In 2007-2018 2500 orphans and vulnerable children in need have benefitted in the health care's services of the foundation through the payment of



medical bills and provision of free drugs and conducted feeding the children to 250 children. We scale up the intervention to 8000 children from 2015 to date



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**4 feeding of the children programme**

**5 a distance short of OVC care giver training workshop.**

**EDUCATION:** the foundation is has provided four hundred and sixty five (465) orphans and vulnerable children access to Education through the establishment of the psalm schools that accommodate both privileged children and orphans, vulnerable children and those in need. We pay school fees to 400 vulnerable children with the support of global fund round 5,9&12, SACA in Cross River state from 2011- 2018. We scale up the intervention through the support of USAID LOPIN 3 by conducting school visit and re-integration of VC in to school from 2015 to date

**PROTECTION:** twenty (20) children have been provided the services of protection against abuses especially sexual abuse, child trafficking and exploitation. Three of these children and their parents were provided shelter. We have six people living in our office premises.

**ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING:** Twenty (20) caregivers have been provided micro-credits by the foundation.

**PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** the foundation place great importance on psychosocial support of all orphans and vulnerable children, the volunteers and staff pay frequent visits to them



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6. OVC and their care givers

### **Promoting Women and Child right Programme.**

Otenlta foundation has work to promote child and women right in Nigeria her activities includes advocacy beginning with the village councils in communities where we work, the Local administrative Councils and lobbying of state assemblies to create laws that will prohibit harmful practices such as Female Genital Mutilation, Domestic Violence and Widowhood Rites and Child trafficking. Oten Ita is a strong member of the group (women against harmful practices (WAHP) in cross river state and the south south zone of Nigeria which has in the past 5years worked assiduously to promote the welfare of the women folk and has helped in the passage of the FGM abolition act in the child rights act.

### **Finishing School Project**

This is another ongoing project that is making impact on the girl child education and has the potential of achieving more impact in the nearest future. This programme offer young girls creative & dialectical education and also building their capacity on gender mainstreaming, early puberty management, nutrition & self hygiene education.

This also offers counseling services on all issues affecting the girl-child in particular and women in general. We provide the required privacy and confidentiality for girls to share their problems with non-judgmental counselors.

We offer guidance and information to assist girls make the right decision to overcome problems of growing up. We give support for them to handle relationships and family problems. We give support in cases of rape, sexual abuse, trafficking in girls and any other forms of abuse. We collaborate with selected clinics and firms in our localities for referral of girls who require clinical and legal services

We are taking this project to rural communities of cross River state of Nigeria, where teenage pregnancy, girl child trafficking, poverty and high level of illiteracy is most prevalence. Presently we are mobilizing 100 volunteers that we will be sending to these rural communities to implement the finishing school intervention project. So far more than 600 girls have benefited from our finishing school project.

We are proposing to established youth friendly resource centers in different rural communities of our intervention for capacity information sharing and networking for out of school youth.



7-9 are picture from our finishing school project

## **NDDC/SPDC SIX WEEKS TRAINING TO VULNERABLE WOMEN PROJECT IN CROSS RIVER STATE**

### **Pre-training activities**

Otenita foundation forged a partnership with One Sky Nigeria in carrying out the performance and assessment of the trainees, to also deliver on it terms of reference. A meeting was organized that brought the two organizations together, and the discussion was on potential funding for the trainees and an understanding of the training curriculum. At the end of the meeting a time-tables was drawn and timelines developed for the trainers and a performance monitoring and evaluation methodology developed.

### **Training Activities**

The training programme in cross river state started in cross river state on the 4<sup>th</sup> may 2018 in two centers under our supervision namely city Chics saloon and silver cakes and decoration. Silver Cakes and Decoration centre had 25 trainees nd City Chics had 15 trainees under our supervision, and the training lasted for six weeks. Trainees where trained on the following vocational skills namely; confectionery, Interior decoration, hair waving, sells of attachment, fixing of nails, etc. from our observation, the trainee showed a level of enthusiasm for the training, this reflected in their massive and punctual attendance for each session of the training.

