



# ANNUAL REPORT



**MEDIA CONCERN INITIATIVE**

***2010 - 2014***



“As long as we take the view that these are problems for women alone to solve, we cannot expect to reverse the high incidence of rape and child abuse. Domestic violence will not be eradicated. We will not defeat this scourge that affects each and every one of us, until we succeed in mobilizing the whole of our society to fight it.”

- *Late Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa*



“Violence against women cannot be tolerated, in any form, in any context, in any circumstance, by any political leader or by any government. The time to change is now.”

- *Ban Ki-moo, UN Secretary-General*

*“To look into some aspects of the future, we do not need projections by supercomputers. Much of the next millennium can be seen in how we care for our children today. Tomorrow's world may be influenced by science and technology, but more than anything, it is already taking shape in the bodies and minds of our children.”*

*- Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations*



## ABOUT US

MEDIA CONCERN INITIATIVE – *for Women and Children* (MediaCon) is a Non – Governmental Organization working in the field of sexual violence prevention and crisis response in Nigeria and Africa.

MediaCon was founded in 2000 by Dr. Princess Olufemi-Kayode, a survivor of Child Sexual Abuse and rape. She began creating public awareness through a national media campaign which succeeded in breaking the silence and also setting off massive number of disclosures by victims from all parts of the country. Realizing the impact of sexual violence on the Nigerian society, she also sought institutional supports to meet the needs of child and adult victims to mitigate the long-term effects on the health, safety, and productivity of Nigeria.

Over fourteen years, MediaCon has garnered experience and expertise in designing and executing various projects on sexual violence against women and children. These projects have taken the shape of media advocacy, direct support services (crisis response centre), legislative advocacy, social advocacy, storytelling using multimedia tools, peer education training, capacity building, media monitoring, research and publications, etc. Since 2003, MediaCon has remained in the fore concerning issues related to sexual violence in Nigeria and Africa through mobilization of stakeholders for a multi-sectoral approach towards the delivery of effective response.

### OUR MISSION

At MediaCon, we are committed to addressing and contributing to an effective and sustainable sexual response in Nigeria and Africa.

### OUR VISION

MEDIACON envisages a Nigeria and Africa where response to sexual violence is crucial to development.

### OUR VALUES

At MediaCon, we are guided by the ideals to preserve the beauty of childhood and the dignity of womanhood towards attaining a sexually sound being, devoid of hurts as a result of a sexually induced violence. This forms the core of our values, which guides us in our actions, interventions and decision making.

### OUR DRIVE

MEDIACON is driven by the need to instill and establish a holistic culture of societal response to issues of sexual assault of women and Children.

**Our STRATEGIES are in three folds:**

**Prevention programme:** The objective of this strategy is to prevent and reduce vulnerability and exposure to sexual violence among the populace especially women and children. This includes awareness campaigns, publication of culture specific print and electronic materials, research, resource center, capacity building targeted at children, adolescents, parents, care givers, first responders law enforcement officers, social welfare, judiciary, teachers, guidance counselors,' etc. In addition, we carry out continuous advocacy to the government and other stakeholder's for policy implementation and review of response to sexual violence.

**Crisis Response Intervention:** The Crisis Response Center is a landmark of our work which provides emergency and crisis intervention to victims of sexual violence and their families. The center manages 24 hour confidential helplines, has Victim Advocates who ensure that the victims and their families get optimum care right from the moment of reporting and their human rights protected during investigation, litigation working in partnership with professionals in the criminal justice sector and other relevant stakeholders. The Center facilitates access to emergency contraceptives to guard against unwanted pregnancy, prophylactics against Hepatitis B and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and access to other medical treatment. Also the Center offers HIV Counselling and Testing and provides Post Emergency Prophylaxis (PEP) a combination of Anti Retroviral drugs that prevents HIV infection when accessed within 72 hours of exposure through sexual violence. Also, the center offers mental health / stress assessment and treatment, trauma management counselling & therapy as well as psychosocial support. The center is involved in capacity building of partners and related stakeholders. In addition, its in the fore on advocacy for a sustainable response.

**Advocacy Center:** A Forensic Interviewing Facility has been installed where child victims of sexual abuse or witness to violent crimes are interviewed in a conducive environment and non traumatising manner by a forensic interviewer.

