

2022 FF ANNUAL REPORT

BOT Meeting, 21st JANUARY, 2023

INTRODUCTION

In 2021, the BOT had to be done online due to the Covid pandemic. For 2022, the meeting is still online due to the current security situation nation-wide. We expect that all members who live outside of Kafanchan will join online as they did last year: the Board Chairperson, Mrs. Talabi from Lagos, Mrs. Hannatu Bororo and Mrs. Tayo Eseyin from Kaduna.

The sectarian crisis and banditry in some of our partner communities has not reduced and some of our Board members were affected. When Kagoro was under attack, Hajiya Asabe had to relocate with her family back to Abuja. Although she has now returned, rumors of impending attacks still create tension for all Kagoro inhabitants. The 92-year-old mother-in-law of Prof Dada was among the victims killed in the Fulani attack on Mallagun in December, 2022.

One of our Board members, Mrs. Jummai Pukat, was bereaved during the year, as well as one of our staff Abbas Medugu, whose father died after a surgical operation. Our former board member, Steven Auta, has been diagnosed with a cancer of the sinuses. He is presently undergoing radiotherapy.

With each passing year, the need for younger hands to take over the management of FF has become more urgent. In the Admin Department, two assistants have been assigned to understudy JP. Microfinance and Accounts Department is yet to get more young people into the senior levels. HD is making some progress as new hands have been brought on board; similarly, the M&E Department are all youths. During one of the recent PMT meetings, it was reported that all senior members of FF were absent for one reason or another. The minutes of that meeting showed that the younger members of FF team are learning fast and some of them will be quite capable to run their various departments.

In 2022, Fantsuam was able to engage in some high-profile ICT activities in an effort to improve digital literacy in Jema'a Local Government. 65 teachers were provided free digital literacy training, in the expectation that each teacher will be able to teach at least 50 pupils each using the skills they have learnt. In this way, at least 3,000 pupils will have the opportunity to become digitally literate. 55 women business entrepreneurs were also provided digital literacy training so that they can take their businesses on-line.

The post-Covid educational experience now emphasizes online learning. In support of this Fantsuam Foundation, with the support of Project 48%, embarked on upgrading the Kafanchan public library into an e-Library. 45 users of the library were invited for an intensive digital literacy training, and each was commissioned as an e-Library Ambassador to help raise public

awareness about becoming digitally literate. The program also helped to put some pressure on the Kaduna State Government so that the present public library can be renovated and upgraded.

The CBT continues to meet the ever-changing demands and innovations being introduced by JAMB. This means that almost all the income received from JAMB goes back into improving the ICT resources of the CBT. For example, the Stand-Alone Thin clients have to be gradually phased out and be replaced by Stand-Alone models and laptops. The CBT has been assessed and certified to host the 2023 JAMB registration and examination.

5,138 students were registered students for JAMB in 2022, and we were allocated 3,602 for JAMB examination although only 3,530 wrote the examination.

The BOT of 2021 recognized that Fantsuam has two profit centers whose revenues, if fully developed, can easily sustain the organization: ZittNet/CBT and Microfinance. The PMT has taken a decision that at least One Million Naira will be invested in developing the storey building extension of the CBT, annually. Such additional space will double the current size of the CBT hall so that more students can be allocated to FF for the JAMB activities. Mr. Seyi is also following up the procedure for the CBT to obtain a license for becoming a registration center for NYSC.

ZittNet is yet to get a full complement of trained staff who can introduce new and more lucrative courses. In 2022, a young man, Damilola, was introduced to Fantsuam, and he volunteered to provide an intensive face to face coding training for 2 weeks to some of the volunteers in FF. ZittNet has not been able to incorporate this into its curriculum due to the lack of necessary staff on-ground.

The Clinic continues to provide special treatment for Sickle Cell and Epilepsy using drugs. The epilepsy drugs are becoming more expensive and harder to obtain due to import restrictions. May be, the Board Chair can help to identify alternative pharmacies in Lagos that can provide some supply for our clinic? obtained from the UK. Our Clinic is now officially under the license of Pharmacist Seyi Eseyin. A copy of his certificate is on display in the clinic.

