

KIND, Others Join Forces To Fight Violence Against Women

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To enable the society break the silence and end violence against women, the Kudirat Initiative for Democracy (KIND), in collaboration with Project Alert on Violence Against Women (PAVAW), Media Concern for Women and Children (MCWC), Ajegunle Community Project (ACP) and Civil Liberties Organisation (CLO), have announced that this year's edition of the *Vagina Monologues* would be revamped to tell the story of African women and the violence meted out to them.

Researchers believe that in Africa, three out of every nine women suffer or would suffer some sort of violence or abuse in their lives.

But startling as this statistics is, it is also believed that it represents only half of the actual cases because a good number of these abuses don't even get reported.

Following the outstanding success of its previous shows, the organisation, *Sunday Independent* gathered, decided to rejuvenate this year's event with the hope of increasing the awareness to sustain the fight against gender-based violence in Africa. The 2008 edition would hold in Lagos and Abuja.

As part of the plans to make the event more rewarding, the original drama, based on Eve Ensler Obie's award-winning *Vagina Monologues*, has been revised to tell the story from the Nigerian woman's point of view.