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Chief Abdulfatai Oyewale,
Olokanla of Ido Owu while reacting to
the state of cultural practices against women
in Osun State

32 Osun high chiefs pledge Community-cultural reorientation for men, vow to stamp out GBV

There is now, a sigh of relief for the victims of cultural and gender-based violence particularly women folks in Osun State as not less than 32 high chiefs under the auspices of the Aladuramigba of Aduramigba town, Oba (Dr) Emmanuel Babatunde Abidogun Omoweade 1, 12th August, 2026, have pledged support to put an end to Gender based violence through step down training on good value system and cultural reorientation for men in the state.

The solidarity declaration emerged at the one of the traditional norms reset meetings held with the traditional leaders by the New Initiative for Social Development under the Male Feminists Network (MFN) Project which is funded by Ford Foundation with support from African Centre for Leadership, Strategy and Development (Centre LSD).

Speaking on behalf of other Chiefs present at the training, Chief Abdulfatai Oyewale, Olokanla of Ido Owu said that African cultural values are rich but ill-mannered people embedded their wrong perspectives into the system through bitterness and envy, added that the time is now to right the wrong for the posterity's sake and balanced society.



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"We are happy and appreciate the fact that Institutions and corporate bodies like New Initiative for Social Development and other implementing partners are now beginning to recognize the impact and importance of traditional leaders being the custodians of cultures and value systems.

I must say that today's training tasted differently from what we used to have in the past, because discussion went to the core and root of the Gender-based violence and insensitivity, as a matter of fact, our eyes are now opened to the cultural flaws and gaps which must bridge at all cost,



**Group Photograph of High Chiefs
under the auspices of the Aladuramigba
of Aduramigba town in Osun State after the
traditional norms reset meetings**



**Abdulahi Funmilayo, Gender Advocate
while facilitating at the traditional norms reset
meeting in Osun State**



**Olusegun Ojo, MFN Project Officer
while facilitating at the traditional norms
reset meeting in Osun State**



**MFN Project Officer, Olusegun Ojo flanked by Aladuramigba
of Aduramigba town, Oba (Dr) Emmanuel Babatunde Abidogun Omoweade 1,
during the presentation of Male Feminists Network Project's T-Shirts and Caps**

I am assuring you on behalf of other chiefs that henceforth and based on what we have learnt today, we will start a step down training for all the men in our various communities so that we can together put an end to gender inequality and gender-based violence in our society. This marks a token of contribution to your action", he concluded.

In his response to the development, the Project Officer, Segun Ojo gave the traditional leaders a commitment statement as part of action plan that would set a tone for the progress of their pledge in fighting against Gender inequality and violence in their domains while promising that the organization is committed to partnering with traditional Institution in order to make a life worth living women in Nigeria.



Act Naija! reached 172 Community Residents on Social Protection Awareness in Osun, Ondo and Ekiti States!

The #Actnaija Project, being implemented by a consortium of Brot für die Welt, Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) and New Initiative For Social development which is being co-funded by the European Union in Nigeria on 16th, 17th and 24th July, 2026 has taken its community outreach to Oye LGA, in Ekiti, Ilara Mokin, Ifedore LGA in Ondo and Feesu Local LGA of Osun States with sole aim of bringing social protection awareness, access, feedback and grievance redress closer to residents.

A cross section of Residents of Feesu Community in Iwo LGA of Osun State

With the theme: "Empowering Communities through Awareness: Strengthening Access, Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanisms for Improved Social Protection Programs across the implementing States,"

The Sensitization Programme had in attendance representatives from MDAs such as Osun State Operations Coordinating Units (SOCU), Cash Transfer Office, Civil Society Organizations, Community Youth Leaders and Political





Key Highlights of Ekiti, Ondo and Osun Community Outreach

- * Sensitisation on available Federal and State Social Protection Programs in Osun, Ondo and Ekiti States.
- * Awareness on the National Social Register and the importance of proper registration and capturing.
- * Information on cash transfer interventions, including the importance of accurate NIN, names and bank account details.
- * Education on feedback, complaints and grievance redress mechanisms, particularly around Social Protection interventions such as Safety Net and OD-Care programs OSUN-CARE, OHIS and others
- * How to access and apply for NELFUND.
- Direct interaction between residents, government representatives, CSOs and other stakeholders to strengthen access and accountability.



**Group Photography of participants at the
Community Outreach in Imafo, Akure
North LGA, Ondo State**



**TESTIMONIES FROM THE OSUN, ONDO,
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**Oba, Moshood Oparonke Alamu, while giving his remark
at the Feesu's Community outreach in Iwo LGA**

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Act Naija! Project is what I can best described as **HABINGER OF HOPE**, if we consider its over all goal.

I must appreciate European Union and other implementing partners for bringing this kind of laudable initiative to our Community even in my own time, and on behalf of Feesu kingdom and my chiefs, be rest assured that we will spread the gospel of this action to every where in this Community and not only that but also count on our support

**Oba, Moshood Oparonke Alamu, Feesu Town,
Iwo Local Government, Osun State**



ACT Naija Project Champions Disability Inclusion on Social Protection Law in Ondo, Ekiti & Osun, Advocates Equitable Access and Rights Protection for Persons with Disabilities

The Act Naija! Project has intensified its efforts to promote disability inclusion in Ekiti, Ondo and Osun States' Social Protection framework by bringing together key stakeholders to advocate equitable access and protection for persons with disabilities (PWDs) and other vulnerable groups through Advocacy Engagement organized by the New Initiative For Social Development under the Act Naija! Project, being implemented by a consortium of Brof für die Welt, Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEJ) and New Initiative For Social development, (NISD) and co-funded by the European Union in Nigeria

A photograph of Stakeholders at the Ondo State' Advocacy Engagement

The Engagement which was tagged 'Strengthening Disability Inclusion and Public Awareness For Equitable and Inclusive Social Protection in Osun, Ekiti and Ondo States' had in attendance various representatives from the Social Protection implementing Stakeholders such as Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD), Bureau for People with Disabilities and among others.

The platform gave room for stakeholders present to bare their minds on the challenges facing different arms managing Social Protection Programmes across the three implementing states.



Key Highlights of Ekiti, Ondo and Osun Advocacy Engagement

Part of the issues that emanated from the Stakeholders especially JONAPWD representative and its Bureau were:

- The need for establishment of disability support Centres that will quickly seek and address every concern that affects Persons with Disabilities
- Measurable and impressive accurate data capturing of PWDs by the MDAs implementing social protection with holistic inclusivity



Mrs. Abdulahi Funmilayo, a representative from Osun JONAPWD sharing Social Protection interventions gaps among the PWDs in the State



Glory Olaniyan giving MDAs the state of Social Protection Interventions among the Persons with Disabilities in Osun State



Patrick Adedoyin giving MDAs the state of Social Protection Interventions among the Persons with Disabilities in Ondo State



A cross section of the Social Protection implementing Stakeholders present at the Ekiti Advocacy Engagement

- Increase of budgetary allocation of PWDs' Bureau,
- Most importantly, ensuring adequate and timely supply and distribution of benefits for PWDs.
- Upgrade in the PWDs Health Insurance Scheme services

At the end of the engagement, action point was developed with signing of commitment statement to this effect, the stakeholders equally assured the PWDs of taking necessary steps to the identified gaps.