

NEWSLETTER

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2-ADVOCACY FOR GAS FLARE ACCOUNTABILITY (AGFAN)

In response to environmental impact and degradations going on in oil producing communities, Murna Foundation alongside 39 other Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and media groups formed a network called Coalition Against Gas Flare (CAGAF) with Steering Committee Chaired by Initiative for Community Development (ICD). A cluster within the coalition was later set up to undertake advocacy on Gas Flare Discrepancies under the SCALE Project...



1-STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM (SAVE)

SAVE is a capacity-building activity taking place in four local governments in Katsina state. It is targeted towards building resilience of leaders of conflict affected communities so they are better equipped at preventing violent extremism (PVE).

The activity currently engages traditional and religious leaders, as well as youth and women to strengthen community resilience against conflict and violent extremism through capacity development workshops on: community policing and human rights, preventing violent extremism and peace building, alternative dispute resolution, women safe space, and youth mentorship...



3-COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Microcredit for Economic Advancement

This programme aims to aid the advancement of women owned businesses across five LGAs. The beneficiaries are drawn from Batagarawa, Batsari, Rimi, Mashi and Katsina LGAs. It was facilitated by Barr. Fatima Abdullahi Madugu, the gender desk officer of the organization. Madugu believes proper follow up and the loan recovery plan designed by her team will ensure the sustainability of the programme...

SAVE Continuation...

Through continuous capacity building, SAVE is empowering communities to effectively address violent extremism and conflict. Currently, SAVE is targeting four local governments: Funtua, Musawa, Dutsinma and Jibia with prospects of expanding to other regions.

Impact Story

A church recently opens in the midst of a predominantly Muslim neighborhood in Dutsinma which is also a Muslim majority town. The church's choir play very loud and that disturbs members of the community. Some youth from the community organized themselves and approached the choir to get them to stop but they wouldn't listen because the Muslims too have mounted loudspeakers for adhaan (a Muslim call to prayer) which also disturbs the Christian populace. It was the first time the community was experiencing an impasse like this. Rather than resorting to violence, interfaith dialogue, a component of SAVE provided the platform for addressing the issue. At the inception meeting of the programme, it was agreed that when matters such as this arise, it will be brought to the platform where resolution will be sort. If no such platform exist, things could have escalated and the story might have been different.

AGFAN Continuation...

The goals set out for the project include, improved transparency and accountability in flared/vented gas volumes and payments for flared gas in Nigeria as well as increase LPG to 5,000,000 MT by 2023 among others.

So far, the advocacy and campaign to end gas flaring in Nigeria has led to lots of policy and legislative works towards ending outrightly gas flaring or making it a national income earner for Nigeria.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES Continuation...

In her words, "this is not the first time the organization participated in this exercise. The fact that it continues to date proves that our sustainability plan works."

Distribution of Cardigan

Every harmattan, our organization distributes cardigan to the less privileged in its immediate community. This usually include orphans and single mothers. Our CEO described the event for this year as "heartwarming" after seeing the pure joy in the eyes of the beneficiaries. She promises to canvas support to up scale the number of beneficiaries next harmattan. The programmes director of the organization hinted that from next year, seasonal interventions such as this will be incorporated into the official activities of the organization in hopes that funds could be secured from donors to further broaden the scope of the interventions.



Gender Distribution Across SAVE Activities

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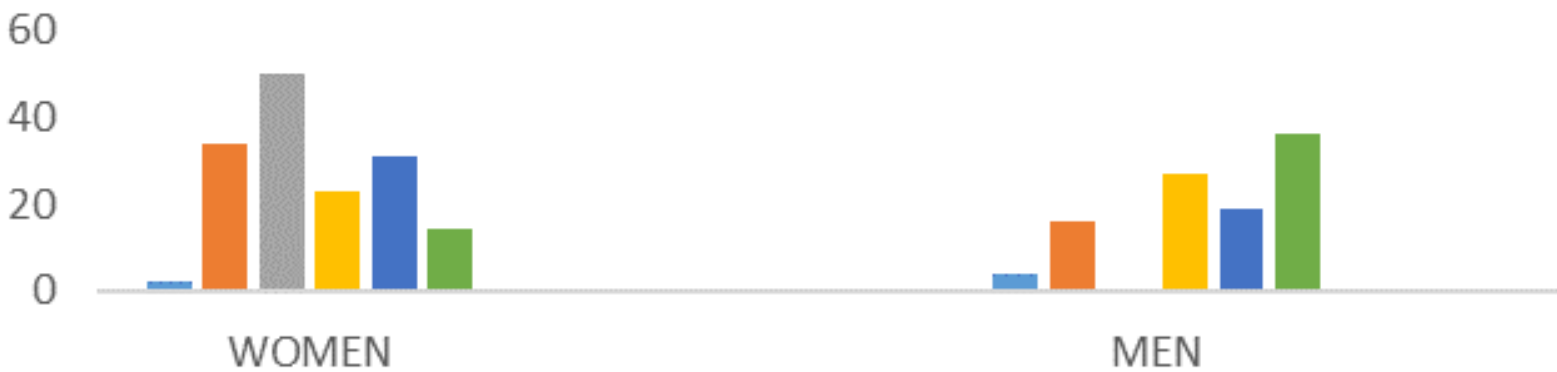
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