

# Education as a Vaccine against AIDS



Youth Empowering Youth

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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## **VISION:**

A Nigerian society where all youths have rights and access to reproductive health and HIV/AIDS information and services

## **MISSION:**

To establish systems and structures that provide opportunities for youths to make responsible decisions concerning their development. To that effect, EVA will use youth-friendly approaches to provide information and services, as well as develop advocacy initiatives through partnerships with other affinity group



## Letter from Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to EVA's first Annual Report!

As we enter our fifth year, we are proud of the progress that we have made towards fulfilling EVA's vision. As you'll read, since our founding in 2000, we have educated more than 20,000 youth as well as numerous teachers and other community members about the HIV/AIDS pandemic; established new and creative programming; expanded our reach beyond Abuja into three states; formed partnerships with NGOs and donor organizations; diversified our funding base; and strengthened our organizational structure. This report is an opportunity for us to not only showcase these accomplishments, but also to thank those who have made this success possible. To our staff, donors, board of directors, friends and advisors, EVA could not succeed working alone, and we thank you.

There is still much ground to cover, and EVA will continue to work tirelessly. We invite you to continue supporting us as we make headway in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Enjoy learning more about some of what EVA has been doing. Your curiosity, support, and interest in youth and reproductive health issues in Nigeria are greatly appreciated as we look forward into the 2006 fiscal year. Happy reading!

Chinelo Dike  
Co-Chair, EVA

## Letter from Executive Director

As the Executive Director and co-Founder of EVA, I am pleased to present our first annual report. This report comes at a pivotal time for EVA on our 5th anniversary. Since we began in October, 2000, EVA has been working relentlessly to better the lives of young Nigerians. This report summarizes activities the organization has successfully carried out, highlighting the major accomplishments in the 2005 fiscal year.

Our first and greatest accomplishment is providing steady employment for over fifteen young people in three states. The organization's ability to train and support young people, who begin with no professional experience, to a level that they are recruited by international organizations is a tremendous achievement of which we are proud.

EVA has significantly grown over the years to become a reputable and well respected organization managed by young people for young people. This year, EVA has expanded into the North Central Zone of Nigeria in Benue and Nassarawa States. We have re-organized for efficient and effective service delivery to our beneficiaries. EVA is continuously setting the pace for other youth-led initiatives and civil society organizations. We, young people, are committed to the national response to HIV/AIDS, improving sexual and reproductive health, and the general well-being of young people in Nigeria.

We are grateful to the many agencies and individuals for their support and contributions. Specifically we would like to thank Echoing Green Foundation for taking the chance to nurture and invest in EVA's founding vision, an investment that now greatly helps many young Nigerians. On behalf of the founders, I thank the Board and staff who have nurtured this idea to its present state.

Happy reading and Aluta Continua!

Fadekemi Akinfaderin, MPH  
Executive Director & Co-Founder, EVA



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# Introduction to EVA

## Founding

In October of 2000, two young Nigerian-born women, Fadekemi Akinfaderin and Damilola Adebisi, founded Education as Vaccine against AIDS (EVA). Each founder had lived in the United States since childhood through the completion of her undergraduate education at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. After learning about HIV/AIDS in their homeland, the women joined forces to combat the disease and the socio-cultural misconceptions surrounding it.

In the summer of 1999, Akinfaderin had joined a team that traveled to South Africa to conduct HIV/AIDS research in the Eastern Cape. There, she collected and tested blood samples for signs of HIV infection at the general hospital, the region's only health care facility. Approximately 80% of samples tested positive. Akinfaderin confronted the bitter reality of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa.

That the same year, Adebisi was awarded a research grant by Wesleyan's Black Alumni Council to examine the pre-existing HIV/AIDS prevention strategies in Nigeria. During her field research, she discovered that adolescents faced a dearth of sexual education and health services, despite being the highest risk group for infection. Adebisi, like Akinfaderin, was compelled to respond.

Their individual experiences and shared compassion motivated them to return to their homeland and address the HIV/AIDS crisis. In December of 1999, with the help of a health care consulting firm, BE Medical Services, they conducted formative research using surveys, in-depth interviews, and focus group discussions with Nigerian high school students. The results revealed that the majority of young people lacked basic knowledge about the disease and were unaware or in denial of their high risk of contracting HIV. The government and civil society were addressing the situation, but much work remained to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on the country.

In 2000, the Echoing Green Foundation awarded a prestigious grant to fund Akinfaderin and Adebisi's vision. Enabled by this generous gift and their own confidence, they translated their ideas into the foundation of EVA. With the hard work of its architects, commitment of its staff, kind assistance of volunteers, and support from the community, EVA and the HIV/AIDS awareness of the community has been steadily expanding. Today EVA is among the most prominent and respected non-governmental organizations headquartered in Abuja.



# The Last Four Years

EVA remembers its founding years, 2001 and 2002, fondly. The organization worked indefatigably to successfully commence work in the FCT. EVA made even more profound progress in its subsequent “Community Recognition Years,” 2002-2004. During this period, EVA was known in most school across the FCT. There was even at this a waiting list of schools and students eager to participate in our programs only a couple of years after the first trials.

