



2020 AND 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

THEME: Responding with Resilience:
Our Interventions During and After
COVID-19.

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List of Acronyms	BCAI	Bridge Connect Africa Initiative
	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
	YCIA	Youth Community Immunity Ambassador
	DIG	Development & Integrity Intervention
	EEDA	Empowering Evidence-driven Advocacy
	WRAPA	Women's Right Advancement & Protection Alternative
	YMF	Youth Multimedia Fellowship
	PARC	Policy Advocacy Research and Capacity Building
	PRB	Population Reference Bureau
	MDA	Ministries, Departments and Agency
	CSO	Civil Society Organization
	WEED	Women Empowerment for Equitable Development
	FP	Family Planning
	PWDs	People With Disabilities
	FIDA	International Federation of Women Lawyers
	VAPP	Violence Against Persons Prohibition
LGAs	Local Government Areas	

	NCDC	Nigeria Centre for Disease Control
	SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
	WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
	FCT	Federal Capital Territory
	CODE	Connected Development
	LEGASI	Ladies Empowerment Goals and Support Initiative
	AFRI-CID	African Centre for Innovative Research & Development
	GAs	Gender Advocates
Who we are	<p>BCAI is a non-governmental organization that promotes the rights of women and young people especially in the area of their sexual and reproductive health and rights. The organization through its programming also promotes girl child education with focus on ensuring access and equity for young girls of school age with an aspiration to make them empowered enough to reach their full potential and for them to be able to make informed choices as regards their lives generally as well as their reproductive health.</p> <p>Established in 2017, BCAI is known for its policy advocacy and support for SRHR, Girl Child Education, and women's rights through research, human-centred program design, implementation, and support for local, national, and international organizations. We believe empowering young people, women, and girls with quality and credible reproductive health information is crucial in making informed choices and decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and against other harmful traditional practices.</p> <p>While we envision a world where adolescents and young people of reproductive age are inspired to make informed choices for their reproductive health, to stay safe, lead healthy lives, and be free from harmful traditional practices, we are on a mission to empower young people, women, and girls with quality and credible reproductive health information to make informed choices and decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and against other harmful traditional practices.</p> <p>BCAI has made significant progress towards achieving our mission and vision in recent years. We have continued collaborating with like-minded organizations, government bodies, and stakeholders to implement evidence-based interventions that address the critical issues of women's rights, adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and rights, and girl child education.</p> <p>We have also embarked on numerous community-based sensitization campaigns, capacity-building programs, and advocacy efforts to increase awareness and knowledge on SRHR, girl child education, and women's rights in several communities across Nigeria.</p> <p>BCAI is committed to making a difference in the lives of young people, women, and girls in Nigeria and Africa. We will continue to leverage our experience, expertise, and partnerships to advance our cause and ensure that our interventions positively impact the communities we serve.</p>	

<p>Executive Message (From the ED)</p>	<p>2020 & 2021 at a Glance</p> <p>Sani Muhammad</p> <p>Executive Director</p> <p>At Bridge Connect Africa Initiative (BCAI), our mission is what drives us: to empower young people, women and girls to make informed choices and decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and against other harmful traditional practices. In every community I visit, I see the importance of our interventions in the lives of these adolescent girls, women and young people and their communities, where girls are able to complete their education and make choices that allow them to fulfill their dreams.</p> <p>2020 was a tough year for us, and the world over, we battled many uncertainties with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The future of interventions and health funding changed adversely impacting clients' lives and increasing socioeconomic barriers that influence individual health seeking behaviour, especially for women and girls who needed important reproductive health services including access to contraception, gender-based violence prevention and response services, dignity kits for menstrual hygiene and even maternal healthcare services. Through it all, BCAI has been resilient and focused on what has guided them for over 2 years - an unwavering commitment to inspire informed choices for adolescents and young people of reproductive age to stay safe, lead healthy lives and be free from harmful traditional practices.</p> <p>2021 brings BCAI to three years. Together with our partners and communities, we made giant strides using our multi-sectoral approach to engage our clients, improving access to key services, information and empowering communities. We were able to reach over 3,349 direct beneficiaries serving over 21 communities in 9 countries, and built the capacities of 8 youth organizations on policy advocacy and communication using multimedia tools across the globe including Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Nepal, Pakistan and South Sudan. We had a digital footprint of over 27 million people reached with our digital programs and secured 7 fantastic policy wins working with policymakers in the various communities we work to advance reproductive health and rights, and investment in climate change.</p> <p>I am particularly proud of how our programming directly positively affects the lives of adolescent girls, engages young men and boys, and works with community gatekeepers (policymakers, religious leaders and traditional rulers) in enabling service provision in underserved communities.</p> <p>We will continue to develop new alignment opportunities with our partners across board to improve the lives of the communities we serve, while providing a coordinated platform for positive community transformation.</p> <p>I truly hope you enjoy reading the report. We are passionate about our mission and look forward to the future with hope and optimism. On behalf of our governing Board of Trustees, volunteers and staff – we say thank you. Rest assured, we will continue to work every day to meet and exceed your expectations.</p>
<p>Quantifying our Progress: Key Figures</p>	<p>Lives Reached: 27,434,851</p> <p>Persons Trained: 345</p>

