Final Project Completion Report-Prevention of Human Trafficking in Edo State

By

MeCAHT {Media Coalition and Awareness to Halt Human Trafficking)

| Project title: | | |
|--|--|--|
| <u>To fight and prevent human trafficking</u> Project number: | g in Nigeria Location of the project Edo State in Nigeria | Project period1st January 2017 – 31st December 2018 (Extended to 31st March 2019) |
| Contact Person Anne Abok MeCAHT | | E-mail - <u>mecahtafrica@gmail.com</u> |
| (Media Coalition and Awareness to Halt Human Trafficking) | | |
| Project's total budget: DKK: 1,400,000 | Funded by Danish Embassy, Nigeria | Own contribution + other contributions: 10, 000 Euros from STAR OF HOPE, Finland |
| Total amount spent N70,740,617 | From fund: | From other sources: N3,350,000 |
| Budget in Local currency: N66,650,000 | Spent in Local currency | N70,740,617 |
| Short summary of the project | | |

The project is based on the perception that ignorance, poverty, and unemployment have hindered the reduction of human trafficking in Edo State, Nigeria. To address and eventually prevent human trafficking in the State, it is necessary to combat corruption, pass and enforce stricter laws, involve traditional leaders and members of the public, NGOs and other organizations with an interest in eradicating human trafficking including sex trafficking in Edo State. To embark on this, it is relevant to change the perception of human trafficking by aggressive awareness creation and behavioral change and by giving vulnerable people an alternative to, for example, prostitution in Europe. Major tool for this is the production of an anti-trafficking Nollywood movie to portray sex trafficking as an abnormal behaviour, in the same way as fraud and murder, for the awareness creation. The project trained vulnerable members of the communities in vocations to equip them with coping mechanism and viable alternative.

The project collaborated with key stakeholders including Civil Society Organizations, National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons(NAPTIP), traditional leaders, religious leaders and private enterprises.

The primary target beneficiaries were young girls, young boys, and children .The secondary target group were the traditional rulers who have a key role to play in the curbing of sex trafficking in Edo State to amend customs and traditions which discriminate against women, parents, teachers, youth/religious leaders, local government officials, relevant NGOs, etc. from their communities who will serve as support system/networks and they will also cheer the beneficiaries on the journey to building a better future with dignity

The objective was to prevent human trafficking in the 18 Local Government Areas of Edo State, and empowerment of vulnerable members of the communities with vocational skills and education. Original indicators are:

1)That 10,000 vulnerable people in 18 local government areas of Edo state are aware of the dangers of human trafficking having watched the Nollywood film by December 2018

2) That 500 vulnerable people from 18 local government areas of Edo state have received vocational training and funds to start small business by December 2018

3) That 100 teenagers from the 18 LGAs have received scholarships for formal education by December 2018

The project constituted and trained a State Team and Community based volunteers, and worked with the team to create awareness in communities in 18 LGAs reaching 10,777 students, teachers and members of the communities with the film Desperate Journeys . Pre-film questionnaire indicated that 25.1% of respondents (2700) would agree to travel to any part of the world with anyone promising them a job or better future, but after the awareness, the number dropped to 8.05% (846). Also, pre-film questionnaire indicated that 68.2% have ever heard about Human Trafficking and the number increased to 72.4% after the awareness. 43.3% of the respondents said they will inquire if an offer or promise of a job outside their community is legitimate while that number rose to 45% after the awareness. 63% said they believe poverty is the reason people want to travel out and the number decreased to 49% after the awareness. 57% knew that promises of a better life outside the communities, State or country were just traps but number rose to 68% after the campaign. 11.4% of the respondents were willing to sell their property to secure travel opportunities for a job they are not sure of abroad but that number dropped to 7.3% after the campaign. Before the campaign, just 23.2% knew how to verify that a job offer away from their communities is authentic but that number rose to 45% after the campaign. (See chart below for details.)

68% of the respondents agreed to talk to others about the ugly side of human trafficking, 52% would like to participate in this kind of exercise again while 69% said the exercise helped their understanding of how they can make better choices in life.