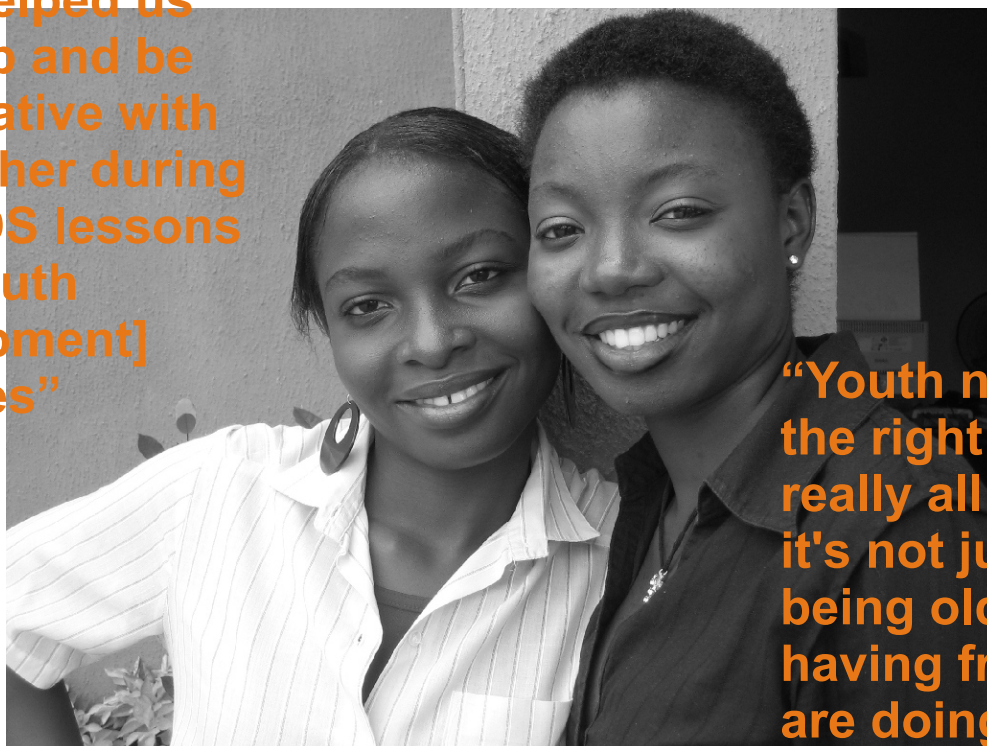
Many milestones were attained, as are laid-out in the following two pages. First, major administrative accomplishments are summarized. Next, there are major milestones and brief descriptions of the programmatic successes.

## Youth Empowering Youth



**“EVA helped us team-up and be cooperative with each other during HIV/AIDS lessons and [youth development] activities”**

**-Eyimofe**



**Beneficiaries of EVA’s Secondary School Based Program (GGSS Dutse)**

**“Youth need to be on the right path. It's not really all about sex, it's not just about being old enough or having friends who are doing it. You need to reach out to them to let them know how to be responsible.”**

**-Shalewa**

# Administrative Milestones

## 2001 & 2002

### First Office and Staff

In October of 2000, EVA secured office space & hired 4 young staff with support from the National AIDS and STI Control Program (NASCAP) of the Ministry of Health.

### Partnership with Ministry of FCT

January 2002: EVA formally presented itself to the Department of Education and the Ministry of FCT. It obtained official partnership as the 1st NGO to work in all secondary schools in the FCT.

### Official Launching

EVA was launched during the OAU Head of States' Meeting on HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria and Other Infectious Diseases in April, 2001. 100 People attended, including special dignitaries (Executive Director of ILO HIV/AIDS program, Dr. Frank Lisk; Honorable Senator Representing the FCT, Haijia Kairatu Abudul Razak-Gwadabe; and Minister of Transport, Dr. (Mrs) Kema Chikwe).

### Achieving Tax Exempt Status

The American IRS granted non-profit status to EVA in the beginning of 2002, making EVA officially a 501(c)(3) organization. EVA itself is exempt from taxes, and donors may claim tax deduction for their contribution.

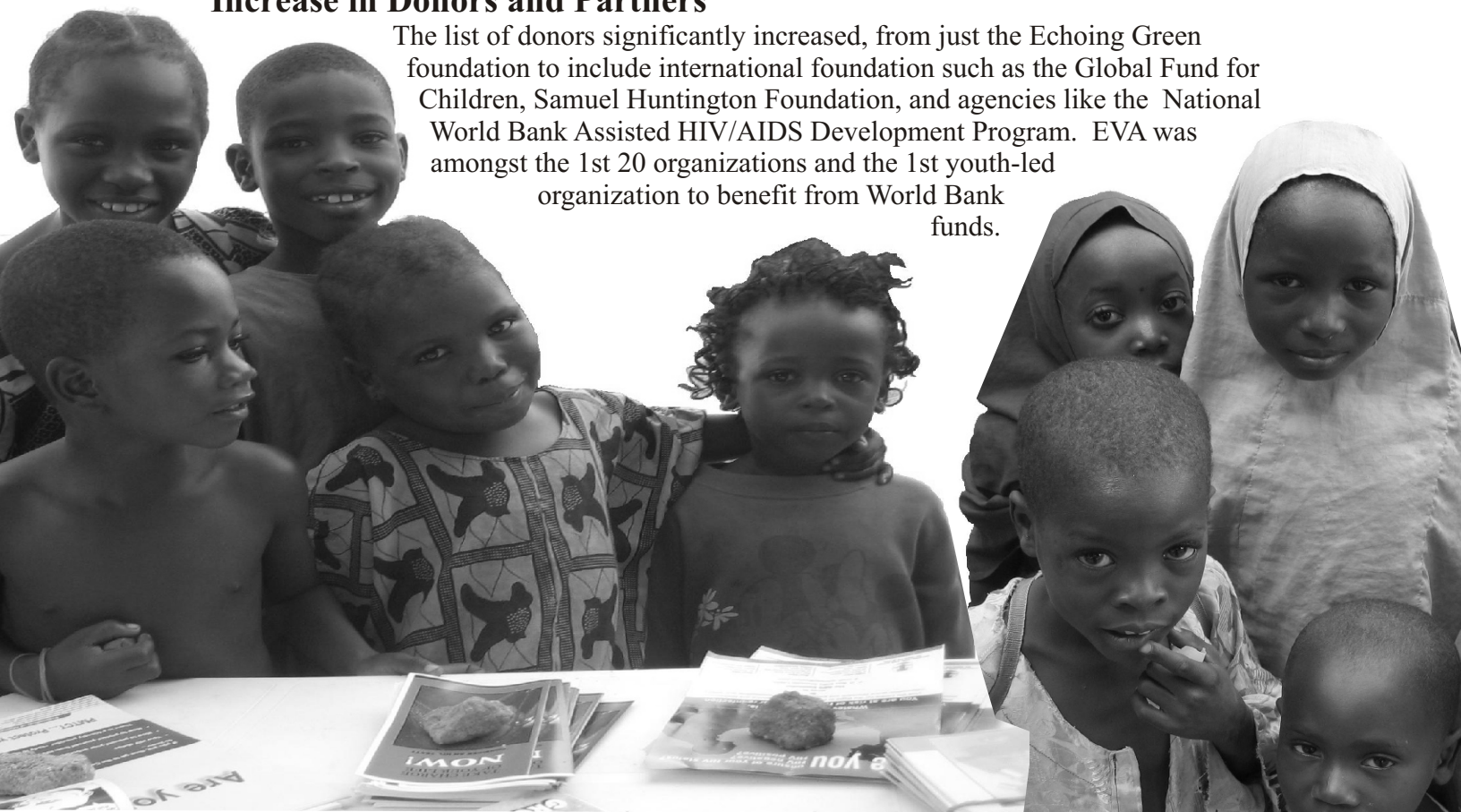
## 2003 & 2004

### International Internship Program

EVA fully initiated its internship program and solidified its partnership with Wesleyan University in 2003. Four interns, university students and graduates, worked with EVA in various capacities, including program development, fundraising, research and creating communication materials.