<p>for 2020 and 2021</p>	<p>Communities Served: 37</p> <p>Media Publications: 24</p> <p>Community Engagements: 36</p> <p>Partnerships: 17</p> <p>Advocacy Visits: 40</p>
<p>Testimonials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thank you so much because this intervention will bring progress in the lives of our women and children in our community. May God reward you – Mai Unguwa Tagarji (Community Head, Rimin Kebbe, Ungogo LGA, Kano State - Project Location for BCAI-Iranwo Foundation Post-COVID Micro Loan Intervention). • Before, some of us ate only once a day, and now you have brought this important intervention to us. We are thankful because this intervention will help us to feed our children properly and even send them to school” – Maryam Babangida (Cotton Seller – Beneficiary, BCAI-Iranwo Foundation Post-COVID Micro Loan Intervention).
<p>Achievements and Impacts (Projects)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BCAI-Iranwo Foundation Post COVID Micro Loan Intervention (2020)</u></p> <p>The outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020 had a significant impact on people's lives, resulting in a global lockdown and halting many daily activities. The pandemic's effects were felt strongly in Kano state, Nigeria, where women running small businesses were particularly affected as they had to rely on their profits and capital for survival. To address the negative impact of the pandemic, Iranwo Foundation launched a post-COVID-19 intervention program in selected states, including Kano, in partnership with BCAI.</p> <p>The intervention program took the form of interest-free micro-loans provided to 10 women in Rimin Kebbe, an urban slum in the Ungogo LGA of Kano state in Northern Nigeria. The beneficiaries' businesses were negatively impacted by the lockdown response, leading to increased household burden and disruptions in local markets. These women used their saved-up capital to care for their families, leaving them even more vulnerable and disproportionately affected.</p> <p>Iranwo Foundation and BCAI jointly supported these women with a total of ₦200,000, providing each woman with ₦20,000 as a loan, which they paid back weekly. The loan repayment plan required each woman to repay ₦200 daily for 100 days, and no interest was charged. All loans were repaid within the stipulated time.</p> <p>The intervention program reached the Ungogo LGA and Rimin Kebbe communities benefiting a total of 23 people, with 21 females and 2 males. The micro-loans given to the 10 women have made a significant impact, enabling them to become financially independent and revive their businesses. These women can now support themselves and their families, including their children's education, which was previously challenging due to the pandemic's effects on their livelihoods.</p>

Overall, the Iranwo Foundation and BCAI intervention program has helped to alleviate the negative impact of the pandemic on vulnerable women in Kano state. Through this program, these women can now lead a more financially stable life, providing for themselves and their families, and contributing to their communities' economic development.

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- [Partnership](#)
- [First Visit](#)
- [Photos of all beneficiaries](#)

Auburn Girls Menstrual Hygiene Intervention (2020)

Menstruation is a natural biological process that continues even during pandemics. However, due to the lockdown measures imposed to curb the spread of COVID-19, many women and girls have faced challenges in accessing the necessary products, services, and facilities to manage their periods with dignity. Period poverty remains a major problem, particularly for young girls in rural communities where sanitary supplies are not readily available. To address this challenge, the Bridge Connect Africa Initiative (BCAI) team conducted a menstrual hygiene management workshop in the Marke community to educate adolescent girls on proper hygiene management during menstruation and how they can self-produce some of the dignity kits needed to maintain good sanitary practices.

The Marke Community is located in Dambatta Local Government, about 60 km away from Kano city, and is home to more than 5,000 households. The region presents various difficulties for adolescent girls and women, including the absence of a functional primary healthcare center and insufficient WASH facilities. Moreover, cultural beliefs and discrimination concerning menstrual health create barriers for girls to communicate openly about their periods and obtain proper guidance for maintaining menstrual hygiene with respect.