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## ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

### TRUSTEES

- Dr. Kayode Dada
- Dr. Morenike Ukpung
- Ms. Jada Ayuk – Onikosi
- Mr. Olufemi Kayode
- Dr. P. Olufemi-Kayode

### GOVERNING BOARD

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1. Princess Olufemi-Kayode - Executive Director / Founder
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## FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Dear Friends,

*The last five years at Media Concern Initiative for Women & Children (MediaCon) can be summed up in one word: Growth*

*The organisation soared in leading and yet pioneering of the sexual violence response in Nigeria and Africa. Our Prevention programmes reached millions of Nigerians through traditional media, social media, training of Peer Educators for adult communities (men and women alike) and in-school children (Adolescents), production and distribution of cultural specific publications and hundreds for child victims, adult survivors and their families of sexual violence accessed our services and inputs at various levels of interventions than ever before in the history of the organisation. Our Advocacy contributions to the response to sexual violence and related matters reached greater heights with increased partnerships across the nation and Africa.*

*More survivors than ever reached out to MediaCon seeking help through various channels. More young people than ever before heard prevention messages from trained educators. And more organizations and individuals contributed financially to our programmes than ever before, making our programme growth possible and sustainable.*

*Within these years, we were able to increase upon building leadership in sexual violence response young people, professional, communities and the society. Build capacity of staff with highly specific professional trainings.*

*In past five years, MediaCon Crisis Response Center served more than 200,000 individuals, more than doubling the number of people reached by the Center since its inception in 2005. The Helplines has received over 1,000,000 calls with 48% on child sexual abuse, 25% on rape and gang rape, 15% on domestic violence, abductions, and the remaining 12 % on others such as adolescents asking questions on sexuality related questions, checking if lines are functional, etc.*

*THANK YOU to each person who volunteered, donated, or otherwise supported MediaCon. We appreciate each and every one of you for joining us to contributing to making the environment sexual abuse safe for women and children.*

*With sincere appreciation,*

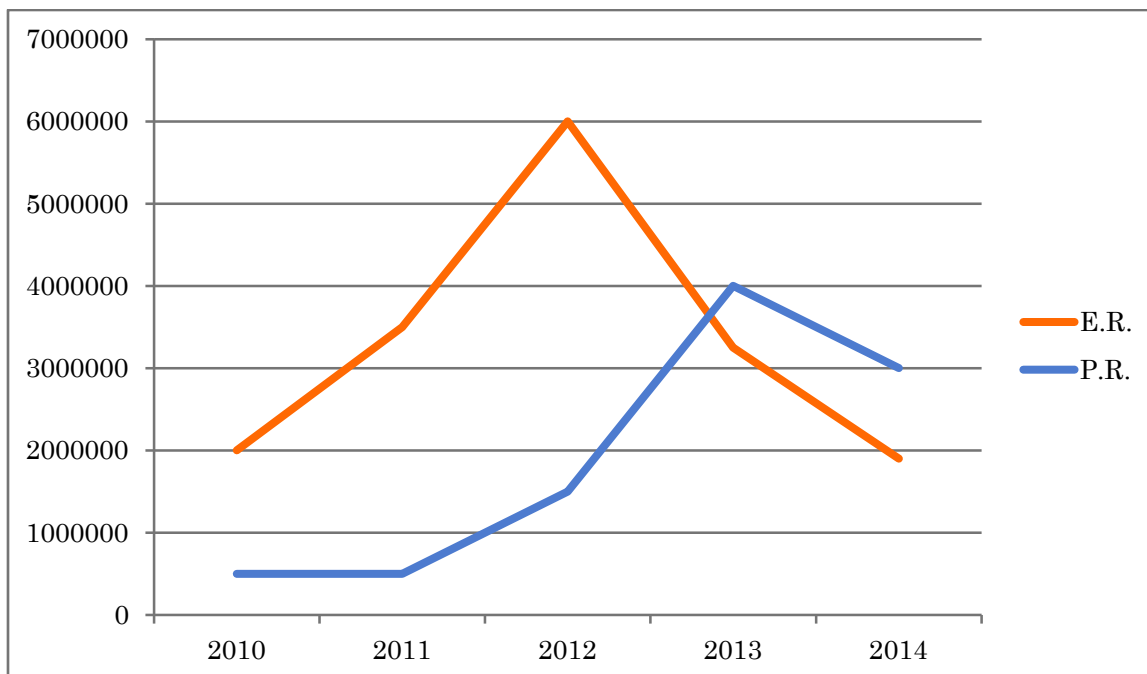


*Dr. Morenike Ukpong*  
Chairperson, Governing Board



*Dr. Princess Olufemi-Kayode*  
Executive Director

## OUR REACH AND IMPACT IN 5 YEARS



*Note: Orange line is the Estimated Reach (E.R.). While the Blue is the Projected Reach (P.R.) This collation is from both direct and indirect contacts at all levels of programming and outreaches.*

