



16 DAYS ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Introduction:

16 days of activism is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November every year, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. It was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. To this end, Lawyers Alert as a Rights Based Organization with focus on Women and Gender issues joined the rest of the World to commemorate those days.



Goal:

The goal of the intervention is to enhance the protection and defense of Women Human Rights in Nigeria and beyond.

Objectives:



The objectives of the 16 days activism include the following:

- To create awareness on GBV through the identification and implementation of 16 activities between November 25th- 10th December 2019

The Proceedings:

Lawyers Alert in preparation to the 16 days activism carried out the following activities with dates and expected outputs:

26TH November, 2019. An article on the International Day for the Elimination of all forms of violence against Women (CEDAW)

26TH November to 10th December 2019 quotes were posted on all our media platforms on the issues of Gender Based Violence

29th November, 2019 Lawyers Alert was invited by BENGONET to partake in the 16 days Activism in partnership with Eunice Spring of Life Foundation. The project was a sensitization campaign targeted at Women in IDP camps across the State.

30th November – 6th December 2019 : The Gender Based Violence Advocacy team comprising of Eunice Spring of Life Foundation, BENGONET, Lawyers Alert, other Civil Society Organizations, and the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) crew went to 6 Internally Displaced Persons Camps and selected schools



between 1- 6th December, 2019. A total of 3,000 women and 500 school children were sensitized on gender based violence at the camps and schools.

December 6th: Rommy Esq, President, Lawyers Alert, did a press release tasking legislators on violations of Human Rights in Nigeria. The press release was published in several news mediums in Nigeria

December 9th 2019, some notable Nollywood stars in the persons of Hauwa Allahbura and Damilola Ogunsi partnered with Lawyers Alert through an online campaign against Gender based Violence

December 10th 2019: Lawyers Alert organized a panel discussion on the final day of the 16 days activism. At the discussion, issues of GBV were extensively analysed to a listening audience.



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Conclusion:

In conclusion, the 16 days activism against Gender Based Violence 2019 celebration was a huge success. Lawyers Alert was able to reach out to over 10,000 Women aside Men and others. We recommend that going forward, more collaborative interventions be organized especially between government and non-state actors.