BCAI, in partnership with the Global Studies Class of Auburn University, seized the opportunity presented by the pandemic to train 42 adolescent girls and women from the Marke Community on the production of dignity kits for menstrual health. These kits included resources not readily available in rural communities, such as menstrual pads, which, though an essential menstrual hygiene need, were entirely new to the residents of Marke community as they had never heard of them before.

The intervention aimed to address period poverty, promote the health benefits of good menstrual hygiene practices, and reduce the stigma surrounding menstruation while boosting the girls' self-esteem and empowering them to stay in school.

As part of the project output, over 300 community members, including men and boys, were trained on the importance of creating safe and inclusive spaces for women. The goal was to ensure that women have access to information and services that promote their health and well-being. In addition, face masks and sanitary pads were distributed to community members after educating them on maintaining personal hygiene during the pandemic. Community members were also educated on the guidelines provided by the NCDC for preventing the spread of coronavirus, such as proper hand washing, wearing face masks, and maintaining social

distance.

The 42 adolescent girls and women were taught how to manage their menstrual health, and they produced dignity kits that included 80 containers of petroleum jelly, 80 bottles of liquid soap, 80 containers of menthol, 80 containers of hair cream, 80 containers of toothpaste powder, and 80 bottles of deodorant. The trained girls and women were matched with local experts who served as mentors for three months, and a start-up grant of ₦10,000 was given to 20 of the girls to scale up their skills and improve WASH in the community.

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Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act Virtual Training (2020)

Violence against women and girls is a pressing issue that can have profound physical, psychological, and economic impacts on women's development. Despite increased awareness about this problem, reports of violence against women and girls continue to rise on a daily basis. It has become clear that mere awareness is not enough to effectively address this issue.

In response to this pressing need, the Bridge Connect Africa Initiative (BCAI) in collaboration with the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) organised a training on the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act. The goal of the training was to empower people from diverse backgrounds with the knowledge and tools to get their respective state governments to pass and domesticate the VAPP Act in all Nigerian states.

The training was successful in reaching out to 215 individuals, who became knowledgeable about the VAPP Act policy, its provisions, and how to influence their state government to pass and domesticate it. These trainees are now forming coalitions across the 36 states of Nigeria to advocate for the passage of the VAPP Act. They are leveraging various platforms, particularly social media, to lead the charge in this campaign.

As a result of their tireless efforts, 34 states in Nigeria, including the Federal Capital Territory, have now domesticated the VAPP Act. This has led to a decrease in the incidence of violence against women and girls across these states. The impact of this training and advocacy campaign is not just limited to the 215 individuals who received the training, but also extends to the countless women and girls who will benefit from the implementation of the VAPP Act across the country.

Overall, this project is an important step towards addressing the issue of violence against

women and girls in Nigeria, and is a testament to the power of collective action and advocacy to effect positive change in our communities.

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Youth Multimedia Fellowship Project (2020)

In 2020, BCAI partnered with the PRB Youth Multimedia Project to empower young people with skills and multimedia tools to advocate for and influence policies related to young people's reproductive health. The project involved coaching and sharing experiences with organizations such as the Youth Advocacy Network from Pakistan, Linda Arts from Kenya, and LAWANCI from South Sudan. For BCAI, the project was engaging and produced several outputs and outcomes.

One of the project objectives was to influence the domestication of the child protection bill in Kano State. To achieve this objective, BCAI organized a virtual information dialogue with key stakeholders such as FIDA, government ministries, and child rights advocates. During the dialogue, participants discussed issues surrounding the Kano State child protection bill, including the gaps that needed to be closed and the importance of the bill from all angles, including religion, which has been a significant factor slowing down the passage of the child protection bill. The civil society organizations, government agencies, and every other body present at the dialogue committed to working harder to ensure the policy gets domesticated in the state.

Another output of the project was a meeting with some Kano State House of Representatives members. As the BCAI 2020 multimedia project was more policy-focused, it was crucial to carry policy makers along to make them understand the issues better and prioritize the passage of the child protection bill. During the meeting, the House of Representatives members assured BCAI of their support for the passage of the bill.

To get more people talking about the Child Rights Act and influence the Kano State government to pass the bill into law, BCAI trained over 400 people on evidence-informed advocacy in 2020. Evidence is crucial in advocacy as it makes the issue being advocated for relevant, acceptable, and the advocate credible. Advocacy often has downsides, as people may want to discredit the work, organize smear campaigns, or attack the advocate's person. Still, evidence always comes to the rescue of the advocate.