The Gender-based Violence Unit in FF has successfully intervened in some cases of spousal abuse, as well as continue to support cases of rape and unwanted pregnancies. The HD Department rescued a 10-year-old child who has a viral load of 3 million units per ml. Through improved feeding, psychosocial support and drug compliance, the child's viral load is now 25,000, and he has settled down in the new accommodation and school provided for him by FF.

There were 25,959 visitors to the organization in 2022. This compares with XXXXXX recorded in 2021.

STAFF TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

Seyi represented FF at the Internet Governance Forum in Addis Ababa, in Dec 2022. His trip was sponsored by the Association for Progressive Communications, APC. Other staff training opportunities were provided for FF staff by the Centre for Integrated Health Programs, CIHP. Fantsuam's involvement in the growing Community Network movement in Nigeria has also led to 2 of the staff being admitted to the training at the Community Network College, hosted by the Centre for Information Technology and Development, CITAD, in Kano.

MICROFINANCE

The potentials for expanding our Microfinance us yet to be fully harnessed. Towards this end, all staff have been mandated to be involved as members of the Fantsuam Village Savings and Loans Association, VSLA. If FF will be credible in promoting the growth and expansion of VSLA, it should be operating a functioning and successful model.

As Nigeria goes cashless, this could also be an opportunity for the Microfinance to develop new products. The Director of Finance will speak to this opportunity in his report.

Microfinance did well in 2022 compared to 2021. There were a lot challenges during the year. See the table below for summary of our activities and achievement.

PROGRESS REPORT			
	2021	2022	% of Progress
NEW SAVERS	221	302	37%
ACTIVE CLIENTS	328	423	29%
LOAN GRANTED	27,500,000.00	35,180,000.00	28%
LOAN RECOVERY	21,873,450	24,143,590.00	10%
DEPOSIT	60,000,000.00	76,342,143.00	27%
WITHDRAWAL	54,000,000.00	74,435,900.00	38%
PORTFOLIO	250,000.00	700,000.00	180%
RECOVERED RATE	71%	74%	4%

HD REPORT

We successfully completed a five (5) year PEARL Project under the CIHP OVC Program funded by US-CDC and supported by Center for Integrated Health Program (CIHP). We have been selected to be part of another 5 years IRIS project (Innovate, Recalibrate, Integrate and Surge to build resilient systems for sustained HIV epidemic control.

- We have served a total of 3493 Households and 4154 OVCs across the four local government of our operation.
- We have identified and enrolled and linked to treatment 72 new HIV positive clients out of which 60 are paediatrics and adolescents and 12 are adults.
- Suppression rate for all clients is average of 95%
- A total of 47 clients are beneficiaries of cash transfer: 32 Nutritional and 15 Medical
- 18 clients were supported directly through educational support sponsorship
- 11 OVCs were enrolled back to school
- Economic empowerment: 126 women were linked to VSLA groups
- 2 additional VSLA groups were formed to make the total of 24 VSLA groups
- 2 schools benefitted from block grant projects
- A total of 28 GBV/VAC (Violence Against Children) survivors have received post Gender Based Violence support.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Fantsuam celebrated, for the first time, the International Day of People with Disability where about 40 people were in attendance. A blind man was the MC while a wheel chair user was the interpreter. FF donated a scooter, a wheel chair, a tricycle and a walking aid to some of the Disabled people. At the event, Fantsuam also recognized five community leaders as Ambassadors for persons with disabilities

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

This is an area that still gives some concern because the sources of internally generated revenue are yet to reach a significant level of sustainability for FF. Proposals development is still done largely by one persons as other staff members have not been able to take up the challenge of learning how to do it. Proposals are not a reliable way to mobilise resources.

TOWN OFFICE:

A political party has entered into an agreement with FF to complete the development of this property in lieu of using it for 2 years after which Fantsuam can take it back for its operations.

