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COMMUNITY MEMBERS EULOGIZED ACT NAIJA!, COMMEND EU OVER THE INITIATIVE IN OSUN, ONDO & EKITI STATES ON SOCIAL PROTECTION

25th and 26th of May, 2026. The train of the Community Outreach on Social Protection under the Act Naija! Project being implemented by a consortium of Brot für die Welt, the Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) and the New Initiative for Social Development (NISD), and co-funded by the European Union in Nigeria moved to Orisunbare Community of Osogbo Local Government in Osun State,

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), Officer, Olusegun Ojo while giving Address Welcome at the Orisunbare Community outreach in Osun State

Ago Aduloju community of Ado Local Government, Ekiti State and Ibule Soro Community of Ifedore LGA, Ondo State.

The event attracted not less than 150 participants, including youths, men, women, community leaders, and persons living with disabilities.

Different sessions held with the members of the community by the Ministries and Agencies managing the Social Protection Programmes in the states...



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during the outreaches eventually paid off as wrong perspective changed and there was re-engineering of orientation on the Social Protection Programmes.

Community members also appreciated European Union in Nigeria and by extension; implementing consortium of Act Naija-Brot für die Welt, Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANE EJ) and the New Initiative for Social Development (NISD)...

For creating a platform like Act Naija! to bridge the knowledge gap of Social Protection in the Community.

Participants with one challenge or the other maximized the platform to present their cases for a lasting resolve.

It was indeed a breath of fresh air for the members of the communities across Osun, Ondo and Ekiti States as joy their was full to the brim because of the impact Act Naija has made in their lives.



Take Home Quotes



The Social Protection has given me a new life and brightened me up as I am grateful to have been part youth that benefited from Social Protection youth empowerment scheme Programme in Ondo State which gave me Opportunity to employed and fruitfully engaged and with this outreach again, I think, I now know better and I appreciate EU as well as Act Naija team for this golden opportunity

Mr Tunde Osadare, one of the Beneficiaries of Social Protection Interventions in Ondo State.



TUNDE OSADARE, PWD AND BENEFICIARY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION IN ONDO STATE



TESTIMONIES FROM THE OSUN, ONDO, & EKITI BENEFICIARIES



Chief Hakeem Adeyemi while giving his remark at the Orisunbare's Community outreach



I must admit that, this Act Naija! Initiative which gave birth to, today's community outreach has enlightened and broadened our knowledge as to what social protection entails therefore, we now have a reason to develop an open to heart to it and explore it to the maximum potential.

HAKEEM ADEYEMI, BAALE, Orisunbare Community of Osogbo Local Government, Osun State



NISD trained, and deployed 62 Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Monitoring Enumerators across Osun, Ekiti and Ondo States

In a bid to know the effectiveness of the implementation of Social Protection programmes particularly Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) in **Osun, Ondo and Ekiti States**, **NISD** trained and deployed 62 **Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT)** Monitoring Enumerators across the three implementing States of **Act Naija!**

Training in across three states marked a significant step toward strengthening transparency and accountability in social protection interventions.

Facilitators from the State Conditional Cash Transfer, the **Project Manager, Mr Adelaye, Mr Adetunji Adedotun and Mr.Olaitan.O.** guided participants through key concepts surrounding the **Conditional Cash Transfer** programme...



One of the Osun State Enumerators while engaging State Programme Officer, Olaniyan Glory



A Group of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Monitoring Enumerators after the training



A cross section of Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Monitoring Enumerators at the training



Patrick Adedoyin, State Programme Officer, Ondo State while facilitating

emphasizing the importance of reliable data in monitoring the impact of government interventions aimed at supporting vulnerable households.

Enumerators were also taken through the roles and responsibilities expected of them, highlighting professionalism, integrity, and confidentiality in all field engagements.

Major focus of the sessions which was handled by the **NISD Ma& E Manager, Mr Olusegun Ojo** on data collection methodologies and tools. He ensures that participants understand how to properly administer questionnaires, record responses accurately, and interact respectfully with beneficiaries. Practical demonstrations and interactive discussions allowed enumerators to ask questions, clarify doubts, and build confidence in the process.

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NISD HOSTED MFN CHAMPIONS TO QUARTERLY DIALOGUE

New Initiative For Social Development was pleased to have organized the first One-Day Quarterly Male Feminist Network Dialogue in Ekiti, Ondo, Osun and Oyo states held 20th, 22nd, 24th and 27th of April, 2026 bringing together key members of the Male Dominant Groups, representative of the Civil Society Organization, Joint Association of Persons with Disabilities, Christian and Islamic Religious Leaders to review progress, share experiences, and strengthen internal cohesion in the fight against GBV.

The programmes held at the various implementing States there by creating a safe and engaging space to:

*** Reflect on what feminism means within our local context...**



Olusegun Ojo, Programme Officer while facilitating the Dialogue



- * Review program progress through data-driven insights
- * Share personal experiences and community realities
- * Identify practical, actionable steps to address pressing gender issues
- * Share program plan for upcoming activities within and outside the state for participation

It was indeed a thought-provoking discussion towards problem-solving of GBV resolution, the meeting reinforced stakeholders' collective commitment to advancing gender equality and inclusive community development in Ekiti State.



NISD SENSITIZED 204 ONDO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON GENDER-BASED PREVENTION THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

New Initiative For Social Development with support from African Centre for Leadership, Strategy & Development (Centre LSD) extended its Male Feminists Network (MFN) sensitisation campaign to secondary schools in Ondo State 20th-21st May, 2026 with a session held during the school assembly at St. Michael Catholic High School Akure, Muslim College Akure, Ondo State.

A cross section of Students of Muslim College Akure while being sensitized on the Assembly Ground

The sensitisation programme was warmly received by both the school authorities and students, who expressed strong interest in sustaining the engagement through continuous sessions and interactive activities.

The initiative aims to empower in-school boys and Male teachers to become positive change agents within their schools and communities by promoting awareness and conversations around fighting Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in schools and Communities in Ondo State.





Catch them: NISD launched School Debate and Quiz Competition to curtail GBV among the Secondary School Students

In this same vein, sensitization Programme of Schools and High Institutions cum Launching of School debate, quiz competition, and art contests on gender equality themes under the Male Feminist Network Project supported by African Centre for Leadership, Strategy & Development (Centre LSD) climaxed with award ceremony in recognition of the best students in Akure Secondary Commercial School, Ondo State.



A cross section of the students at the Quiz and debate competition being facilitated by Patrick Adedoyin, State Programme Officer, Ondo State



Olusegun Ojo, Programme Officer of MFN flanked by the best Students in the Quiz and Debate Competition after the Award presentation

The initiative was able to reach 204 students with re-orientation of creating safe Space for the girl Child in Nigeria particularly in the state.

Through the School Quiz and Debate, it is now safe to say that the Students are grounded in the what Gender-based violence means and why they should avoid and talk about where and when such happens in their midst.