- [Call for Application](#)

Youth Community Immunity Ambassador Project in partnership with UNFPA (2021)

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on every aspect of people's lives globally. Despite the pandemic's implications, such as psychological distress and social distancing measures, different age groups have experienced the impacts differently. Therefore, it is essential to raise awareness among the public, particularly young people, as they can play a vital role in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

In response to this, BCAI partnered with the Centre for Girls Education, which was funded by

UNFPA Nigeria, to launch a sensitization, education, and awareness campaign on COVID-19 in four communities across four LGAs in Kano State. The primary objective of the project was to increase the knowledge of the communities about the virus and its preventive measures.

During the project implementation, 428 beneficiaries were directly reached, and these beneficiaries were also able to sensitize more people in their communities, leading to a ripple effect across the population. Certified Youth Community Immunity Ambassadors (YCIA) volunteers were instrumental in carrying out the outreach to educate community members on protective and preventive measures against COVID-19 and gender-based violence in these communities.

The sensitization campaign yielded several outputs, one of which was the commitment of community leaders in the respective communities to adopt COVID-19 measures in their areas. The following LGAs and communities were reached: Dawakin Kudu LGA - Yanktsari Community, Kumbotso LGA - Hawandawaki Community, Nassarawa LGA - Gama Community, and Ungogo LGA - Tudun Fulani Community.

A total of 20 Youth Community Immunity Ambassadors (YCIA) volunteers were involved in the project's implementation, sensitizing community members in their respective communities. Among the beneficiaries reached, 227 were females, while 201 were males, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 428.

In conclusion, the project implemented by BCAA and the Centre for Girls Education was instrumental in increasing knowledge about COVID-19 and its preventive measures in the communities it reached. The sensitization campaign also led to the commitment of community leaders to adopt COVID-19 measures in their areas, further increasing the project's impact.

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Galvanizing Mass Action Against Gender-Based Violence (GMAAK) 2021

BCAI, in collaboration with CODE and with the support of the Canadian High Commission in Nigeria, successfully implemented the "Galvanizing Mass Action Against GBV (Gender-Based Violence) in Kano" project in Kano State. The project's primary objective was to mobilize mass action toward the passage of the VAPP Act, which serves as a robust legal framework that protects the vulnerable in Kano State.

As part of the project, 30 young people were trained as GAs to lead the activities. These GAs were responsible for conducting a series of radio engagements and advocacy visits to key stakeholders, including policymakers and concerned citizens. The activities were aimed at sensitizing the general public on the need for harmonizing the VAPP Act with the State Penal Code to provide comprehensive protection for vulnerable persons.

The GAs successfully conducted a sensitization campaign that contributed to the call for harmonizing the VAPP Act with the State Penal Code, which is expected to be passed soon.

These efforts led to securing commitments from policymakers towards the passage of the harmonized Penal Code and the VAPP Act.

Overall, the project was instrumental in raising awareness among key stakeholders about the need for comprehensive legal protection for vulnerable persons in Kano State. The project's success is attributed to the efforts of the GAs in conducting the sensitization campaign and advocacy visits, leading to securing commitments from policymakers towards the passage of the harmonized Penal Code and the VAPP Act.

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Youth Multimedia Fellowship (2021)

The Youth Multimedia Fellowship is a program that focuses on building the capacity of young people in creating multimedia campaigns, policy advocacy/communications, and community engagement on reproductive health. The program is designed to equip youth-led organizations with the skills and tools needed to produce multimedia content that focuses on ending child marriage. The program offers tailored mentorship, training, and technical assistance to empower young advocates to use popular and inexpensive mass communication methods, such as social media, to disseminate credible and compelling information about important reproductive health topics.

The program utilizes a participatory video and multimedia product creation approach that helps create content that improves the viewer's knowledge of child marriage from the perspective of their peers. The multimedia products are shared on social media and viewed on mobile phones, allowing viewers to learn about child marriage and its harmful practice in a low-risk, private setting. The program also engages with communities through film screenings, town hall meetings, and direct appeals to decision-makers at civil society and youth engagement groups.

Since its inception in May 2018, the program has reached over 24 million people online across various social media platforms and disseminated over 9,045 multimedia products, including videos, policy briefs, factsheets, posters, and photos in both print and digital formats. The program has trained and supported eight youth-led organizations in three countries and 40 young people in Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Nepal, Pakistan, and South Sudan. The program has had 28 community engagement activities, including film screenings and town hall meetings, with over 2,631 community members and 26 policymakers across various local and national levels.

