



RIVCHO NEWS

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PROGRAMS/PROJECTS:
HEALTH INITIATIVE -
* HIV/AIDS PROGRAM
* HEALTH CARE WORKERS
TRAINING
* SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM
* MOBILE BOAT CLINIC
* VACCINATION PROGRAM

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT -
* INFRASTRUCTURAL
DEVELOPMENT
* MICRO-CREDIT SCHEME
* PROJECT MONITORING &
EVALUATION
* AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS &
ADVOCACY
* CONFLICT MEDIATION
* ENVIRONMENTAL &
SANITATION CAMPAIGNS
* ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT
* RAIN WATER HARVESTING
* SKILLS ACQUISITION PROGRAMS
* ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY
BUILDING

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:
* To build a health conscious and
safe society
* To mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS
and to assist those infected as well
as those affected by the virus.
* To promote maternal and child health
* To support Doctors and Health
Care professionals in an area
where most have left, due to
violence, harsh conditions and
lack of professional
development.
* To resource a modern and sustainable
medical services to the Niger-Delta
* To emphasize and establish partnership
and shared responsibility within
communities and other stakeholders
in the development and execution
of projects/programs
* To monitor and evaluate sustainable
programs
* To develop as well as maintain health
and social infrastructures
* To assist in the development and
empowerment of youth and women

FUNDS & ACCOUNTS
Our work is made possible
by the donations in cash
and in kind of individuals
and organisations who
believe in our objectives
and activities.
Audited accounts for each
project and for every financial
year is available.

VISION:
Healthy Niger Delta
Communities Free
From Poverty.

RIVCHO WINS PRIZES AT CUBS EVENT

The USAID funded Community Based Care & Support (CUBS) Project for Orphans & Vulnerable Children (OVC) has entered its fifth & final year. In a technical session last



November held at the New Galaxy Hotel in Abuja to review the past year and plan for the final year,



an award ceremony was organized for those NGOs that did well. The MSH/Africare



partnership (Principal Recipients) invited the donor (USAID) to present the awards.

RIVCHO NEWS is proud to announce that RIVCHO won two awards at the



ceremony. The first award was for 'Innovation and Creativity' while the other was for 'Organizational Capacity Enhancement & Sustainability'.

On behalf of the Board, Management and staff, the scores of volunteers who works on this project, as well as every one person who has being touched by our work, RIVCHONEWS will like to dedicate this award to the one thousand three hundred and one vulnerable children who we care for in the CUBS project. This is your award. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for serving you and our best wishes.

RIVCHO ED WINS CISHAN AWARD

This indeed is a season of awards for RIVCHO for job been done well. During last year's World AIDS day celebration in the Delta State Capital

Asaba, the Civil Society on HIV/AIDS Network (CISHAN) presented Rev Francis Waive Executive Director Riverine Communities Health & Development Organization (RIVCHO) an "Excellence Award recognizing his



immense contribution to the reduction of the HIV prevalence rate in the State to 4.1%".

In a citation read by the State Coordinator of Cishan Mrs Ibi, She recalled all those civil society personnel that were involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the State in the early years and noted Rev Waive's consistency even when many have given up. She spoke of RIVCHO's work in difficult and hard to reach terrains, sound management, trained & motivated personnel and measurable success indicators. She also spoke of Rev Waive's leadership role in Cishan and other areas of development work.

Rev Waive has dedicated the award to all staff and volunteers of RIVCHO without whom he says the award would never have happened. Three hearty cheers to our own ED!

MISSION STATEMENT: Providing Health Care & Sustainable Community Development in the Niger-Delta through Partnership with Relevant Stakeholders.