### Increase in Donors and Partners

The list of donors significantly increased, from just the Echoing Green foundation to include international foundation such as the Global Fund for Children, Samuel Huntington Foundation, and agencies like the National World Bank Assisted HIV/AIDS Development Program. EVA was amongst the 1st 20 organizations and the 1st youth-led organization to benefit from World Bank funds.



# Programmatic Milestones

## 2001 & 2002

### **World AIDS Day**

With additional support from the Abuja Literary Society and Guild of Artists and Poets, EVA implemented this city-wide celebration. Approximately 10 secondary schools participated in quiz and debates in 2001. The following year, 8 secondary schools participated in arts competitions.

### **Teenage Pregnancy & Abortion Seminar**

EVA conducted a 1-day seminar for students at Government Girls Science Secondary School, Kuje. Six small-group discussions were conducted for students in senior classes, reaching over 600 girls.

### **The Secondary School Based Program (SSBP)**

The SSBP started in February, 2001, with the implementation of Youth Health Curriculum in Government Secondary School, Karu and Ozuke Academy, Kubuwa and Government Girls Secondary School, Dutse. It reached 15 secondary schools across the FCT, benefitting approximately 8,000 young people.

### **Youth Leadership Retreat**

In July 2001, EVA brought together 100 youths from all over the FCT to promote dialogue and develop creative solutions to RH/HIV/AIDS problems, which affect young people. The retreat was supported by Senator Representing the FCT, Area Council Chairmen, Zenith Bank PLC, and HINT magazine.

### **Fashion Show**

In collaboration with the British Council of Abuja, Julius Berger Construction Company and 3 major fashion houses, EVA executed this public awareness and fundraising event. It reached 200 people and showcased EVA project beneficiaries as models.

### **Care for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Initiative (CFPLWHA)**

EVA kicked-off this program in March 2002, in which EVA counselors visited HIV/AIDS clinics bi-weekly to discuss health living, mental health issues, and family issues with people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The program distributed over 2,000 informational pamphlets, "Living Positively," and counseled over 700 PLWHA.







## 2003 & 2004

### **Men's Partner Project**

This initiative focused on including young men in HIV/AIDS prevention, which had the dual role of also facilitating work on girls' vulnerability. Supported by the Samuel Huntington Foundation, it provided 100 young men from FCT rural communities with life skills training and forums on gender issues.

### **EVA HIV/AIDS Clubs & Peer Education Training**

EVA established 15 clubs throughout Abuja's 6 area councils, including over 500 young members. In collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Education, EVA trained 300 PHEs in Abuja.

### **Life Skills and HIV/AIDS Education**

With support from NACA/World Bank, this program provided 1500 youth with comprehensive life skills education in 12 public secondary schools across the FCT and Nassarawa State

### **Parents' Involvement Project**

With support from the Global Fund for Children, EVA implemented an HIV/AIDS awareness seminar for 97 parents from a rural community, uniformed personnel barracks, and Islamic and Catholic groups.

### **International Candlelight Memorials**

In collaboration with Rochas Foundation, NICON Hilton Hotel, Sheraton Hotels and WOTCLE, EVA twice, EVA organize Annual International Candlelight memorial events (2002 & 2003). Issues of stigma and discrimination against PLWHA and the need for Voluntary Confidential Counseling and Testing (VCCT) were advocated to 2500 people.

### **Youth Friendly Reproductive Health and HIV Services**

EVA provided 400 young people with comprehensive reproductive health information & services through a network of over 10 FCT public & private health facilities. EVA provided VCCT to 322 people with Center for Right to Health (CRH) for the Preventing Mother to Child Transmission rally.

### **4th National Conference on HIV/AIDS**

EVA coordinated youth activities for this conference in Abuja. Programs included an awareness rally targeting out-school youth; peer health education training for young sex workers, and on-site VCCT.

### **Workplace Programs for Private Entities**

EVA developed HIV/AIDS capacities of corporate entities, for example, by implementing the Peer Health Education training for Guinness, Nigeria PLC in collaboration with VSO and holding an awareness seminar for Mr. Biggs employees.

# Where EVA Works

## *Headquarters*

### **Federal Capital Territory**

The new state-built city, Abuja, has been the Nigerian Federal Capital since 1991. Abuja is the result of detailed government planning and investment, although its current estimated population of 2 million well exceeds the anticipated 250,000 inhabitants. Centrally located, in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), which was created in 1976, the Capital is an intersection of major Nigerian ethnicities and religions. Nigerians of many different backgrounds now call Abuja's centre (the Abuja Municipal Area) and five municipal councils (Bwari, Kwali, Abaki, Kuje, and Gwagwalada) home. The FCT includes both the urban areas of Abuja and many economically depressed rural surrounding communities.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic has not spared the FCT; HIV's prevalence there was 8.2% in 2003. In 2002, about 4,965 people were living with HIV there. It particularly burdens young people, making EVA's work all that more valuable. Over half of new infections, at the current rate, are of youth.