Surveys conducted with trained participants and fellows show that the program is relevant, useful, and effective in promoting policy change for reproductive health issues like child marriage, female genital mutilation, and climate action for women and girls. In 2020, the program formed two coalitions and published 24 media pieces online, in print, and in traditional media (radio).

The program has also achieved key policy wins, including the assent to the free and compulsory education policy for all children in Kano state, Nigeria, which can push education as a protective measure against child marriage. The program has also seen the executive transmission of the Child Rights Act (domesticated Child Protection Bill) from the Kano State Governor, Abdullahi

Umar Ganduje, and the State Executive Council to the Kano State House of Assembly, Kano State, Nigeria, for passage. There has also been a commitment from the Kaduna State Government for the passage of a Youth Reproductive Health Policy for Kaduna State, Nigeria. In Kenya, a draft of the Anti-FGM Policy was transmitted to the Narok County Assembly in Narok County, while in Nigeria, there was a commitment to the resource mobilization, investment, and implementation of the Kaduna State Environmental Policy and the scale-up of government initiatives in using alternative cooking stoves across local governments in Kaduna State. In Pakistan, the program has led to the development of a policy proposal to amend the discriminatory marriageable age in Punjab's Child Marriage Restraint Act. Finally, in Malawi, the program has developed a policy proposal for the Malawi government to mainstream gender in implementing the national climate change policy in Salima District.

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A Pad For Her Campaign in Kano (2021)

Period poverty, which is a manifestation of poverty in Nigeria, requires swift action to address. In response to this pressing issue, BCAI carried out a social impact project called "A Pad for Her" aimed at addressing period poverty among adolescent schoolgirls and boys in Kano State, Nigeria. The project's goal was to provide menstrual hygiene management information and support to 200 beneficiaries from three schools located in the Nassarawa Local Government Area of Kano State.

The project was implemented in three schools, namely Prolific Schools, Fatimat International High School, and Shalom Nursery, Primary, and College, all located in the Nassarawa Local Government Area of Kano State. The project's target beneficiaries were 200 adolescent school girls and boys in these schools. The project duration was from 12th August 2021 to 19th August 2021.

During the project, the beneficiaries received menstrual hygiene management information and support, which included the provision of sanitary pads and other related items. The project also provided a platform for the beneficiaries to learn about the importance of menstrual hygiene and management, and the negative impact of period poverty on adolescent girls' education and wellbeing.

The "A Pad for Her" campaign was crucial in addressing period poverty and promoting menstrual hygiene management among adolescent schoolgirls and boys in Kano State, Nigeria. By providing sanitary pads and other related items and offering information on menstrual hygiene management, the project aimed to reduce absenteeism, school dropout rates, and infections associated with poor menstrual hygiene.

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World Connect WEED Project (2021)

BCAI partnered with LEGASI for the WEED project, an initiative aimed at addressing period poverty by promoting menstrual health and economic resilience in the community. The project was a success, and its overall objectives were achieved with the guidance of the field coordinator, local leader, and field partner, ensuring adherence to best practices throughout the project's duration.

During the project, twenty women and young girls were trained on how to use reusable cloth pads and detergent. As a result, the beneficiaries produced 140 cloth pads, with 100 pieces distributed among the women for personal use (5 each). The remaining 40 pieces were produced upon request from community members, providing a sustainable alternative to disposable sanitary napkins and increasing the women's personal income.

The project's impact extended beyond the community, as it was featured in several media outlets, including Voice of America (VOA) in the Hausa language, News Daily Nigeria, and Kabido News Today. These platforms helped raise awareness on menstrual health, period poverty, and the impact of initiatives like the WEED project in addressing these issues.

In 2021, BCAI launched the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Time Series Project, an online initiative aimed at promoting knowledge, enhancing interactions, and raising awareness on issues related to sexual and reproductive health, as well as gender-based violence. The project consisted of three phases: the Sexual and Reproductive Health Facebook Live Series, and the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Time Series #SGBVTimeSeries through infographics and live sessions.

The project covered various topics related to sexual and reproductive health, including the role of parents in sex education, misconceptions and perceptions around family planning, the impact of child marriage on reproductive health, the effects of drug abuse on youth reproductive health, period poverty, and sexual harassment.

The project was successful in reaching over 16,000 young people across all BCAI's social media platforms, achieving its objective of raising awareness and promoting knowledge on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence.