RIVCHO UNDERTAKES DRF TRAINING FOR IOC SUPPORTED HEALTH FACILITIES

The last quarter of 2013, saw RIVCHO training medical personnel and community leaders of Health Facilities supported by International Oil Companies (IOC) on the



Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) put in place by the companies for the benefit of communities. The trainings for Facilities supported by Nigeria Petroleum Development Company (NPDC) and Seplat Petroleum Development Company took place at Godaton Hotels Ltd Enehen Warri Delta State from 28th October to 1st November while that for Facilities supported by Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCO) took place at



Citi Hotel & Suites Ijebu-Ode Ogun State from 25th to 30th November. Forty persons participated in the Warri training while twenty five did at the Ijebu-ode training. The overall goal of the DRF trainings was to build the capacity of selected Health or Hospital Staff on the successful implementation of the DRF Scheme in the Health Facility with the cooperation of the host community. RIVCHO draw her resources persons from the crack team of Nigeria's most successful DRF States; Ekiti & Delta and RIVCHO's ED who has become an authority in DRF. Monitoring and Evaluation of the operation of the scheme in all the facilities is presently been undertaken by RIVCHO ensuring adherence to guidelines and the benefit of the people.

RIVCHO WINS WORLD BANK HAF2 GRANT.

Riverine Communities Health & Development Organization (RIVCHO) has again won the World Bank HIV/AIDS Funds (HAF) Grant. This is particularly interesting as RIVCHO had won and successfully executed its project under the Delta SACA World Bank HAF1. Under HAF1 RIVCHO had built the capacity of community based organizations on HIV/AIDS in Warri South West & Burutu Local Govt Areas.

When the process for HAF2 started in 2010, RIVCHO was one of the NGO's that won before the process was terminated by the funder and a more rigorous and lengthy selection process commenced. Of the several NGOs that submitted their Expression of Interest (EOI), RIVCHO was one of those invited to present a proposal. The results of the technical bid have been released and once again RIVCHO made it. RIVCHO's ED & Accountant have also successfully defended its financial bid before experts from NACA, SACA and development partners.

The project which execution will begin in April 2014 will last for eighteen months. Under HAF2, RIVCHO will be working in Uwvie, Ughelli South, Ethiope East, Okpe and Sapele LGAs proving care and support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (VC) as well as People living with HIV/AIDS (PLP). RIVCHONEWS rejoices with management and staff whose dogged determination & work ensures that we continue to remain relevant. Many congratulations!

RIVCHO'S "SHIPS FOR MARPS" WORK WITH SFH ENTERS PHASE TWO

RIVCHO's work with Society for Family Health (SFH) on "Strengthening HIV Prevention Services for Most At Risk Population" (SHIPS for MARPS) a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded project has entered its second phase.

SUPPORT AN ORPHAN TODAY

Perhaps nothing in life is tougher for a child than to lose his/her parents. Most of the individuals who constitute a problem for society today come from troubled backgrounds. It is these twin issues that motivates RIVCHO's on-going care and support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). We provide medical, educational, psycho-social, nutritional, protection, shelter and legal care and support for hundreds of OVCs at the moment and the cost is huge. We also facilitate access to Income Generating Activity (IGA) for the Caregivers whom we train. But we can't do this without the support of our friends & partners. RIVCHONEWS appeals to our readers to please donate to this project, through our Bank details stated below and do send an email to riverinehealth@yahoo.com to report your donation, which will be acknowledged.

CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR RIVCHO:

ZENITH BANK PLC
ACCOUNT NAME - RIVERINE COMMUNITIES HEALTH ORGANIZATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER -1012714431

FIRST BANK PLC
ACCOUNT NAME - RIVERINE COMMUNITIES HEALTH ORGANIZATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER -2010930638

In the first phase which effectively ended last December RIVCHO surpassed her target reaching out to over three hundred and seventy Female Sex Workers (FSW) with weekly PeerPlus Sessions and a monthly review session for six months. About thirty Peer Educators were trained to work with their peers and the results were outstanding. A new CBO was mentored for the girls named WAVO (Women against Violence) and it is up & running, partnering with RIVCHO in this second phase. An IPC aspect that targeted Clients of the FSWs also took place for four months during the period. RIVCHO provided the girls a Minimum Prevention Package that is World Class and it includes Structural Intervention, Behavioral Change Intervention and Biomedical Intervention. The girls had easy access to condoms, on-site HIV counseling and testing, unfettered treatment of STIs etc.