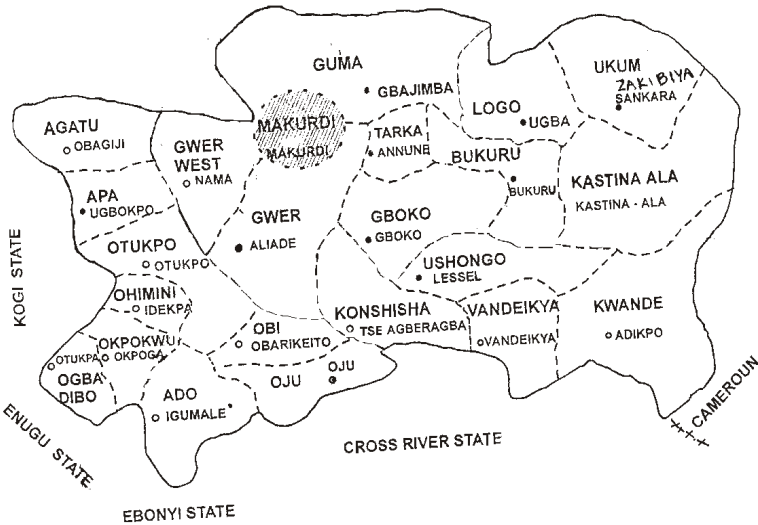
While EVA has expanded, the organization has continued and expanded its work in the FCT. The head office is located in Wuse II, Abuja, where all administrative and planning



Field Offices

Makurdi, Benue

Since 2004, EVA has worked in Benue State and established a field office in Makurdi. Benue State is predominantly agricultural. Primarily inhabited by Tiv, Idoma, and Egede ethnicities, Benue State’s twenty three local government areas are home to approximately 3 million people. Most of Benue State’s citizens live in poverty and are burdened by a 9.3% HIV prevalence rate, according to the 2003 national survey. Furthermore, the young age of Benue’s population makes this state in particular need of attention to the HIV/AIDS epidemic’s effect on youth.



Akwanga, Nassarawa State

This year, EVA has expanded its work in Nassarawa State. Its partnership with the College of Education in Akwanga has progressed, and in August, 2005, EVA established a field office in that city. Like Benue, Nassarawa State is predominantly agricultural. Its central location has offered it a beneficial location for the distribution of agricultural products. Like the rest of Nigeria, the state has been hit hard by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and has a 6.5% prevalence rate, according to the 2003 national survey.

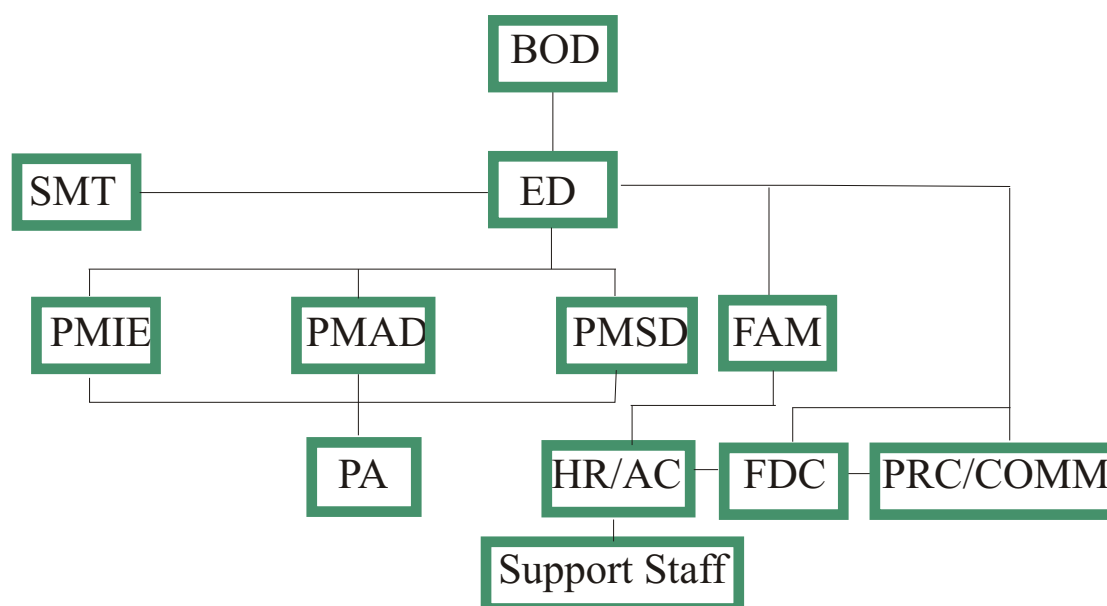


# The Structure of EVA

In August, 2004 EVA conducted an organizational assessment and for the first time developed a long term strategic plan. EVA formulated a new structure, which yielded both administrative and programmatic units.

EVA is headed by a Board of Directors, which is responsible for providing EVA with strategic direction and fund-raising. The Board is composed of both U.S. and Nigerian citizens, primarily based in the U.S.A, as follows:

NAME	BOARD POSITION	CURRENT AFFILIATION
<b>Chinelo Dike</b>	Co-Chairperson	Law Student, Yale University Law School
<b>Chido Nwangwu</b>	Co-Chairperson	Owner & Publisher, <a href="http://www.USAfricaonline.on.com">www.USAfricaonline.on.com</a>
<b>Adaora Ikenza</b>	Vice-Chairperson	Chief Program Officer, Political Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, UK
<b>Nathan Brody</b>	Secretary	Professor of Psychology, Wesleyan University
<b>Jimmy Owotomo</b>	Treasurer	Financial Consultant, Siegfried Group
<b>Betty Farrell</b>	Member	Medical Associates for Integration of Reproductive Health Services Engender Health
<b>Anthony Ragozino</b>	Member	V.P. of Global New Product Development, Merrill Lynch
<b>Fadekemi Akinfaderin</b>	Member	Executive Director, EVA



**PMIE:** Program Manager Information & Education.  
**PMAD:** Program Manager Advocacy  
**PMSD:** Program Manager Service Delivery  
**PA:** Program Assistant

**FAM:** Finance & Admin. Manager  
**HR/AC:** Human Resources/  
 Administration Coordinator  
**FDC:** Fundraising Coordinator  
**PRC:** Public Relations Coordinator

**SMT:** Senior Management Team  
**ED:** Executive Director  
**BOD:** Board of Directors



# Advocacy

## The Advocacy Unit

This unit is responsible for raising stakeholder's consciousness of HIV/AIDS issues, voicing the HIV/AIDS and reproductive health needs of young people, acting as a liaison to partners, including community representatives and other development agencies, and continually striving to expand EVA's partnerships. This unit is newly created to address a critical gap identified in EVA's programming and

### Goal:

**An enabling environment created for the implementation and utilization of youth-friendly reproductive health and HIV/AIDS**

### Strategic Objectives:

**To produce and disseminate accurate and reliable information on youth Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS issues**

## Strategic Communications

As part of its advocacy initiative, EVA engages with stakeholders by contributing to media outlets that can raise their awareness about particular, relevant issues

### Articles

In November of 2004, one of Nigeria's most widely distributed and well-known newspapers, *This Day*, approached EVA concerning their front-page article on HIV/AIDS and its control campaigns in. EVA was the key informant for the article. In February, the unit contributed an article, *Implementation of Family Life HIV/AIDS Education in Abuja: the Journey so Far*, for publication in Civil Society Action Coalition on Education for All's newsletter.

