

2021 FF ANNUAL REPORT

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The year 2021 was characterized by the Covid 19 pandemic, kidnapping and banditry, and the increased sectarian crisis in some of our host communities in Zango Kataf local Government. The high level of insecurity in parts of Kachia Local Government where we had used the RUWASSA-UNICEF loan to build household toilets became inaccessible resulting in high level of unpaid debts. The funder have been regularly updated about this situation.

We received help from an ex-staff member of FF for the covid palliative; Bala Dada sent two pickup loads of foodstuff which we were able to distribute to staff, older persons and the vulnerable households we are working with. In addition, we received small grant from Friends of Nigeria with which we also provided some more palliative.

DONORS

This year we received grants from the following donors

1. Association for Progressive Communications
2. Friends of Nigeria
3. Nigeria Early Recovery Initiative (NERI) - USAID
4. Bala Dada
5. TCP Global
6. Isaiah Ayhok
7. Ruth Lowe
8. MacArthur Foundation - CITAD

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Fantsuam got involved in medical rehabilitation of a victim of Fulani attack. He needed amputation of one of his legs and prostheses fitting. The surgery was successfully done at Bingham Teaching Hospital Jos and the prostheses was in Bukuru.

This year, the International Women's Day was observed for the first time in Kafanchan. FF was supported by NERI to use the occasion for the establishment of the Southern Kaduna Women Peace Network, SKWPN. The SKWPN provides a platform to raise southern Kaduna women's voices in the peace processes in their communities. Although women were the worst affected by the violence in their communities, they were always excluded whenever peace efforts are being made. FF hosts the secretariat of the SKWPN.

One vulnerable young woman whom FF rescued from the gender-based violence in the house where she lived, was staying with the CEO's family. She later decided she wanted to get married, and was supported to do so. She delivered a baby girl and was given a cleaning job at FF.

However, she had difficulty looking after the child and later abandoned the marriage. The grandmother has been granted custody of the child and the husband who also has a physical disability and learning difficulties has been employed in FF as a way of supporting the child.

Thirteen years ago, FF received intelligence report that three children aged 5,6,and 8 had been exiled from their village to a mountain top near Zokwa in preparation to kill them; they were accused of killing their parents through witchcraft. FF rescued the three children, provided safe accommodation and enrolled them in a primary school. The oldest of the children has successfully completed his secondary education and waiting to take the JAMB examination. He is staying with the CEO and working part-time in HD.

GRAINS BANK

This bank has been emptied since the Covid19 lockdown when grains were distributed to the various communities. The BOT should consider re-stocking the bank.

Jema'a Older Persons Association, JOPA

JOPA activities have been on hold this year due to the pandemic. However, the members were prioritized for distribution of palliatives whenever it is available. HelpAge International funded a video recording of three JOPA embers relating their experiences and expectations of old age. The videos are shared to the global audience for the celebration of United Nations International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) on 01st October, 2021. The theme for this year's celebration is "Digital Equity for All".

FF is following up on the newly established National Senior Citizens Centre and the passing of the Older Persons Rights and Privileges Bill 2019 by the Federal House of Representative. FF is the zonal headquarter of the Coalition of Societies for the Rights of Older Persons in Nigeria (COSROPIN). COSROPIN is the lead umbrella body doing the lobbying for the Older Persons Rights and Privileges Bill 2019.

FF carried out a baseline of older persons for the Northwest geopolitical zones along with older person associations in the other geopolitical zones of Nigeria. The outcome of the survey is expected to result in funding that can be used for the support of JOPA and other older persons throughout the Northwest zone.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Clinic continues to provide special treatment for Sickle Cell and Epilepsy clients. Our Clinic is DOT center for TB and has an SMS Printer machine used to receive the result of Dry Blood Samples tests by SMS for early commencement of treatment.

The following services were provided for children in 2021 with the support of community volunteers located in Kafanchan Wards A and B, Jagindi, Kwoi

S/No	ACTIVITY	# children
1	Home-based care for vulnerable children	2535
2	Facility Testing	1965
3	Vocational Training	40
4	School Fees	07
5	Scholastic	07
6	Nutritional Support	40
7	Health Support	32
8	PNS service - Partners	106
9	TB Tracking	155
10	Shelter	03

STAFF

The staffing situation continues to be challenging. In November and December, three microfinance staff resigned. Two of them went back to their old jobs that was suspended due to the pandemic. They have all been replaced. Two staff who resigned from the Health Department have also been replaced. ZittNet is yet to get a full complement of instructors.

Staff were supported to attend the following trainings this year:

- Disaster Management and Quick Response
- Community Network
- Compressed Bricks Moulding and Usage.
- Women Leaders on Governance
- Promoting Girl Child education in Kaduna State.
- Software and Coding.

Looking into 2022

The BOT should consider the issue of sustainability of the organization especially as external funding becomes scarcer and the persons who develops most of our funding proposal, is not getting younger. There has not been enough interest among staff to learn the skills of proposal development.

FF has two profit centers whose revenues if fully developed can easily sustain the organization: ZittNet/CBT and Microfinance. Due consideration should be given to doubling the current size of the CBT hall where JAMB examination takes place. FF has a plot of land just behind the CBT hall where it has a foundation for a storey building. If the ground floor of this building can be completed this year, its income can be dedicated for completing the upper floors. If we have a larger hall we can inform JAMB and request allocation of more students, thereby increasing our revenue.

As for the microfinance service, if it can be registered with CBN, it will be entitled to certain grants that only banks can access. Efforts should be made to obtain this level of license this year.

As God continues to bless the management team with more years, it is necessary to begin to put a succession plan into place, so that the next generation will have adequate time to understudy the present team.

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