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IMPACT REPORT

TALKAM AGAINST SEXTORTION AND ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (OSEA)

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Project Overview

The TALKAM Against Sextortion and Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OSEA) project, implemented by the Devatop Centre for Africa Development, was active from October 2022 to September 2023 in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nasarawa State, and Plateau State, Nigeria. This project utilized technology, capacity building, and advocacy to counter online exploitation, sextortion, and human trafficking. Key accomplishments included training over 1,000 stakeholders, reaching over 1.5 million individuals through media campaigns, and enhancing public reporting via the TALKAM App.

The project catalyzed national dialogue on sextortion and online exploitation, empowering citizens, and increasing survivor reporting while fostering international collaboration between Nigerian and U.S.-based institutions. The TALKAM initiative has significantly impacted the fight against sexual exploitation in Nigeria, leveraging technology and partnerships to create a sustainable response system.

Objectives

Strengthen capacity among students, teachers, and parents to counter OSEA, sextortion, and online human trafficking.

Increase knowledge of over 1.3 million citizens through radio programs, school sensitizations, and social media campaigns.

Stimulate human rights abuse reporting via the TALKAM App and collaboration with government agencies.

Foster synergy and collaboration between Nigerian and U.S. institutions to address OSEA and sextortion.

Key Activities and Achievements

Capacity Strengthening:

Conducted six masterclasses, training 61 teachers and student leaders as advocates against sextortion.

Trained participants organized awareness campaigns in schools and communities, reaching over 6,000 individuals.

Developed an online human rights course accessed by over 120 participants across 8 states in Nigeria.

Technology Utilization:

Upgraded the TALKAM App, incorporating features for reporting and tracking cases, offering online courses, and managing human rights cases.

Received 14 reports of sextortion and human trafficking, with investigations initiated by NAPTIP.

Media Campaigns:

Aired 15 radio episodes across three states, reaching an estimated 1.3 million listeners.

Shared over 270 social media messages, engaging more than 54,000 users and increasing public awareness.

Organized social media competitions among young people, reaching thousands through video and article campaigns.

Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement:

- Conducted advocacy visits and strategic meetings with 15 stakeholders, including National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons and Network of CSOs Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL).
- Collaborated with NAPTIP Drama Club to produce and disseminate two short films to sensitize citizens on the dangers of sextortion and how to detect and report the crime.

Commemorative Events:

- Hosted panel discussions and events during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, reaching over 2.5 million individuals through media broadcasts.

International Collaboration:

- Engaged U.S.-based interns from Emory University and Nigerian students in virtual exchanges, fostering cross-cultural collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Impact Data



2 Short Films on Sextortion Produced

120+ 

learners trained on the TALKAM Human Rights Course



15 Cases

Reported to TALKAM App

Over

Over 6,425+

students sensitized by trained advocates

5,800,000+

citizens sensitized through Radio Programs and Television Program



40,000+

people reached through social media



3 States Reached

63 

Students & Teachers trained as advocates against sextortion

30

Schools participated



Success Stories

ABUJA

In Abuja, a beneficiary noted that the project has significantly increased the knowledge of students on sextortion in the Federal Capital Territory. The school started developing internal policies to guide the behavior of teachers and students while establishing disciplinary measures for defaulters. Additionally, the school introduced an examinable subject on cybersecurity to be taught during assemblies, ensuring that students receive

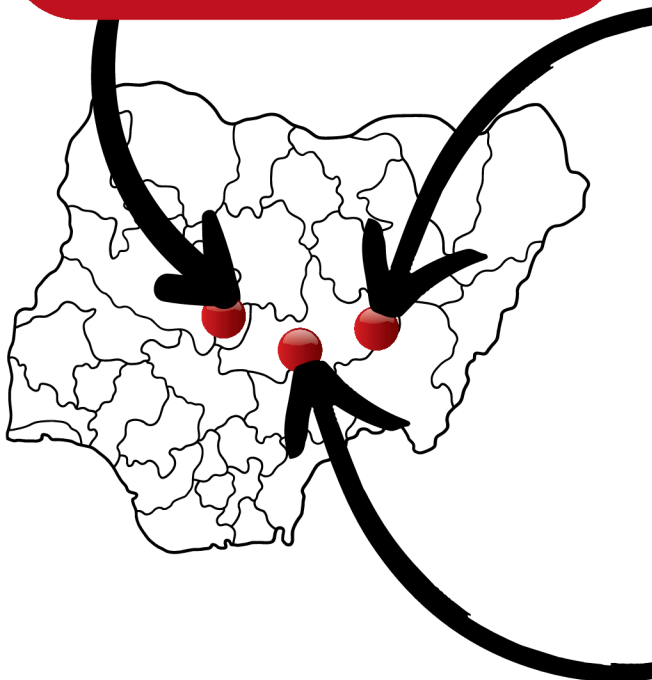
PLATEAU

Treasure Field School, Jos, trained 150 students on sextortion and online sexual exploitation and abuse after their teachers attended the project's training sessions. IEC materials distributed during the project were utilized to raise awareness and guide students on reporting sextortion cases.

Student leaders at the University of Jos established a club, "Talkam Against Sextortion," to provide a safe platform for discussions on human rights violations. The club supports victims and facilitates the reporting of abuse, especially in cases involving student-lecturer relationships.

NASARAWA

Government Science Secondary School, Lafia, sensitized 562 students across four sessions for JSS 1 to JSS 3 students. Teachers trained through the project managed four cases of bullying involving explicit images. The school is collaborating with the PTA to create a policy addressing gender-based violence and sextortion, with the input of parents to ensure smooth implementation.



Cases Successfully resolved

During the project, a case of sextortion reported through the TALKAM platform was successfully addressed and resolved. The survivor received timely support, and the perpetrator was brought to justice with the collaboration of trained stakeholders and relevant authorities. This success highlights the effectiveness of the reporting mechanism and the strengthened response system established through the project.

Lessons Learned

- Youth engagement matters: Mobilizing students and young leaders amplified project reach and effectiveness.
- Technology works: The TALKAM App demonstrated the potential of digital tools in addressing sextortion and online abuse.
- Sustainability is essential: Initiatives like the TALKAM App and RedCard2Sextortion campaign ensure continued impact beyond the project's duration.

Recommendations:

1. Expand the project to additional states for broader impact.
2. Engage government agencies, donor agencies, and national partners to develop a National Awareness Strategies and Materials to tackle sextortion and other related online abuses/exploitations.
3. Strengthen collaborations with local and international stakeholders.
4. Train human rights organisations and law enforcement agencies on the use of TALKAM Human Rights Digital Case Management System to receive and respond to cases of sextortion and online abuses.
5. Deploy TALKAM Human Rights App across communities, schools, etc to enable citizens learn about sextortion and report
6. Ensure sustainability by securing additional funding for TALKAM initiatives.
7. Increase research into emerging trends in sextortion to adapt strategies effectively.

Picture Gallery

Redcard to Sextortion Event



Sextortion & Revenge Porn Movie Screening



Abuja – Sextortion Training for Teachers & Student

Nasarawa – Sextortion Training for Teachers & Student





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