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SUMMARY OF 2019 REPORT

JDPC Onitsha is the social arm of the Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha established in 2001 and registered in Nigeria under the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in 2011 as a non-governmental and not-for-profit organization. It is deep-rooted in the promotion of social and economic justice in the society. Its intervention programmes cover the geographical location of Anambra with key 10 Local Government Areas (LGA) in the State. JDPC Onitsha has rich experience in raising voices, promoting, integrating, empowering, mobilizing communities and engagements of public and private sectors, groups and individuals on governance - fiscal responsibility, rights education, capacity building and institutional strengthening with primary focus on the development of the people.

JDPC Onitsha in this reporting year has ensured that the social development of the people is not left untouched by engaging in activities that geared towards uplifting the development of human persons. SDGs have provided a guide upon which JDPC activities are carried out. We were able to carry out development programmes based on UN's sustainable development goal agenda in all the 6 six regions in Archdiocese of Onitsha. Through our zero budget plan, we continued sensitization programme. We started in 2018 on "Environmental Cleanliness" in primary and secondary schools aiming at catching them young to swallow the culture of maintaining clean environment. We have also mobilized community in many way to support development agenda by organizing programmes at different levels.

The year 2019 was also marked with the observation of National and State election, and JDPC Onitsha participated actively by training and deploying election observers throughout the 10 LGAs under its control.

One of the critical areas we focused in the year 2019 is organizational incubation, where we support growing associations, societies and groups on strategic planning, change management, accounting and financial management.

All these we were able to achieve with the backing of His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Valerian M. Okeke, the Archbishop of Onitsha who has supported us immensely, promoting and empowering the poor with the aim of actualizing sustainable life-changing situations. More so, His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Denis Isizoh has shown us the way, especially in promoting girl child education and empowerment of rural farmers. JDPC Onitsha has also received tremendous support from the Archdiocesan priests and lay faithful. Without the collaboration of government ministries, departments and agencies, other CSOs, benefactors and volunteers, we would not have achieved this measurable feat. Hence creating huge impact in the lives of the citizens.

JDPC ONITSHA-ABOUT US

JDPC Onitsha was established in 1990 as a faith based and non-governmental organization concerned with the development of people, with a mission to promote the dignity of the vulnerable and marginalized groups by promoting access to justice and development. JDPC is considered thus as the Onitsha Archdiocesan answer to the mandate of the Second Vatican Council which states that the Church should be concerned in the building of a Just and Peaceful world. Again, a vivid response to His Holiness Pope Paul VI encyclical '*Populorum Progressio*' that the 'progressive development of people is an object of deep interest and concern to the church.' Considering the importance of JDPC in the Church, it was registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission in 2011 with the number CAC/IT/NO 42746. Late Rev. Fr. Peter Okafor was the official pioneer Coordinator in 2003 whereas Rev. Fr. Martin Onukwuba took over as the Coordinator till 2012. After him, Fr. Edwin Udoye became the executive director till date. JDPC operates in its immediate environment with the JDPC secretariat as the coordinating unit, through three arms namely:

1. The P-JDPC – Parish Based JDPC
2. The YCP/JDPC – Young Catholic Professionals of JDPC
3. The S-JDPC – Students for JDPC

We cover the six episcopal regions of the Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha with 183 parishes and Chaplaincies across communities in 10 Local Government Areas: Oyi, Idemili North and South, Onitsha North and South, Ogbaru, Anambra East and West, Ayamelum and part of Dunukofia.

Our priority target populations are women and children in rural and urban areas, indigent citizens, people with disabilities, the youths, including adolescents and the elderly. In addition, considering the level of policy advocacy the organization will be undertaking within the strategy period, the following target groups

will also be engaged: policy makers at all levels, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs), Professional Bodies, Media Organisations, community leaders, traditional and religious leaders, women and market leaders.

Our Vision:

A Society where there is Justice, Equity, Development and Peace.

'Ihu n'enwere ikpenkwumoto, oke ruru onye, mmepe na udo n'obodo'

Our Mission:

Promote the Dignity of the Vulnerable and Marginalized through the Provision of Basic Services.

'Ikwelite odimma ndi no na mkpa'

Our Values

1. *Accountability*: Because we believe it is the mark of responsibility.
2. *Commitment*: Because we believe it drives our purpose and guarantees our success as a society.
3. *Service*: Because we believe it is the pathway to greatness and solidarity with humanity.
4. *Justice*: Because we believe in a society where justice, right judgment and equity are established.
5. *Peace*: Because we believe it creates an environment for a better society and peaceful co-existence.
6. *Sacrifice*: Because we go extra mile to enhance the life of the vulnerable.

Positive impactful Actions: Because we believe we must do something impactful to effect positive change.

The purpose of the strategy is to:

1. Provide the framework for carrying out the aspirations of our Archbishop in supporting the poor and marginalised people
2. Create a stronger and more effective linkages with other key stakeholders and donors
3. Restate our commitment to working with the poor and vulnerable people to fight poverty and injustice

SEVEN THEMATIC INITIATIVES/INTERVENTIONS

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**
 1. Sensitization and reorientation of Citizens on environmental sanitation.
 2. Enhancing access to environmental justice through awareness creation and linkages..
 3. Promoting environmental hygiene good health and wellness.
 4. Advocate for effective implementation of the Environmental policy on waste disposal and management education.
 5. Public enlightenment on impact of Climate Change.
6. **ORPHAN/VULNERABLE CHILDREN (OVC)**
 1. Community sensitization and data collection
 2. Sensitization on child's rights, adoption rights and domestic trafficking.
 3. Advocacy to relevant agencies and stakeholders
 4. Psycho- social support and bursary

5. Access to education, skill acquisition and empowerment.
6. Networking and collaboration with state actors and CSOs
7. Education on child protection, child abuses and exploitation.

1. **JUDICIAL, LEGAL AID AND PRISON APOSTOLATE**

1. Legal assistance to the poor and victims of human rights abuses.
2. Provision of welfare materials and food to prison inmates.
3. Intervention in families and communities to offer legal aid to victims of gender discrimination, cultural bias, domestic violence, exploitation, abuses and trafficking in persons.
4. Sensitization of Citizens on their fundamental rights and how to demand justice.
5. Sensitization of police on human rights and advocating for human right desk in the police.
6. Networking with other organizations to advance justice and the course of human rights.
7. Advocacy for legal reforms and the respect of human rights.

1. **DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

1. Engage in civic and right education of citizens.
2. Create awareness/sensitization on citizens' inclusive participation especially the marginalized groups.
3. Build citizens capacity on monitoring and evaluation of government projects in communities.
4. Collaborate and network with state actors and community members on right-based approaches to state- citizen interactions/engagement.
5. Targeted advocacy to relevant stakeholders to effect change.

1. **ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.**

1. Provision of Poverty Alleviation Programs – micro credit scheme, training on savings, financial management, and Agricultural ventures.
2. Public sensitization on women and girls' rights. and awareness creation against discrimination of women, domestic violence and abuses.
3. Sensitization on public health and use of health centers
4. Financial empowerment of poor women, girls and youths
5. Off-setting hospital bills and Organizing free medical outreach.
6. Advocacy to traditional authorities to eliminate obnoxious practices against women
7. Advocacy to relevant government authorities against multiple taxation and touting and for the maintenance and provision of socio-economic amenities.
8. Monitoring of socio-economic amenities in the communities.

1. **HUMANITARIAN**

1. Reorientation and sensitization of the traders on proactive measures against fire outbreak and need to embrace insurance schemes.
2. Sensitization of residents of flood prone areas to heed timely warning on flooding.
3. Sourcing and provision of relief materials.
4. Sourcing for fund and offsetting bills – hospital, housing, charity, bursary, etc.
5. Care for the aged and Community care.
6. Advocacy to relevant authorities to take proactive measures to prevent, control or contain humanitarian crisis.

1. YOUTH EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1. Youth mobilization and sensitization.
2. Training on dangers of deviance and delinquencies.
3. Training on parenting: targeting parents.
4. Entrepreneurial, Skills Acquisition and Vocational Training.
5. Training in Agribusiness.
6. Reorientation programs on dangers of illegal migration.

Below are some of the date to date activities carried out by JDPC Onitsha as they are linked to SDGs.

SDGs Targets

Activities carried out in different units as they relate to SDG targets



1. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

This is one of the six thematic areas of JDPC Onitsha. We are challenged by the continuous rating of Onitsha and its environs as one of the dirtiest cities in the world. Consequently to improve environmental condition in Onitsha and its environs, JDPC has taken the bull by the horn by launching campaign on Clean Environment. JDPC Onitsha sees the need to carry out intervention programme of environmental cleanliness by engaging the duty bearers and sensitizing the citizens.

“Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.”

Objective: To raise voices and build conscious citizens that will promote the protection of ecosystem through environmental friendly activities.

Worldwide, 6 out of 10 people lack safely managed sanitation services, and 3 out of 10 lack safely managed water services. Safe drinking water and hygienic toilets

protect people from disease and enable societies to be more productive economically.

Sensitization on Environmental Cleanliness in 2019

JDPC Onitsha has continued its sensitization programme in schools on protection of our environment against hazardous activities carried out daily by human beings. We see this as one of the sustainable solutions to reducing the effect of climate change as our environments are becoming uninhabitable. So far, we have carried out sensitization campaign in 18 schools, and over 15,000 students and teachers have been reached and sensitized. JDPC Onitsha in this reporting period, visited the following schools:

1. St. Charles College, Onitsha on Monday, 14th January
2. Metu Memorial Secondary School, Onitsha on Monday 21st October
3. Dennis Memorial Grammar School (DMGS), Onitsha on Tuesday, 22nd October
4. St. Anthony’s Primary and Secondary Schools, Nkpor on Wednesday, 23rd October
5. Holy Spirit Primary and Secondary Schools, Omagba on Thursday, 24th October

These sensitization is usually carried out at the assembly ground to enable us reach out to a good number of students and teachers in the schools. Therefore, we are targeting more than 85% of schools in 10 LGAs in Anambra by the year 2023.



"Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all."

If we are to meet SDG targets for sanitation by 2030, nearly one-third of countries will need to accelerate progress to end open defecation in Nigeria. Therefore, the provision of clean water and sanitation for all is a precursor to achieving many of the other SDGs.



During the sanitization program at St. Charles College, Onitsha



JDPC team at Metu Memorial Secondary School.
Lady Susan

Standing with the school principal,



"Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development."



During the sensitization program at DMGS, Onitsha

SDG 14 aims “to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.”

The targets include preventing and reducing marine pollution and acidification, protecting marine and coastal ecosystems, and regulating fishing.



Environmental Cleanliness talk at Holy Spirit Secondary and Primary Schools, Omagba

Community Mobilization on Environmental Cleanliness - 21st January 2019

JDPC Holy Spirit, Omagba planned demonstration on environmental cleanliness in Omagba

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as the streets were taken over by domestic wastes. JDPC mobilized residents under the full coverage of the media to express the slow responsiveness of the duty bearer in attending to issues raised on non-evacuation of waste in the area even the amount of money levied for waste management. The SSA to the governor of environment came to plead with the community members to step down their protest to enable him to take immediate action.



It is good to note that this intervention by JDPC resulted in quick response as the streets were cleared of refuse within three days.

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JDPC and community members listening to the Comrade Jonas appeal of the SSA to the Governor



JDPC Chairman, Holy Spirit Omagba responding to the appeal.



SSA to the Governor on Environment



Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoe reacting to

questions on

environmental pollution in the area

Campaign Against Environment Pollution – 5th October 2019

One of the core works of JDPC Onitsha is to ensure Environmental Justice. Several activities have been carried out by Parish based JDPCs in sensitizing the communities members to be mindful of their environment by engaging in activities that aim at protecting the ecosystem. JDPC Holy Spirit Parish, Omagba supported the entire Omagba community to demonstrate against channeling of sewage waste into public gutters by some landlords on Olo street, Omagba phase I. JDPC Onitsha had earlier lend its voice and engaged the Commissioner of Environment, the SSA to the Governor on Environment and the Health/sanitation department at the Onitsha North LGA but no action was taken. The feaces from this sewage run from the gutters to Nkisi then to river Niger, endangering lives below water.



"Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity

loss." This goal articulates targets for preserving forest, desert, and mountain ecosystems, as a percentage of total

Omagba community and JDPC Onitsha took measurable action and took to the street of Olo street to campaign against the environmental hazards being perpetrated by the residents who occupy those houses.

In swift reaction after the campaign started trending on social media, the Managing Director, Anambra state Drainage Clearing and Forest Preservation Agency, Chief Chido Obidiegwu and his team visited the area for necessary action.



land mass.



"Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages."



Pictures above show Community members in action during the protest against channeling of sewage into public gutters in Omagba, Onitsha North LGA.



Pictures above show Community members in action during the protest against channeling of sewage into public gutters in Omagba, Onitsha North



6. JUDICIAL AND PENAL REFORM

"Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."



Reducing violent crime, sex trafficking, forced labor, and child abuse are clear global goals.

SDG 16 also targets universal legal identity and birth registration, ensuring the right to a name and nationality, civil rights, recognition before the law, and access to justice and social services.

JDPC Onitsha believes that in a fair and effective criminal justice system, offenders are held to account, sentences are proportionate, and the primary purpose of prison is rehabilitation not retribution. This is one of the core areas of JDPC Onitsha where we advocate for systematic change in our justice processes and procedures, and its non-attendant to effective implementation. We have been partnering with the Judiciary, Police, Civil Defence, Prison Officials, Legal Defenders and Prosecutors, and other Civil Society Groups in improving crime prevention and justice systems in line with accepted standards and norms and other relevant international instruments, advice and programme support. Some of the programmes we carry out under this unit are done through sensitization, advocacies and peer learning.

Objective: To build active citizens that will promote legal assistance to those in need and engage the duty bearers on policies that will reflect a true justice system.

Prison Apostolate

JDPC Onitsha engages in legal assistance and legal aid services for awaiting trial suspects at correction centers and for public interest litigations. We have given hope to inmates who have regained freedom by carrying out economic rehabilitation and social reintegration processes while soliciting for permanent means of livelihood for them

The Archbishop of Onitsha has designated Easter and Christmas every year to spend time with the inmates and share some gifts with them. Consequently, a skill acquisition center has been constructed at the Onitsha Prison to fortify the inmates with required skills that will keep them useful after staying at the correction center.



The newly constructed skill acquisition centre with JDPC Staff at Onitsha Correction Service

One of the Correction Services Officials

Through our legal aid, we were able to intervene in the following matters whose names are not mentioned involving in different offences:

1. We intervened by obtaining order that restrained unlawful arrest by the police by filing Fundamental Right Enforcement Application on the complainant's behalf and got judgment in his favour.
2. We intervened by obtaining order that restrained unlawful arrest by the police from FSARS Awkuzu, on behalf of the complainants by filing Fundamental Right

Enforcement Application and got judgment in their favour.

3. We secured the bail of three persons involved in two different cases, who have been in detention for about one year in Nigerian Prison Onitsha. This was possible after the issues were brought to limelight on separate petitions from the families.
4. Settlement of complaint to the satisfaction of all the parties involved at Awada police Station and the matter was eventually not charged to court and parties were freed.
5. We intervened in the fatal accident case that claimed the life of one person at Bridge Head Onitsha, involving Dangote Truck on the 29th April, 2018. Compensation was paid to the family of the deceased and the corpse was buried.

JDPC Onitsha has also through its legal unit made bail applications for the release of persons who are alleged to have committed such offences as stealing, burglary, fighting and some occasions of raiding by the police, and have stayed in police custody or at correction centres for a long period of time without court proceedings.



6. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

"End poverty in all its forms everywhere." SDG 1 is to end extreme poverty globally by 2030.

This is JDPC unit where intervention programmes on Socio-economic development and empowerment of the people, organizations and communities are carried out. JDPC Onitsha builds capacities and capabilities for self-sufficiency and sustainable development. The ultimate goal of this unit is to reduce social and economic exclusions and create an opportunity for each person to create sufficient material foundation upon which to have a dignified, productive, and creative life. Our concept of economic justice intersects with the idea of overall economic prosperity. There is a belief that creating more opportunities for all members of society to earn viable incomes will contribute to sustained economic growth. When more citizens are able to provide for themselves and maintain stable discretionary incomes, they are more likely to spend their earnings on goods, which in turn drives demand in the economy.



"End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture."

JDPC believes in poverty alleviation and empowerment of women, less privileged and persons with disabilities in the society. Essentially, activities such as skill acquisition, micro credit and building of cooperatives have provided platform for individuals and community members to survive untold hardship that have impeded their growth and development. So far, a good number of rural farmers and petty traders have been empowered.

Objective: To alleviate poverty by promoting gender equality and economic empowerment of men, women and youth.