18 community volunteers were trained who later supported the Edo State Coordinator and the Project Team in coordinating and monitoring activities in their LGAs. One State Coordinator and other team members were trained to lead the project in the State.

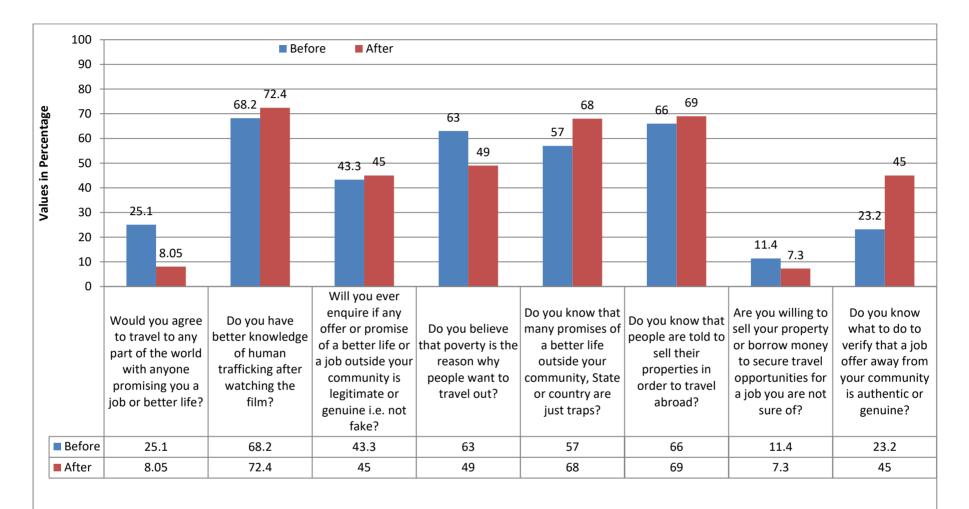
The production (shoot) of the Nollywood film, Desperate Journey, was successfully completed

More than 500 vulnerable people from 18 local government areas of Edo state received Business and Micro Credit trainings and 500 vulnerable people also received micro credit.

The project team interacted with traditional rulers, school principals and LGA chairmen, community volunteers and in the course of the interactions they were educated on the project and its objectives.

The project provided scholarships for formal education for 80 teenagers from the 18 LGAs and Media vocational training was conducted for **20** teenagers

The project was generally successful



Awareness Campaign Chart

1. How has the project contributed to the main development goal?

Objective :

To prevent human trafficking in the 18 Local Government Areas of Edo State, and empowerment of vulnerable members of the communities with vocational skills and education

Original indicator:

10,000 vulnerable people in 18 local government areas of Edo state are aware of the dangers of human trafficking having watched the Nollywood film by December 2018

Achieved:

11,009 vulnerable people in 18 LGAs saw the movie Desperate journeys,10777 filed and returned the pre-test questionnaire and **10,508** of them filled and returned the post test questionnaire

The production (shoot) of the Nollywood film, Desperate Journey, was successfully completed in the first quarter of 2018. We had about 84 actors and 14 crew members shooting on location in Jos, Nigeria and Cape Town, South Africa while we will have establishing shots of Denmark.

Some of the highlights of the production were:

- i. Preserved team spirit and relationships
- ii. Provision of finances as we commenced the production with part funding.
- iii. Provision of permission to shoot at much protected locations like the police cell, police station, airport, Long beach (Simon's Town Sea that represents the Mediterranean Sea) etc.
- iv. Provision of South Africa and Nigerian visas to 12 members of our cast & crew.
- v. Acquisition of very beautiful footages and sounds.

a) Logline:

Aspiring cameraman Ronald reluctantly joins an international modeling agency fronting for a brutal human trafficking syndicate, in order to rescue his true love.

b) Synopsis:

