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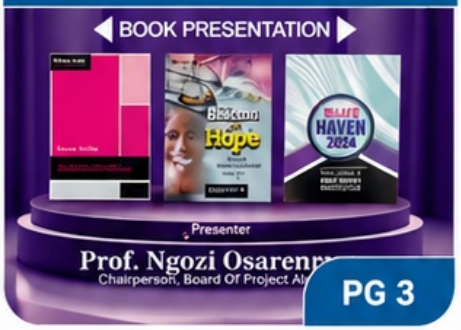


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> Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation, and it is perhaps the most pervasive. It knows no boundaries of geography, culture or wealth. As long as it continues, we cannot claim to be making real progress towards equality, development and peace.
>
> – KOFI ANNAN (FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL)

Break the cycle of violence.
Keeping it quiet is not participating.

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BRAVE HEART INITIATIVES' LEARNING VISIT TO PROJECT ALERT

On the 5th of February, Project Alert on Violence Against women hosted Brave Heart Initiatives on a learning visit at our office, marking an important step in strengthening institutional knowledge and deepening collaborative efforts in addressing gender-based violence and promoting human rights.

The visit which was an interactive engagement between the staff and Executive Director of Brave Heart Initiatives presented a rare opportunity for them to gain first-hand insights into Project Alert's operational frameworks, program strategies, and long-standing expertise in advocacy and survivor support services, as the Executive Director Mrs Josephine Effah-Chukwuma was present to share her vast years of experience with the staff.

During the session, representatives from Project Alert shared details of our programmatic structure, case management systems, and community outreach models. Particular emphasis was placed on survivor-centered approach, which prioritizes dignity, confidentiality, and empowerment. The discussions also explored practical challenges encountered in the field, including cultural barriers, resource and data limitations, and the complexities of navigating complex legal systems. Key learning points included strengthening referral pathways, improving documentation processes, and enhancing advocacy strategies for greater policy impact.



Beyond technical learning, the visit fostered a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect between both organizations. It underscored the importance of partnerships in amplifying impact and building a coordinated response to social issues that require multi-dimensional solutions.



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BUILDING SAFER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS THROUGH SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

On the 12th and 19th of February 2026, Project Alert on Violence Against Women, in collaboration with Girl's Power Initiative (GPI), Cross-River and Hallowed Hands Initiative, Akwa-Ibom Nigeria, convened a One-Day Evaluation and Close-Out Meeting on Sexual Violence Prevention and Response in Academic Institutions in both states.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders across the education sector to review progress, strengthen existing strategies, and reinforce collective commitment to creating safer school environments for students across Nigeria.
Supported by the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), the project aimed to improve institutional capacity for preventing and responding to sexual violence within academic spaces. Participants included students, school administrators and counselors, law enforcement officers, ministry, community advocates, and frontline responders.

During the sessions, stakeholders examined the impact of the project and existing legal frameworks protecting students. They also assessed school policies to identify structural gaps that could increase vulnerability among students. A key highlight of the meeting was the strong assurance from school representatives that survivors in their institutions would no longer be silenced or shamed. Administrators stressed that accountability and coordinated response protocols are essential for protecting learners.
"We cannot speak of quality education without addressing sexual violence in schools. Our students deserve safer environments, and we are committed to achieving that reality."

This convening marked an important step in ensuring that academic institutions across Nigeria evolve into safer, more responsive spaces where student safety is prioritized, survivors receive support, and perpetrators are held accountable. We express our gratitude for the continuous support from AWDF and partners in strengthening prevention, advocacy, and accountability across schools.

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ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE AND ADVOCACY: PROJECT ALERT HOSTS BOOK PRESENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026

On the 11th of March 2026, Project Alert marked International Women's Day with a Books Presentation Event themed "Give to Gain." The event highlighted the importance of knowledge-sharing, research, and community learning as essential tools for strengthening advocacy and promoting the rights and safety of women and girls in Nigeria.



The centerpiece of the event was the unveiling of four key publications, each representing Project Alert's long-standing commitment to documentation, evidence-based advocacy, and survivor-centered interventions. The books presented were:

How-To-Guide - a practical guide for schools in addressing sexual violence. It provides structured, actionable steps that state and non-state actors can adopt to address the issue of sexual violence in schools; and how to set up and run anti sexual violence clubs in academic institutions for effective impact.

No Safe Haven - a powerful documentation of real-life cases of attacks against women, capturing survivor stories while shedding light on the gaps within legal, societal, and institutional responses. It remains one of Project Alert's most impactful advocacy tools.

Beacon of Hope (Volume 2) - a compilation of favorable judgements given on women's human rights cases in various courts in the country. The publication serves as an inspirational resource for activists, legal practitioners and survivors themselves.

Project Alert Strategic Plan (2025-2029) - a comprehensive blueprint outlining the organization's five-year goals, advocacy focus areas, and institutional priorities for strengthening prevention, protection, and response mechanisms across Nigeria.

The books were formally presented by Prof. Ngozi Osarenren, Chairperson of the Board of Project Alert, who emphasized the critical role of written knowledge in influencing public policy, shaping community practices, and supporting long-term social change.

Participants at the event engaged in thoughtful discussions on how these publications can be used in schools, community organizations, government institutions, and civil society spaces to promote safer environments for women and girls. Stakeholders also highlighted the necessity of sustained learning and documentation in addressing deep-rooted issues surrounding gender-based violence.

The event reaffirmed that knowledge is a powerful tool for empowerment, and Project Alert remains dedicated to producing resources that inform, educate, and inspire action.

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