## OUR IMPACT AND SUCCESS STORIES

The year 2010 to 2014 was used to build strategic partnerships and networks across the nation, within the continent and overseas within various related sectors; increase reach to sexually violated persons and provision of services; positioned to lead capacity building in criminal justice sector; expand awareness interventions, advocating for systematic changes and working with young people and developing leadership in response.

### EXPANDING REACH:

- I. The establishment of a multi-sectoral partnership network (called Child Sexual Abuse Protection Partners) among the criminal justice sector, human rights organizations, civil society organizations and the media in preventing and responding to child sexual abuse in Lagos state.
- II. Partnership with The National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria (NHRC), in areas of investigating cases of sexual and domestic violence of women and girls, referrals to other States in the Country where we do not have a physical presence, ensuring that the rights of victims of sexual violence are upheld and ensuring that victim's have access to necessary legal advice and representation during prosecution. We have developed a data base of service providers across the nation.
- III. Increased media partnerships aiding awareness across radio, TV, Satellite, social media and print. These enabled reaching to millions with important life saving information through regular appearance



- IV. Mentoring over 40 organisations across the nation working in related area with technical support amongst others.
- V. In 2012, MediaCon was instrumental to the participation and attendance of 10 organisations working in the area of child sexual abuse and other forms of sexual violence to the Second International Conference in Africa on Child Sexual Abuse that held in Accra, Ghana. That was a landmark feat. Child Dignity Foundation, Christianah Fate Foundation, Society To Heighten Awareness of Women And Children Abuse (SOTHAWACA), Sexual Offences Awareness & Victims Rehabilitation Initiative (SOAR) amongst others. They were encouraged and assisted with abstract submission,

### ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Putting accessing Post Exposure Prophylaxis (HIV) into emergency response for both child victims and adult survivors nationally. The importance of provision and accessibility of Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and Emergency Contraceptive (EC) within 72hrs in prevention of HIV infection for non-occupational exposure and prevention of rape induced pregnancy for victims and survivors of sexual assault / violence was successful made nationwide through our advocacy. The availability at HIV Counselling Centers, HAART Centers, specialised centers at both Federal and State Medical facilities across the nation and at our Crisis Response Center.
- Contribution to advocacy on banning sales of pornography in public places in Lagos State
- Actively involved in Police use of family courts for prosecution of criminal cases of child sexual abuse / defilement

### PARTNERSHIPS

- Part of a joint consortium on production of Guidelines to Responding to Gender – Based Violence in Lagos State by eight organisations in 2012 [http://www.britishcouncil.org.ng/sites/britishcouncil.ng2/files/guidelines\\_prevention\\_of\\_violence\\_against\\_women.pdf](http://www.britishcouncil.org.ng/sites/britishcouncil.ng2/files/guidelines_prevention_of_violence_against_women.pdf)
- Department of Guidance and Counselling of the University of Lagos, Nigeria became a partner.
- We did a project with the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) which enabled reaching and building capacity of NUT and other educational related government and professional bodies such as State Universal Basic Education Board of Lagos State (SUBEB), Counselling Association of Nigeria (CASSON),
- Partnerships with numerous human rights and gender inclined NGOs in addressing numerous violations against women and children making the state take responsibility through advocacy, demonstrations Towards achieving this goal, we initiated partnership with the State Police Legal Department for further training and were able to train 94 Police Prosecutors.
- Other partnerships resulted in the training of 20 Primary Health Care Officials (both Doctors and nurses) and a partnership between a Police Divisional Headquarters on Lagos Island at Adeniji Adele which had 13 Police Officers from the Juvenile Welfare Centre (JWC) trained. This has increased the referrals on cases received from the Primary Health Care Centers whose nurses attended the training as well as the Police Division that was trained.

