



PURPLE HOPE INITIATIVE NIGERIA

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1 NEEDS ASSESMENT 1 OVERVIEW

Our Voices from the hinterland

Methods Used:

- Participants (non-members) filled consent forms
- Orientation led by organizational leaders was provided for persons affected by Hansen's disease
- Focus Group Discussions led by organizational leaders
- Activities carried out in accordance with the original proposal.

Reach Summary:

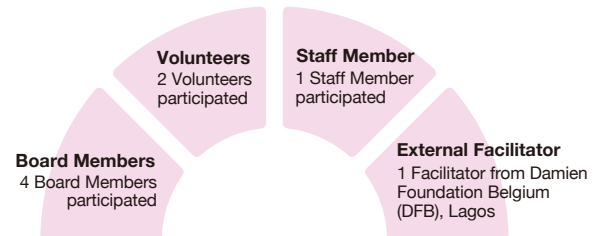
- Total persons reached: 72
- Women: 39 Teenagers: 5 Older people: 8 Men: 20
- 40% from rural areas, 60% from urban areas



5 ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Assembly Method Used:

Collaborative assessment with key stakeholders



2 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH RIGHTS FINDINGS



Mental Health Access

100% of participants in rural areas reported no access to mental health services.

Diagnosis Delays

Delays in diagnosis and treatment of self-reported Hansen's disease cases in rural areas, resulting in Grade 2 deformities.

Rehabilitation Services

None of the 72 persons reached had access to rehabilitation services (evidence-based).

Policy Gaps

National health policies lack a rights-based approach to Hansen's disease care and services.

Stigma

High levels of stigma contribute to late response in seeking healthcare.



6 GAPS & OPPORTUNITIES



Infrastructure Challenges

- Office exists, but lacks basic office equipment
- Security challenges affect operations

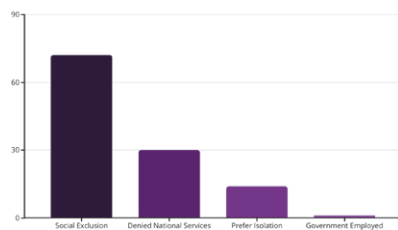
Capacity Limitations

- State leaders lack proposal writing skills
- Limited digital skills reducing visibility and branding

Strategic Issues

- Innovative ideas, but no strategic plan or budgeting
- Weak government commitment

3 HUMAN RIGHTS & DISCRIMINATION FINDINGS



All 72 participants reported social exclusion from community, churches, markets, and health providers our children face exclusion, reflecting deep-rooted stigma and misinformation.

30 people (10 women, 20 men) denied national services (voter card, passport, SIM) due to deformities

20% prefer isolated settlements to avoid stigma

Only 1 of 39 women is government-employed

4 LESSONS & SOLUTIONS

- Non-existence of mental healthcare services.
- Persons affected by Hansen disease face barrier to healthcare services, human right violations and wide spread discrimination especially women and children.
- Limited access to quality health care services.

Mental Health Support

Providing mental health and psychosocial support for us especially those in isolated areas.

Stigma Reduction

Stigma reduction campaign in market, schools and religious centers.

Healthcare Training

Training health care givers, community leaders on leprosy facts and to treat without stigma.

Legal Advocacy

Legal advocacy for enforcement of anti discriminatory laws and review rights-base action plans



8 WISHLIST BEFORE NEXT ILC

Representation

Ensure full recognition and representation of persona affected in decision-making spaces.

Awareness

Launch global campaigns to end stigma and discrimination

Collaboration

Build strong global networks for shared learning

Advocacy

Unite to amplify voices and promote inclusive responses

Healthcare

Guarantee full access to healthcare services especially for women in rural and urban areas