"Desperate Journeys" is the story of Ronald, an aspiring disadvantaged cameraman who wants to marry his true love, Lovina, whose father wants her to secure economic freedom for the family. Since Ronald is too poor to win Lovina's father's approval, he soon discovers he must go to all lengths to fight for her, including fighting to be accepted into the same international modeling agency, which recruited Lovina. Everything changes with the tide as Ronald wakes up to the reality of the deception and false promises. He must either play along in a human trafficking syndicate or never see his true love again. This action-romantic film captures the grim reality of Nigerian families and how greed, pressure and desperation leads them to risk their lives in perilous journeys through the Mediterranean Sea and other means in search of a better life. The captivated love story keeps you glued to the screen as dreams end, giving way to a dark and painful existence for both Ronald and Lovina.

- c) Genre: Romance, Drama, Thriller
- d) **Running:** Time: 120 minutes
- e) Post Production

Post production commenced in the order below:

- Sorting of the film footage
- Previewing the footage and making backups on different hard drives.
- We had about 50 TB of footage since we shot the film on a very high quality (4k format for Cinema).
- We made an Edit Decision list of the shots we wanted to use in the film. We held various post-production meetings to discuss the workflow and the soft wares we chose to use.

f) Offline Edit:

We then did an offline cut of the entire film, which came out at about 2 hours 30 minutes. This was trimmed down to 1 hour 30 minutes and another version of 45 minutes, so we can use for different occasions.

g) Sneak Peak Trailer:

We cut a 4 minute 30 second trailer, which we presented to the Ambassador of Denmark during the visit of the 2 ministers from Denmark to Nigeria in 2018.

h) Online Edit:

We did an online editing of the entire film, to fine-tune the offline edit.

i) Audio, Music and Foley (sound effects) have been mastered:

- j) Colour Grading: This was done in February 2018. The colour grading however t does not affect our campaigns in the villages, as this is a requirement we want to meet for the cinemas, not villages.
- k) We cut another 1:30 mins trailer for cinema use.

Original indicator:

500 vulnerable people from 18 local government areas of Edo state have received vocational training by December 2018

Achieved:

Business training was offered to community members in the LGAs where awareness raising campaigns were conducted. Those trained were interviewed after which those qualified were recommended for support. More than 500 persons received business and micro credit training.

In addition to the number of persons trained , the ${\bf 18}$ volunteers from the LGAs

were provided with training on Micro finance management and information on

the procedure for disbursement of and recovery of micro credit. The capacity

training helped them to monitor their various community situations and ensure

the soft loans are recovered and sustainability kept.

Original indicator:

100 teenagers from the 18 LGAs have received scholarships for formal and informal education by December 2018

Achieved

80 beneficiaries have received scholarship and 20 youth received support for Media Vocational training

This project has created awareness in the communities on human trafficking and the need to collaborate to fight it. Traditional rulers and religious leaders have all indicated willingness to fight the menace to a halt. 72.4% of respondents are now better informed. The project worked with a duly constituted and trained State team and 18 community volunteers The greatest constraint was lack of provision of stipends for the trained volunteers; they could not devote quality time to monitor the activities in the communities as they complained of lack of funds for transportation and phone cards.

2. Project Objectives and indicators

Comments

11,009 citizens in some communities from 18 LGAs watched the movie, 10,777 filled and returned the pretest questionnaire and 10,508 of them filled and returned the post test questionnaire. Of the 10,508 respondents who filled and returned the post test questionnaire, 72.4% of them are now better informed.

Original indicator

500 vulnerable people from 18 local government areas of Edo state have received vocational training by December 2018

Achieved:

Business training was offered to community members in the LGAs where awareness raising campaigns was conducted and more than 500 persons received business and micro credit training.

In addition to the number of persons trained, the **18** volunteers from the LGAs were provided with training on Micro finance management and information on the procedure for disbursement of and recovery of micro credit.

Comments

This indicator was fully achieved.

Original indicator

100 teenagers from the 18 LGAs have received scholarships for formal and informal education by December 2018

Achieved:

80 beneficiaries have received scholarship and 20 youth received support for Media Vocational training.