Micro credits



"Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable"

This scheme has been sustained over time, reaching more than 6,000 people in Anambra state. JDPC Onitsha over the years partners with three human development promoters to improve the living conditions of people in 10 LGAs in Anambra state. Below are the disaggregated impacts of the programmes:

1. Promoting Micro Enterprises (PROMIC 1, 2): Through this revolving schemes, the lives of more than 3, 000 petty traders have improved tremendously thereby increasing their purchasing powers. Open Hand Foundation (Swiss Hand), Switzerland has supported this programmes since 2012, which are aimed at alleviating the sufferings

economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all."

of individuals and groups in the communities.

2. PROMC Agriculture: This scheme supports rural farmers in sustainable agricultural businesses. It is also one of the three micro credit programmes from Open Hand Foundation. More than 1,000 people have benefitted from the programme.
3. Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha Micro Credit (CADOMICS 1, 2): These programmes focused on promoting common good of the people in the Archdiocese of Onitsha. The Archbishop of Onitsha has supported CADOMICS 1, with more than 2, 000 beneficiaries since 2014, while CADOMICS 2, which is a supportive and expansion of the earlier programme is being sponsored by Princess Stella Odua Foundation. With this, the number of beneficiaries increased tremendously to about 2, 000.



"Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls."

JDPC Onitsha has used these programmes to empower the economically disadvantaged persons and improve the living conditions of the poor and marginalized. More so, several programmes have been organized in eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, and promoting gender equality and empowering women. The hope is that the new information and education awareness/empowerment by JDPC Onitsha for Economic and Social determination kickstarts the alleviation of poverty and fosters new approaches for the elimination of exclusions and injustices in the society.

Providing women and girls with equal access to education, health care, decent work, and representation in political and economic decision-making processes will nurture sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large

During the year under review, there were lots of loan repayments, debt recoveries, loan disbursements and information meetings. New communities were also identified to benefit from the micro credit schemes.



During micro credit cash disbursement at Aguleri



Beneficiaries of Obosi received cash for



A scheme where kids and pupils experience awesome life and comfort while going to and coming back from school. This is a good description of JDPC Onitsha School Run Scheme which started since 2005.

JDPC school run programme is aimed at alleviating the suffering of the pupils and parents who could not afford take their children to school due to their tight work schedule. This programme since inception has continued to yield positive results because of the confidence and trust the parents have reposed on us in taking care of their children, even with a token as fee. The two buses currently on the scheme carry a total of 45 children (26 children to & fro and 19 children fro only) in various schools in Onitsha.

Objective: To create bonds, safeguard school children, expose them to wonderful experience and create valuable time for parents for their children continuous improvement

The buses are over stretched and JDPC is making effort to add another bus to this scheme. Parents of the children in our school run scheme were very happy and have testified that the scheme was a very good relief to them.



Some of the pupils on JDPC School Run Scheme with their Child Minders, Hilda and Onyinye



4. PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION



"Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."

Our work on conflict resolution is domesticated. JDPC Onitsha uses Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism to resolve conflict and injustice in non-violent ways, aiming to transform conflict conditions into peaceful atmosphere. We believe that the absence of conflict does not mean war but presence of justice. Within the period under review, JDPC Onitsha has been able to carry out some activities that have helped to build peace and harmony among friends, partners, families, and communities.

Objective: To ensure peace, justice and harmonious relationship in the society.

Some of these issues came as referral to JDPC after an attempt to resolve it at the first point of report was not successful. Through our conflict resolution mechanism, these issues were resolved or in process of resolution. For instance,

1. Family land and house issue in umuoji. JDPC was able to calm down the heightened tension and exclusion issues in the family, while consultation for permanent resolution is still ongoing.
2. The issue of shop rent between two disputing parties at young business park, main market Onitsha was resolved. Parties were asked to imbibe the spirit of sacrifice to embrace peace. This led to the permanent resolution of the issue.
3. An issue related to assault and threat to life after several attempt to resolve the matter

despite court cases and police report was resolved amicably in JDPC office. The concerned parties and family members are now happy to see an end to the prolonged case. JDPC used Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism to get this resolved permanently.

4. Misunderstanding between husband and wife. An attempt to seek for dissolution of 5 year old marriage was stalled by the JDPC Peace Building and Conflict Resolution unit through ADR. Counselling session was held for the couples, which prompted the registration of their 3-year old child in school.

There were also several other issues ranging from personal to community discords. Because of the trust and confidence JDPC has built over the years in the communities where it works in ensuring a peaceful society, many parties in dispute believe in our convincing ADR mechanism to get issues resolve permanently. JDPC Onitsha has been improving year after year in acquiring the required skills in problem solving.



5. DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."

JDPC Onitsha for the past 10 years has been in the forefront of increasing the level of citizens’ participation in governance and engaging the duty bearers for increased responsiveness and service delivery. Our governance programmes have expanded tremendously to accommodate emerging trends that facilitate effective intervention programmes that will bridge the gap that exist between the government and the governed.

Within the period under review, we have promoted rights education, face-to-face interactions, duty bearer and private sectors engagements, budget/projects monitoring, election observation, capacity building of relevant stakeholders on the issue of governance, tax justice etc. The organization has been a voice to the voiceless in claiming their rights especially women, artisans, and low income earners in the society. Our gender programme has equally increased in scope. Through rights education, capacity building and economic empowerment, we have been able to build a good number of women and adolescence girls to assert their rightful place in the communities.

One of the targets of SDG 16 seeks the International Community to value peace and justice and calls for stronger judicial systems that will enforce laws and work toward a more peaceful and just society.

Objectives:

1. To build active citizens that will hold duty bearers to account.
2. To facilitate duty bearers’ responsiveness to service through mobilization and advocacy.
3. To build partnerships and give voice to the voiceless through sensitization and rights education.

Some of the programmes done under this unit include:

Voter Education and Sensitization on the 2019 General Election Processes

In preparation of the 2019 General Elections, JDPC Onitsha carried out massive campaign on:

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1. Promoting violence free elections
2. Reducing voter apathy
3. Awareness on election procedures and INEC preparations
4. Promoting One Man, One Vote campaign.

All these were geared towards ensuring the smooth conduct of the general election 2019. JDPC Onitsha utilized its existing structures, Regional JDPC, Parish JDPC (P-JDPC) and Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) to carry out the campaign in churches, meetings and through interactions on radio. The sensitization programme removed the instilled fear in the citizens on alleged call for sit-at-home on election day in the South Eastern Nigeria. With this campaign, JDPC Onitsha was able to sensitize and convince the citizens to come out and vote during the elections.



"Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development."

Increasing

International cooperation is seen as vital to achieving each of other 16 goals.



education at St. Anthony's Parish, Nkpor

education on 28th January 2019



Voter

CWO, St. Peter's Parish Nkpor during voter

On 9th Feb. 2019



"Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation."



Voter education at St. Albert, Obosi on 10th Feb. 2019



During the INEC's stakeholders forum in Awka on

on 12th Feb. 2019



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Training of Election Observers and Election Monitoring

Before the General Elections 2019, INEC shortlisted JDPC as one of the domestic election observers in Nigeria. Consequently, JDPC Onitsha trained and deployed over 500 observers across 10 LGAs (Anambra East, Anambra West, Ayamelum, Dunukofia, Idemili North, Idemili South, Onitsha North, Onitsha South, Ogbaru, and Oyi) for the observation of National and State elections in Anambra state. Before this time, The JDPC National Office has deployed Elections Monitoring System (EMS) designed for real time monitoring and reporting of the election events across Nigeria states.

The first training for the election observers was done in the 6 regions within the Archdiocese of Onitsha comprising 10 LGAs on 29th and 30th January 2019. The first day of the training was held simultaneously in 3 regions namely: St. Mary's Parish Onitsha for Onitsha region; St Anthony's Parish, Nkpor for Dunukofia region and Holy Family Parish, Umuoji for Nnobi region, while the second day of the training of observers was held at St. Mary's parish, Ugwunadebe Aguleri for Igbariam and Aguleri regions; and at St Gregory Iyiowa-odekpe for Iyiowa region.

Again on the eve of the election, JDPC Onitsha conducted another round of simultaneous refresher training for election observers in all the regions on February 15th to review observation procedure and reporting channels.



