

INPEA NIGERIA

OCTOBER 2007 REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

Preamble:

The month was blessed with successful activities. Many NGO's registered, for Coalition to support advocacy and patrons nominated as stakeholders interest group to assist and promote policy dialogue and political commitment for mission growth and acceptability. The Executive officers were appointed at zonal levels to sustain leadership. December stood for the national convention and Feb/March as the formal inauguration of the chapter with the Headquarters & Africa Regional Executive as the special Guests of Honour.

Action:

The action plan took off in the East. The national Executive Council met at Umuahia. Here, they graced the Older persons day cerebation organized by Afrci Organization For The Aged in Association with INPEA and in collaboration with Abiriba Women Cultura Orginazation.

Leadership: Zonal officers were appointed during the meeting. Stella Udo Okon from Akwa Ibom was appointed as the Secretary General and Princess Imomari Umohi was the Publicity secretary.

Joseph Kafewo – Zonal Cordinator (North Central)
Mrs Ebere Nkihe - South East Cordinator.

They were given (50) fifty registration forms. Yinka Ajomoale continued to be Regional Cordinator (West). Their appointment require hardwork & results for confirmation in December. Other appointments will also be confirmed in December.

Activities:

INPEA in association with Afric and in collaboration with Abiriba women Cultural Organization organized an older persons day. (See Pictures). The hard wares are sent through the airmail. The dignitaries that attended include Prof. Mkpa Mkpa (VC) Abia State University, Prof. Anya Anya, the Secretary to State Government. The LGA Chairman, Business Millionaires, (see pictureS).

The programe featured; (i) Presentation of gift items to the older persons
(ii) Identification & awards to Patrons.

- (iii) Book launch “Caring For The Aged in Igbo Land, Abiriba in Context”
- (iv) March past by NGO’s including INPEA. Executives were present.

Growth (Membership): Presently, the following NGO’s have identified & registered with INPEA (photo 18 attached)

- i University Rural Development (Reg No. INPEA/Nig/1-06)
- ii Safe Motherhood of Child Survival Organization of Africa (SMACS)
(Reg No. INPEA/Nig/1-07)
- iii Society Messengers Organization (SMO) (Reg No. INPEA /Nig/108)
- iv Human Welfare Initiative (HWI) (Reg No. INPEA/Nig/1-09)
- v Community Development Outreach (CDO) (Reg No. INPEA/Nig/1-10)
- vi Youth Development & Patrons Foundation (YODEPAF)
Reg No. INPEA/Nig/1-20
- vii Integrated Rural Development Organization (IRDO) (INPEA/Nig/1-21)
- viii Youth & Aged Concern (INPEA/Nig/12)
- ix. Women & Justice Ethics Int’l (INPEA/Nig/13)
- x Foundation For Moral Rearmament (INPEA/Nig/14)
- xi Ukachukwu Human Development Organization (INPEA/Nig/15)

Activity 2: The Secretary, Stella Udo Okon steered up an Older person Day at Uyo Akwa Ibom, The State government organized it. The aged were presented with gift items, and free medical treatments were also given to them.

Amongst all, they had hope for more graceful living. The wife of the Deputy Governor & the LGA Executives, & ‘Obongs” were all present. Most essentially, the national Representative For INPEA, Nigeria, Pastor (Engr) C.O Chukwu presented a paper on “Elder Abuse; Challenges & prevention” (paper to be sent shortly).

Patrons: Patrons and advisers are been nominated for final assessment in December and investiture in Feb/March 2008, during the inauguration, their names and profile will be sent to you before December.

INPEA Secretariat.

The temporary office at Abuja has been secured and will be in place by December. This office is important to meet the requirements of the Federal Ministry of Social Development. Also it will sustain INPEA as an Independent Network Operating outside any persons cage. However, State, Zonal, Regional offices shall be accommodated by their respective INPEA offices.

Constitution: The draft is ready and is been sent to you after this report for your perusal, remarks and contribution for the general Assembly's endorsement and acceptance as a working document.

Formal Inauguration: (2days)

We request for your urgent attention, advice for our national inauguration in either Late February or middle March 2008. We expect that you & the Headquarter executives will be the special Guest of Honour. We intend to invite other international NGO's and Civil Society Organizations and Embassies operating in Nigeria. If pleases you also to consider to have us visit you in December or January to discuss these issues, we shall be happy. The 1st day of the inauguration will feature the *1st National Aging Congress* while the 2nd day will feature the inauguration ceremony and awards.

Next Month : Our Growth details from the West will be central and the North shall be in focus.

Conclusion: INPEA Mission is a highly welcomed one in Nigeria that requires swift support. The use of mass media for behavioral change communication amongst our people that consider the elderly as Witches and Wizards especially in Akwa Ibom and Cross River State is very paramount.

We need to increase dialogue with religious institutions. We require brochures, flyers, tapes and other tool kits to facilitate these actions.

Our financial constraints need attention.

Signed:

Pastor Engr C.O. Chukwu
National Rep INPEA Nigeria



(23)
The National Representative
Pastor (Engr) C.O Chukwu,
Presenting his address.

(12)
Yinka Ajamole, the Regional Cordinator
(West) presenting an address during the ceremony.





(19)
INPEA flag displayed at the ceremony.



(18)
INPEA members at the ceremony at Abiriba South East Nigeria.

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The oldest woman in Abiriba,
Mrs. Ijere, Uzunma Ogwo, 105yrs
Been escorted into the ceremony arena.



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A cross section of Elderly women
at the ceremony with the National Rep





(3) Members of INPEA South East led by Uche Ahunaya just arrived the venue.



(4) Children present in cultural attires representing federal character, indicating intergenerational approach.



(7)
Abiriba women cultural organization during the match past.



(17)
Women with purple flag signifying the dignity of the elder during the match past.