- 200 Divisional Crime Officers trained on Sexual Violence dynamics and related skills in 2010/2011
- Over 40 NGOs across the nation signed MoU with MediaCon to advance sexual and domestic violence response.
- Partnership with the International Association of Women Judges through the National Association of Women Judges took off in 2012

## YOUTH PARTICIPATION

- Our reach and involvement of young people particularly catching them young at adolescence years these five years
- Children Advisory Board were instituted for all relevant projects and Adolescent Advisory Board were also convened for three projects these reporting period
- Involvement in Adobe Youth Voices, where over 5 Adult educators have been trained and over 200 young persons have been trained in Youth media and Adobe softwares
- Two youths participated and attended with a senior adult educator. Adobe Youth Voices Summit held in Santa Clara University in California, US. The week-long Summit was a gathering of 70 young people and 36 educators from 23 countries which provided an opportunity for both groups to collaborate with creative professionals to make media about issues that are important to them which share their vision for positive change in their communities and the world. Their capacity was also built on new technology and Adobe media products.
- Two youths got scholarship to support their tertiary education
- Over 300 adolescent Peer Educators trained reaching over 30,000 adolescents
- Set Me,, My Body and My Sexuality (The 3Ms Club) Clubs in 6 secondary Schools



*Pictures: Participants at the AYV Summit with others in the US*



*Picture: First set of Adobe Scholarship Recipients – a youth from MediaCon 2013 Adobe Creative Scholar.*



*Picture: Our three participants having fun with other youths at the Summit*



## RESEARCH

- A Research aimed at documenting the incidence and prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse as well as socio demographic characteristics of child sexual abusers or offenders was conducted in 20 police stations under Area “G” Police Command for cases reported for 1999-2009 (10 years).
- A research was conducted to analyze the total number of calls received in MediaCon’s Crisis Response Center Helplines in 2010 as part of evaluating the project.
- Publications were released within the period of reporting – Me, My Body & My Sexuality FAQ Book, CSA and HIV: The Unholy Wedlock, Self Esteem, 4 Editions of MediaCon Digest, 8 different Posters, 2 sets of bookmarks, 5 different stickers
- 2 Documentary were produced – one for young people and the other on experiences with criminal justice sector by reps of families and survivors.

## STAFF CAPACITY



*Picture: Staff & volunteer at an outreach in Lagos*

## TRAININGS

- A Senior Programme Officer received training on Project Management and Senior Victim Advocate on Advocacy during a study tour of South Africa’s Rape Crisis Centers in Cape Town and Sexual and domestic violence response.
- 2 Staffs attended the 2nd International Conference on Survivors of Rape held at University Medisch Centrum, Utrecht, Netherlands in 2010 and their capacity was built at 2 Pre-Conference skill building workshops on STEP Cognitive Behavior Therapy and Forensic Interviewing of Rape Victims.

- Staff attended Diploma in Development Leadership at Coady International Institute, St Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia in Canada
- Staff attended the Global Change Leaders Program, a year program at Coady International Institute, Canada
- Staff trained on Traumatological consequences of sexual assault and intervention at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Survivors of Rape (ICSoR) 2014
- Staff capacity built on Helpline Management by Stop It Now, a US based organisation with over 20 years experience in an international collaboration.
- In 2010, together with colleague and co-author, Folake M. Bankole won 'Best Poster Award' in the International Conference on Survivors of Rape (ICSoR), Utrecht, Netherlands.
- In 2010, the fight against Child Sexual Abuse in Nigeria was recently accorded international recognition when University of Western Cape, South Africa during its 50th anniversary honoured Princess Olufemi-Kayode, one of Nigeria's leading advocates on Child Sexual Abuse and sexual violence response as a receiver of its 2010 Honourary Doctorate Award in Public Health.
- Staff capacity was built in Trauma Management, Forensic Interviewing of Child Victims of Sexual Abuse
- Capacity of Finance Officer and Admin Assistants built on QuickBooks Accounting software to enhance and build capacity to meet modern standards in account reporting



*Picture: Staff at the International Conference on Survivors of Rape (ICSoR) 2010 with the Poster that won 'Best Poster Award' at the conference*



*Picture: Staff at Coady International Institute, Canada*

## CRSIS RESPONSE

For over nine years, the Crisis Response Department of MediaCon has been providing help and support to victims of sexual violence and their families and has not relented in this effort.