From the arrangement of the curriculum the first two week was to introduce the trainees to major terms, theory and concept of the vocation before we conduct our pre-test evaluation on the trainee and then we conducted a post test at the end of the project. The other two weeks was open for model practical by the trainers or what we call learning by example, then the remaining two weeks was open for practical

### **PICTURE GALLERY**



A&B-Cross section of trainees & MrsDappa in training session on confectionery



C&D – A cross section of Trainees and Mrs. Ekpeyoung during Interior Decoration section





E – Practical on puff puff making in action



F – Practical on Backdrop design in action



G – Int. Decoration Trainee

F – Post evaluation Examination in silver cake and decoration Centre

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY LOPIN 3 PROJECT IN CROSS RIVER STATE



*Figure 1 Food Demonstration for caregiver in Calabar Municipality  
Review Meeting at OTF office in December*



*, Figure 2 Community Volunteers*

- Conduct support group meeting for PLHIV Households and vulnerable Children in Calabar Municipality – 17, 26, 27, 28 December
- Holds monthly session with AGYW and ABYP in Calabar Municipality with emphasis on career counseling, FP and reproductive health
- Conduct nutrition assessment during home visit by community volunteers from 5<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Conducted referrals and escort services for reactive case to secondary Health facility for confirmatory test on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Conduct HIV risk assessment to enrolled VCs that are due from 4<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- Rolled out on Pilot Better Parenting by CVs during Caregivers forum from 6<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018
- Conduct community outreach on HIV prevention and Stigma Reduction
- Conduct HIV testing services to enrolled VCs and their Households
- Conduct monthly review meeting and updating of client folder with CVs and field agents on 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018
- Conduct supportive supervision to CV and COIT for data collation on 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Community volunteers conducted strategic home visits to most vulnerable households and caregivers in Calabar Municipality to provide services and build their capacity to care for their children from 5<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December
- Conduct school visits to schools in Calabar municipality to monitor regular school attendance and performance
- Conduct financial literacy to SILC groups in Calabar Municipality from

1. PROGRESS REPORT CALABAR MUNICIPALITY :

**OVCs newly enrolled/currently enrolled**

The was no enrolled in the month of October and December

	Male								Female								Total
Community VC Services Data Element for 3 wards of Cal Mun	<1year	1-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-17 years	18-24 years	25+ years	Male Total	<1 year	1-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-17 years	18-24 years	25+ years	Female Total	
Total No. of new VC enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of VC re-enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total No. of VC currently enrolled (active)	33	614	918	721	360	20	117	2783	35	486	852	696	374	6	573	3022	5805
Total No. of VC ever enrolled	65	737	1139	938	441	0	153	3473	55	684	1144	970	451	6	1328	4638	8111

## 2. PROGRESS REPORT FROM OBUDU/OBANLIKU LOPIN 3 PROJECT

**OVCs newly enrolled/currently enrolled**

We have stop enrollment, below is the currently enrolled after FY17 second quarter graduation in Obanliku and Obudu LGA

	Male								Female								Total
Community VC Services Data Element for 5 Wards in Obudu LGA	<1year	1-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-17 years	18-24 years	25+ years	Male Total	<1 year	1-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-17 years	18-24 years	25+ years	Female	
																Total	
Total No. of new VC enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total No. of VC currently enrolled (active)	0	175	169	194	142	0	0	680	0	211	228	203	144	0	0	786	1466
Total No. of VC ever enrolled	105	375	433	418	285	0	0	1616	78	304	428	351	241	0	0	1402	3018

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Total No. of VC currently enrolled (active)	0	121	148	136	147	0	0	552	0	91	130	99	151	0	0	471	1023
Total No. of VC ever enrolled	57	227	284	309	168	0	0	1045	68	281	342	271	131	0	0	1093	2138

**Number of Caregivers Trained to Improve Their Ability in Caring for OVCs and Their Households in the Month of December**

**Roll-Out Session on Step-down Training during Caregivers Forum by Community Volunteers**



Figure 2 Caregivers Meeting at Ward 9

Caregivers capacity were built on better parenting by Community Volunteers (CVs) and the program team in the 35 caregivers’ Forum which took place a cross the 3 wards in Calabar Municipality. The topics discussed in the month of December were: Better Monitoring, Good role modelling, good listening skills, promoting adequate nutrition using local food, disclosure and discrimination. The total numbers of caregivers trained during caregivers forum on parenting skills, financial literacy, in Calabar Municipality were 527 (M= 230, F=297)