RIVCHONEWS salutes SFH for mentoring us effectively, the LACAs in Warri South & Uvwie LGA as well as CIVIL SOCIETY ON THE HEALTH AND RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE GIRLS AND WOMEN IN NIGERIA (CiSHRWIN) for their partnership. Indeed without them we could not have succeeded with the project and move on to phase two. RIVCHONEWS also salutes all RIVCHO staff involved in this all important outreach.

In this second phase, RIVCHO's target is five hundred and four FSWs in Udu, Uvwie & Okpe LGAs. This time we can do it better and we will!

RIVCHO PARTNERS IHVN ON OVC CARE & SUPPORT

Institute of Human Virology of Nigeria (IHVN) is the Principal Recipient in the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funded "AIDS Care and Treatment in Nigeria" (ACTION PLUS UP) project for OVC. Through a rigorous selection process, IHVN has partnered RIVCHO for the delivery of essential care & support services to OVCs in Delta State. The project which commenced last November in WARRI SOUTH, OKPE & UVWIE LGAs has unique Services to include: Health Care, Education, Nutrition, Psycho Social, Shelter and Care, Protection, Household Economic Strengthening.

RIVCHO IN WORLD BANK/EU SEEFOR DELTA STATE PROJECT

Riverine Communities Health & Development Organization (RIVCHO) is one of the NGOs engaged by the WORLD BANK/EU funded "State Employment and Expenditure for Result" Project (SEEFOR). The project has its focus on the provision of employment opportunities for youths and is piloted in four states of the Niger Delta which are: Edo, Delta, Bayelsa and Rivers State with a grant of from the World Bank and the European Union. The project which was approved on the 6th of March, 2012 has a life span of 5 years. Key area of the project is road maintenance which involves sweeping of roads, cutting of grasses/vegetation control and refuse collection and disposal.

The project which commenced in January 2014 in Udu, Uvwie, Sapele & Warri South LGAs among others in the State has NGO duties to include creating awareness of SEEFOR Project planned intervention in the area of small public works as a tool for job creation. Thus the NGOs will register unskilled youths interested in being employed in small public works activities as well as create

a data base of all intending workers registered aggregated into gender (male/female). Engaged NGOs shall monitor the quality of services and help in strengthening citizens voice and community empowerment during the project.

OVC graduates from Delta State Govt sponsored Skills Acquisition Training

Miss Charity was the head of her home made up of her siblings when RIVCHO enrolled them in the CUBS project in 2011. She was only 13 and cared for four others. Their mother died couple years ago and they lived in a falling mud hut with no mattress, leaking roof and un-plastered floor.



Thanks to the project, today the story has changed. The children are back in school. Their biological father located and reunited with the children (thanks to the CUBS community child protection committee & the social welfare office).

For Charity going back to school was not attractive. The State Project Officer of the CUBS project did all to ensure that she was listed among beneficiaries of the Delta State Govt Skills Acquisition Training in Asaba. She did tailoring & bead making. She has graduated and presently awaits the starter-pack which government promised. Meanwhile she is already earning money with her skills in her community.

One life that is changed is worth the effort!

CHEVRON PHE FETS OVCs FOR XMAS AT RIVCHO

Chevron Peer Health Educators feted Orphans and Vulnerable Children at the RIVCHO Hall in Enerhen December 10 2013. About forty OVCs were present. The



Chevron PHE Team of included His Ambassador Nicholas Obi Nwkocho and Mrs Ukubeyinje E. There was good singing and playing with the children as well as prayer time and photography. Gifts presented included two bags of rice, one bag of beans, two cartoons of malt drinks, and specially packaged gifts for each child which included biscuits, balls, drinks & a few school supplies. The joy among the beneficiaries was palpable as each person got a good share and all were full of thanks and prayers for the Chevron PHE members. The team promised to revive their Educational Support for the OVCs in 2014. RIVCHONEWS salutes these passionate persons who remember the less privileged in society.

