ANUAL REPORT

2020 **ADOLESCENT HEALTH HUB**

"Adolescents are the greatest resource for a society to thrive. Investments in adolescents yield triple benefits: healthy adolescents now, healthy adults in the future and healthy future generations." – World Health Organization

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Adolescent Health Hub is a not-for-profit organization poised to improve the wellbeing of adolescents in Nigeria and Africa at large. This we are currently doing by leveraging on sustainable partnerships with organizations whose mission and objectives align with ours, harnessing the power of technology and social media platforms as well as community interventions to reach our target population.

Despite being a challenging year with an unprecedented pandemic in the 21st century, we were able to stimulate a new cause and sensitize the public on the significance of adolescent health with measurable impact and results.

Our major highlight for the year 2020 was the needs assessment carried out at Snake Island, a hard-to-reach community located in Amuwo Odofin local government, Lagos State to unravel the health challenges faced by their adolescents.

Building on the success of 2020, we are quite optimistic that 2021 and beyond will bring lots of opportunities to achieve many of our targets.

We are very grateful to all our partners, Global Shapers (Lagos Hub), Chatty Caterpillar and Muslimah Style Guide as well as all individual donors, friends and family members who have made our works possible in 2020.



Dr Fatimah Odusote

WHO WE ARE

Adolescent Health Hub is a non- profit organization whose vision is to create a society where adolescents are highly productive now and in the future.

Her mission is to champion and nurture adolescents and youths' physical, mental, social, and spiritual wellbeing to enhance their full potential through sustainable collaboration.

OUR CORE VALUES

- **Nurture** We believe strongly in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for our adolescents and youths to thrive to attain the best outcomes.
- ☐ Integrity- To deliver on our mission, we take pride in the highest level of integrity while interacting with our stakeholders and providing our services to our target population.
- ☐ **Professionalism** In dealing with people who matter to us, we maintain an uncompromised work ethic and excellence while also catering to our team members' needs.
- ☐ Innovation- The world is continually changing. Hence, to meet our target population's demands, we need to evolve continuously and consistently through unparalleled skill acquisition and competencies by our team members.
- □ **Diversity and inclusion** Through diversity and inclusion, we break unhealthy social constructs, societal prejudices and create a paradigm shift that fosters collaboration, respect, human dignity, human rights, and universality.

2020 – 'a year of beginnings'

2020 was a remarkable year for Adolescent Health Hub, we make bold to term it 'A year of beginnings.'

Despite the pandemic, and the many uncertainties that besieged the globe, we were able to harness the circumstance to our advantage and to make impact in the lives of adolescents and youths.

Thanks to our ever- resilient founder, Dr Fatimah Abolanle Odusote, committed and dogged volunteers, and our reliable partners.

2020 Programs

Online publicity

Our social media handles were duly engaged. Relevant health information and topics which adolescents and their guardians could benefit from were shared on a regular basis on our social media platforms- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Virtual events

A webinar was held to commemorate World Menstrual Hygiene Day celebration on May 28^{th.} The objective of the webinar was to educate adolescents, parents, guardians and other relevant stakeholders on menstruation and menstrual hygiene.

The guest speakers were Ms. Uwa Arieko, an adolescent health advocate, Dr. Weyinmi Erikowa-Orighoye, a paediatrician, and Oyinkansola Fatima Momoh, Managing Director of Muslimah Style guide.

A <u>video</u> was also made to further raise awareness on menstruation. This video had pidgin and Chinese languages incorporated to ensure a much wider reach, and to communicate effectively with our audience. We also made our <u>menstrual hygiene pamphlet</u> accessible to the public.



