



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL AWARD GRANT PROJECT 2019/2020 “GIRLS UNTRODDEN”

Zonta Club of Ibadan and Help Initiative Collaboration

INTRODUCTION

Teenage Pregnancy Project 2019/2020 with the theme **GIRL’S UNTRODDEN** was organized by Help Initiative in collaboration with Zonta Club of Ibadan 1 to commemorate 100 years Centennial celebration of Zonta International Club.

The Teenage Pregnancy Project is aimed at

- Rehabilitating teenage girls both pregnant and mothers between the ages of 13-19 years with sustainable hand on skills.
- Capacity building on life skills and empowerment skills
- Build advocates in different communities.

2.0 FLAG OFF EVENT

The flag off event was held on the 22nd of September, 2019 at Zonta House beside Foodco, Jericho Ibadan. At the flag off event the beneficiaries were accompanied by community women, also representatives of Sammy and Fola Foundation and volunteers were in attendance. 20 beneficiaries, 13 volunteers, project staff, and facilitators, staff of Sammy and Fola Foundation and invited guests are in attendance for the event. Opening prayer was taken by Mrs Febisola Okonkwo, the Executive Director of Help Initiative. There after the national anthem was recited..



The event was anchored by Miss Olanrewaju Taiwo / Mr Busari Toheeb Dolapo. Mrs. Febisola Okonkwo officially opened the event with an opening speech by 2:40pm, where she welcomed everyone and stated clearly the main aim of the event, also appreciated Zonta International Club for the opportunity given to Help Initiative, facilitators, beneficiaries, volunteers, partner and project staffs for the collaborative effort in making the event a reality.

The Meal Officer of Help initiative Miss Adeola Bambagde outlined the essence of the project and further gave her success story as a single mother to motivate the girls.

They were enlightened on four major foundational topics; all the sessions were translated to Yoruba language for easy communication.

Firstly, Dr. Bisi Awosanya, President of Zonta Club Ibadan 1, a counseling psychologist enlightened the beneficiaries on Importance of Education. She stated that education will increase their knowledge and as well be properly informed which will enable them analyze information before taking decisions in life. She further explained that education is beyond obtaining certificate; it must be balanced with positive attitudes and values that will bring about growth and development in the society. She applauded the beneficiaries for their courage to maximize the opportunity given to them.



Mrs Chinyere Adeyemo, a prolific speaker, inspirational teacher, author, trainer, a family builder and an advocate on sex education, who strongly believes in transforming the society through families, Facilitated on Sex Education and Teen Pregnancy. She began her lecture with a success story of survivors of abuse which was an eye opener for the beneficiaries. Also, she urges victims of teenage pregnancy to strife to say no to avoid reoccurrence of abuse. Three tools were highlighted to guide beneficiaries which are **“Determination”, “Gain the right associate” and “Focus”**



Video clips were played for beneficiaries, anchored by Miss Victoria Umahi, a volunteer of Help Initiative incorporated in the event. At the end of the video section, the anchor encouraged beneficiaries to be assertive in making decisions.

Executive Director of Help Initiative Mrs. Febisola Okonkwo facilitated on Abuse and Girls right. She explained briefly the concept abuse as cruel and violently treatment of someone while human rights as the rights inherent to all human beings irrespective of race, religion, sex, language and nationality to access basic things in life. She emphasized on the basic rights that every girl child needs, if not accessed can make them vulnerable. Furthermore, she gave the beneficiaries tips on tools to life skills to help them stand confidently. Lastly they were cheered and encouraged to infuse a healthy life style by practicing abstinence, personal hygiene and should avoid substances that will indulge them to lose their consciousness.



The last session of the life skill training was facilitated by Mrs. Damilola Akande, the Project Coordinator of Help Initiative on Gender Equality. Prior to the commencement of her lecture gender equality chart was circulated to assess recipients knowledge about the topic. She emphasized that equal opportunity should be given to both men and women, barriers limiting women should be eliminated. The facilitator encouraged beneficiaries to constantly stand up for others, accept who they are and be empowered, so as to build their self esteem and confidence. Lastly she stated that they should not be defined by the pains, neglects, circumstances that surrounds them and were admonished to be an advocate against abuse in their respective communities.



Afterwards, group pictures were taken with the beneficiaries, volunteers, projects staff, facilitators and guests, thereafter an entertainment session whereby the beneficiaries danced while the post assessment was conducted on selected audience for proper follow-up.



The beneficiaries were accompanied by volunteers to the welfare stand for clothing and toys support for themselves and their babies, those in need of counseling were directed to counselors on ground.



The Media units took pictures, handled the projector and media account of the whole events including the sound systems and proper recordings.

Miss. Oluwaseun Ojo, Help Initiative staff gave the vote of thanks, appreciated everyone present and for their contribution towards the success of the event. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Romoke.(Help Initiative women beneficiary)

The event ended by 5:26pm. The beneficiaries were conveyed back to their various destinations.



3.0 VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR TEENAGE PREGNANCY PROJECT 2019/2020.

The skills training took place at Help Initiative centre from 29th November, 2019 to 21st January, 2020.

