

PROJECT REPORTS
Ezennia Rosemary Azuka (ERA) Foundation
IDP Camp Outreach, 2nd August 2023

Introduction

On Tuesday before the project was carried out, I visited the IDP camp to seek permission and inform the camp chairman and women leader about our intention to carry out an outreach project. Unfortunately, both the chairman and the women leader were not available at the camp during that time. However, we were introduced to Abbas Abubakar, also known as "Officer," who promised to pass on the information to the chairman and women leader on our behalf. We scheduled the visit for the following day, Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Before conducting the IDP camp outreach I conducted a comprehensive needs assessment to better understand the specific challenges faced by the camp residents. The assessment was carried out through interviews and observations to gain insights into the immediate needs of the community. The findings of the needs assessment guided our intervention strategies during program.

Key Findings from the Needs Assessment

1. **Food Insecurity:** The primary concern identified during the needs assessment was food insecurity. Many camp residents expressed difficulties in accessing an adequate and nutritious food supply. This issue was more pronounced among vulnerable groups such as women, children, and the elderly.
2. **Health and Hygiene:** The IDP camp faced health-related challenges, particularly with a higher risk of malaria and other communicable diseases due to inadequate sanitation and living conditions. Access to healthcare services and medications was limited, and all the healthcare facilities established by the government and other NGOs is currently nonfunctional.
3. **Footwear:** A significant numbers of children, lacked proper footwear. This condition made them more susceptible to health risks and discomfort, especially during rainfalls.

4. **Psychological and Emotional Support:** The trauma of displacement and living in uncertain conditions was evident among the camp residents. There was a need for psychosocial support to help individuals cope with their experiences and rebuild their lives.

Project Details

Location: Durumi District, Area 1, Abuja

Date: Wednesday, 2nd August 2023

Representatives: Five team members, including a cameraman.

Project Activities

Based on the findings of the needs assessment, we formulated intervention strategies to address the identified challenges effectively. The following activities were implemented during the outreach program:

1. **Food Distribution**

To alleviate food insecurity, we provided essential food items to the camp residents, with a special focus on women, children, and the elderly. About 130 persons benefitted from the food distribution.

2. **Anti-Malaria Medication**

Recognizing the health risks, we distributed 40 dosage of anti-malaria drugs to adult and children to reduce the incidence of malaria.

3. **Footwear**

To address the lack of footwear, we distributed 48 pairs of slippers (4 dozens) to children aged 6 to 15 years, enhancing their comfort, and reducing health risks.

4. **Psychosocial Support**

We organized one on one interactive sessions and counselling activities aimed at providing emotional support to women and young girls, especially those who experienced trauma and displacement.

5. Incident Report

We educate women on the utilization of N-Alert, a reporting platform designed to address gender-based violence, sexual harassment, and related offenses. N-Alert, launched earlier this year by the NSCDC (Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps), offers a simple and efficient system using USSD codes or voice calls for reporting incidents. The platform has proven to be highly effective in curbing such violence and crimes.

During the awareness women were empowered with the knowledge and skills to use N-Alert effectively, providing them with a powerful tool to combat these pressing issues and ensure their safety and well-being.

Participation

The outreach program was well-received, with more than 200 participants actively engaging with our team during the distribution and assistance process. This number does not include children who were present but not accounted for in the headcount.

Problems and Challenges

While the outreach program was successful, we encountered some challenges during the execution:

1. Weather Conditions

The delay in the project's start time was due to bad weather conditions, which hindered our timely arrival and late departure at the camp.

2. Absence of Camp Officials & Distributions

The absence of the camp chairman posed some difficulties in coordinating the project, but we were pleased to have the women leader join our team later in the day. Despite her initial absence during my first visit, she made efforts to participate and coordinate the distribution activities. She was familiar with the needs and preferences of the women and young girls in the camp, which helped us tailor our assistance to meet their specific requirements better.

Though, her presence facilitated communication with camp residents and other officials there were serious issues in the distribution process. The main issue I had with her was that she suggested giving them the items so they could distribute it themselves at their own convenience, but I disagreed. I was concerned about equitable distribution because during my visit on Tuesday, I was already hinted about how corrupt some of the officials are. Therefore, I did not allow that approach and instead suggested that all the items must be shared equally among all those who were available in our presence.

Conclusion

For efficient coordination, all participants were encouraged to record their names, phone numbers, and account details. This information was collected to facilitate future communication and support. During our visits, the participants expressed their grievances regarding the lack of government support, which has resulted in the absence of essential social amenities. They also shared their disappointment with certain NGOs that have taken advantage of them, collecting their data without providing the promised assistance.

We inquired about the duration of their stay in the camp, and the women leader (Mrs. Liyattu Yusuf) shared that she has been residing there for more than 10 years, making her one of the first to seek refuge at the IDP camp. The camp comprises internally displaced persons from four states, with the majority being from Borno, and others hailing from Bauchi, Plateau, among others.

Mr. Idriss Ibrahim Halilu, the Abuja-based IDPs coordinator and spokesperson, extended his heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to the Ezennia Rosemary Azuka Foundation for their benevolent actions and kind support. He encouraged us to continue our efforts and make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Departure

As the clock struck 6:27 pm, the program and activities of the outreach project officially came to an end. The day had been filled with impactful interactions and assistance to the IDP camp residents. The participants expressed their gratitude for the support received, and we departed with a sense of fulfillment, knowing that our efforts had made a positive difference in the lives of those we had reached out to.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

S/N	ITEMS	COST PRICE	QTY	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	Fuel for Logistics	615	15litrs	9,225	
2.	Base for Rollup Banner	18,000	1	18,000	
3.	Rollup Banner Printing	3,500	1	3,500	
4.	Anti-Malaria	876	40	35,040	
5.	Sanitary Pads	9,950	3	29,850	Three (3) Cartons of Softcare Sanitary Pads
6.	GBV Response Officer	30,000	1	30,000	
7.	Photographer	27,000		27,000	
8.	Volunteer	10, 000		10,000	
9.	Nurse	30,000		30,000	
10	Slippers	450	48pairs	21,600	Four (4) Dozens of Slippers
11	One Bag of Rice	38,000	1	38,000	
12	Half bag of Garri	13,000	1	13,000	
13	Package Leather (Big Size) + Printing	15,000	200pcs	15,000	
14	One Bag of Salt (Medium Size)	4,500	80pcs	4,500	
15	One Carton of Indomie, Capri-Sun, 5 Rolls of Milo Sachet, 8 rolls of Three Crown Milk Sachet and 2 Ovaltine Sachet	10,000	-	10,000	I got all these items cheap for 10,000 (promo price), because it will soon expire in this month of August 18 th .
			TOTAL	₦294,745	

Deductions: The GBV response officer I first made arrangements with was not able to make it, so I look for an alternative person and I negotiated for ₦30,000 instead of the ₦50,000 budgeted.

The remaining balance with me is ₦5,255

Mr. Abbas Abubakar (officer) told us that the chair and tables he gave were rented, and we are required to pay ₦2,000 for them. I tried sending the money to the Opay account he gave me but not going. Maybe its network but I will continue trying, and if successful, the remaining balance will be ₦3,255.

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