

Project Alert Honoured

A non-governmental women's human rights organization based in Lagos, Project Alert, recently clinched an award for security excellence for the year 2007/2008. The award ceremony put together by Security Watch Africa, was held at the prestigious Ladi Kwali Hall, of Sheraton Hotel Abuja on Friday, October 10, 2008. The event had in attendance top government functionaries from within and outside Nigeria. Present at the occasion were the special

assistant to the vice president of Ghana, the Inspector General of Police from Liberia, Governor of Zamfara State, representative of the governor of Bayelsa State and other eminent personalities.

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".

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