### Documentary Film

In May, 2005, the unit contributed to the development of Action Aid International Nigeria's documentary film, *Seeing the Impact of HIV/AIDS Intervention on Grassroots Women..* This opportunity enabled EVA to highlight the concerns of young women who are burdened with the role of being care-givers for PLWHA.

### Radio Programs

In May, Center for Right to Health collaborated with EVA by inviting the unit to speak on a weekly radio show regarding the value of voluntary confidential counseling and testing (VCCT) for youth. In July, the unit made another radio presentation in collaboration with Arts for Behavioural Change Foundation (ABCF) where EVA discussed youth's attitudes and HIV/AIDS prevention.

## Research Findings Dissemination

To raise stakeholders' awareness about key issues emanating from EVA research, the unit conducted two workshops. These workshops, one at College of Education in Akwanga and one at Benue State University in Makurdi, focused on the HIV/AIDS related knowledge, attitudes and practices of young people in tertiary institutions. These provided stakeholders, including young people themselves, with the opportunity to provide meaningful contributions to intervention development.



## Resource Center

Throughout the year, EVA has been developing a resource center at its headquarters. Many organizations have contributed information and education materials including videos, pamphlets, books, research publications, and CD-ROMs, which enable the dissemination of HIV/AIDS and reproductive health information. The resource center is primarily targeting at youth, school teachers,

## To increase key stake-holders' support for RH HIV/AIDS activities

### Courtesy Visits to Community Gatekeepers

To facilitate program implementation and effectiveness in a community, it is essential to have the support of community leaders. This support can be established through advocacy visits. It enables EVA to establish smooth, supportive working relationships to key figures in the community, legitimizes it in the eyes of the general public, and opens doors to new possibilities.

EVA conducted advocacy visits in the FCT (Gwagwalada, Nyayan, Garki Village, Mabuchi, Gwadalape, Yangoji, and Dobi), Benue State (Agasha and Gbajimba), Nassarawa State (Akwanga), and Bornu State (Maiduguri). EVA received the support of District Heads, Village Heads, Local Government Chairmen, Heads of Health and Education Departments, as well as Youth Leaders.



### Open Community Meetings

Open Community Meetings are valuable tools of EVA's Advocacy Unit. These events raise EVA's visibility, extend its support network, and provide a forum for an exchange of information about project activities. Open community meetings bring together everyone from the high profile community decision makers to the street hawkers and primary school children. EVA conducted three of these meetings in the FCT (Gwagwalada, Mabuchi, and Garki Village) and two in Benue State (Gbajimba and Agasha communities).

# To form partnerships with affinity groups

## Strategic Meetings and Workshops

Meetings we were invited to attend to make contributions based on the focus and scope of EVA's work. Almost two dozen were carried out just this year.

Meeting Title	Date	Agency	Purpose	Key Outcome
<b>FCT HIV/AIDS Strategy Development Meeting</b>	October, 2004	Ministry of the FCT, FACA	To develop & anti-HIV/AIDS strategy that will address the peculiarities of the FCT	Youth issues, which had been virtually absent, were incorporated into the strategy.
<b>National HIV/AIDS Strategic Framework Development Workshop</b>	December, 2004-January, 2005	NACA	To revise the HEAP & to develop a framework to guide the national response.	EVA was selected to help incorporate a youth prospective into the national strategy to curb HIV/AIDS.
<b>National Youth Forum on HIV/AIDS</b>	November - December, 2004	NACA, UNFPA, UNICEF, Ministry of Inter-governmental Affairs & Youth	To finalize the development of a national youth HIV/AIDS strategy, which would be incorporated into the national strategic framework & develop a national network of young people working on HIV/AIDS.	EVA served as a member of the technical working group, which developed the terms of reference for the network & National Youth HIV/AIDS & SRH Strategy. EVA was also elected as the FCT representative for the network.
<b>Youth Consultation Meeting</b>	October, 2004	NACA, UNFPA, UNICEF	To identify challenges that limit young people's participation in the national HIV/AIDS response.	EVA was selected to present outcomes of the forum to international & national agencies.
<b>ICASA 2005 Meetings (Task Force &amp; Subcommittee)</b>	March, 2004 (ongoing)	International Conference on AIDS & STIs in Africa	To develop a plan for the successful execution of the upcoming ICASA conference.	EVA supported the development of the youth program & currently serves as the secretary of the youth subcommittee.
<b>National Consultation on Civil Society &amp; the "Three Ones"</b>	February, 2005	UNAIDS, NACA	To ensure that civil societies fulfill their roles in complementing government AIDS control programs.	EVA served as representatives for youth network (NYNET) & developed work plans the "three ones" for youth.
<b>Commonwealth Education Fund, UBE Research Framework Workshop</b>	August, 2005	Commonwealth Education Fund, CSACEFA	To build the capacity of CSOs so that they can conduct research on management of UBE	EVA was selected as one of the research partners for conducting UBE research within the FCT.
<b>Civil Society Consultative Meeting on National Health Sector Reform Meeting</b>	August, 2005	Ministry of Health, Promotion of the Appropriate Technologies for Health	To obtain relevant input from HIV/AIDS CSOs regarding health sector reform	EVA participated in the meeting & provided input advocating the youth perspective.
<b>HIV/AIDS Training for FCT Secondary School Teachers</b>	May, 2005	Education Secretariat, Ministry of FCT	To sensitize & increase knowledge of FCT teachers about HIV/AIDS issues.	EVA gave welcome address & shared its experience within implementing HIV/AIDS curriculum in the FCT.

CSO Civil Society Organization  
 FACA FCT Action Committee on HIV/AIDS  
 HEAP HIV/AIDS Emergency Action Plan  
 ICASA Int'l Conference on AIDs and STIs in Africa

NACA National Action Committee on HIV/AIDS  
 NYNET National Youth Network on HIV/AIDS  
 SRH Sexual & Reproductive Health  
 UBE Universal Basic Education

## Stakeholders & Gatekeepers Forums

The unit employs Interpersonal Communication (IPC) Forums to raise stakeholders' awareness of HIV/AIDS related issues and programs. These informal sessions can be extremely effective due to how they foster their participants' senses of group commitment in a relaxed environment. They are interactive: information flows both ways between facilitators and participants. Forums can be centered on a particular challenge the program faces or a given development or health topic. In 2005, EVA conducted IPC Sessions with influencers who are typically youth- employers or sometimes youth leaders.