Comments

This indicator was fully achieved.

3. Outputs

Project initiation

Achieved by project end

Objective

To prevent human trafficking in the 18 Local Government Areas of Edo State, and empowerment of vulnerable members of the communities with vocational skills and education

Original indicator:

10,000 vulnerable people in 18 local government areas of Edo state are aware of the dangers of human trafficking having watched the Nollywood film by December 2018

| 1. The State team was trained. They | The State team together with MeCAHT |
|---|---|
| worked together with the MeCAHT team to implement the project | Team did the planning and |
| | implementation of the project. The LGA |
| | volunteers lead the monitoring of |
| | project activities in Team and LGA |
| | volunteers were constituted and the |
| | LGAs |
| 2. Shooting of the anti-human trafficking film. | The film was shot and used for the |
| | awareness creation. The film was |
| | launched on November 1, 2017 in |
| | Benin, Edo State. |
| 3.Development of curriculum | Traffic proof curriculum was developed and used for the awareness campaign. Business training curriculum was developed |
| 4.Awareness Campaign on human | Awareness campaign using the anti- |
| trafficking | trafficking film carried out in some |
| | communities in 18LGAs .11,009 citizens |
| | in some communities in 18 LGAs |
| | watched the movie, 10,777 filled and |
| | returned the pre test questionnaire and |

| | 10,508 of them filled out the post test | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| | questionnaire. | | |
| | | | |
| Original indicator | | | |
| | overnment areas of Edo state have received | | |
| vocational training by December 2018 | 3 | | |
| Business and Micro Credit training | Business training was offered to community members in the LGAs where awareness raising campaigns was conducted and more than 500 persons received business and micro credit training. | | |
| | 18 volunteers from the LGAs were provided with training on Micro finance management and information on the procedure for disbursement of and recovery of micro credit | | |
| Original indicator 100 teenagers from the 18 LGAs have received scholarships for formal and informal education by December 2018 | | | |
| Scholarship for formal and informal education | 80 beneficiaries received scholarship | | |
| Media Vocational training | 20 youth received support for Media Vocational training | | |
| A Taxa at around (Dantiain ante | | | |
| 4. Target group / Participants The impact of a project is best seen many years after the project has ended. Since this project was implemented for just 24 months, it could hardly have made significant impact among the target group within the short period. However, there are some 'positive signs' or 'signs of transformation' which can be attributable to the project. Some of these signs are: a) There is a commitment to behavioural change of the people towards accepting offers that look too good to be true. b) Immediate, post-film screening reaction compared to the pre-screening offer of juicy promises showed a drop in the number of people who jumped at promises of scholarship and juicy work opportunities abroad. | | | |

Target Groups

Vulnerable young women, young boys, and children were the project primary target groups. The project strengthened their knowledge of trafficking. The secondary target group were the traditional rulers who have a key role to play in the curbing of sex trafficking in Edo State to amend customs and traditions which discriminate against women, parents who out of ignorance give their children to be trafficked, teachers, youth/religious leaders, local government officials, relevant NGOs, etc. from their communities who will serve as support system/networks and they will also cheer the beneficiaries on the journey to building a better future with dignity

5. Reflection on focus areas and cross cuttings issues

Impact, is the long-term developments or changes that can be attributed to a project however this is a 24 month project and it may not be possible to see the impact in the short term, however, there are some 'positive signs' or 'signs of transformation' which can be attributable to the project.

The target group is now more aware of their human rights, the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. They were educated on their right to have their traveling documents with them especially their passport and not allow anybody (stranger) have custody of it. Awareness on HIV was mainstreamed during the campaign.

The business training was successful as evinced by the testimonies of participants. Participants who were also granted micro credit were empowered to be selfsustaining (*Please see success stories below*) and are thankful for the opportunity.

Scholarship recipients were able to scale the hurdles of finishing secondary school

without WAEC results. The six beneficiaries in Ekpoma passed their exams very well.