During the training of election observers at St. Gregory Parish, Iyiowa-Odekpe on 2nd February 2019



During the training of observers for the National Election at St. Mary's Parish, Onitsha on 1st February 2019



At the training of election observers at St. Mary's to election

Ugwunadebe, Aguleri on 2nd February 2019
St. Mary's



Rev. Fr. Martin Onukwuba giving tips

observer during refresher training at

Onitsha on 22nd February 2019

Election Day Observation

JDPC Onitsha successfully observed the February 23, and March 9, National and State elections respectively with a team of JDPC roving and station observers in the target communities and LGAs within the state. The reports of findings collated from the deployed observers were analyzed and timely reported to the designated quarters. JDPC Onitsha has great strength in voter education, pre-election, post and election day observations, and tribunal monitoring and has partnered with reputable organizations in making huge impacts on these grounds. Find the reports of the National and State elections 2019 on our website – jpdconitsha.org.ng



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Voting process ongoing at Learning Field, Omagba ward 10 for the February 23, general elections



During the collation of votes for the National Umunna /Anyaegbunam elections at Ugwunadebe, Aguleri Onitsha for the House



Voters queuing to vote at Nwora

Primary schools, Isiokwe Road, of Assembly elections on 9th March

Engagements with Duty Bearers and Stakeholders

We understand the huge potential to transform lives, and communities. With the right skills, support and opportunities they can be driving force to hold duty bearers to account. Having a good track on the use of power of advocacy in establishing cordial relationships with other



stakeholders, JDPC Onitsha has been a frequent user of this tools to get the duty bearers, private sectors and other organizations to do the needful. Within the period under review, we embarked on several visits within the State to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring a just and peaceful society for the citizens. Most of these engagements were done with the state agencies in Awka and Onitsha especially on environmental cleanliness.

"Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development."



During a courtesy visit of JDPC team to the Commissioner for Environment, Arc Mike Okonkwo



"Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development."



JDPC visited SEMA, Awka for submission of other report on flood intervention. Centre, Awka in 2019 elections



During engagement with INEC and Stakeholders at Women Devpt. Centre, Awka in January for the preparation of the



JDPC Team visited Anambra State Waste Management Agency to register concern on environmental pollution in Onitsha and its environs

There were also other consultative fora where JDPC Onitsha was recognized as a relevant stakeholder to contribute ideas for effective programming. For instance, in March, JDPC Onitsha was invited for the National Budget Hearing at the Senate Chambers, National Assembly, Abuja where underdevelopment of Southeast and non-presence of federal government projects especially conditions of South East roads were first mentioned.



At the Budget Hearing 2019 at the Senate Chambers, on driving for

National Assembly, Abuja .
Nigeria, held in



During a one-day consultative forum effective election management in

Asaba, Delta State.

PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT

Building Active Citizens Through Radio Programme

JDPC in April secured the coordination of a one-hour, live phone-in radio programme under the sponsorship of Enough is Enough (EiE) – Office of the Citizens in partnership with Blaze FM, 91.5, Oraifite, in Anambra State. The programming partnership is aimed at bringing on board season speakers and radio guests every Friday to interact on the state of the nation, raise voices, help to inform and build active citizens to hold power holders to account. This is expected also to drive responsiveness of the power holders on issues of concern. Many issues affecting citizens have been discussed on the programme. The programme, was held on 91.5 Blaze FM on Fridays at 10 – 11am in 2019.



Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoye, Maureen Odife and Francis Okoye discussing fire incident in Onitsha



"Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development."



Uzoma Uzor of Christian Aid and Vincent Ezekwueme
On the radio discussing the Role of Civil Societies in
Engaging the power holders.

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Chuka, Cynthia, Frank and Chuu Nwankwo (both from Blaze FM), Stella and Nonso after live radio programme on the Role of Youth in Nation Building on July 26

JDPC Onitsha partnered with DeCODE on Sensitization of the Youth

In its bid to suppress youth wastefulness that has exposed them to illicit activities, JDPC Onitsha on May 13, collaborated with Centre for Orientation, Discovery and Empowerment (DeCODE) on

sensitization against drug abuse, rape, terrorism, cultism, prostitution and other criminalities that negate their development. Based on intelligence gathered within Onitsha by security agencies, it was discovered that most of the people who commit crime are usually under drug influence. This posed serious concern to the partners who organized a programme with the theme - Supporting Teenagers Against Negative Decision (STAND) Project.

The awareness raising programme, which was held at Tourist Home, Inland town, was facilitated by Cynthia Enweonwu of DeCODE with technical support by Chuka Okafor of JDPC Onitsha. The guest speaker, Mrs Amaka Ekwealor from NDLEA, Onitsha held interactive session with pictorial evidence with the youth on dangers of drug abuse to youth

development. Other speakers included Barr Nonso Isiugo Arinze, Nonso Anene, Onyinye Jane Achukwu Onuoha, Christopher Tosin Dosu of NDLEA Nnewi. Over 30 persons participated in the one day sensitization.



Mrs Amaka Ekwealor from NDLEA, during her presentation



Group picture of the participants

Pictures below show an event organized by Christian Aid (CAID) on her Strategy Launch “Standing Together” in Abuja in September 2019. JDPC Onitsha was recognized for its achievements and contribution on V2P programme implementation in Anambra State. With this, Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoeye was called up for a remark during the event that unveil their programme strategy in Nigeria for the nex 7 years.



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JDPC Onitsha and other V2P Partners in Anambra State organized Press Conference on the conditions of roads in Anambra State

Extracts from the press release

We thank the media and civil society organizations for answering this call to discuss the state of roads in Anambra State. It is with utmost regard to all stakeholders and the government of the State that we are holding this briefing. We have praised our government in the past for its diligence in constructing and connecting all the local governments and communities in the State. Our State was rated as the most connected in terms of roads network and we prided ourselves on that in the country.

We are not happy these networks of road are collapsing and potholes are all over the place across local governments and communities. When the government spends huge sums of money to construct roads and there is no sustained maintenance, many people complain and government should be mindful of the legacy it is working hard to leave behind in terms of the work it is doing in the State.

The Voice to the People (V2P) Partners in Anambra state (JDPC Onitsha, HOGI, CRC and JDPC Nnewi) carried out evidence based assessment across the local government areas and came up with the conclusion that much attention needs to be given to the roads now. When roads are left to collapse, the costs are very high in terms of reconstruction, the pains and cost to vehicle maintenance to the people of the State and others that come to do business in the State.

Reducing violent crime, sex trafficking, forced labor, and child abuse are clear global goals. The International Community values peace and justice and calls for stronger judicial systems that will enforce laws and work toward a more peaceful and just society. One target is to see the end to sex trafficking,

forced labor, and all forms of violence against and torture of children. The condition of many roads are deplorable from those being newly constructed to those that only require maintenance; from Ayamelum to Onitsha, to Nnewi to Ekwulobia to Awka, from Onitsha to Awka, the story is the same and needs good attention.

We are making an appeal to the government to look into these as people are in pains and we have only brought it out so that the government will hear it well.

We thank you and hope that there will be positive responses to our call.



During the press conference on the condition of roads in Anambra State.

BUILDING STRONGER INSTITUTIONS

Capacity Building and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Church and Society

FROM 22ND TO 25TH JANUARY.

JDPC Onitsha was represented in this year's AGM, which focus on working collaboration of the units in church and society department; JDPC, Education, Health and Family & Human Life of the Catholic Caritas Foundation on Nigeria (CCFN). The platform was also used to train members as INEC accredited election observers on the use of JDPCEMS mobile app designed for the 2019 election observation in Nigeria. Present in the meeting were the Bishop Chairman of Church and Society and Archbishop of Kaduna, Most Rev. Matthew Ndagoso and the Bishop of Bomadi Most Rev. Hyacinth Egbebo. More than 200 executive members representing the four units from the 55 dioceses in Nigeria were also in attendance.



JDPC Director in attendance at AGM at Catholic Secretariat, Abuja.

Strategic Planning, Change Management and Financial Accountability for Statutory Bodies and Organizations

2nd March 2019

The institutional capacity assessment and training was designed by JDPC Onitsha for building

the capacities of organizations seeking for development, growth and change from in meeting with required standards needed to add value to the society. It targets executives, and position holders of an organization, groups, and associations in the church, market, public and private sectors.

Within this year, this programme has been deployed to three churches namely, Christ the King Parish, Onitsha, Sacred Heart Parish, Odoakpu and St. Dominic's Parish, Fegge, with the aim of:

- i) Reviewing relevant aspects of their procedures, capacity resources, inter and intra-relations, programme implementation practice and performance;
- (ii) assess mechanisms in place for the organizations, i.e. to set policy, make planning decisions, finance and coordinate implementation;
- (iii) review the ongoing support to strengthen institutions;
- (iv) document the remaining gaps identified based on a diagnostic and capacity assessment;
- (v) use the gap assessment to design capacity building and training





Financial Accountability seminar for Statutory bodies in Sacred Heart Parish, Onitsha held at Umuoji on Saturday June 8.



At St. Dominic's Fegge

Knowledge Sharing and Development Training for Executives of Archdiocese of Onitsha Parish JDPC (P-JDPC) Executives.

