



## **BRIEF PROFILE OF LIFT UP CARE FOUNDATION [LUCAF]**

LIFT UP CARE FOUNDATION (LUCAF) is a non – governmental, non-profit making, non-religious and non-political organization established in 2006 with the aim of ensuring societal development in the area of Health, Education, Vocational training, Economic Empowerment with focus on children, women and other vulnerable groups. LUCAF got registered with CAC in 2006 with registration number 20591 with office in Anka, Okene, Lokoja, and FCT- Abuja.

### **Head Office**

GP 705, Michael Olobayo Housing Estate,  
Behind Division “C” Police station,  
Gadumo Village  
Lokoja Kogi State  
Nigeria.

### **Ankpa Field Office**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, YAMAN Filling Station by Inter – Lona Round about,  
Ankpa Township, Ankpa LGA

### **Okene Field Office**

Plot No. 68A CTO 003, Water Works Area  
Opposite Ozuwaya street,  
Lagos road  
Okene.

### **Abuja Field Office**

Plot 91/92 Area A Extension  
Behind Richway Hotel  
Nyanya.

### **Our Goal**

The wellbeing of vulnerable groups and societal development in Health Campaign, Education and Economic Empowerment Improved.

### **Our Vision**

To see a society where people are well informed and empowered to take responsibility for their health, protect the newborn, children and the vulnerable groups, physically challenged persons, women, and co-exist peacefully with nature.

### **Our Mission Statement**

To reach out to children, women/youth, physically challenged persons and vulnerable groups in the communities, through health information dissemination, advocacy, sensitization and mobilization as well as to support them in actualizing healthy living, self-dependence and empowerment through quality education/ vocational skills, while ensuring environmental sustainability.

### **Our Core Values**

- Accountability
- Teamwork
- Transparency
- Diversity
- Quality Service
- Integrity
- Love

### **Aims and Objectives**

- To promote maternal and child health and eradication of diseases such as
- ➔ HIV/AIDS, malaria, etc through advocacy, information dissemination and community sensitization.
  - To provide comprehensive care services for orphan and vulnerable children and their households.
  - ➔ To provide child education, grant scholarship and to create vocational centres for youth empowerment.
  - ➔ To promote women economic empowerment through communal self-help project.
  - To organize lectures, seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and to
  - ➔ provide information for capacity development and enlightenment of youths, the disabled and the less privileged in the society.
  - ➔ To provide transportation services for conveyance of disabled persons and the less privileged from residence to event venues.
  - ➔ To facilitate human rights and good leadership.
  - ➔ To advance, protect and promote cultural activities in Nigeria and to aid in

community based development.

To promote environmental health through public enlightenment on environmental protection, conversation and sanitization.



Empowerment of children with disabilities and the less privileged in the society through training and community based rehabilitation approach.

### **Key Areas of Specialization/Work:**

- ❖ HIV, TB and Malaria prevention programming, through advocacy, information dissemination campaign and community sensitization.
- ❖ Comprehensive Orphan and Vulnerable Children Programming
- ❖ Public enlightenment on environmental protection, conservation and sanitization.
- ❖ Empowerment of women and youths at the community level via various skills acquisition program.
- ❖ Project Evaluation Consultancy
- ❖ Facilitation of cash transfer for vulnerable caregivers.
- ❖ Human right and good governance programming.

LUCAF Management team comprise of highly experienced and well qualified person headed by the Executive Director supervised by the Chairman of the Governing Council. The nine (9) member Governing Council is accountable to the Board of Trustees (BoT).The BOT ensure that the financial, human and material resources of the foundation are used to promote the aims and objectives of the foundation; Protect the organization and its administration from undue external pressures; serves as the advisory body to the governing council. LUCAF is a member of various network organizations such as Civil Society for HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (CiSHAN), Association of OVC NGOs in Nigeria (AONN), Kogi NGO Network (KONGONET), Association of Civil Organization on Malaria, Immunization and Nutrition in Nigeria (ACOMIN) and it's registered with Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.

LUCAF has been contributing to the National Response to HIV/AIDS through HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support services for women, children and youth in Nigerian communities in the past nine years, through interpersonal communication and counseling for Youth, community dialogues targeting community men and women, training of Youth Peer Educators and support

for in-and out-of-school Youth HIV clubs, testing & referral of positive cases for management, medial promotion of best practices etc. LUCAF has been able to influence individual attitudes and behaviours that drive the epidemic, resulting to many young people abstaining from early sex debut and many couples remaining faithful to their partners.

Since inception, Lift Up Care Foundation (LUCAF) has played very important role on the national HIV & AIDS response, Advocacy towards empowerment of women and holistic VC programming through the implementation of specific donor supported projects on OVC, Home Based Care, Community System Strengthening and Adolescent Reproductive Health with emphasis on prevention. LUCAF was appointed as Sub-sub Recipient on the Global Fund R9 Phase II implementation circle for 2year grant on the OVC and Community System Strengthening Service Delivery Areas. LUCAF was also accessed and selected by Management Science for Health on Community Based Intervention for the Prevention of Mother to child transmission of HIV, the objective of the project includes to mobilize and engage community support to promote access of pregnant women to PMTCT service uptake through communication that address socio- cultural issues surrounding pregnancy, child birth and sexuality; increase early and regular ANC attendance and promote health facility delivery; strengthen community base structure to increase the access of pregnant women, nursing mothers, their infants and families to a continuum of care and treatment services through effective and efficient linkage and referral system. LUCAF is currently implementing Catholic Relief Services (CRS) SMILE Project in two LGAs of Kogi State (Ankpa & Lokoja LGA) which seeks to improve the well – being of vulnerable children and their households through the provision and linking of households to a sustainable income sources to meet the basic needs of Vulnerable Children on regular basis for growth and development. We have accessed and utilized over N150, 000,000 from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) thus far on the SMILE Project in two LGAs of Kogi State.