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- [Infographics 1](#)
- [Infographics 2](#)

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Empowering Evidence-Driven Advocacy (EEDA) project in partnership with PRB</u></p> <p>The dissemination of the PRB Youth FP Scorecard in Kano State has led to increased advocacy for youth to access family planning services. The scorecard evaluates the favorability of 28 national policies and programs related to youth access to sexual and reproductive health services.</p> <p>The EEDA project, which lasted three months from October 28, 2021, to January 5, 2022, was implemented to promote the scorecard's dissemination and advocacy efforts. The project's core activities included a symposium, a six-episode radio program, and high-level advocacy meetings.</p> <p>The dissemination of the scorecard through the radio program was highly effective, reaching an average of 4,558,106 people per episode. The project's efforts resulted in four MDAs, five policymakers, and two institutions committing to using the scorecard as a resource and for advocacy purposes. Additionally, CSOs, MDAs, and young people have gained knowledge on how to advocate for youth access to family planning services, and students in schools of public health are now using the scorecard as research material.</p> <p>The scorecard has become a reference material for CSOs, media, and young people to advocate for policy change in favor of youth accessing family planning services. MDAs are also pushing for increased government investment in family planning financing, which will increase the likelihood of youth accessing these services. The successful implementation of the EEDA project has greatly contributed to increasing awareness and advocacy for youth access to family planning services in Kano State.</p> <p>Pictures: Here</p>
Programs and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-COVID Interventions - SRHR - Girl Child Education - SGBV
Social Media Report	N/A
Donors and Partners	<p>Donors UNFPA</p> <p>Partners PRB CODE YouthHubAfrica AFRI-CIRD Centre for Girls Education LEGASI</p>

<p>Challenges and Lessons Learnt</p>	<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintenance of funding level - Scaling up operations <p>Lessons Learnt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The importance of diversifying funds sources - The value of impact measurement
<p>The Future in Sight: A Preview of 2022</p>	<p>Expanding Our Office Space: We are thrilled to announce that we will expand our office space to accommodate our growing team and increase our impact.</p> <p>Investing in Our People: As part of our commitment to our mission, we will add to our human resources team to enhance our organizational capacity and improve our impact.</p> <p>Celebrating Four Years of Impact: We are proud to celebrate our fourth anniversary and reflect on our impact over the past four years.</p> <p>Capacity Building for Our Team: We will be providing professional development opportunities to our staff to enhance their skills and knowledge, which will ultimately strengthen our organization.</p> <p>Empowering PWDs through World Menstrual Hygiene Day: We will be hosting a workshop on World Menstrual Hygiene Day to empower persons with disabilities on menstrual hygiene management.</p> <p>Developing and Strengthening Our Policies: We are committed to developing and strengthening our policies to ensure that our organization operates with the highest ethical and professional standards.</p> <p>Building Partnerships for Youth Development: We will partner with organizations that share our vision for youth development to maximize our collective impact.</p> <p>We look forward to another impactful year and are excited to continue our mission of making a positive difference in our community.</p>
<p>Acknowledgment and Appreciation</p>	<p>As we reflect on the past years, we express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering support and partnership we received in responding with resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud to work alongside you in promoting women's rights, adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and rights, and girls' education in our communities.</p> <p>We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors for their invaluable support, which enabled us to quickly adapt our operations and redirect our resources towards addressing the critical needs of our beneficiaries. Your generosity enabled us to provide essential services, deliver vital supplies, and support vulnerable populations during the pandemic.</p> <p>Our partners played a crucial role in our response efforts, collaborating with us to develop innovative solutions and implement effective interventions. Your dedication and commitment to</p>

	<p>our mission were instrumental in our success, and we are proud to have you by our side.</p> <p>To our beneficiaries, we want to express our deep appreciation for your resilience and patience during these challenging times. We acknowledge your trust in us and your willingness to work with us, which has enabled us to positively impact your lives. We remain committed to continuing to serve you to the best of our ability.</p> <p>We are proud of the progress we have made towards achieving our vision of inspiring informed choices for adolescents and young people of reproductive age to stay safe, lead healthy lives, and be free from harmful traditional practices. We remain committed to empowering young people, women, and girls with quality and credible reproductive health information to make informed choices and decisions about their sexual and reproductive health and against other harmful traditional practices.</p> <p>Together, we have demonstrated our resilience and dedication to making a difference in the lives of young people, women, and girls in Nigeria and Africa. We will continue to leverage our experience, expertise, and partnerships to advance our cause and ensure that our interventions positively impact the communities we serve.</p>