**Gwagwalada: EVA held IPC sessions with the employers, mainly salon and restaurant owners, of hard-to-reach girls. By explaining the impact of HIV/AIDS on businesses and fostering the owners' sense of community commitment, EVA successfully incorporate young women into its program. Furthermore, these influencers acknowledged a responsibility to address HIV/AIDS in their community.**

## Networks and Coalitions

Participating in Networks' and Coalitions' activities enable EVA to voice specific issues and collaborate with other agencies on a state and national level. Networks and coalitions can open-doors for EVA to seek new funding sources, opportunities to build its capacity, and partners. This past year, EVA has participated with the networks and coalitions listed below and frequently participated in their routine meetings.

### **CISHAN**

Civil Society Network on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria

### **NINPREH**

Nigerian Network of NGOs and CBOs for Population and Productive Health

### **CSACEFA**

Civil Society Action Coalition on Education for All

### **NYNET**

National Youth Network on HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health

## Memorable Visitors

### **AJWS**

In June, American Jewish World Service sent two representatives to Nigeria to learn more about EVA as a potential partner. EVA advocated the needs of the FCT, which had not received funding for the Family Life HIV/AIDS Education Curriculum. After visiting EVA's headquarters and observing their fieldwork, AJWS has offered its support.

### **Packard Foundation**

Last September, representatives of the Packard Foundation interested in EVA's work visited the organization and observed its programs at secondary schools in the FCT. Packard Foundation's youth Board Member learned through his visit to EVA about how youth programs are implemented on the community level.

### **Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO)**

VSO's Senior Management team traveled from London to EVA headquarters in September, of 2005. They visited EVA's programs in schools in the FCT. They met with and observed the presentations of EVA students and observed first hand the impact of VSO volunteers on host organizations and communities.



# Service Delivery

This unit strives to increase young people's access to reproductive health care services and strengthening referral systems, as well as improve the quality of these services.

## GOAL:

**Increased youth's access and utilization of reproductive health and HIV/AIDS services**

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

**To increase knowledge of reproductive health and HIV/AIDS services**

### HIV/AIDS and RH Counseling Hotline

This year, NACA and V-Mobile collaborated to expand hotline services in Nigeria, which had only previously existed in Lagos. EVA volunteered to implement the project and have the hotline set up in its headquarters; it has since been responding to the needs of community members who call in. It recruited and trained new counselors as well as further developed the skills of preexisting staff members as counselors. In just its first three months, EVA tended to 1,445 callers. Most frequently, EVA's trained counselors advise on means of HIV transmission, condom use, and symptoms of STIs (including HIV). EVA will expand the hotline services by increasing the number of counselors and the hours of operation this coming year.



## To improve the quality of RH and HIV/AIDS services available

### Assessment for Future Upgrade of Health Facilities

To best address the needs of its communities, EVA researched health care facilities in preparation for improvement programs. In Makurdi, Akwanga, and Abuja, EVA investigated the health care services available to the organization's partner tertiary institutions' students. The Unit assessed the structure of the health care facilities, available equipment, and qualification of health care staff. In Abuja, the Unit went even further and investigated all the major public and private health care facilities (including pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, and labs). This brought to attention the absence of youth friendly local health care facilities, an issue that will be addressed by EVA programs that are currently in the pipeline.

### Voluntary Community Counseling and Testing (VCCT)

As part of the PSRHH project, EVA conducted VCCT programs in communities which had no HIV/AIDS counseling for patients and many inhabitants who are unable to afford tests. In August, EVA collaborated with Action Aid International Nigeria, Center for Right to Health (CRH) and FCT Action Committee on AIDS (FACA) to carry out free, full-day Voluntary Community Counseling and Testing (VCCT) events in Gwagwalada, Mabuchi, and Garki Village. Two-hundred and seventy-eight clients sought VCCT. About 5.6% of those tested were positive and all of those tested received counseling.



## To strengthen referral systems between health facilities and youth centers

### Referrals for Students and Young People

EVA worked in several secondary schools in the FCT and has been a resource for students in need. Students were free to approach EVA staff members during Youth HIV/AIDS Curriculum seminars at the school each week or could stop by the headquarter office. EVA arranged for students to receive discounts at select health facilities (one in each school's neighborhood) where they could seek reproductive health care services. EVA has continued to be a referral service for young people in the FCT and provide free counseling.

# Information & Education

The Information and Education Unit (I&E) is responsible for developing and distributing accurate, needed information on HIV/AIDS and other related issue, targeting young audiences. This includes research, pamphlet development, and awareness campaigns.

## GOAL:

**Improved reproductive health and HIV/AIDS knowledge of youth**

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

**To increase awareness of reproductive health and HIV/AIDS issues among youth**

### Valentine's Day Abstinence Concert

Held at Millenium Park on February 19, 2005, co-sponsored by Society for Family Health, Action Aid International, Indomie Inc., the Valentine's Day Abstinence Concert drew crowds of youths from all over Abuja. Responding to advertisements in paper, by word of mouth, and radio programs, approximately five hundred young people gathered to listen to speakers promoting abstinence, watch groups perform skits and enjoy dancing competitions. There was also a question and answer session regarding HIV/AIDS and reproductive health issues as well as a raffle. Information and Education pamphlets and tee-shirts were distributed. The event highlighted the need for increased awareness of abstinence as the best HIV prevention strategy.



### Quiz Competition

The PSRHH team in Abuja, (EVA, Action Aid International, and Society for Family Health), organized a quiz competition for out-of-school youth Peer Facilitators from all the target communities. One hundred and forty youths from the seven intervention communities participated in a one day event to raise awareness and encourage learning about HIV/AIDS and reproductive health issues.

## To build the capacity of youth

### EVA HIV/AIDS Secondary School Clubs

The Youth AIDS Service Project continued into September, 2004, with 8 secondary schools. Using the strong foundation of the EVA HIV/AIDS Club members, the unit empowered youth to develop their own HIV/AIDS service projects targeting their peers, teachers, and other communities members. These projects included rallies, quiz competitions, drama presentations.

