

REPORT OF THE 'ORANGE HANDS CAMPAIGN'

In commemoration of the 16 days of action, YouthRISE Nigeria joined the global campaign via the '**Orange Hands Campaign**' with the support of WHRIN to advocate for an end to violence against women who use drugs and push the drug policy reform agenda in Nigeria.

The campaign commenced with a **Press Release** calling for the elimination of all forms of violence against women who use drugs by reviewing repressive drug laws that undermine human rights and dignity, health and social justice. This was disseminated via social media (Twitter; Facebook and Instagram). Following this, **compelling stories of female drug users in Nigeria, were shared on all social media platforms of YouthRISE Nigeria**, to highlight human rights violations, stigma and other forms of violence experienced by this special population.

Other activities implemented in line with the objectives of the 16 days of action are:

Novelty Football Match: This happened on 10th December to commemorate the International Human Rights Day. A football game was organized between female police officers and young Females Who Use drugs. This aimed to correct negative perception, stigma and discrimination held among the Nigeria Police Force, regarding females who use drugs. It was also an opportunity to advocate for rights-based drug control in Nigeria. This activity was reported in the media.

Open House and Photo Exhibition: On 12th December 2019, there was an open house event and exhibition on the sideline of a national symposium on drug policy organized by YouthRISE Nigeria. At this event, photographic experiences of women who use drugs were exhibited. Also, at the venue, there was an "Orange Booth" where participants took photos and had access to IEC and campaign advocacy materials. Also, hand stamps and signatures of participants were collected (with consent) to show their endorsement of the campaign.