Capacity building is much more than the transfer of knowledge and skills to individuals and groups. Effective capacity building also improves the performance of individuals, groups, organizations, sectors and systems and it lies at the heart of our approach to technical assistance. Ultimately, JDPC Onitsha builds capacity at both the individual and institutional levels, improve knowledge, skills, resources and working relationships that will lead to

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improvements in the performance of key initiatives for implementation of human development programmes.

On the 6th of April, JDPC Archdiocese of Lagos represented by Joe Nkamuke shared Lagos experience with the JDPC Archdiocese of Onitsha P-JDPC and Regional Executives at Madonna Retreat Centre, Nkpor. With this, gaps were identified and effective strategies for programme implementation developed. This has enhanced our evidence-based and responsive approach to identifying priorities and applying more strength to core functions. Over 200 programme volunteers and staff attended the seminar.



Training of P-JDPC Executives at Madonna Centre, Nkpor.



The facilitator, Joe Nkamuke making presentation

Participants at the seminar

at the seminar on 6th April.

Annual Leadership Seminar for JDPC members

On November 1, 2019, JDPC Onitsha held its annual leadership seminar for parish JDPC members across Archdiocese of Onitsha. It was a capacity building programme and more than 150 persons attended the seminar for year 2019. The idea of the programme was to integrate ideas, raise voices and build leaders of tomorrow, that will act as agents of change in the society. The seminar was based on JDPC Manual that deals with 9 thematic areas.



Cross section of P-JDPC Seminar

Training of Priests on Vademecum for Electors in Nigeria

30th March

JDPC Onitsha within the reporting year, trained the presbyterium across the six regions on duties of Church on active citizenship. With JDPC's commitment and approach to shared learning, Archbishop, Most Rev. Valerian Okeke recommended and approved this teaching in all the Episcopal regions under the Archdiocese of Onitsha.



JDPC Executive Director during one of the sensitization tour for Onitsha Region

Global Initiative for Proper Parenting Partnered with JDPC Onitsha on Parents and Youth Day: Parenting Issues

This initiative is a yearly activities of an on air presenter, Nma Okoye who discusses issues on parenting on Radio Sapientia, Onitsha. On Sunday, 10, November parents, youth and children gathered at Regina Pacis secondary school, Onitsha in an event which is geared towards fostering parent-child relationship to curb the increase of crimes in the society mostly perpetrated by youth. The influence of Social media on family, women and child rights, and mental health equally formed topics of discussion.

At the break sessions where parents, youth and children had time out with facilitators: Chuka Okafor with the parents, Cynthia Enweonwu-Arinze with the youth, and Maureen Odife with children, there were shared-learning where issues identified with each of the groups formed basis for engagements at all levels. Through this event, JDPC tries to consolidate its JDPC week activities, which centered on curbing the upsurge of crime and poor parenting in the society. Some of the proffered solutions include:

1. Parenthood as an apostolate of presence: That being a mother does not make one a parent. Parenting is a shared responsibility between husband and wife.
2. Establishing clear digital boundaries for children.
3. Family prayer and praying together.
4. Establishing set of rules.
5. Remember that not everyone has a clear idea what they want to do so your child's career ideas may change as they get older.



pictures show event coordinator, Nma Okoye of Sapientia Radio and JDPC facilitators

Improving the Effectiveness of Federal Audit Reforms

EFCC and ICPC are law enforcement agencies set up by Acts and regulations in the fight against corruption in Nigeria. But we have one fundamental and foremost institution set up by the Constitution that we neglect or fail to identify with, the office of the Auditor-General of the Federation (AGF), and their counterpart in the state known as the State Auditor-General. This is the only body recognized by law to audit accounts of the MDAs and Courts, and Nigeria is yet to have an Audit bill that will make this body solely independent to take its place in the fight against corruption. Yes! They audit revenue and spending of the ministries and agencies, seek for clarifications and give queries to spenders of public funds.

The bill has come up 2 times since the year 2000 but fell through the cracks because those involve in impunity and manipulation of figures didn't want it to see the light of the day. This time, the AGF is being given full backing by CSOs and NGOs to see that corruption in Nigeria is reduced to an extent through the Audit Bill.

In September, Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) with support from British Council and European Union trained CSOs in Nigeria in supporting the work of Federal and States' Auditor-Generals to be able to discharge their statutory responsibilities without fear or favour. The supporting organizations met in Abuja twice to review programme documents and design activities plan for effective engagements. This was aimed at ensuring effective Audit Law in Nigeria.



At the review of work documents and relevant papers

Some of the participants at the programme

Holistic Organizational Capacity Assessment Instrument (HOCAI) by CRS.

As the workplace evolves, employees are being charged with learning new skills, developing old skills, and learning to be proficient in all areas across the board. To stay on top in our changing world, skills testing allows organizations to see gaps in programming or where their employees stand in reference to specific skills. On this note, based on its relationship with others and experience gathered overtime in programming, CRS was invited by JDPC Onitsha from 2nd to 4th October to carry out Organization Capacity Assessment - **“Holistic Organizational Capacity Assessment Instrument (HOCAI)”** with the aim of identifying gaps that are inhibiting our pro-active engagements, programme design and implementation. Anselm Nwoke (CRS Nigeria) who facilitated the capacity building following the organization standard requirements, identified the following gaps as prioritized areas of focus:

1. Development of Strategic Planning
2. Development of Resource Mobilization Strategy
3. Development of Sustainability Plan

JDPC Onitsha is keen to implement these prioritized areas, which we believe will take the organization to greater heights.



Mr Anselm Nwoke (CRS) and JDPC Staff .

Information Sharing And Strengthening of Parish JDPCS in Issele-Ukwu Diocese

On 6th October 2019

JDPC Onitsha is becoming a force in building institutional capacity especially JDPC structures. Our typical formation has attained a significant level as we ensured that all the 183 parishes in Archdiocese of Onitsha have formidable and independent Parish based JDPC (P-JDPC) that will consolidate the activities of Archdiocesan JDPC in various communities.

This institutional strengthening was extended to Issele-ukwu diocese (St. Patrick's Parish), West-end, Asaba, Delta State ,who were invited by Rev. Fr. John Bosco Ezeonwumelu, the

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Archdiocesan JDPC Director while the team of JDPC Onitsha was led by the Executive Director, Rev. Fr. Dr. Edwin Udoe. About 40 representatives of different parishes in the diocese were present.





People live in poverty if they lack basic services such as healthcare, security, and education. They also experience hunger, social discrimination, and exclusion from decision-making processes. Poverty affects age groups differently, with the most devastating effects experienced by children

4. CARITAS

The bedrock of our intervention under Caritas defines the assertion in the Bible (Mathew 25: 35 – 40) *“³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

JDPC Onitsha believes in solidarity, socio-economic justice and peace in carrying out its caritas work. We focus majorly in ameliorating the conditions of the poor, downtrodden, less privileged, orphan and vulnerable children. The Archbishop of Onitsha Most Rev. Valerian M. Okeke has been in the fore front of promoting charitable ventures and even with the motto of the Archdiocese of Onitsha, “That they may have life and have it more abundantly,” JDPC has created charitable model that allows easy identification of needs and the benefactors’ willingness to assist. Most of the work we did in the period under review focused on payment of hospital bills, provision of bursary to out of school and vulnerable children, provision of food items, clothing, and supporting financial needs of the disadvantaged.



"End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture."



JDPC Onitsha Other Charity Work



"Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages."

S/N	Description	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount
1	Skills/Entrepreneurship empowerment	4	85, 000
2	Medical	36	1, 075, 660
3	Education support (Bursary)	54	490, 000
4	Cash support for transport and feeding	46	178, 000
	Total	140	1, 828, 660



Some bags of clothes donated for distribution to the less privileged

Apart from these, the Archbishop of Onitsha visited the Onitsha Correction Services (Prison) on Easter Sunday to celebrate with the prisoners. This has become an annual event even with the provision of skill acquisition centre in the prison to enable the inmates learn skills that will make them useful in the society after their confinement.



Accident Victim Rescued

In May, we rescued a man who was knocked down on the express way by new parts, Nkpor. JDPC was alerted by a good Samaritan on the second day he lay down helplessly on the road and was taken to St. Charles Borromeo hospital. It took the intervention of good spirited individuals who raised more than ₦600, 000 for his treatment after being in coma for 2 weeks until his family members were contacted.

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The accident victim at the hospital

Consoling and Assessing the Fire Disasters in Anambra State

JDPC Onitsha visited the sites of the fire disasters to console the victims and carry out physical evidence assessment on the two fire disasters that caused loss of lives and destruction of goods and properties in some parts of Ochanja market, Ziks Avenue, Iweka Road, Amobi and Emobi Streets, and some residential buildings all in Onitsha South LGAs on Wednesday, 16th October 2019, and another in Omagba on Friday, 18th October 2019. It was confirmed that the two different tankers laden with fuel at two different locations fell on the Enugu–Onitsha express way and spilled their contents, which moved through the public gutters to the areas of destruction. Consequently, their contents were ignited along the way through the gutters destroying goods, market items, furniture and domestic items.

