

# ASWHAN

# NEWSLETTER

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16 Days of Activism  
Against Gender  
Based Violence 2024



## ASWHAN Fights GBV, Advocates Change

From November 25th to December 10th, ASWHAN led a 16-day social media campaign across 26 states, tackling Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and raising awareness to challenge the culture of silence. Following this, UNAIDS hosted a key summit where ASWHAN members, NAPTIP, NHRC, and the Ministry of Justice discussed barriers to justice for GBV survivors/victims and explored solutions for a more just future.





## STAKEHOLDERS AT THE MEETING

# WORLD AIDS DAY

# COMMEMORATION 2024



02/12/2024

## Main Event

**The WORLD AIDS Day is commemorated on every 1st of December.** This year 2024 is commemorated with the theme: Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right. In Nigeria the national event is organized by the HIV Response coordinating body NACA with funding and technical support from other partners under the national theme; Take the Right Path: Sustain HIV Response, Stop HIV among children. On this day we remember those who have died to the virus, those whose voices are the reason why there are better access to treatment services and appreciate those who are working towards sustaining the response and keeping the up coming generation free from the virus. The main event is preceded by a one week of various activities ranging from press brief, candle light procession by the community of persons living with HIV to remember falling heroes and heroines, free testing services, road show and prayer services. On the main event held on the 2nd of dec 2024, ASWHAN joined other partners in commemorating this event and launched the peer to peer and advocacy tool kits developed with funding support from UN WOMEN. This tool kit is a part of ASWHAN's contribution in taking the right path towards sustainability as it is used to revive and strengthen support group structures and empower women living with HIV in 12 states.

# **WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION AT A GLANCE**

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**Press Conference**



**Sunday Service to Commemorate the Event**

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**Launching of the HIV free testing centre by DG NACA, Stakeholders and Partners**

# **MORE PHOTOS FROM WORLD AIDS DAY MAIN EVENT**



**Launching of ASWHAN Peer-to-Peer and Advocacy Toolkits**

# ASWHAN WITH SUPPORT FROM UN WOMEN EMPOWERED 50 WOMEN IN FCT



ASWHAN in collaboration with UN Women, conducted an economic empowerment training for its members in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) under the "Community Led and Institutional Strengthening Enhancement Project for Women and Girls Living with HIV in Nigeria (CLAISE4WLWH)."

Fifty participants were drawn from various support groups, including Gifted, Hope Initiative, Divine Heritage, Widows Against AIDS Foundation, Talent Initiative, and SPUHAD, and were actively engaged in this training. The participants, ranging in age from 20 to 65, were equipped with valuable skills to combat the stigma and financial hardship often faced by women and girls living with HIV.

The training focused on practical business ventures, including garri production, Village Savings and Loans (VSLA) Associations, grain selling, and palm oil production. The women were grouped into these three business categories to form cooperatives. This initiative aims to empower women with the tools and knowledge to achieve financial independence and improve their quality of life for a better, more positive life.





# WORLD MENSTRUAL HYGIENE WEEK 2024



ASWHAN, with funding support from UNAIDS, organised a one-day sensitization on menstrual hygiene in commemoration of the World Menstrual Hygiene Week 2024 in six states (Nasarawa, Kebbi, Osun, Abia, Akwa Ibom and Bauchi) with the distribution of Alora reusable sanitary pads to six hundred (one hundred per state) Adolescent and Teenage girls living with HIV and those affected. The goal for this activity is to promote good menstrual hygiene practices among them and also correct some myths and misconceptions about menstruation.



# MORE PHOTOS FROM STATES



# DELIVERED EQUIPMENT AND GRAINS FOR ASWHAN WOMEN



As a follow-up to the empowerment training, start-up equipment was provided for the women in each cooperative. 15 bags of grains (beans, guinea corn and maize), 15 VSLA boxes, a complete set of Garri and palm oil producing machines

*Thank you for reading!*

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