The skills were in four different groups, each group trained two times in a week (Friday and Saturday) for 6 weeks. Beneficiaries had trainings on the fundamentals of their selected skills in

- Soap Making Skill
- Hair Making Skill
- Confectionary Skill
- Dress Making Skill

3.1. Soap Making

Teenage Pregnancy Project “Vocation Skill Acquisition” commenced on the 23rd of November 2019, the soap making focused mainly on liquid washing soap and shampoo, facilitated by Miss. Oluwafemi Titilayo. The classes were held two times in the month of November and December 2019. Total number of beneficiaries for soap making was 4. The essence of this is to capacitate them with skill which will serve as a source of income.





3.2 Hair Dressing

Hair dressing started on November 29, 2019 with training on braiding, Ghana weaving and wig making, it was facilitated by Mrs. Oladejo Olubunmi. They had ten sessions uninterruptedly in the month of November and December. The beneficiaries were also trained on positive attitude to be different and unique which was done by their trainer. They were able to make wigs on their own with less supervision. The hair dressing group had 8 beneficiaries.





Hair Making Training Section

3.3 Confectionary

Confectionary group had four sessions repeatedly with training on how to make pastries such as small chops, chin-chin, dough nut, meat-pie, cake baking and techniques of measurement which was coordinated by Miss. Owoeye Seyi (**Vicakes n Chops**). The group had 2 beneficiaries.





Confectionary Training Section

3.4 Dress Making

Dress making commence their training on the 30th November on measurement and cutting with their facilitator Miss Ogunmodede Moyosore (**Mobeth Couture**), they had over 12 sessions respectively within the month of December 2019 and January 2020. The group was trained measurement, pedaling the sewing machine, stoning of clothes, cutting out and sewing fabrics. The Dress making group had 6 beneficiaries.



Dress Making Training Section

GRAND FINALE/ EXHIBITION AND EMPOWERMENT

The grand finale/exhibition/empowerment program for Teenage Pregnancy Project was held on March 12, 2020 at Zonta House besides Foodco Jericho, Ibadan.

The programme commenced with an opening prayer which was led by representative from Ministry of Women Affairs Mr. Adedeji Sunday after which the national anthem was recited. The president of Zonta Club of Ibadan 1 gave the opening speech by welcoming everyone to the event; she gave kudos to the partnering organization Help Initiative and beneficiaries for their perseverance all through the period of training.



Zontian Bisi Awosanya gave a brief introduction of what Zonta stands for and impact they have contributed to advancing the status of women and girls worldwide. The beneficiaries were admonished to set out purposeful objectives and strategies to achieve their goals.



While giving the opening remark the Executive Director of Help Initiative, Mrs. Febisola Okonkwo in her speech at the grand finale event, she appreciated everyone's support and impact contributed towards the success of the project. The men present for the event were acknowledged; she also congratulated Zonta International on their 100 years Centennial Celebration.



Furthermore, she gave word of encouragement to the beneficiaries, emphasizing on focus and purpose and to continue practicing what they have learnt during the course of the vocational training for better improvement.

The recap of flag off/opening event of the Teenage Pregnancy Project was given by Miss. Umahi Victoria.

Two life skills training were delivered at the event to educate beneficiaries on how to be exceptionally different in the midst of challenges. The first lecture was centered on business education taken by Mrs. Sola Ojewunmi, C.E.O Hattires Fashion. Mrs. Temilolu Morunkeji Director His Heritage Home and Abundance Ministry took the session of Sexuality and Esteem.



Four of the beneficiaries of the project gave their testimonies.



Exhibition and Empowerment Session

Initially, total number of 20 girls was to be empowered, 8 girls fell out of the training, while 1 trainee of soap making died. For the exhibition and empowerment programme, 11 pregnant teenagers and mothers were empowered with income generating equipments.

Dress Making Beneficiaries was empowered with sewing machines.



Hair Making Beneficiaries was empowered with

- Mannequin
- Detachable mannequin stand
- Wig/hair making equipment and accessories
- Weave-on and attachments
- Hair spray



Confectionary Beneficiaries was empowered with

- Manual Oven
- Bakers' brush
- Baking tin 5 pieces
- Baking ingredients and accessories
- Measuring cup and spoon
- Non-stick frying pan
- Pot



Soap Making Beneficiaries was empowered with

- Shampoo and soap materials
- Soap chemical
- Bottles
- Big bowls
- Turning sticks

EXHIBITION SESSION

The beneficiaries displayed their works in their different groups for guest to patronized.





DRESS MAKING GROUP



The income generating empowerment and advocacy is to reintegrate the beneficiaries back to the society, input all they have learnt thereby making a different in their communities.

The beneficiaries and their trainers were awarded certificate of recognition and participation



Empowerment Tools







Certificate for the Facilitators and Beneficiaries

ZONTA CLUB OF IBADAN
in collaboration with
HELP INITIATIVE
Invite you to her
Grand finale Ceremony of Teenage Pregnancy Project
to mark Zonta International Centennial Celebration.
Advancing The Status of Women & Girls Worldwide

Theme
Girls Untrodden

Zonta Club Of Ibadan,
 Beside Foodco, Jericho Ibadan,
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