Pre-assessment visit

As part of our entry strategy, JDPC Onitsha visited the Ochanja market leaders, on 18th and 21st October to discuss our intention to carry out evidence based assessment, to take count of the damages and reach out to the victims directly in order to ascertain the level of destruction to their businesses, residential apartments and buildings. An Emergency and Humanitarian

Response Questionnaire was used to collect individual data from the victims.

Objectives of the visit

1. To console the victims of the inferno.
2. To ascertain and gather information on the affected populations and level of damages in the affected areas.
3. To seek collaboration and advice for a successful assessment.

Visit to the scene of the fire accident

JDPC Onitsha mobilized 5 community volunteers' assessment teams to incident locations in Omagba and 15 Community volunteers to Ochanja respectively. On Friday, October 18, the assessment team visited the two locations simultaneously to engage community and market leaders, and the victims with the aim of carrying out assessment of the areas to ascertain the level of destruction. On Monday, the 21st of October, another round of assessment was carried out in Ochanja market where some parts of Zik's Avenue, Emodi and Amobi Streets were badly affected, while a few shops were affected on Iweka road. Consequently, traders who deal on footwear and clothing were the greatest victims of the incident. JDPC collected information on each of the individual victims, type of items destroyed, amount and cost of the items destroyed, if anyone or organization has collected this data previously, and if support has come in this regard.

JDPC Onitsha collaborated with the President of Ochanja central market and the inaugurated committee for the incident, in identifying individuals who have shops in the market and whose items or goods were destroyed by fire, otherwise, to know those that have suffered loss. In each of the buildings or plazas affected, JDPC Onitsha used Emergency and Humanitarian Response Questionnaire to collect information upon identification of the victim's shop, and this must be confirmed by the line chairman and a good number of other traders in the building.

Objective of the physical evidence and assessment

1. To collect evidence based information in order to identify actual victims.
2. To determine the extent of damage in the locations.
3. To seek for support for the fire victims in order to alleviate their impending sufferings.

From our findings, it was discovered that:

1. Over ₦1 billion worth of goods and properties were damaged.

2. Over 1, 200 persons were directly affected.
3. Over 800 shops and cottage stores were destroyed by fire
4. 2 residential buildings were razed.
5. A total of 6 commercial buildings and plazas were partial burnt
6. A total of 6 commercial buildings and plazas were completely razed.

AT THE END OF THE ASSESMENT, THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ONITSHA DONATED N48 MILLION TO THE VICTIMS.



Debris of fire inferno.

UN INTERNATIONAL DAYS

JDPC Onitsha has internalized specific days, weeks and years designated by United Nations as occasions to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. To JDPC Onitsha, these days have formed powerful advocacy tools to reach the influencers and state actors on responsiveness and effective service delivery.

JDPC Onitsha has been able to carry out some of these International Days, which includes:



International Women’s Day - March 8, 2019

JDPC Onitsha collaborated with Catholic Women Organization (CWO), Archdiocese of Onitsha to mark the day, which was celebrated at the Archdiocesan secretariat hall. The yearly event was done with the theme: Think Equal, Build Smart. Issues around gender exposing women to equal opportunities in areas of Science, Mathematics, Technology, Engineering and design, that there ideas and experiences are needed to influence the design and implementation of the innovations that shape our future societies.

"Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls."

Interactions / feedback

Providing women and girls with equal access to education, health care, decent work, and representation in political and economic decision-making processes will nurture sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large.

Women may not think equal because of low self-esteem, they are not exposed to equal opportunities with their counterpart, early marriage delays good reasoning in some women, women downgrade their fellow women, and uneducated women envy educated ones. They are exposed to fear that eats up their potentials. Moral aspects of the girl child should be raised so that the woman she would be, will be humane. Women should learn to speak out.

More than 20 persons attended the programme including women, men and girls.



UN Women's Day



Goal 4 ensures that, by 2030, all girls and boys complete free, equitable, and quality primary and secondary education. It also proposes early childhood education, and effective learning environments



UN Women's Day

World Menstrual Day – May 28, 2019

JDPC Partners Education Office for Sensitization in Schools

World Menstrual Day is an annual awareness day to highlight the importance of good menstrual hygiene management. In low-income countries as Nigeria, girls' and women's choices of menstrual hygiene materials are often limited by the costs, availability and social norms. Adequate sanitation facilities and access to feminine hygiene products are one part of the solution.

Creating a culture that welcomes discussion and makes adequate education for women and girls is of equal importance. Research has found that not having access to menstrual hygiene management products can keep girls home from school during their period each month.

Menstrual Hygiene Day creates an occasion for publicizing information in the media, including social media. Public information campaigns can help to engage decision-makers in policy dialogue. The day offers an opportunity to actively advocate for the integration of menstrual hygiene management (MHM) into global, national and local policies and programmes

JDPC in partnership with Education Office, Archdiocese of Onitsha used this day to organize sensitization programme on importance of maintaining good hygiene during menstruation and sex education in secondary schools. The conscientization programme targeted junior secondary school students. A total of 4 schools (QRC Onitsha, Regina Pacis Onitsha, Mercy Girls' and Mater Amabilis both in Umuoji) were visited with a population of 3,200 direct target beneficiaries. The 9 facilitators that visited these schools in group of 2 comprised JDPC Team and the Morality Rescue Team contracted by the Onitsha Archdiocesan Education Office.

In each of the 4 schools visited, 100 Sanitary Pads were distributed to 100 students, totally 400 pads to all the schools. The sensitization team learnt that a good number of students need this kind of sensitization and teenage girls are keen to learn sex education.



"Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages."





Sensitization tours at Mercy Girls' Umuoji Amabilis, Umuoji



During the sensitization at Mater



Excitement at Regina Pacis during the programme
sanitary pads at QRC



Sensitization and distribution of

World Environment Day - June 5, 2019

JDPC Onitsha Holds Walk-Talk on World Environment Day

In its continuous desire to ensure programme sustainability, JDPC Onitsha Archdiocese continued to observe the international days as set aside by United Nations. This time, World Environment Day was marked in 3 regions covering 4 LGAs within the Archdiocese of Onitsha. The walk-talk campaigns were held in Onitsha region covering Onitsha North and South LGAs. JDPC members in this region took a long walk sensitizing then citizens from Modebe Avenue to Iweka road then to upper Iweka down to Oguta road and back to Modebe Avenue. Members in Iyiowa region covered Ogbaru LGA walk-talked from Odekpe to Okpoko and its surroundings. In the same vein, members from Dunukofia region covered Idemili North LGA. They took a long walk from Ogidi to Nkpor junction then to New Parts market. About 120 volunteer members participated in this sensitization programme in the 3 regions under the coordination of their respective regional chairman.

Regrettably, our environment is dirty and this calls for prompt action from all quarters to make sure that our ecosystem is secured and protected. JDPC also used the opportunity to express concern on the rate of noise pollution that has constituted so much nuisance to our environment and many other dangers associated with it.

Prior to World Environment Day, the JDPC Executive Director, Rev Fr. Dr. Edwin Udoe emphasized the need for citizens to imbibe the culture of safeguarding the environment from abuses that would harm humanity. He urged government contractors handling waste disposal to take their jobs seriously as delay in evacuation poses great danger to the citizens. He called for the recruitment and training of more Sanitary Inspectors, and neighbourhood watch in both rural and urban areas to help reduce impending environmental hazards.



The pictures show JDPC members from Dunukofia region during the sensitization



Dunukofia Region on Environmental Day



JDPC members from Onitsha Region at Ochanja market

World Day Against Child Labour - June 12, 2019

JDPC Aguleri and Igbariam Regions in Onitsha Archdiocese Marked World Day Against Child Labour

The United Nation set aside 12th June every year to observe this event. JDPC Onitsha used this opportunity to carry out sensitization programme in 2 regions (Aguleri and Igbariam) covering 4 LGAs in Anambra State. JDPC members in the regions came out in good numbers to carry out sensitization campaign in the parks and markets in the regions. While JDPC

members in Aguleri region took a stretch walk from Aguleri Junction to Otuocha Market and its surroundings, JDPC members in Igbariam region went to the biggest building materials market in Nigeria and Bakery market both in Ogbunike/Ogidi. It was estimated that over 800,000 people were directly reached in the 4 LGAs visited.

