

* Award for security consciousness

PROJECT Alert, a Lagos-based pro-women rights organization based has clinched the 2007/2008 award for Security Excellence. The award ceremony, put together by Security Watch Africa was held at the prestigious Ladi Kwali hall, of Sheraton Hotels in Abuja, last month.

The awards were in four categories: The golden star award which had 16 awardees among whom were the former UN secretary general, Mr. Kofi Anan, president of Liberia, Madam Ellen Johnson - Sirleaf and others. The governance category saw the governor of Zamfara clinching the award for best governor on food security amidst others. The security agencies award in that category, 21 members of security agencies who excelled in their activities during the period under review. The corporate award were given to 14 recipients among which Project Alert won the best security conscious non - governmental organization in recognition of her commitment to security and safety issues concerning the family in her work.

In an interview with the Executive Director of the organization Mrs. Josephine Effah-Chukwuma who was in Abuja to receive the award, she expressed her gratitude to Security Watch Africa for recognizing the

work of Project Alert in the area of rendering practical support to female victims of violence as well as campaigning for an end to all forms of violence against women in the society. In her words she said "Project Alert is working a lonely path as many people refuse to identify with the work we are doing because it affects them directly" we are in a male dominated society, this she says makes any work toward empowering women difficult. But at the same time she appreciated the cooperation of the police and the ministry of women affairs in Lagos for their support to the organization.



• Mrs Josephine Effah-Chukwuma

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