### Trainings

#### Peer Educators in Tertiary Institutions

Early in 2005, at the College of Education, Akwanga, the unit trained 25 Peer Educators to make students into valuable community resource as Peer Health Educators. After equipping them with knowledge and techniques, they in turn spread the information informally among their peers.

#### Peer Facilitators for Out-of-School Youth

The unit trained out-of-school youth (under the PSRHH program) in 4 communities across the FCT. An average of 28 youths per community were trained. After training, these youths return to their communities where they set up peer facilitation groups, two PFs to a group of ten, to disseminate HIV/AIDS information. EVA continues to support their work, including providing pamphlets, manuals, and other materials.

**"If an adult that didn't protect himself and he wants to come and meet me and tell me, I will not listen. But if a youth like me comes and tells me I will listen to him and I will know he wants something good for me"**

**-Peer Facilitator  
Mabuchi Community**



#### Training Support for NYSC Secondary School Peer Educators

The unit supports the National Youth Service Corps' secondary school Peer Educators training. EVA lends its expertise by facilitating the trainings as well as providing educational and informational materials. EVA worked with five secondary schools within the FCT, training approximately 200 Peer

### HIV/AIDS Counselors in Tertiary Institutions

The unit trained College of Education staff members as HIV/AIDS counselors to enable the staff to facilitate the distribution of information among tertiary students and act as counselors for both the students and staff of the college.

### Workplace Programs for Private Entities

The unit implemented a workplace HIV/AIDS program for Texaco Nigeria in 5 states in collaboration with YEF. The workplace program included implementation of HIV/AIDS workshops for 120 employees; training of 30 Peer Educators and development of behavioral change communication materials.



# Administrative Accomplishments

## **New Field Office**

EVA's continued partnership with Benue State University has led to the Vice-Chancellor's donation of a EVA field office on the university's campus. Located next to the Center for Gender and Continuing Education center, the office has been generously repainted, re-carpeted, and had air conditioning installed. It opened in August, 2005, and is a visible resource center for university students as well as a vital foothold for EVA's field work

## **Internal Trainings and Capacity Building**

Stemming from key results from EVA's organizational assessment, staff capacity development has been prioritized. Since January, 2005, several in-house trainings have been conducted on report writing, program design, monitoring and evaluation, and advocacy. In addition, EVA staff participated in bi-monthly writing workshops, and group skill enhancement sessions. The last focuses on facilitation, presentation, and public speaking. All administrative and junior staff have completed a 6-week computer training program, and the senior staff is scheduled for this coming year. In preparation for the implementation of the voluntary and confidential counseling and testing (VCCT) program, EVA conducted an internal refresher course for its counselors.

## **External Trainings and Capacity Building**

### **VSO on Project Management and Resource Mobilization Training**

A VSO representative trained EVA staff on program management, program design, and resource mobilization. During the last few months of this fiscal year, EVA staff received one-on-one writing tutoring and occasional seminars to improve writing and editing skills.

**VSO on Counseling and Behavioral Change Communication Training** EVA attended a VSO training to improve counseling skills and learn more about how to communicate to youth the importance of behavioral change. This better enabled EVA staff members to operate most effectively to reduce young people's risky behavior

### **NACA HIV/AIDS Hotline Counselor Training**

To adequately implement the NACA V-Mobile free HIV/AIDS counseling hotline, the Service Delivery Unit Manager and three volunteers were trained as master trainers and counselors.

### **Office Management Internship at VSO**

EVA's administrative assistant was seconded to VSO Nigeria, Abuja office, for one month to gain necessary knowledge and skills of office management.

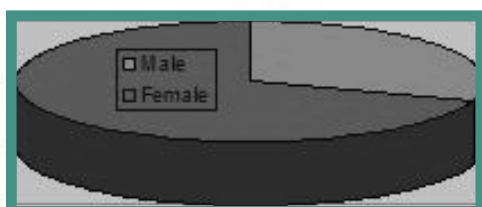
### **Uganda Study Tour**

The Executive Director participated in a VSO organized study-tour to learn about promising HIV/AIDS prevention and care practices for young people. The three-week tour featured visits to 18 civil society organizations.

## Human Resources

At the end of the fiscal year, 2005, EVA had ten permanent staff members, four volunteers and one international intern.

**Male to Female Ratio of Staff**



**Male to Female Ratio of Volunteers**



### 1. STAFF

#### 1.1 Newly Recruited Staff

Name	Current Title	Education	Location	Began with EVA
Musa Tanimu	Program Assistant for Advocacy & Information and Education Units	H.N.D (Auchi Polytechnic, Edo State '04)	Abuja	February, 2005
Avershima Emmanuel	Program Assistant (WoH)	B.S.C. (Benue State U)	Makurdi	March, 2005

#### 1.2 Departed Staff

Name	Last Title Held	Worked with EVA	Current Activities
Angela Agweye	Advocacy Unit Manager	2001-September, 2005	Voluntary Services Overseas
Mary Fagbola	Program Assistant for Information & Education	2003-July, 2005	unknown
Kemi Oigusanki	Finance Manager	2003-January, 2005	Kef Travel Agency, Owner

#### 1.3 Staff Promotions

Name	New Title	New Location	Began with EVA
Emmanuel Adma	Program Assistant (WoH)	Makurdi	September, 2003
Magana	State Coordinator	Akwanga	May, 2005
Mercy Seriki	Prog. Assistant, Service Delivery	Abuja	March, 2004

**2. VOLUNTEERS****2.1 Newly Recruited Volunteers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Began with EVA</b>	<b>Location</b>
Victoria Anyanwu	Communications	B.S.C. (University of Jos, '02)	April, 2005	Abuja
Biodun Olafadehan	Administration	M.P.A. (Obafemi Awolowo University, '99)	May, 2005	Abuja
Magana Dada Kayama	Hotline Counselor	H.N.D Accountancy (Kaduna Polytechnic, '04)	May, 2005	Akwanga
Cynthia Agalla	State Coordinator (WoH)	(A.B.U., Zairia)	July, 2005	Makurdi