**Number of Vulnerable Children Regularly Attending**

Strategic home visits were conducted to vulnerable children and their households to provide services by our community volunteers in Calabar Municipality. Services provided to households during this visit were psychosocial support, nutrition counseling, health Education, Protection and Care, Household Economic strengthening orientation and livelihood support services. In the month of December our community volunteers and Oten Ita program team conducted school visit to strategic school in Calabar Municipality to monitor school performance and attendance. Below is the data for the month of December



**Number of OVCs Served With Care, Protection, and Support Services in the Month of December**

The FY19 work plan is targeted at providing strategic care and support services to Vulnerable Children (VC), AGYW and their caregivers in CALABAR MUNICIPALITY after enrollment. In the month of December the following services were provided to VC and their caregivers: psychosocial, HIV risk assessment, Escorted referral, HIV prevention messages to Older OVC, support, Referrals, Health Education, and Nutrition Counseling, livelihood opportunities, Water sanitation, personal hygiene, Education, school visits and Home visits. These services were

provided during our Caregivers Forum (CGF) and Child Care Club (CCC) program held from 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by our community volunteers. These activities were implemented in wards 1, 6 and 9 and communities in CALABAR MUNICIPALITY. The curriculum use for these different cohorts is;

1. Peer Education Plus manual
2. Better parenting Manual
3. LOPIN 3 Counseling Card for OVC Services

Listed Below is the summary data table of the number of VCs reached for the month of December 2018 in Calabar Municipality of Cross River State

#### **Active beneficiaries who know their HIV status and have self-disclosed to LOPIN-3**

**Referrals and Escort Service:** We conducted Referrals and Escort Services to PLHIV for ARV refill and treatment of minor illness in Calabar municipality, Obudu, Obanliku, Akamkpa, Ogoja and Akpabuyo. In the year to 2018 we had 225 PLHIVs that were referred for treatment of various illnesses. In total we conducted escorted referral to households for treatment of minor illness. The cumulative data for HIV known Status in Calabar Municipality for the month of December 2018 is listed below. We use our different cohort to conduct HIV risk assessment, provision of target testing in collaboration with heartland Alliance who provided HIV test kit and UNFPA who provided condom for distributions

#### **NUMBER OF OVC THAT HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED WITH NUTRITION ASSESSMENT (MAUC TAPE)**

The community volunteers with support from OTF project team conducted nutrition assessment during their routine home visits the total number of VCs assessed for nutrition using the muac tape was 130 with no record of malnourish cases for the month December

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON HIV/GBV PREVENTION AND STIGMA REDUCTION USING FOOTBALL VIEWING CENTERS**



Figure 7: Cross Session of men and boys during Community Outreach on HIV prevention, GBV addressing at Ikot Eneobong Town Hall in Calabar Municipality

We conducted community engagement with boys and men in ward 1&9 communities using the football viewing center of Calabar Municipality. The main objective of the engagement was to facilitate a discussion on HIV prevention, Gender Based Violence and Stigma reduction. The first technical session was on HIV prevention, mode of transmission of HIV and how to prevent HIV. The session was on Cross River State anti-stigma Law of Cross River State. The Last session was on GBV and Violence against Children. The outcome of the

meeting was the formation of Adolescent Boys Clubs. This activity conducted on the 27-28th, December 2018 and was facilitated by Dominion Bassey (OTF PM) and Iqwe Prince (Data Clerk OTF) and HIFASS partners.