## **Where we Work**

### **FCT**

- Karu Area Council
- Bwari Area Council: Kabuwa, Bwari, Mpapae
- AMAC: Central Area, GgalapeKabuza,Gidamagoro
- Abaji/ Kuje Area Council

### **Kogi State**

- **Adavi LGA:** Ogamina, Oziokutu, Karaworo, Adavi - Eba
- **Okehi LGA:** Ihima, Eika, Obangede, Okaito
- **Okene LGA:** Okengwe, Obehira, Agassa, Upogoro

- **Lokoja LGA:** Gadumo, Obajana, Ganaja, Felele, Angwan Rimi, Cantonment, Angwa Pawa, AngwanKura, Sarki Noma, Cantoment, Karaworu, Adankolo, Madabo, Kabawa.
- **Ankpa LGA:** Ankpa, Enabo, Emere,Ikanekpo, Abache, Amoke
- **Kogi LGA:** Sabon – gari, Gegu Beki, Okpareke, Okanga
- **Dekina LGA:** Dekina ,Iyale, Anyigba Egume ,Abocho, Odu-Ogbaloto, Ologba,Etutekpe
- **Olamaboro LGA:** Okpo,Etutekpe,Eginya,Ogugu centre,Igakeje

### **Nassarawa State**

- Nyanyan LGA
- Mararaba LGA
- New Karu LGA- Masaka Community

### **Impact/ Achievements**

- 501 VC enroll and served with Education, Food & Nutrition, Health and Psychosocial Service under Global Fund Round 9 Phase 2 Project.
- 7000 VC and 1750 Household enrolled under a project supported by Catholic Relief Service Smile Project to promote the wellbeing of vulnerable children and their household in Ankpa LGA (Ongoing).
- 4000 VC and 875 Household enrolled under a project support Catholic Relief Service Smile Project to promote the wellbeing of vulnerable children and their household in Lokoja 1 LGA (Ongoing).
- 524 Caregivers under the LUCAF SMILE project has benefitted from Cash Transfer of N20,000 each both in Lokoja and Ankpa LGAs.
- 600 VC and 5,500 PLHIV and PABAs reached on KOSACA World Bank project HAF II in Okene LGA.
- 87 VC and 208 PLHIV reached on FACA World Bank project HAF II in FCT Abuja.
- **HIV/AIDS:**
  - Partnered with NYSC to train secondary school student as peer educator
  - Road show and campaign on reduction of stigma and distribution of condom
  - Free counseling & testing
  - Advocacy visit to mobilize support for PLHIV and to stigma.
  - HIV/AIDS community outreach in Okene LGA of Kogi State: Advocacy to various stakeholder 1500 people reached with various prevention messages, 25people counsel and tested.
- Partnered with Society for Family Health on malaria counseling and testing in Central Area, Kubwa, Karu FCT, Abuja and Nyanyan and Jikowe of Nassarawa State.

- Child survival sensitization lecture and child show on the prevention of infant mortality in Adavi, Okehi and Okene LGAs of Kogi State: 327 people attended, 92 Children tested for malnutrition, 141 Adult blood pressure checked.
- Training of Primary School children in rural communities in Lokoja on the importance of Oral Dental Hygiene and Distribution of tooth paste and brush
- Free Lecture and screening on diabetes and hypertension in Obajana community in Kogi state.
- Support given to 64 VCs in both Kogi and FCT in the area of Education, Health, Nutrition and Skill acquisition to the older VCs and the care givers
- Over 60 women trained and empowered economically, 25 of which are widows
- House to House campaign on good hygiene
- ACOMIN Malaria Prevention Project in Kogi LGA (Ongoing).

### **Funding Source**

- Catholic Relief Service (CRS)
- Civil Society on HIV and AIDS in Nigeria ( CISHAN)
- Kogi State Agency for the Control of AIDS (KOSACA)
- FCT Agency for the Control of AIDS (FACA)
- ACOMIN
- Chrisbanbeth Investment
- Trustee and friends of LUCAF.

### **Capacity Building/ Training**

LUCAF Staff capacity has been built in the following areas:

- HIV/ AID Prevention, Counseling & Testing
- Malaria Counseling & Testing
- VC programing
- Finance & Administration of Project
- Child Protection
- Organizational Development
- National OVC Management Information System (NOMIS)
- Structured Advocacy Kit Development

### **Collaboration/ Networking/ Partnership:**

We are registered & in Collaboration with the following organization in FCT, Kogi and Nassarawa State

- CISHAN
- NEPWAN
- AONN
- ACOMIN
- KONGONET
- STOP TB
- NACCARAN
- KOSACA
- FACA
- CRS
- Line Ministries in FCT/ Kogi
- National Population Commission.
- Student Tax Advocacy Initiative (STAI), a project sponsor by FIRS to change the tax payment culture of Nigerians.
- TY Danjuma Foundation  
LUCAF in addition has Special Consultation Status with United Nation Economic Society Unit (ECOSOC).

### **Where we need support**

- Capacity building of Staff
- Institutional Strengthening of LUCAF
- Grant to support project activities to :
  - Improve wellbeing of Vulnerable Children and their families through improved systems and structures in the community
  - Promote positive behavior change, adoption of safer sexual behavior in the general population
  - Contribute to the achievement of millennium Development Goal 1, 4 5 & 6, by improving household and Care seeking practice, nutrition status, empowering community to create and maintain enabling environment for increase utilization of maternal and new born care services.
  - Women and Youth empowerment economically.

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