Menstrual Hygiene Day Celebration

May 28 5pm (GMT+1)
May 29 6pm (GMT+1)



Speakers







Weyinmi Erikowa-Orighoye Paediatrician



Oyinkansola
Fatima Momoh
Managing Director of Muslimah



Fatimah Odusote Medical Doctor and Adolescent Health

Organizer









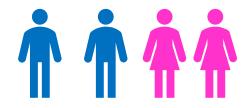


Making impact in a foreign land



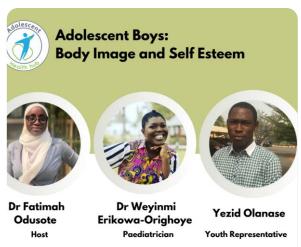
A virtual and physical meet-up was organized by Adolescent Health Hub in collaboration with <u>Chatty Caterpillar</u>, a Singapore-based NGO focused on mental health, on the 15th of June and 14th of July.

Seven teenagers in total were invited on both occasions to share their experiences on adolescence and our founder answered their questions regarding the challenges faced during adolescence and puberty.









FACEBOOK LIVE ON 18TH JULY, 2020 3PM (WAT)



Facebook and Instagram live chats

By leveraging on the wider reach offered by social media, we held Live Chats on Facebook and Instagram to reach out and beam a light of hope to adolescents and their guardians through significant topics on adolescent health.

17 live chats were held between April and November, some of which involved adolescents as presenters or guests. All live chats were engaging.

Some comments from viewers during live chats

"This was an impactful session"- Edun Eniola

"Learning parenting is very important"-Oluremi Ayeni

"Really learning... Poor nutrition in adolescents might lead to health problems in the future"- Kabiru Bukky Fatimah

"Well done my colleagues, parenting adolescents is one of the most difficult and sensitive stage of child upbringing" – Francisca Ken

Community intervention- Snake Island

Despite the huge setback experienced in many countries due to COVID-19, we were able to initiate community interventions for adolescents in one of the hard-to-reach communities in the South-Western part of Nigeria to meet some of their health needs. This community intervention was one of our major wins in 2020.

The community, Snake Island, located in Amuwo-Odofin local government area in Lagos State, is home to different tribes across Nigeria. To ensure our proposed intervention in the community is well targeted, we embarked on a needs assessment on 20th of December to understand the peculiarities of the challenges faced by the adolescents in this location.



We were able to assess the needs of 82 adolescents through quantitative data gathering with mixed qualitative/informal methods.

The questionnaire which covered the (health and socioeconomic determinants of health) nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, injury and violence, access to healthcare, menstrual health, housing education, drug and employment was an eye-opener to the challenges adolescents go through.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Adolescent Health Hub recruited ten amazing volunteers (majority of whom were adolescents) who were unreservedly committed to all the programs, most especially the Snake Island project. The on-boarding of the volunteers was also a major turning point for the organization.











OUR PARTNERS

We cannot fail to mention our most reliable partners.

We truly value your partnership with us towards ensuring that adolescents live their best lives and maintain their wellness now and in the future.

FINAL NOTE



We are grateful to God for an impact-full 2020. We have no doubt that the coming years hold much greater impact, reach and unlimited success towards achieving our goals.

We look forward to more productive partnerships, engagements, and all-round impact.

We will not stop until the adolescents in our generation and generations to come have the knowledge, resources and skills to live a productive life now and in the future!

GALLERY











community worker on adolescent health

Thursday, 7th of May at 4 PM (GMT+1)

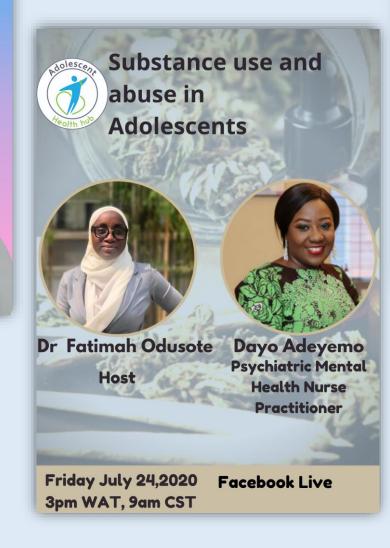


Join @adolescenthealthhub
for an exciting
INSTAGRAM LIVE CHAT
as Haleemah Olanase shares
her experience on the
realities of working with
adolescent health in the
community.

HALEEMAH OLANASE

Biochemist Public Health Educator

































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