### **Our Crisis Response Model**

This department employs the use of technology, partnership, capacity building, and advocacy in addition to victim advocates in meeting the immediate and long term needs of survivors of sexual violence. **With** the increasing cases of sexual abuse of women and children necessitates the need to respond to the menace by offering help and succor to victims who are at the centre of its consequences, emotional, physical, societal and otherwise. Our work at MediaCon, beyond preventive programmes, focuses on providing help to victims, under via the crisis response centre set up for that purpose. The center, which is handled by personnel from the Crisis Response Unit, provides victims of sexual abuse (primarily women and girls) with support and as well as giving hope to survivors through provision of crucial and emergency help and support needed, offering therapy, crisis management and aiding to assessing medical treatment, as well as mitigating secondary trauma for victims, who are usually re-traumatized when they are asked by police investigations and prosecutors to recant the experience of how they were sexually molested or abused.

Achievements in the past 5years include:

### **24Hrs Helpline Management**

In 2005, the 24-hr confidential helplines was established to primarily report sexual violence with the focus of accessing help provided by MediaCon. Starting out with one, it has increased to three, providing confidential counseling, has national coverage and available 24-hrs. From 2009 – 2011, these lines recorded a total of 4,232 calls emanating from the United Kingdom, US, Europe and different states in Nigeria. Sexual violence constituted 48% of the total call while the remaining 56% involved child battery, domestic violence, riot, armed robbery, unemployment, child trafficking, domestic violence, etc. It increased to 3 Helplines between reporting periods and managed by Victim Advocates and the Executive Director registered 35670 new reports Follow up calls included a total of 56000 incoming and 44000 outgoing calls. From these reported cases, some victims and their families were engaged for direct services while some were referred to other partners for services not provided by MediaCon

- More counselling were achieved over 50% from inception.
- Coordination and referral became smooth after training and documentation
- Staff training held by foremost helpline coordinating organisation, Stop It Now based in the US with over 20 years of experience and capacity
- The wide reach of the Helplines. Over 100, 000 calls within reporting period. Table and Figure show trend in 2010.

*Table 1 below shows all cases reported on the helplines in 2010 with Figures 1 showing the percentage of type of case reported.*

**Table 1**

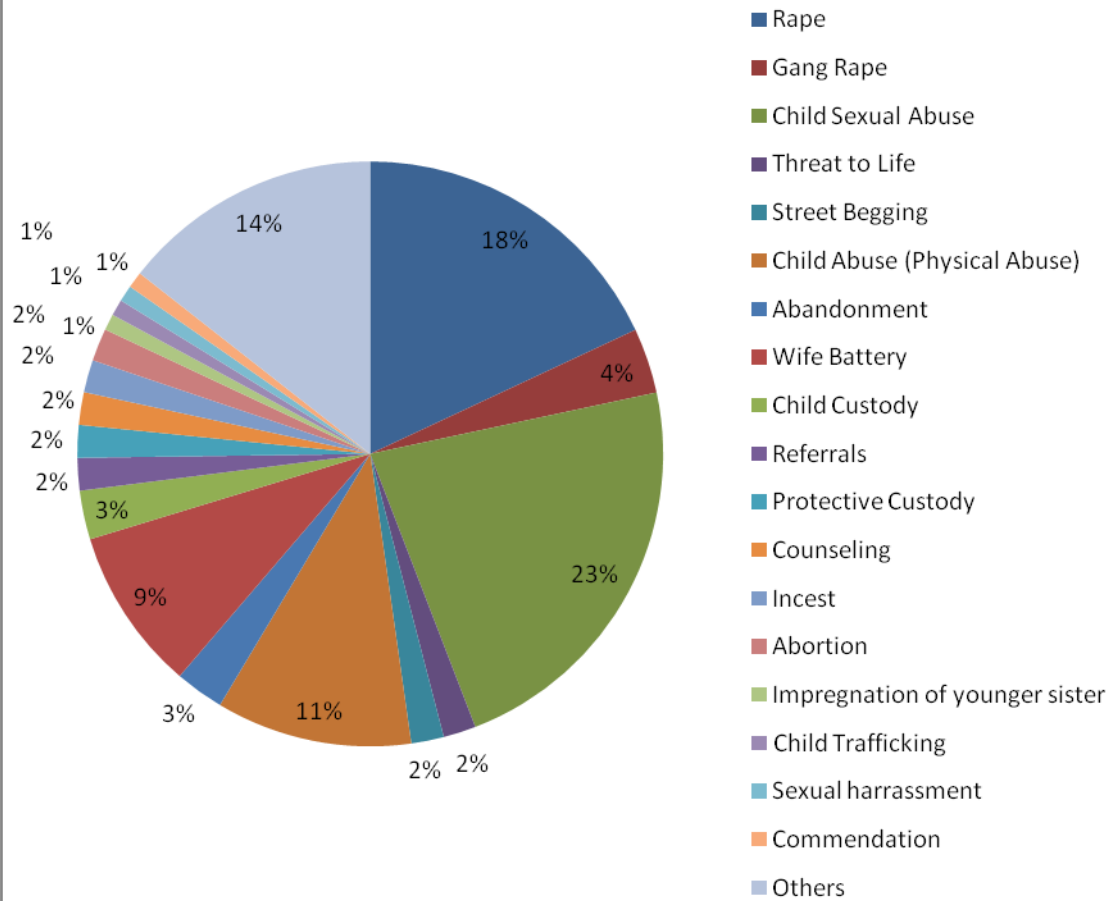
Cases	Frequency	Percentage
Rape	716	18.00
Gang Rape	143	3.60
Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)	895	22.51
Threat to life	72	1.81
Street Begging	72	1.81
Child Abuse ( Physical Assault)	430	10.81
Abandonment	107	2.70
Wife Battery	358	9.01
Child Custody	107	2.70
Referrals	72	1.81
Protective Custody of Pregnant Teenager	72	1.81
Counselling	72	1.81
Incest	72	1.81
Abortion Issues	72	1.81
Impregnation of Younger Sister	36	0.90
Child Trafficking	36	0.90
Sexual Harassment	36	0.90
Commendation	36	0.90
*Others	573	14.41
Total	3977	100.00