One of the scholarship beneficiaries, Ms Victoria lyangbeso got admission into

Ambrose Ali University, Edo State.

6. Local organization

The project is in alignment with the priority and desire of churches to stop and prevent all forms of injustice, exploitation and inhuman treatment against fellow humans. Some Pastors have integrated human trafficking messages into their sermons and outreach messages.

7. Partnership

8. The local church

MeCAHT is a faith base organisation with values that are biblical. These values always influence the way we run projects. We ensure that our interventions are based on biblical principle Micah 6:8 - He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. However, we do not use donor funds to proselytise, we imbibe integral mission approach in project delivery.

The Intervention awakened the Church who hitherto thought human trafficking was none existent after the abolition of slave trade by William Wilberforce in 1807. Some Pastors did not even know what human trafficking was. However, after the campaign, the Pastors were amazed at the statistics and were ashamed that human trafficking was living with them but they had never spoken against it. Their sermons on the pulpit changed thereafter– they integrated anti-trafficking messages in their sermon.

The Church encouraged their members to attend the campaigns. MeCAHT encouraged the Church to adopt integral mission as they relate to non Christians so as not to use donor funds to proselytise.

9. Sustainability

The project trained Edo State team and 18 LGA volunteers to monitor the activities of micro credit recipients in the communities. These volunteers live in the communities among the people and the fact that the project is community driven, its wide acceptance in the community will ensure ownership and sustainability.

10. Experiences / Conclusions

Lesson Learned

1. Lessons learned

- Our pace was slower in the project because of the pace of the village elders.
- It is difficult to mobilize the required numbers at a time in each LGA for the awareness campaign because community members are mostly in the farms or markets during the day. We added a new strategy of also targeting senior secondary students however school holidays also affected the pace of activities in schools
- In Edo State, building and strengthening relationships with the village/traditional elders, through being consistent in delivering on all goals is key. Edo State suffers from being the center of attention to relevant counter trafficking initiatives both locally and internationally. As a result, the people of Edo believe that several NGOs use them to gain funds for their projects but do not actually go on to implement what they promised, so there is a lot of distrust.
- Such trust- building requires time and often slows down the pace of our project.
- The delay in receiving funds often causes the people of Edo to loose the trust they have in us but we are grateful that we learnt to always communicate with them to carry them along.
- We must give incentives for the people of Edo state for them to buy into the project fully. No matter the benefit the community will gain from the project, the local volunteers always insist on receiving monetary incentives if not they do not prioritize the project. We have seen this attitude to be connected to the reason why the people of Edo are very susceptible to financial promises from the traffickers.
- We earned a way to teach good values through the scholarships and small business training and mentoring the project offers.
- Monitoring and supervision is very important, more especially where project implementation involves the use of unpaid "volunteers". Incentives have to be provided to motivate them to perform effectively.

11. Additional reflections and comments, if any Success Stories

The campaign was successful and the objectives achieved however there were a few challenges and some success stories. The **challenges** include:

1.Need to visit particular LGAs more than once for micro credit disbursement as mobilizing beneficiaries in some LGAs for disbursement was a problem.

2.There was a problem in trying to get some community members of some LGAs to accept the campaign and because of this, such LGAs had to be visited more than once. One of such cases is Igwuobazua where the campaign was carried out twice and still we could not meet the target, incurring extra budget spending. In some LGAs however we had more than the 500 persons.

3.High cost of transportation:

There were issues with high cost of transportation and breakdown of vehicle, which increased the cost of transportation and vehicle maintenance. The roads in Edo are in a very dilapidated state.

4.Opposition from some communities:

In some communities, team members were threatened because they felt that MeCAHT was trying to take away their main source of livelihood and survival. In the third quarter, in a particular secondary school in Egor LG, the students started a riot in the course of the campaign, throwing stones at our team members and attempted to steal our media equipment, protesting that they don't need a campaign against human trafficking.

