

# I was a victim of domestic violence!

- *Kate Henshaw*



**K**ate Henshaw has added her voice to the call for an end to domestic violence. The winner of Best Female Actress, AMAA 2008, made this declaration at the The Shelter (Sophia's Place), a temporary home for women who are victims of domestic violence.

Addressing women at the home, during an event organized by *Project Alert*, she said that she had been a victim in the past. "No to violence to women! Violence against women is something I experienced in my relationship many years ago and I will always speak out against it. In a society where women are treated like second class citizens, it's a great pleasure for me to be part of this and in any way possible, I will render my support to *Project Alert*."

According to her, "It is something that continues to happen because you dare not speak about it. It is something that is supposed to be taken as normal. People will say, 'just manage.'

"I want to work with *Project Alert* in whatever area it deems necessary because I have seen their involvement and passion for issues like this. A lot of

people have said to me, 'why don't you start your own charity' and so on. But I know that there are so many charity organizations out there fighting different causes and I feel that it would be better for me to partner one of them, especially one doing some thing I'm passionate about."

Addressing the women, CEO, *Project Alert*, Mrs. Josephine Effah-Chukwuma said: "Kate is not just listening to your stories and walking away, very soon, we shall be holding a meeting with Nollywood stakeholders on how they can also be involved in this issue. We need people like her to be a voice for our vision and mission. I am very proud of Kate. That pride doubled when she called me last week and said she wanted to come and see what we were doing and lend a voice to it by supporting our project in any way in order to deal with this cankerworm called Violence Against Women and Young Girls."

*Project Alert* is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO). It tackles issues on violence against women, young girls and widows.

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