#### **NUTRITION SUPPORT THROUGH FOOD DEMONSTRATION WITH PLHIV AND MALNOURISHED HOUSEHOLDS**

Oten Ita foundation conducted food demonstration for malnourished households and PLHIV, the objective of the meeting was; 1. Build capacity of caregiver on nutritious food with local available food in the community 2. Build the capacity of caregivers on ARV adherence and the important of food during ARV treating. The activity was conducted at Oten Ita Foundation Office on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The result of the meeting was as follows;

1. Built capacity of 35 caregiver on how to prepare nutritious food with locally available food
2. Built the capacity of 35 caregivers through practical demonstration on how to cook
3. Built capacity of PLHIV on the important of nutritious food for ARV Adherence
4. Provided capacity information to caregivers on HIV prevention and stigma reduction
5. Provided capacity information on IYCF to caregiver
6. Trained caregiver on how to prepare Turn-brown recipe

#### **LGA Reporting to the National OVC Management Information System (NOMIS)**

We report NOMIS and LOPIN 3 MSF and to Calabar Municipality LACA

#### **Additional Resources Leveraged**

Additional resources leverage from the community and other partners includes; halls for training are provided by community for free, chairs during outreaches and training of COIT are provided by community. The cost value of those halls is estimated at N350, 000. The COIT in Ikot Enebong ward 9 mobilized additional resources to provide food to most vulnerable households of about N2000.

### **3. Monitoring and Evaluation (Narrative)**

#### **Supportive Supervision to CVs on Program and Case Management Documentation**

The program team conducted supportive supervision to community volunteers on program and case management documents during home visit on the 21<sup>st</sup>– 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2017. Mr. Dominion Bassey (Program Manager) visited two CVs in ward 1,6 and 9 of Calabar municipality. We visited three households who were not empowered and counseled them on the important of caregivers' forum and also build the capacity of the caregivers visited on parent to children communication. The CVs in-charge of those households was also advised on the important of using the counseling card during home visit and parenting plus manual during caregiver's forum. The House visited were able to tell us about the services there have receive so far we confirmed that there have been attending their caregivers forum.

#### **Program and Data Review Meeting**

Oten Ita Foundation with support from conducted monthly performance evaluation meeting during the CVs monthly Review meeting at about 11am daily from 14 Dec 2018.

**Opening Formalities:** All the participants present introduce themselves and a welcome address was presented by Mr. Dominion Basset (PM). He commended the community volunteers for their good works and urges them to be more pro-active as there are still gaps that need to be urgently filled.

#### **Technical session**

A short orientation was conducted on the use of Gender and Sexual Diversity this session was jointly facilitated by Prince Emmanuel and Dominion Bassey. Capacity of Community volunteers was built on how to relate with LGBTI to avoid stigma during service provision.

#### **DOCUMENTATION IN CASE FOLDER**

This session facilitated by M&E officer. In cross checking the Client folders the assessor commended the CVs for 80% completion of Care plan, 80% completion of service forms, she noticed that not up to 50% of the VCs know their status as attendant sheet from the programme is not enough evident that this children have been tasted as it must be recorded in their service forms. 90% of those who are referred have no referral form, No school visit form for children who are in school. The updated of From the SIM assessment by LOPIN 3 CODA to Oten Ita Foundation the result shows 10% of updated care plan in client folders and 80% of updated HIV status on Client folders The gaps identified were to be corrected before the end of January, 2019.

#### **FEEDBACK ON PRORAMME PERFORMANCES AND DATA QUALITY CHECK**

Data collection for community volunteer's feedback from the field on achievements, gaps, challenges and way forward was discussed. Community volunteers gave update of service provision at the community, challenges and prospective achievement and success stories. A total of 8 success stories was harvested and it was agreed that program manager was to do a follow up on the success stories A graphical presentation of program performance and data quality check was also done during this session. This session was jointly facilitated by Dominion Bassey and Austyne Onyema. The need to use the tally sheet was also emphasized for quality and accurate reporting. The activity was facilitated by the Mr. Dominion Bassey (PM), Asi Archibong (M&E) and was supported by Justina Joseph (DA), grant manager LOPIN 3 (Austine Onyema), Blessing Etuk LOPIN 3 M&E Asst. and the Case monitors



#### **4. Cross Cutting Intervention**

##### **AGYW Peer Education Session on Reproduction Health, Family Planning and Sexual Infections in CALABAR MUNICIPALITY**

Peer Education sessions held in 8 different location in CALABAR MUNICIPALITY namely; Akim, Nyangsang, mechanic village, Ikot Ishie, Ikot Omin, Edim Otop, Etak Ikot, Ikot