**Others:** Temporary Impotence , Jos Crisis, Low Sperm Count, Flat Buttocks, Child Custody, Witness Disappearance, Seeking Employment, Belly Ache, Nudity Parade, Police causing traffic almost causing accident, Health Issue: Irregular Menses & Abdominal Pain, Discrimination against PLHA, Child Inability to Walk, Finances, Payment of exams fee, Divorce & Legal Representation, Riot, etc.

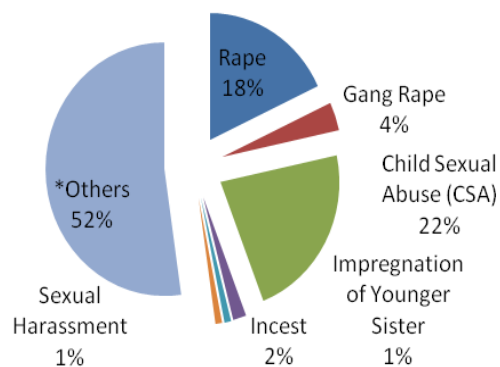
**Figure 2**



## Types of cases shown in %



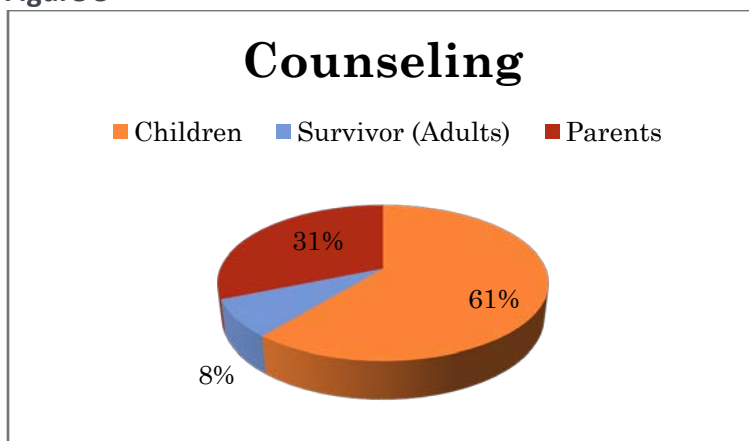
## % of different forms of sexual violence cases



**Confidential Counseling**

Confidential counseling is provided to victims and their caregivers, helping them to understand and address the incident from a strength-based approach. This ultimately will initiate healing and recovery with the help of the counselor and other social supports available through empowerment for attitudinal and mindset change, identifying social support and victim's strength to overcome the traumatic event. A total of 3000 counseling sessions held with victims, 60% of which were children including male and female, 30 survivors and 40 with caregivers. Ongoing counseling is in place for 40 victims. It is also important to point out that while some counselees are old clients, some were newly engaged.

