



COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

Bridge Inspire Foundation in Partnership with OJN Foundation, Save Project, and Empower Foundation. School Visit on the 16th Day of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence against Girls and Women

Date : November, 2024

Location : Government Day Secondary School, Muslim Community Secondary School, Government Science Secondary School Sirkin-Noma, Lokoja, Kogi State

SUMMARY

Sequel to the 16th Days Activism to End Gender Based Violence against Girls and Women, Bridge Inspire Foundation, in partnership with OJN Foundation, Save Project, and Empower Foundation, conducted a school visit as part of the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence against Girls and Women. The event aimed to raise awareness about gender-based violence, promote gender equality, and empower girls and women to take action against violence.

GOALS

- To raise awareness about gender-based violence and its impact on girls and women.
- To promote gender equality and challenge harmful gender stereotypes.
- To empower girls and women to take action against violence and demand their rights.
- To provide a platform for girls and women to share their experiences and voices.

ACTIVITIES/VISITATION

The Director of The Bridge Inspire Foundation, Mrs. Bridget Awele Ezech-David, represented by Mr. Abel, and a team of volunteers have embarked on a school sensitization campaign aimed at educating students against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Kogi State. The campaign was in collaboration with Oladele John Nihi Foundation (OJN), Save Protect and Empower Foundation (SAPE), and others, to mark the “16 Days of Activism to end Violence against Women and Girls 2024”.

Speaking at GYB Model Secondary School, Adankolo, and Muslim Community Secondary School, Lokoja, on Monday, Mr Ibrahim Yakubu, representing Mrs. Ezech-David, said the campaign aimed to educate students and mobilize action to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.

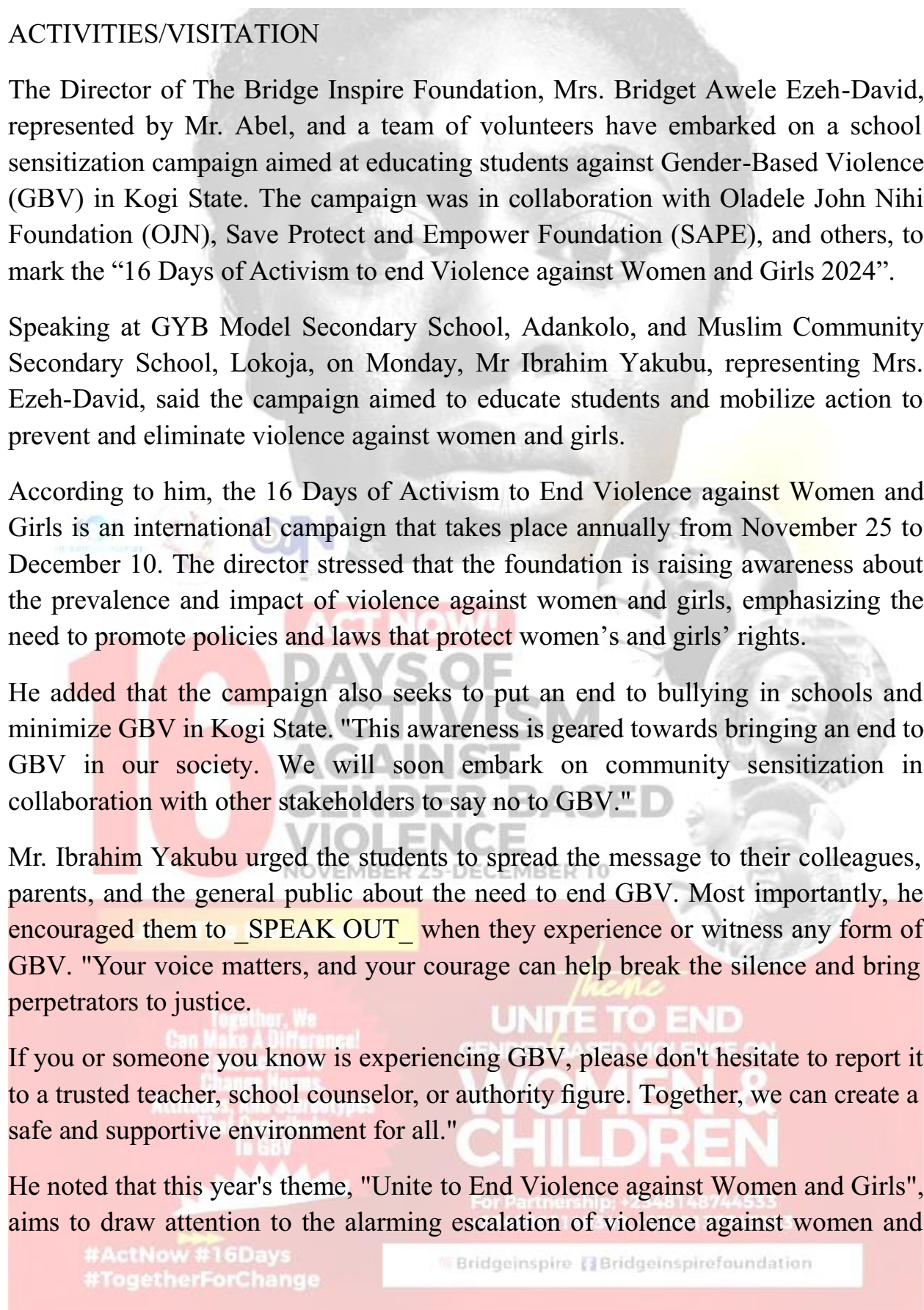
According to him, the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence against Women and Girls is an international campaign that takes place annually from November 25 to December 10. The director stressed that the foundation is raising awareness about the prevalence and impact of violence against women and girls, emphasizing the need to promote policies and laws that protect women’s and girls’ rights.