Eneobong and Ikot Nkebre. The sessions held at different intervals at those locations. The topics handled during those sessions include; Family planning, goal setting, Gender and Gender norms. Our program team conducted supportive supervision to the session; the Program Team conducted a supportive supervision to the AGYW Clubs. Carrier Counseling for Older OVC and AGYW held across the three wards of our OVC intervention in Calabar Municipality. The total number of AGYW and ABYP reached with prevention messages was 1578 (m=721, F=857)

Oten Ita Foundation with the support of LOPIN 3 GHP Advisor conducted a capacity building for peer Educators in Calabar Municipality at Oten Ita Foundation Office, the training which feature capacity building on peer Educator facilitating skills, HIV prevention, GBV, gender norms and gender reporting during peer sessions.

### **System Strengthening**

#### **Meeting of Community OVC Improvement Team (Ikot Eka Edem, Ikot Omin, Ikot Eneobong and Akai Effa Community)**

Oten Ita Foundation conducted in collaboration with CODA LOPIN 3 have concluded plans to harvest success stories from the activities of COIT at Ikot Eka Edem, Ikot Omin, Ikot Eneobong and Akai Efa Community on Quality Improvement on OVC program in Calabar Municipality. The meeting will be held at the last week of December 2018.

### **IMPACT /SUCCESS STORY IN PROGRESS/ACHIEVEMENT**

- **Program team mobilized resource up to N5, 700 during their meeting to assist a caregiver with VCs that were totally down in health without food to meet important family needs and pay school fees at Ikot Omin.**
- **1 AGYW are linked to skill acquisition in Akim Calabar Municipality**
- **3 VCs reintegrated to School at Ikot Omin and Church road**
- **Uduak Esuk: she was empowered by LOPIN 3 now she has expanded her business and is able to meet household needs**
- **Josephine Ekeng: Josphine was linked to a Poultry trade by Oten Ita Foundation to be poultry keeper presently she has expended and now selling eggs in create this has helped her to meet her family needs**
- **Lilian Bassey: When she was enrolled her medical condition was also at Full Aids condition because of lack of Adherence to ARV, Oten Ita Foundation built her capacity on Adherence counselling and nutrition support service Lilian has pick up very well in health and now she is adhering to her ARV and she has achieve 100% viral load suppression**
- **Eno Duke: she had GBV case where the husband and the in-laws use to mal-treat her and her children because she didn't have anything but by the intervention of Oten Ita foundation on GBV prevention and Household economic strengthening by LOPIN 3 she has been able to over low self-esteem and she is able to meet her family needs and send her children to school**

During the course of the training there was the need to bring in innovations to spice the training and also make it more rewarding for the rural women. The following are the innovations we introduced and achievements recorded in the course of the six weeks training;

1. We have established partnership with clan heads of communities and heads of schools and Health Care Centers to use their facilities for free, for all our training and outreach programs and weekly meetings of our support groups
2. 25 household per CV as help improve the quality of our service delivery to enroll VC and care givers and evidence base impact on caregiver's forum.
3. Integrating specific complementary activities to meet our indicators, like outreach of gender norm with HTC

## **CHALLENGES**

The major challenge we faced in the course of this programme are as follow

1. LOPIN 3 activities is over shadowing CSO activities hence reduces CSO performance
2. More than twenty children that yet to be integrated to school base on the list submitted
3. Insufficient community volunteers to meet the require number of VCs and HHs enrolled
4. NOMIS is giving us serious challenge
5. Lack of cameras or camera phones for our community volunteers to capture pictorial evidence of activities
6. Insufficient test kids for all enrolled children and their household during HTS and graduation

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. We recommend that our funder should consider the project having peer models for each of the peer Clubs.
2. The program should consider making paying to caregivers that where shortlisted for empowerment.
3. The program should consider re-integration of VCs that were shortlisted for reintegration to school.
4. We recommend a restructuring OF NOMIS software for proper documentation and update
5. We will like LOPIN 3 to give us adequate information on went AGYW, PLHIV and other caregivers empowerment will commence

## **CONCLUSION**

The flexibility and the practical approaches adopted in the program were very unique. At the same time the project team's experience in OVC matters, and having members of the communities in the project team who are fluent in speaking the language of the Local Community of the beneficiaries, was of a great advantage to the success of this phase of the project.