According to recent reports, more than 152 million children are still in child labour. This issue formed part of the sensitization programmes. Other issues highlighted during the sensitization are:

1. Children should not work in fields but on dreams.
2. No school for a child is an abuse.
3. Time for school for a child is not time to make money etc.

Many passersby and traders were highly excited to see this kind of programme coming to their domain for the first time.



Market campaign by JDPC Igbariam and Aguleri Region.

International Youth Day (IYD) – August 10, 2019

JDPC Onitsha partnered with Youth-led Organizations, NGOs and CSOs in Anambra State to organize the first ever International Youth Day in the State at Shanahan hall, Onitsha.

The UN International Youth Day is set aside on the 12th day of August every year to serve as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth.

This year's theme highlighted efforts to make education more inclusive and accessible for all youth, including efforts by youth themselves. Rooted in Goal 4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

In Nigeria, the UN's theme for the 2019 IYD “Transforming Education” was localized by Nigeria Youth SDG to “**Amplifying Youth Voices for the SDGs.**” This program which was done to simplify the understanding of SDGs in Nigeria, was organized by Justice, Development and Peace/Caritas (JDPC) Onitsha in partnership with Development Centre for Orientation, Discovery and Empowerment (DeCODE) and Pro-Value Human Foundation (PHF), Nigeria.

The 2019 IYD theme in Anambra State, which focused on “**Amplifying Youth Voices for the SDGs**” was also adopted to promote lifelong learning opportunities and entrepreneurship, skills exhibition and empowerment, promoting and facilitating development programme instrument, support services and appropriate technology that will enhance livelihoods, job creation and poverty reduction embedded in (SDGs 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 16 & 17).

In ensuring that the common vision of the Nigeria SDG Youth Network and SDG goals are accomplished in the State, representatives of Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Ministry of Land and Physical Planning, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, NYSC, SMEDAN and Pro-Value Humanity Foundation were invited as special guests and panelists on the programme. Other highlights included:

1. Exhibition of products and services originating from youth for potential investors.
2. Opportunity for micro-credit loan
3. Life-long learning skills
4. Partnership for business and personal growth
5. Opportunity for Talents and Skills sponsorship
6. Awards presentation to NYSC - SDGs Champions

Over 500 people from all works of life participated in the programme. Members of the Anambra Youth Network served in different categories as volunteers to ensure its success.



Award winners



Cross section of participants

JDPC Onitsha visited Rex Universorum Hospital Mmiata Anam to mark UN World Humanitarian Day

The UN World Humanitarian day is an international celebration held worldwide on 19th August to honour all humanitarian workers who risk their lives to help save and improve the lives of others, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. JDPC Onitsha was not left out, as it carried out humanitarian intervention by visiting Rex Universorum Hospital Mmiata Anam to pay hospital bills amounting to one hundred thousand naira (₦100, 000) for 7 in-patients who are unable to settle their medical expenses in the hospital. The cheque was presented by Executive Director, JDPC Onitsha Rev. Fr. Dr. Edwin Udoye to the Management of the Hospital.

The Executive Director while giving out the cheque, appreciated the good work of the management and all staff and he went on to encourage them to keep up their humanitarian service in face of all odds. The management and staff were also appreciative of the support and gratitude by JDPC Onitsha.

The ₦100, 000 is expected to settle hospital bills for identified 6 female and 1 male, and among these 7 Patients were two nursing mothers.

The visitation ended with a group photograph with the Hospital management, few hospital staffs, beneficiaries of the gesture and JDPC staff.



Cheque of N 100,000

JDPC Onitsha observed UN International Day of the Girl Child – October 11, 2019

Every year on 11 October, the International Day of the Girl Child, JDPC Onitsha works with girls, especially school girls to amplify their voices and stand up for their rights. This year, under the theme, “Girl Force: Unscripted and unstoppable,” JDPC Onitsha collaborated with Girls’ Voice in Governance (G-VIG) and DeCODE to observe the event at Inland Girls’ Secondary School, Onitsha, sharing information with students on importance of education, and tackling issues like child marriage, education inequality, gender-based violence, climate change, self-esteem, and girls’ rights. This speaks global goal 4, 5 and 16 (Quality Education, Gender Equality, and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions respectively).

The platform for our action specifically calls on the global community to:

1. Eliminate all forms of discrimination against girls.
2. Eliminate negative cultural attitudes and practices against girls.
3. Promote and protect the rights of girls and increase awareness of their needs and potential.
4. Eliminate discrimination against girls in education, skills development and training.
5. Eliminate discrimination against girls in health and nutrition.
6. Eliminate the economic exploitation of child labour and protect young girls at work.
7. Eradicate violence against girls.
8. Promote girls’ awareness of and participation in social, economic and political life.

9. Strengthen the role of the family in improving the status of girls.

JDPC Onitsha is ensuring that girl child is not dropped from school due to early marriage, pregnancy, or child labour. Our bursary scheme has been designed to tackle issues face by out-of-school children, eliminating barrier to girl child development.



Group pictures during the sensitization programme at Inland Girls' Sec. School, Onitsha



Group pictures during the sensitization programme at Inland Girls' Sec. School, Onitsha



PARISH JDPC (P-JDPC) ACTIVITIES

JDPC HOLDS FIRST ARCHDIOCESAN MEETING IN THE YEAR 2019 AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH AGULERI.

"Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive"

27th January 2019

It was the first JDPC Archdiocesan meeting of the year 2019 and a day for an award of hardworking regions who have contributed immensely to the development of JDPC and growth of members in the regions. In this year's award, Iyowa region took the 1st position for Lenten campaign performance and was handed the prize of N10, 000. While on the parish performance award, St. John's parish Odoakpu took the first position, St. Charles Lwanga took the 2nd position and St. Theresa's Umueze Anam took the 3rd position.

institutions at all levels."



Award presentation

Inauguration of P-JDPC Sacred Heart Parish, Onitsha May 12

JDPC Sacred Heart Odakpu after examination on JDPC manual was inaugurated on May 12. Accredited members were vested with JDPC apron, I D card, after taking an oat of commitment. Parishioners were also sensitized on JDPC programmes.



Pledge of commitment.



Group picture



Sensitization

JDPC Week Flag off July 6

This year's JDPC week comes with a special theme focusing on family "The Collapse of Family Values and Upsurge of Crime in Nigeria: A Call for Value Re-orientation." Schedule for JDPC Week activities:

1. July 6 Archdiocesan flag off
2. July 14 Parish flag off
3. July 15 – 20 JDPC week programmes in all parishes
4. July 21 JDPC collection in all parishes.

JDPC ONITSHA FLAGGED OFF JDPC WEEK 2019 IN STYLE

This year's JDPC week flag off started with a Mass celebrated by the Chancellor of Onitsha Archdiocese, Very Rev Fr. Dr. Prudentius Aroh. Joined in the Mass celebration were Rev. Fr. Philip Ibeneme, the Archdiocese Financial Administrator and Rev. Fr. Dr. Edwin Udoe, the Executive Director of JDPC. In the homily, the Archdiocesan Financial Administrator, Fr. Ibeneme pointed out that any Society that would be better starts from the family. He urged the audience and participants to the flag off to emulate good values in order to keep their families together.

The representative of the Archbishop of Onitsha, Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Prudentius Aroh who is also the Chairman of JDPC Board of Directors in his amiable style extolled the sustainability of JDPC programs in alleviating the sufferings of human persons in the society. According to him, the impact of these programs are unarguably felt by all and sundry.

In his keynote address, the Executive Director of JDPC Onitsha Rev. Fr. Dr. Edwin Udoe re-

echoed the Church's Vatican II doctrine, which provided that the family is a miniature Church. According to him, the family is a foundational and fundamental place where human values of self-control, strength of character, sincerity, love of Justice, fidelity, truthfulness among other virtues are learnt. Fr. Udoye added that the emerging realities and re-awakening of consciousness on the collapse of family values make this year's JDPC Week a topical one with the theme, "The collapse of Family Values and Upsurge of Crime in Nigeria: A Call for Value Re-Orientation." He further pointed out that the church has been striving in various ways to do the needful by driving some of its organizations like the JDPC, CWO, CMO, CYON and the Laity Council to reach various families through seminars and other programmes in order to imbibe good values and promote same outside their homes.

During the flag off ceremony, participants were thrilled by the two wonderful discussants who delivered papers on the following topics:

1. Firstly, Mrs Ngozi Osuchukwu, a lecturer at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka presented a paper on "Vademecum for Electors in Nigeria." She called on members of various statutory bodies and organizations who are the face of the Church and the society to stop Agonizing and start Organizing. This calls for proactive intervention in the work we do. She further stressed that Christians and citizens should be aware of their civic responsibilities and see their social and political engagements and positions as a vocation to bring about a better world where everyone is protected by the law. This a call to discipleship in the world of politics, which will in turn ensure equitable distribution of common good, while guaranteeing both civic and religious virtues. The paper called on the citizens to be the change the desire.