5.Some community members' distrusting attitude towards the project probably as a result of delay in releasing funds and disappointment from other NGOs previously

6.Some community members outright rejection of the micro credit as too small to start up a business

7.One of the beneficiaries in Igueben died and recovery of the micro credit could be impossible

8.Death of one of the LGA volunteers and needed a replacement

These not withstanding, the project was a huge success changing the lives of some community members for good, making a difference.

Success stories include:

- 1) The business training carried out in all the designated centers were successful as evinced by the testimonies of participants. E.g in Ekpoma, Ikhinarolo Ejemen learnt soap making supervised by trainer D.I Festus. She was empowered and had since gone into soap making. She expressed her joy and the last time we spoke with her she said with pride "I am now a boss of my own". Other recipients who are into other areas of petty businesses like buying and selling of farm produces are thankful to our donors.
- 2) At Igueben L.G.A the 28 business beneficiaries are amazing. They were filled with joy when they received the micro credit because it will help them to start doing something. Beneficiaries like Peter Osaretin, Azenabor Ruth including some others who are into tailoring have this to say. "though the money given individually is small but the training has helped us to get the most amazing profits we couldn't make when we traded with bigger amount of money". We are grateful to MeCAHT for honesty in disbursing the funds. God bless the donors who have not seen us yet believe in us.
- 3) At Ekpoma, presenting the soft loan to the Enogie of Ekpoma, HRH Abumere II on behalf of the beneficiaries the traditional ruler said the scholarship we gave previously has helped his subjects to scale the hurdles of finishing secondary school without WAEC results. He was thankful that all the six beneficiaries passed their exams very well. "Now, with this business empowerment, 28 of my subjects will be engaged in businesses and would not think of being trafficked" he added.
- 4) At Igueben HRH, the Enogie of Igueben also lauded the project as he received the fund on behalf of the beneficiaries and pledged to help monitor the process to ensure everything runs according to plan. He opined that a project as this would go a long way to discouraging incidences of human trafficking in Edo State.
- 5) At Urhonigbe, Orhionwon L.G.A, the crown prince, Joseph Akao of Urhonigbe called to express his joy saying that some men and especially women in his

domain no longer sit at home waiting for manna to fall from heaven, every morning they are out for business. "joy has returned to the community especially among the beneficiaries. He hopes that as time goes on, more people of his community would get involved.

6) 24 Sept., 2018, the Edo State Coordinator, his team and some staff hosted the Finnish Broadcasting Company (International group of journalists from Finland), The FBC crew went with us to Sabo Gida Ora, Owan West L.G.A, of Edo State to do Awareness against Human Trafficking with the film – Desperate Journey. Holy Trinity secondary School, with a population of over 2,000 students hosted us. On watching our film Desperate Journey and seeing our training and business empowerments, the head of the international group journalist Mr. Antti Kuronen declared. "we didn't know you are doing so much here already, changing lives positively through empowerment. Your film Desperate Journey is emotionally touching and capable of discouraging intending victims of Human Trafficking. We appreciate also the fact that you show this film to school students, no doubt through them you pass your message to more families than you could ever have reached by lone efforts".

Mr. Antti, head of the group FBC went further to say "we are deeply appreciative of what MeCHAT is doing here and thanks so much for opening what you are doing to us. What we saw here will certainly enrich our documentary."

- 7) 28 August to 1 Sept., 2018, the International director of MeCHAT, Anne Abok along with 2 other trainers commenced a - 5 day Media training of 20 youths under the project as part of Empowerment. The youth whom she described as dynamic and amazing have started practicing what they learnt. In October 2018 they produced a jingle which was aired on the Edo Broadcasting TV (EBS).
- 8) On 27th July 2018 the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) honoured MeCAHT with an Award of excellence for the relentless fight Against Human Trafficking in Nigeria. In a statement, the NYCN said: "we have keenly but quietly followed your activities at discouraging trafficking in Nigeria specially, in all 18 L.G.As of Edo State, including your scholarship grants and empowerments, and we have decided such gesture must not go unrecognized"

9) 500 beneficiaries received micro credit, 100 beneficiaries received scholarships, more than half of the communities reached applauded the gesture and expressed hope that the loan should be scalled up if there is a second phase of the project.