## Our Grant Profile

Name of Project	Project Description	Grant size	Name of funder	Remark /Result
<b>You Lead Project</b>  <b>Completed</b>	<b>Consultancy on Training of youth on the cultivation, processing of Mushroom from (October 2015 to February 2016)</b>	<b>N1,600,000</b>	<b>CUSO international, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, Oten Ita Board of Trustee</b>	<b>Completed trained of 25 youth on mushroom cultivation</b>
Local OVC partners in Nigeria (LOPIN 3)  On-going	Care and support to 8,000,000 orphans and vulnerable children  Sept 2015 – Aug 2018 (renewable)	N50,000,000	HIFASS , USAID	We have built the capacity of our enrolled 45,000 caregiver on better Parenting Plus through 45 caregiver forums in Calabar Municipality, Obudu and Obanliku LGAs  Built capacity of 300 adolescent girls and young women on maternal and child health, family planning and family Education

				<p>We are providing care and support to 500 PLHIV in Calabar Obudu and Obanliku LGAs</p> <p>We have empowered (Household Economic Strengthening) 450 caregivers in Calabar, Obudu and Obanliku LGAs with startup capital to start small business.</p> <p>We have established 16 SILC groups in Obudu and Obanliku LGAs and 2 SILC in Calabar Municipality</p> <p>We have constituted 30 Community OVC Improvement Team (COIT) in Calabar, Obudu and Obanliku to provide supportive and oversight functions to our OVC program</p> <p>We have empowered 250 AGYW in Calabar, Obudu and Obanliku with livelihood skills</p>
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35 PLHIV and Most Vulnerable Households empowerment   April 2016  Completed	Empowerment of Caregivers with micro grant to start business	N30,500,000	HIFASS , USAID	completed
ENHANCE + PROJECT) 2011- 2015	Enhancing Comprehensive service delivery on TB/HIV/AIDs prevention and impact mitigation in rural communities of Nigeria in communities of CRS	15,500,000	Board of Trustee, Global Fund Round (5)&(9) Through CISHAN, Johnson and Johnson, AMREF International, MDI, Global Fund Round (5)& (6) through AOON, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women Affairs, Cross River	completed

			Agency fir the control of AIDs	
<b>Promoting gender equality by empowering vulnerable women</b>  <b>2009 - 2010</b>	<b>Capacity building on gender norms and skill acquisition for rural women in Odukpani and Akpabuyo LGA, CRS</b>	<b>N2,000,000</b>	<b>One Sky Canadian Institute for international Development</b>	<b>completed</b>
EMPOWER PROJECT	Empowering Support group in Rural Communities and Urban Slum with skill acquisition ( commercial fish farming, Cultivation of Continental Crops, Mushroom, Confectionaries, interior decoration, Hair dressing, sales of attachment, nails fixing etc)	N10,560,000	Board of Trustee, Global Fund Through CISHAN, SPDC/NDDC.	Completed training for 120 women in rural community

- We have built the capacity of our enrolled caregiver on better Parenting Plus through 45 caregiver forums in Calabar Municipality, Obudu and Obanliku LGA
- We have empowered 40 caregivers in Obudu and Obanliku LGA with startup capital to start small business.
- We have established 16 SILC groups in Obudu and Obanliku LGAs and 2 SILC in Calabar Municipality
- We have constituted 23 Community OVC Improvement Team (COIT) in Obudu and Obanliku LGAs and 2 COIT in Calabar Municipality to provide supportive and oversight functions to our OVC program
- We have empowered 59 AGYW in Obudu and Obanliku with livelihood skills and there are using the skills acquired to make income to assist their families
- As part of our sustainability plan and community based system strengthening and resource mobilization efforts, we have built the capacity of COIT in Bedia, Bukumaya and Kakum to mobilized resources to pay school fees for 33 enrolled orphans and vulnerable children in primary schools, The COIT mobilized resources through a good philanthropist from communities who promised to sustain the scholarship program throughout their period in primary and secondary school.
- COIT in Ohong , Karu and Bayaga also mobilized resource from the Age Grade Association and bought note books for our enrolled OVCs

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