**Figure 5**



### **Psychosocial Support**

The need for providing psychosocial support to victims and their families is based on assessment, recommendation and approval by the management. From January to December 2013, MediaCon provided diverse psychosocial services to victims and their caregivers. This included evaluating risk assessments and to the best work around reducing revictimization. At such, able to raise tuition covering uniforms, textbooks and fees to procure the requirements of fresh secondary school student like farm tools, passport photograph and affidavit for 10 children. This programme also secured scholarship for primary education for 3 child, supplied raincoats, notebooks and mathematical set for 10 children and sponsored the cost of vocational training for 20 survivors, relocated 5 families, provision of food (10 families), feeding allowance (5 families and 5 adult survivors) and evacuation of child victims (10) to State protective custody, mobile shop transportation & construction for 2. We had a baby delivered from gang rape and we were opportune to name him

### **Medical/Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)**

Efforts are constantly made to ensure that victims are provided with the crucial and urgent medical attention that attends sexual abuse upon disclosure or discovery. Access to PEP was facilitated for a total of 20 victims including two pregnant women through our partnership with the Nigeria Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and 10 were administered by MediaCon with follow up treatment procured by the victims at Ojodu Primary Health Centre (PHC).

Others included the General Hospital closest to the survivor who was based in Port Harcourt and Isolo General Hospital, Lagos.

### **WATCHING BRIEF**

These services provides emotional and physical supports to victims and families in courts, and protect the human rights of the survivor by ensuring due process and that the rule of law is duly observed during the prosecution process. Victim advocates were present in 4 Family Courts namely Ikeja, Lagos Island, Apapa and Surulere. Presently, the organization has 30 cases under prosecution, 55% of which involve child victims. A total of 30 watching briefs were held in this period. 5 cases were struck off the court register for different reasons.

### **REFERRALS/PETITION**

A total number of 200 written referrals/petitions were made in this period to Offices of the Ministry of Youth and Social Development, Office of the Public Defender, Directorate of Public Prosecution, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), General Hospitals, Police Divisions, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and Ministry of Women Affairs & Poverty Alleviation (WAPA). Telephone referrals were made for non-sexual violence cases and matters reported from outside Lagos State.

### **FOLLOW-UP**

This process is done majorly through telephone calls, emails, special meetings, home visits, school visits and reports involves getting updates on the intervention process from victims, families and partners. All victims and their families are primarily followed up to ensure their continuous wellbeing.

### **NON-SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Trainings/Outreaches** - Other functions carried out during this period included working alongside the Prevention unit in its school campaigns and trainings for young people and responders. Efforts were also made for training state counsels and social welfare officers. Four trainings held for 50 medical doctors from 37 PHCs, 15 sensitization seminars held for over 10,000 students in 10 schools and trainings for 250 peer educators in 3 schools.

*‘Capacity building of the staff also took place on HIV & Counseling Testing (HCT) and PEP organized by Local AIDS Control Agency (LACA), Ikeja and 3-day training on Child Sexual Abuse at The Office of Youth & Social Development (OYSD), Diploma and Certificate courses at the Coady International Institute, Nova Scotia, Canada.’*

## CRISIS RESPONSE ADVOCACY

Advocacy is aimed at the purpose of having the support and encouragement of existing and new partners. This very crucial aspect of our work aimed primarily at gaining the support of related partners involved consisting majorly government responder is an ongoing aspect of our work to ensure effective collaboration among partners for seamless referrals for victims and the needed change in policies and laws. Advocacy visits and meetings were held with The Director of the Office of the Public Defender (OPD), Divisional Police Officer of Adeniji Adele Police Division and the Special Adviser, Office of Youth and Social Development (OYSD).

## SECURITY

MediaCon staff was amongst Human Rights Defenders that were nominated to be in a pioneer security training organised by Frontline Human Rights Defenders. This capacity supported developing a security policy and work plan after trainings that held in Brussels, Belgium and Istanbul, Turkey. In addition to supporting security defense support

## MEDIACON MEDIA FORUM

One of our greatest partners is the Media across all its mediums. We have come a long way in engaging the fourth estate with various interventions. The most frequent being the Media Forum, which started as a monthly in 2003 but gradually strategically repositioned to bi-monthly, later quarterly and now bi-annually. Experts and practitioners are invited to share their expertise from a solution oriented perspective and members of the media and stakeholders engage in a discussion. Targeted at providing information and educating the public about issues related to sexual violence and keeping the issue on the front burner, Media Forums are held quarterly by MediaCon. In addition, it's a platform designed to assist media practitioners to have a good understanding of the issues surrounding sexual violence as well as access a pool of experts when writing their sexual violence related articles. 10 media forums have held so far within this period on diverse topics such as:

- Impact of Accessing Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) by Rape Victims
- Protecting Children Victims of Sexual Abuse in the face of Caregiver / Community Interference - The Role of State and Non-State Actors
- Child Sexual Abuse, Child Protection & Social Welfare System
- The Chibok Girls: Looking at and Addressing Post Release Emerging Issues

*Addressing this topic – 'Child Sexual Abuse, Child Protection & Social Welfare System' were Mr. M. A. Abdulai, Director of Social Welfare representing the Special Adviser Office of Youths and Social Development; Mrs. Alaba Fadairo, the Vice President, National Association of Social Workers (NASoW) and Dr. Michael Dibor, Associate Director Representing Mr. Ola Clement, CEO of Hope Worldwide. In addition was Mr. H. A. Dosunmu, a Social Worker/ Family Court Assessor and a Clinical Psychologist with the media in attendance.*



*Picture: At the close of the Media Forum on – 'Child Sexual Abuse, Child Protection & Social Welfare System' the Speakers with Executive Director, MediaCon*



*Pictures: Journalists and Stakeholders at a Media Forum*





*Pictures: Discussants on the Chibok Girls looking at returnee dynamics and how well prepared Nigeria is*

## OUTREACHES

We engage other communities such as the religious communities in prevention and crisis response awareness programmes. Distribution of publications continued...



*Picture: Celebration after fully completion of their phase of AYV programme*

## THE NEXT BIG STEP

*MediaCon sets another trend and pioneers First Forensic Interviewing Facility in the country.*



The facility is to assist in facilitating an efficient model to make more efficient the response process in child sexual abuse enquiry while minimizing the re-traumatization and undue re-victimization of child victims. It will aid investigative and reduce Directorate of Public Prosecution undue delay for legal advice. Amongst its benefits are: strengthening a multi-sectoral response to sexual abuse response process and the initiation of collaboration by encouragement of multi-disciplinary approach in response to child sexual abuse and sexual violence generally. It will aid collaboration between the Sexual Violence Response Team (SVRT). Comprehensive Data Management will be enabled for effective documentation and information sharing among partners.

The forensic interview is a structured conversation with a child intended to elicit detailed information about a possible event(s) that the child may have experienced or witnessed. The purposes of a forensic interview are:

- To obtain information from a child that may be helpful in a criminal investigation;
- To assess the safety of the child's living arrangements;
- To obtain information that will either corroborate or refute allegations or suspicions of abuse and neglect;
- To assess the need for medical treatment and psychological care.
- A forensic interview is conducted at the MediaCon Advocacy Center when there has been a report to law enforcement or the Social and Family Services Agency, Health Facility that the child may have been a victim of physical or sexual abuse or when a child may have witnessed a violent crime.

Forensic interviews at the MediaCon Center are recorded on to a digital video disc (DVD) and provided to law enforcement or /and the court.





*Picture: The monitoring and recording room of the Forensic Interviewing Facility*



*Picture: The Forensic interviewing room with the anatomical / forensic dolls*

### **INTRODUCING MENTAL/STRESS HEALTH ASSESSMENT & THERAPY**

Sexual violence impacts victims and survivors. Rape is a particularly traumatic violation of an individual. Women are more commonly victims, although men are also sexually abused and appear to suffer the same mental health impacts as women. MediaCon Immediately has been offering this service since 2013 to all clients that come physically to the Crisis Center. 10 clients have received and two have accessed therapy. It's still at the discretion of clients.

# ***A Big Thanks to all our partners and friends***

*for joining us to contribute to making the environment safe and supporting victims and survivors*

Each of us has the power – and the responsibility – to stop sexual violence. With each action we take – whether intervening when someone is harassed, stopping to listen to survivor or making a financial contribution to the Center – we come even closer to eradicating sexual violence from our Country.

**THANK YOU** to these foundations, corporations and individuals who choose to support this mission and cause. More than 5,000,000 people have benefitted from our services because of **YOU!**

## **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

- Cordaid
- Global Fund for Children
- Global Fund for Women
- America Jewish World Service
- EMpower
- Stop It Now
- Frontline Human Rights Defender
- Urgent Action Fund Africa
- Adobe Youth Voices – TAKING It Global

*Kudirat Initiative for Democracy (KIND)*

*OPAK Resources Int'l Nig. Ltd.*

## **CORPORATE**

*MTN Foundation*

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