10) Mrs Ganba Rosemary and Abu Beauty of Okpella in Etsako East LGA were full time house wives said, with the micro credit loan they now own and run their own business, selling second hand clothing and food stuff.

The campaign was successful and the objectives achieved. Communities where the campaigns were held who hitherto were vulnerable to human trafficking are now equipped with knowledge and skills on human trafficking prevention, 68% of the respondents said they will be willing to tell others about human trafficking and 69% said this programme has helped them to be able to make better and informed decision in life.

With the success recorded in the communities covered in the 18 LGAs of Edo State, we will recommend that this project be replicated in other communities within the LGAs to increase the number of people reached in the LGAs.

The work plan was fully implemented as seen below.

| work Plan | | | | |
|---|----------|--|--|--|
| Planned activities from Work Plan | Status | Comment | | |
| Preparatory meetings | Achieved | The State Team was constituted early in the project | | |
| Recruitment of community based teams | Achieved | Recruitment of community based teams was concluded in December 2017. | | |
| Visit to project communities | Achieved | All 18 Local Government Areas were visited | | |
| Produce Campaign movie | Achieved | Campaign film was produced | | |
| Film Launch in Benin | Achieved | The film was launched November 3, 2017 in Benin, Edo State. | | |

Work Plan

| Mass production of DVDs | Not yet achieved | DVDs have not been produced. We are still trying to work around piracy issue in case the film will find a big distributor. |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Compile campaign material | Achieved | Campaign materials were compiled before the commencement of the campaigns. |
| Development of curriculum | Achieved | The curriculum was developed before commencement of the training. |
| Training of leaders and volunteers | Achieved | Leaders and volunteers were trained on how to carry out campaigns The volunteers were also trained on how to monitor the micro credit |
| Selection of beneficiaries | Achieved | Beneficiaries were selected |
| Training/ Education/campaign implemented in 18 LGAs | Achieved | Awareness raising using the film and training using Traffic proof carried out in 3 Communities. A total of 11,009 saw the film, 10,777 filled out the pre-test questionnaire and 10,508 persons filled and returned the posttest questionnaire. |
| Small businesses established & Scholarships Awarded | Achieved | 80 beneficiaries have received scholarships and Media Vocational Training was carried out for 20 persons in the third quarter 500 beneficiaries have received micro credit. |
| Monitoring and Business mentorship/ coaching | Partially | On going |
| Evaluation | Not yet | This will be done before the end of April 2019 |
| Completion workshops held | Not yet | This will be done in June 2019 |

2. Deviations from original project documents

- Some LGAs were visited twice or more for the awareness campaign because it was difficult to mobilize the required number of community members in a visit.
- Senior Secondary School students were also targeted in the awareness campaign to enable us reach the target in each community
- The Monitoring and Business mentorship/ coaching business are ongoing.

12. Monitoring and evaluation

MeCAHT has a Project Manager and other project Staff who monitored the project on monthly bases. The State coordinator monitored the project regularly and supervised the community volunteers. He would go to the communities and meet the LGA volunteers to ascertain the level of project achievement and offer advice where necessary.

Danish Embassy monitored the project and the finances through financial reports that were sent by the project staff. In addition, a quarterly status report was produced which also helped in the monitoring process. The monitoring has been satisfactory.

The cooperation between the MeCAHT has been cordial, of mutual benefit, and satisfactory.

An external evaluation will be done and the report submitted later.

13. Budget / Finance

(To be filled out by the Danish Embassy)

Were the project funds spent according to plan? Evaluate the quality of the existing documentation, including financial documentation. include information on missing, insufficient or wrongful documentation

List deviations between actual and budgeted use of project funds, including any use of funds for unforeseen expenditures (budget margin). List major overspending and under spending budget line by budget line and list reasons

List any unspent project funds and inform of transferring of interest from project's bank accounts to Danish Embassy.

Were there any comments in the final audit that needs to be followed up on?