

COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION EDUCATION FORUM

2004 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Introduction

CHIEF was established on the 4th of August 1998 with registration number 11364. Our mission is to bring Health Information, Education, Communication (IEC) and Primary Health Care (PHC) services to the doorsteps of individuals, families and communities through community involvement and participation towards ownership of health and related projects. CHIEF Offers alternatives to harmful socio-cultural practices affecting health, trends, and AIDS, targeting the vulnerable groups especially the disadvantaged women, children, out-of-school youths including girls, and working with stakeholders different health projects.

CHIEF possess strong power of advocacy and community mobilization. The Project Management Team (PMT) conducts on-going advocacy visits to stakeholders; National, State and Local Government, and the market men and women leaders, trade masters, partner NGOs and youth clubs/organization who are stakeholders of CHIEF out-of-school-youth program.

Advocacy visits has always been an avenue to sensitise policy makers and other stakeholders on danger of prevailing health problems and diseases especially malaria, STIs/HIV/AIDS at the grassroots. Also to evaluate the impact of CHIEF health programs in various communities and the need to for the stakeholder to mobilize local resources towards solving common health problems especially AIDS

The CHIEF organisation vision is to promote grassroots health development, communication and care, in order to reduce morbidity and mortality in any community setting.

Since establishment, CHIEF has been working hard to achieve this goal and with success and Glory of God.

2004 added flavor to the organization success, through **strategic planning**, dedicated Project Management Team (PMT) and the support of the board of

Trustees and advisors dedication, commitment, loyalty, love and sense of responsibility unalloyed, sought after the interest and the growth of the organization.

Primary Health Care

CHIEF currently runs two Primary Health Clinics at Gbara and Oke-Iranla communities in Eti-Osa West and East. The PHC runs child and adolescent health clinics, Maternal Child Health (MCH) including Family Planning (FP) and tend to the health needs of Men. The care rendered in holistic.

CHIEF adopt and provide walk-in at convenience Primary Health Care (PHC) services, acceptable, affordable and accessible to the grassroots in the principles and concept of PHC thereby promoting the new WHO millennium goals for health.

316 clients accessed the Primary Health Clinics (PHC) this reporting year this is attributed to strong community mobilization on disease prevention and the community taking responsibilities for their health. Few people still patronize the traditional healers and chemists. Another reason for poor attendance is poverty. Therefore, health education is to be intensified and geared towards these alternative health providers and the community. All these observations not with standing, CHIEF hopes to carry out community survey to identify reason for poor turn out at the clinics for service improvements towards provision of quality care.

Health projects support grants

International and National agencies that believe in the effectiveness of CHIEF organization supported the out-of-school-youth AIDS prevention and Safe-motherhood programs.

Our organization hereby expresses its gratitude to the following organizations:

- Family Health International (FHI) (Nig)/USAID
- Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)
- National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA)

- Lagos State AIDS Control Agency (LSACA)

This is all about trust; transparency and accountability of the grant you entrusted us with we really appreciate this.

AIDS projects

The FHI IMPACT PROJECT, of which CHIEF is a beneficiary, was a success with **the STI/HIV/AIDS prevention project** that started in June 2001 and ended in July 2004. **The project reached 128,971 out-of school-youths** exceeding **the target of 80,000** in Ojo, Ajeromi-Ifelodun and Lagos-mainland LGAs of Lagos State. This was not just about **figure it is about behavioural change** and the youths taking responsibility for their own reproductive and sexual health in the wake of HIV&AIDS.

The organization also enjoyed support from NACA for the scale-up of the same project among the out-of-school-youths and the disadvantaged women in Eti-Osa and Ibeju-Lekki LGAs of Lagos State and Shagamu in Ogun State. The project started in August 2004 and is still ongoing.

Everybody is concerned about the youths especially the out-of-school-youths who are marginalized in health matters therefore LSACA is supporting the CHIEF STI/HIV/AIDS prevention effort in the five divisions (IBILE) of Lagos State. The proposal was granted in December of 2004 and is ongoing.

Safe-motherhood project

The organization for the first time is enjoying the support of CEDPA for its Safe-motherhood program, the project is to promote normal pregnancy and raise awareness on emergency obstetric care among women of childbearing age and stakeholders in Agbowo community of Lagos State.

Organization capacity building

Members of the Project Management Team (PMT) attended various capacity building workshops and invited programs, in all twenty-seven programs were

attended, including the executive/project director's trip to Kenya for the Centre for African family Studies (CAF) training workshop on:

- The management and coordination of decentralized HIV/AIDS response supported by ACTIONAID (Nig)
- The Master Trainer Orientation Workshop on HIV/AIDS Management in Work place Organized by SMARTWORK Nigeria
- Global Health Council conference Washington USA.

Other programs attended by the PMT are the following:

- Proposal development and Community Mobilisation organized by the Lagos State AIDS Control Agency (LSACA)
- Building Capacity of Nigerian Youth Organisations, organized by the World Bank/British Council, under Debate to Action program
- Establishing the Term of Reference (TOR) for NGO/LSACA/LGs Organized by LSACA/ACTIONAID
- Human Resources for Health in Nigeria (implication for systems Performance and Pro-poor Care) Organized by African Council for Sustainable Health Development (ACOSHED) Nigeria/C H E S T R A D

Award

The Waterside Annual Human Development Award nominated three health organizations in its Health/AIDS awareness category and CHIEF won the award in respect of this, a certificate was awarded. This is a great recognition of CHIEF efforts in Community health Development and we give God the Honour and Glory, challenging us to be more committed to the service of humanity will enhance the capacity of CHIEF organization and promote best practices.

Graduation

The executive director graduated with master of Community Health degree from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), University of Liverpool on the 10th of July 2004. The skills acquired

Accounting system

CHIEF operates different accounts with good banking system, transparency and accountability being our watch -word. The executive /project director is key responsible for the financial management, while the accounts officer manages the accounting systems. Grants are released in ranches based on financial report written and bank reconciliation statement submitted to the donor agency.

Auditors from funding agencies conduct supervisory visits.

Conclusion

The humble contribution made in 2004 will definitely help to achieve CHIEF goal of reducing morbidity and mortality in any community setting improving peoples health status and in line with the WHO new millennium health goals.