2. The second paper centered on the main theme "Collapse of Family Values and Upsurge of Crime in Nigeria: A call for Value Re-orientation," was summarized and delivered by Barr.

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| Uju | Nnagboh | Other | sub | theme | include: |
| i) | Understanding | the | Family | as | a Domestic Church |
| ii) | The Nigerian Cultural | Roles and | Responsibilities | in the | Upbringing of Children |
| iii) | The Role of | Western Education | and | Social Media | on Family Values |
| iv) | The Role of | Church | in the | Upbringing | of Children |
| v) | Re-evaluating | our Cultural | and | Family Values, | the way forward |

According her, many families have invite strangers and strangers' offspring into their homes over the past four or five decades including cable TV, Smart phones, internet etc. that are even bolder than the original stranger. They show explicit sex, speak vilely about human person, especially women, and push the limits of immorality to heights never before imagined. She stressed that these messages not only undermine traditional family values but also social and religious values, which children learn in homes. She called on families to inculcate good old values. Parents were called to educate their children as essentially as it connects with transmission of human life, it is irreplaceable and inalienable, and therefore incapable of being entirely delegated to others or usurped by others. The discussants' papers were quite inexhaustible as what they shared served as eye opener to a wide audience. More than 300 participants attended the programme, which included the JDPC Board members: (Board Secretary, Mrs Bidy Iwuchukwu, Laity Chairman, Comrade Leo Obiefuna, CMO President General Sir Ifeanyi Nnajiaku, CWO Director represented by her deputy, Lady

Theodora Onyenze). Others include JDPC Onitsha Provincial Secretary, Rev. Sr. Maryann Okoye, Rev. Sr. and Barr. Bernette Regis Nnadozie from Onitsha Region. There were also presence of media personnel from ABS, Awka and Trinitas Newspaper, Onitsha. The 6 regions in Onitsha Archdiocese were fully represented by JDPC members who will replicate the flag off in their various parishes from Sunday 14th July.. Apart from the paper presentation and empowerment, the audience were electrified by drama show piece done by JDPC members from Sacred Heart Parish, which centered on collapse of family values



Participants



Onitsha Region



Iyiowa Region



Dunukofia Region



Nnobi Region



Aguleri Region



Igbariam Region

One of the major highlights of the event was an empowerment session of 20 widows from different parishes in Igbariam region sponsored by Mrs Theresa Nweke, the Regional Chair. She told story on how she borrowed N5, 000 as a widow to start petty business and trained her 8 children in higher institutions until she got to the position she is presently. She advised the widows to borrow from her leaf and bring light to their respective families. She gave out N5, 000 each totaling N100, 000 to the 20 widows to support their efforts. Thereafter Fr. Udoye prayed and blessed the widows who smiled away with their envelopes



JDPC ORGANIZED QUIZ COMPETITION FOR JDPC MEMBERS IN 6 REGIONS.

In its bid to fortify its members in the knowledge of Church and Society, JDPC Onitsha organized a

quiz competition for JDPC members in all the 6 regions under Archdiocese of Onitsha. The quiz competition which was held at St. Mary's Parish, Awka road, Onitsha on Saturday 14th September 2019, was attended by representatives of the 6 regions who were drilled with questions culled from JDPC Manual and Populorum Progressio.

At the end of the competition under the supervision of Rev. Fr. Edwin Udoe, JDPC Executive Director, Onitsha region took first position. 1st runner up was Igbariam region followed by Iyiowa region as 3rd. JDPC Secretariat Staff and other JDPC members from the region were also in attendance to ensure the success of the competition

Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (CCFN) on Cookstove Initiative

This is an initiative aimed at increasing awareness on access to affordable energy for cooking while reducing the effect of heat to our ozone layer. The call for climate change is a call for the regulation of emission of too much carbon into the atmosphere. The CCFN in consultation with the Nigeria Climate Change Mitigation and Initiative (CCMAI) organized training of trainees (ToT) on Cookstove Initiative for Onitsha province on 29th October at the JDPC Provincial office, Enugu. The facilitators of the training, Dennis Ugwuja and Dora Dike trained the participant among whom are 2 JDPC Onitsha staff on the use of Cookstove Initiative. From this learning, it is expected that the each diocese will step down the training to their local communities where cooking with firewood is prevalent.

Consequently, JDPC Onitsha organized internal step down training for its staff and mapping out of target communities on Wednesday, 8th November in Onitsha. These communities will be sensitized and trained on the use of firewood and stones to reduce carbon emission into the atmosphere in support of SDG 13 "Climate Action."



Cook stove training at Enugu



Cook stove training at Enugu



Step down training for JDPC Staff.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND COOK STOVE TRAIN OF TRAINERS (TOT)

Capacity training on climate change mitigation, climate change crisis, innovative traditional cook stove and climate change adaptation was carried out by Sun24 and Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (CCFN) and powered by Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Initiative (CCMAI) from Abuja to us Justice Development & Peace/Caritas (JDPC) Onitsha from Onitsha province was a rewarding one.

Having noticed that the rural dwellers especially women who use fire woods are contributing to global warming which endangers lives. The introduction of innovative traditional cook stove is timely hence these report revealed the programs carried by JDPC Onitsha to various communities within our jurisdiction on the climate mitigation.

The cook stove reduces carbon emissions by the use of small stones / rocks which raises the fire woods and allows the ashes to fall to the ground. It entails, efficient cooking – when the small stone glows (that is catch fire) it emits and retains heat, to foster less time used in cooking. The stones also allows air to circulate under the fire thereby reducing energy and time used in blowing the fire.

The training was organized according to Regions in the Archdiocese of Onitsha. Strategically, the Regions were divided into hubs comprising towns and parishes. The Training of Trainers (TOT) started from 18th November, 2019 and it is still ongoing. The following Towns

participated during the training: Omor, Anaku, Ifite-Ogwari, Igbakwu,

Towns- 4

Participants-17

Female-16

Male -1



JDPC cook stove training at Ifite Ogwari



Participants at JDPC cook stove training at Ifite Ogwari

CHALLENGES

The year 2019 witnessed impactful interventions in our core programmes. The major challenges encountered in the process of carrying out our activities this year include:

1. Unstable economy and destruction of farm lands by 2019 unprecedented flooding. This affected many of our beneficiaries in the riverine communities and loan repayment became practically impossible during and after the period. Aside this, some of the PROMIC and CADOMICS beneficiaries willingly defaulted in their repayment and this has led us to engage the Parish Priests, Civil Defence, Community Leaders and Lawyers in the debt recovery.

2. Inconsistent funding of programmes from foreign/local donors has posed serious challenge in the implementation of JDPC intervention programmes. With this, some of the planned activities for the year under review were not fully implemented or carried out. We fully understand the economic situation in the country now and we hope things will get better in the years ahead.

3. Shortage of skilled personnel in JDPC Onitsha due to inadequate funds to pay salaries. Lack of funds to sponsor capacity building of staff for shared learning and acquisition of skills has affected some of our programme implementation.

4. Inactive P-JDPC's and other JDPC arms. Adaptability of JDPC programmes rests on its sustainability. Some of the parishes are yet to inaugurate JDPC, while those that are functional are not fully familiar with strategic programme implementation. On the other hand, the other arms of JDPC (Young Catholic Professional - YCP and Student JDPC are not yet vibrant and are limited in scope.

LESSONS LEARNT

1. We have learnt to be cautious of loan procedure and disbursement to reduce bad debts.
2. We have understood the power of advocacy as key to partnership.
3. We have also understood that some of the people that come for assistance are often insincere.
4. There is need to reactive JDPC arms with more professionals coming on board to assist in programme planning and implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

JDPC is working round the clock to push for impactful programmes that will meet the requirements of UN' SDGs. We therefore highly recommend Parish JDPCs to establish programmes and projects that will be result oriented. We also recommend the application of the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity in programme implementation as basis of empowerment, poverty alleviation, giving voice to the marginalized and uplifting the conditions of the vulnerable in our society

NEXT STEPS

1. To expand our governance programme to all the communities (10 Local Government Areas) under the Archdiocese of Onitsha.
2. To empower more people on entrepreneurial and life skills learning.
3. To expand human development projects under our core programme areas.
4. To build more cooperation and partnership on programming and operation.
5. To develop more feasible strategies for resource mobilization.

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