RIVCHO IN ACOMIN SOCIAL MOBOLIZATION ON MALARIA PREVENTION & TREATMENT SERVICES

Funded by the Global Fund with Society for Family Health (SFH) as Recipient and “Association of Civil Society working on malaria, immunization and Nutrition” (ACOMIN) as sub-recipient, RIVCHO last year undertook social mobilization to bring about increased and informed demand and use of malaria prevention and treatment services and products in seven communities in Ughelli South LGA (Okpare, Ovwor, Umolo, Effurun-Otor, Ekakpamre, Out Jeremi & Okwagbe) having covered every community in Udu LGA.

The project activities included Interpersonal Communication and Drama. Advocacy to community leaders was done and activities were done with the co-operation received from people in the Communities. It was beautiful that this time, the funders added a service provide who accompanied the RIVCHO team providing anti-malaria products side by side RIVCHO's social mobilization.

NEW NAME, VISION & MISSION FOR RIVCHO!

Following the adoption by the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the outcome of Organizational Development (OD) carried out by management with the training and mentoring of the CUBS project team, RIVCHO now has her name, vision and mission statements re-phrased. Good news is that this has been effected at the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja. Our new name is **RIVERINE COMMUNITIES HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (RIVCHO)**. All former documents remain valid and our acronym remains RIVCHO. Also our vision statement is now; “HEALTHY NIGER-DELTA COMMUNITIES FREE OF POVERTY”, while our mission statement has become; “TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE NIGER-DELTA TROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS”

The Board has also adopted the five years Strategic Plan for 2014 to 2018. From this plan, RIVCHO management has drawn out her work-plan for 2014.

RIVCHO 2014 OPENING SESSIONS

RIVCHO management and staff commenced the New Year 2014 on Monday January 6th with a strategy and training session. Fresh from the holidays, the activities of 2013 were x-rayed with a view finding out where & how we can do better. Thereafter, development of 2014 Work-Plan commenced

with all actively participating. The next session had to do with lectures on REPORT WRITING and another on MAKING PRESENTATIONS. Staff so enjoyed it, that it was agreed that the exercise be made a quarterly event. The sessions ended with all staff completing a self-appraisal document which was also publicly discussed. RIVCHONEWS wishes all a prosperous New Year.

RIVERINE COMMUNITIES HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION INC (RIVCHO) SUMMARY OF AUDITED ANNUAL FINAL ACCOUNTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2013

	2013 (N)	
Fixed Assets		20,599,680
Current Assets	561,287	
Less Current Liabilities	100,000	461,287
		<u>21,060,967</u>
Less long term liabilities		0
		<u>21,060,967</u>
Financed by-		
Accumulated Funds		20,776,982
Retained surplus (deficit)		283,985
		<u>21,060,967</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2013

	2013 (N)
INCOME	60,105,013
EXPENDITURE	59,821,028
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>283,985</u>

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RIVCHO'S 5 CORE VALUES

- 1. QUALITY DELIVERY:** *We under-promise and over-deliver; in terms of quality and timely outputs. We surpass our client's expectations.*
- 2. COMMITMENT:** *We are committed to best practices, and keeping standards in our work. We believe that no Community is impossible to reach.*
- 3. PUNCTUALITY:** *Timeliness is very crucial to our work; from project conception, implementation, reporting to accounting etc.*
- 4. HONESTY AND INTEGRITY:** *Our word is our bond. We are building an organization that will outlive us and bring development to our people. We do no harm to people and the environment.*
- 5. TEAM WORK:** *We understand that it takes a team to get the job done - both the Beneficiaries, Funders and us the Implementing Partners, are key to Development. Within our own systems, it is also team work.*