He added that the campaign also seeks to put an end to bullying in schools and minimize GBV in Kogi State. "This awareness is geared towards bringing an end to GBV in our society. We will soon embark on community sensitization in collaboration with other stakeholders to say no to GBV."

Mr. Ibrahim Yakubu urged the students to spread the message to their colleagues, parents, and the general public about the need to end GBV. Most importantly, he encouraged them to SPEAK OUT when they experience or witness any form of GBV. "Your voice matters, and your courage can help break the silence and bring perpetrators to justice.

If you or someone you know is experiencing GBV, please don't hesitate to report it to a trusted teacher, school counselor, or authority figure. Together, we can create a safe and supportive environment for all."

He noted that this year's theme, "Unite to End Violence against Women and Girls", aims to draw attention to the alarming escalation of violence against women and



girls, and revitalize commitments, call for accountability, and action from decision-makers.

To prevent GBV, the foundation plans to inaugurate GBV clubs in all secondary schools. "Our collaboration with Oladele John Nihi Foundation and Save Protect and Empower Foundation is geared towards uniting all stakeholders to jointly tackle the issue of GBV and say no to violence against women and girls."

GBV Ambassadors will be appointed to help checkmate and escalate any GBV issues in their schools, ensuring that victims of GBV receive justice.

The school visit was conducted through a series of interactive sessions, including:

- Presentations on gender-based violence, gender equality, and human rights.
- Group discussions and debates on the impact of gender-based violence on girls and women.
- Interactive games and activities to promote gender equality and challenge harmful gender stereotypes.
- A panel discussion featuring girls and women who have experienced gender-based violence, sharing their stories and experiences.

OUTCOMES

- Increased awareness and understanding of gender-based violence and its impact on girls and women.
- Improved knowledge of gender equality and human rights.
- Empowered girls and women to take action against violence and demand their rights.
- Provided a platform for girls and women to share their experiences and voices.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Conduct regular follow-up sessions to reinforce the messages and promote sustained behavior change.



2. Engage with local authorities and stakeholders to advocate for policies and programs that address gender-based violence.
3. Provide support and resources for girls and women who have experienced gender-based violence.
4. Expand the program to reach more schools and communities.

CONCLUSION

The school visit was a successful event that achieved its objectives of raising awareness, promoting gender equality, and empowering girls and women to take action against violence. The partnership between Bridge Inspire Foundation, OJN Foundation, Save Project, and Empower Foundation demonstrated the power of collaboration in addressing gender-based violence. We look forward to continuing this important work and making a lasting impact in the lives of girls and women.

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