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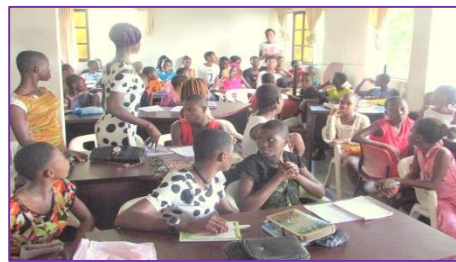
Girls' Power Initiative (GPI) Nigeria is a not-for-profit, non-governmental, youth development organization founded in 1993. The core programme for GPI is safe space educational session for adolescent sexuality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, leadership and other Gender sensitive life management skills for in and out of school adolescent girls of age 10 to 18 years. Our current programmes areas; Gender and Human rights issues, Adolescent sexuality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, protection of the girl child and young females, leadership and entrepreneurial skills development.



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**GPI CALABAR SAFE SPACE WEEKLY SESSION**

The major programme of GPI is the 3 years safe space lessons and the aim is for empowering and giving adolescent girls of 10-18 years with factual information on challenges of growing up, gender, life management skills, sexuality and reproductive health and right education. The programme holds at the GPI Calabar Centre for girls and SAFE SPACE AKPABUYO (SSA) in Akpabuyo Local Government Area.



Section of the girls/boys in Sunday lessons

**"GPI ON AIR" - GPI LIVE RADIO PROGRAM**

A live radio programme GPI on Air at Sparkling 92.3 FM by 10:30 am every Wednesday. Topics discussed from May to June were smuggling of migrants and human trafficking, violence against children, contraceptives and today's youth, managing depression in young people, influence of peer group on young people, drugs and substance abuse. The listeners of GPI on Air call to ask questions while some of them sent text messages to get clarifications of the information shared during the program.



Cross Section of presenters at the Radio Station.

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### CROSS RIVER - NETCUSA CURTESY VISIT TO THE GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) CENTER.

NETCUSA paid a curtesy visit to the Gender Based Violence (GBV) Center at the Ministry of Women Affairs, Calabar. The aim of the visit was to access the facility, know what services they offer, the areas of need and offer possible solutions, propose ways to increase the visibility of the center, identify which area volunteers are needed and also discussion on how they can both work in synergy.



NETCUSA Members briefing during GBV Center

### INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING.

As part of the activities to mark the International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking in June 2019, GPI Calabar hosted a talk on Drug and Substance Abuse on sparkling 93.2 FM featuring Dr. Esther Archibong and Dr. Veronica Undelikwo from the University of Calabar. The discussion was to sensitize the public on the effect of drugs and substance abuse.



Discussants for GPI on AIR on Sparkling 93.2 FM.

### DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

Girls' Power Initiative (GPI) Calabar center held a public speaking and drama competitions amongst her safe space beneficiaries at the Calabar and Akpabuyo [SSA] centers on 16 June 2019

as part of activities to mark the 2019 Day of the African child, which is celebrated regionally to draw attention to the plight of African children and explore solutions. The event was aimed at strengthening the public speaking skills of the beneficiaries for advocacy efforts especially on issues of gender, Adolescent Reproductive Health and Rights, Violence and Human Rights in general.



A Cross Section of Participants in the Parents Wards Forum on the Int'l Day of African Child.

### STEP DOWN TRAINING FOR YESSO PROJECT

The Government of Cross River State Youth Employment and Social Support Operation (YESSO) with support from the World Bank partners with Girls' Power Initiative (GPI) Calabar in the establishment of a Single Register (SR) of Poor and Vulnerable Household in the State, and the will be used for various National interventions.

Girls' Power Initiative (GPI) Calabar center as an implementing partner for the Establishment/Expansion of single register of poor and vulnerable households in two LGAs in the southern senatorial district of Cross River State, organized a stepdown training for enumerators of the Single Register.



YESSO stepdown training for enumerators.

### ADVOCACY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION MEETING.

GPI Calabar in collaboration with the Cross River Network to Curb Sexual Abuse (NETCUSA) organized a 2-day advocacy plan implementation and evaluation meeting on May 15th to 16th, 2019. The objective of the meeting was to evaluate NETCUSA, the journey and success of the campaign, training programs, share implementation challenges, developed a sustainability plan and advocacy tool/work plan and advocacy messages on sexual abuse for NETCUSA to influence a changed and supportive attitude and response to issues of sexual abuse of girls and young females.



Cross section of participants during the Advocacy Plan Implementation and Evaluation Meeting.

### NETCUSA SCHOOLS OUTREACH

The Cross River NETCUSA outreach programme to NYSC Secondary School in May and Big Quo girls Secondary School 14 June 2019. Students were given useful information on issues of sexual abuse and rape, how to get help. A long session for questions and answers was taken to address issues bothering students.



GPI Facilitator giving information on Sexual Health to students of Big-Quo Girls School.

**PICTURE GALLERY**



**SOCIAL WORK NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Group Picture of the graduating girls with the Clan Head and Members of His cabinet during Needs Assessment.



**SOCIAL WORK INTERVENTION**

A section of graduating girls giving information to young people during community social intervention.



**SOCIALWORK INTERVENTION**

Cross section of Children’s group collecting writing materials after health and hygiene education session.



**SOCIAL WORK MEDICAL SERVICE**

A section of the Medical team getting ready to provide medical services to community members.

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The Librarian attending to Library users

**MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY 2019**

GPI joined global partners other state NGOs, government agencies and the private sector to promote safe and effective menstrual hygiene management on the menstrual hygiene day held in May 2019. Highlights of the activities included; sanitization talk to girls, how to maintain proper hygiene during menstruation, demonstration on how to use and dispose sanitary pads properly and distribution of sanitary pads to girls.



Menstrual Hygiene Day celebration

**SOCIAL WORKS NEED ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION**

GPI Social Work is a yearly activity where a community with Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues like harmful traditional practices, unsafe abortion, teenage pregnancy, low productivity of females, discriminating practices against widows, etc. will be identified, and intervention will be provided through information, capacity building, and any other

form of support available like medical care, educational materials,

This year, the community chosen was Ilang in Bakassi Local Government Area, Cross River State.



Graduating girls engaging with community members during Needs Assessment.



Cross section of graduating girls, GPI staff and facilitators, Medical team and Community members during 2019 Social Intervention

**ADVOCACY MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION**

The 3 days message development and adaptation for child protection workshop in Cross River State organized by UNICEF in collaboration with USAID for relevant stakeholders including GPI Calabar, to develop and adapt messages for child protection. The objective of the workshop was to develop key messages for posters, radio jingles and billboards to end: violence against children in schools, child marriage, witchcraft branding and sexual abuse.



Advocacy Message Development Session