**2.2 International Interns**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Time with EVA</b>	<b>EVA Site</b>
Lee Grodin	Communications, Research TAP Report, Staff Writing Program	B.A. (Wesleyan University, '05)	July-October, 2005	Abuja
Manre Chirtau	Develop I&E Materials & Youth Trainings	Completing B.A. from Wesleyan University	July-August, 2005	Abuja

**2.3 Past International Interns**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Worked with EVA</b>
Josh Dankoff	Developed Men-as-Partners Project; Fundraising; Health Facility Research	B.A. (Wesleyan University)	September, 2003-September, 2004
Yoshihiro Yonekawa	Developed Communications	B.A. (Wesleyan University)	September-November, 2003
Lee Coryell	Positive Living Research	B.A. (Wesleyan University)	June-September, 2003
Katie Boyle	Youth AIDS Service Project	B.A. (Wesleyan University)	June, 2003-January, 2004
Natasha Blackey	Youth Retreat	B.A. (Wesleyan University)	May-August, 2001

# Statement of Financial Position

## Summary of Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31, August, 2005

	UR (NGN)	TR (NGN)	PR (NGN)	Total	USD
<b>MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	2,087,300.00			2,087,300.00	4,300.00
<b>INKIND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	80,000.00			80,000.00	800.00
<b>FOUNDATION GRANTS</b>		1,331,000.00	6,375,580.00	7,706,580.00	77,065.80
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	43,040.00			43,040.00	430.40
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	610,000.00			610,000.00	6,100.00
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>2,820,340.00</b>	<b>1,331,000.00</b>	<b>6,375,580.00</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>10,526,920.00</b>	<b>\$ 88,696.20</b>
<b>DETAILED EXPENSES</b>					
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>				-	
Advocacy				897,850.00	6,906.54
Education & Information				670,000.00	5,153.85
Service Delivery				200,000.00	1,538.46
					-
<b>OVERHEAD</b>				2,003,537.00	15,243.98
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE</b>				1,508,998.50	10,812.45
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>				<b>5,280,385.50</b>	<b>\$ 39,655.28</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>				<b>5,246,534.50</b>	<b>49,040.92</b>

## Summary of Past Expenses Fiscal Years 2001-2005

	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
	N	N	N	N	
<b>Programmatic</b>	3,180,163.41	2,923,519.21	3,412,845.60	6,401,991.24	3,771,387.00
<b>Administrative</b>	1,655,797.60	1,382,424.80	1,275,997.40	2,737,486.69	1,508,998.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,835,961.01</b>	<b>4,305,944.01</b>	<b>4,688,843.00</b>	<b>9,139,477.93</b>	<b>5,280,385.50</b>



# Statement of Financial Position as of 31, August, 2005

## Assets as of 31, August, 2005

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Unrestricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Cash</b>	260,077.62	1,133,000.57	1,974,578.33	3,367,656.52	
<b>Investments in IBTC Share</b>	49,450.00			49,450.00	11,500 Units of Shere
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			1,827,756.67	1,827,756.67	PSRHH Fund
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	350,000.00			350,000.00	Office Space
<b>Property, Plant&amp;Equipment</b>	3,335,981.00			3,335,981.00	
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>	(667,196.20)			(667,196.20)	Depreciation 20% Tot. Assets
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,328,312.42</b>	<b>1,133,000.57</b>	<b>3,802,335.00</b>	<b>8,263,647.99</b>	

## Liabilities and Net Assets as of 31, August, 2005

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Unrestricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	364,000.00			364,000.00	Owed Executive Director
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	364,000.00	0.00		0.00	
<b>Net Assets</b>	2,964,312.42	1,133,000.57		3,802,335.00	
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>				0.0	



# Partners

**Action Aid International, Nigeria**  
**Adolescent Health and Information Project**  
**Benue State University**  
**Center for Right to Health (CRH)**  
**Education Secretariat, Ministry of the FCT**  
**FCT Action Committee on HIV/AIDS (FACA)**  
**Management Strategies for Africa (MSA)**  
**National Action Committee on HIV/AIDS (NACA)**  
**Packard Foundation**  
**Pathfinder International, Nigeria**  
**Society for Family Health (SFH)**  
**Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO, Nigeria)**  
**Youth Empowerment Foundation (YEF)**

# Donors

**Action Aid International Nigeria**  
**Society for Family Health (SFH)**  
**Global Fund for Children**  
**National Action Committee on HIV/AIDS (NACA)**  
**Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO, Nigeria)**



# Upcoming Projects

## **Window of Hope**

**Benue State**

The Window of Hope Project (WOH) will take place in Agasha and Gbajima communities in Guma Local Government Area. Funded by the Global Fund for Children, WOH aims to reduce HIV/AIDS risk behavior among vulnerable children, 8-13 years old. By advocating HIV/AIDS as a dire problem to community leaders, distributing information to youngsters, and training peer influencers, EVA strives to increase these children's knowledge of HIV/AIDS, reproductive health issues, and life skills.

## **HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Project**

**Nasarawa State**

This project will take place in Akwanga in collaboration with the College of Education and funded by the World Bank Assisted HIV/AIDS Development Program (Nasarawa State Action Committee on AIDS). It addresses the HIV/AIDS education of tertiary students. Additionally, it integrates HIV/AIDS education with skill acquisition and income generating training of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC).

## **Out-of-School Youth AIDS Club Project**

**FCT**

The FCT World Bank Assisted HIV/AIDS Development Program approved EVA's Out-of-School Youth AIDS Club Project. Carried out in Amac, Kwali, and Gwagwalada Area Councils, the program incorporates Behavior Change Communication (BCC) and Peer Facilitator techniques. Another program component is the development of youth's entrepreneurial skills, including efforts to increase their involvement in small scale businesses to improve their economic standing.

## **Satellite Youth Friendly Centers**

**FCT**

EVA has worked hard in preparation to incorporate youth-friendly techniques and centers into the government health care system. The project is centered at a secondary general hospital, which attracts local youths because it is better equipped and less expensive than many other options. In a welcoming environment, youth can seek information on reproductive health, voluntary confidential HIV counseling and testing (VCCT), pregnancy testing, testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and counseling. The environment will be appealing to and comfortable for youth both in decoration and service.

## **ICASA 2005**

**FCT**

For the upcoming 14th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA 2005), EVA will be playing a significant role as a civil society organization and the only youth-led organization in Abuja, the host city. EVA will present an abstract, provide VCCT services, support documentation of the youth program, and organize the anti-stigma beauty pageant.

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