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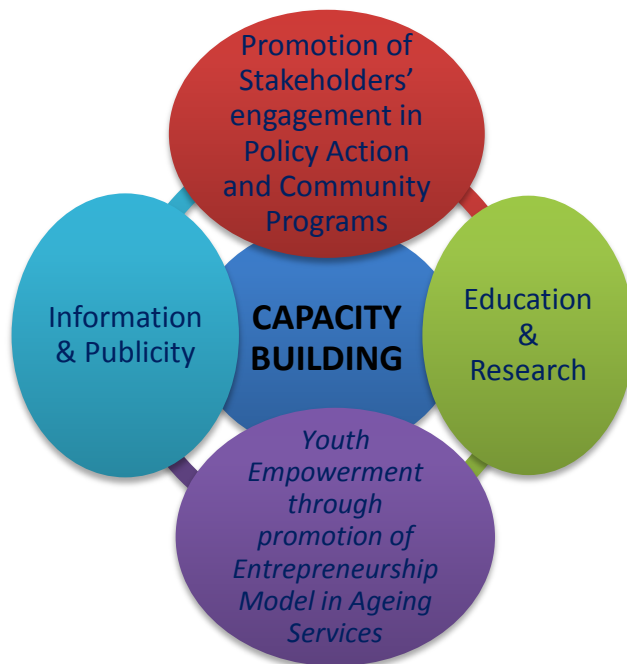
About us

The Dave Omokaro Foundation (DOF) is a registered Non-profit and Private Trust dedicated to capacity building and training of public and private institutions and individuals including the elderly in order to enhance effective response to and management of challenges of ageing with a focus on Policy, legislation program planning and sustainable services delivery for enhanced quality of life (QOL) of older persons in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa. DOF has been in the forefront as a leading ageing organization in Nigeria

Our compelling mission is to become the premier centre on ageing and sustainability in Sub-Saharan Africa and to lead the development of capacities of persons and institutions including government and private institutions, CSOs, NGOs, FBOs, HMOs, the family, community and older persons themselves to understand ageing and issues of older persons, forge innovative strategies to enable informed policy and action in consistence with international Plans of Action and United Nations principles on ageing and older persons.

Strategy

The Foundation's work towards improving the quality of life and well-being of older person in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa is carried out on five pillars



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Achievements

Innovative partnerships

The Dave Omokaro Foundation forges innovative partnerships with relevant MDAs for programme development and implementation in Nigeria on issues of ageing and older persons including Memoranda of understanding with the National Population Commission, National Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi, and the National Universities Commission. Leveraging the mandate, mission statements and influence of stakeholders to forge national and International Institutional collaboration on issues of Ageing and older person, DOF promotes informed advocacy and research for policy and action.

Pioneer of Gerontology Education in Nigerian Universities in Collaboration with NUC

NUC/DOF partnership has yielded the development of Benchmark Statement and Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) for post graduate studies (PGD, MSc, Ph.D) to be piloted in eleven (11) Nigerian universities (commencing September, 2014) and International Partnerships and Special Initiatives for faculty development in ageing and research:

The Dave Omokaro Foundation was responsible for

- Crafting initiatives and follow up Plans of Action on the development of Gerontology education in Nigerian Universities*
- Focal Point and initiator of consultative meetings with stakeholders within the Nigerian University System on program delivery in gerontology and geriatrics.*
- Facilitating Expert Group meetings for the development of graduate gerontology curriculum in Nigerian Universities*
- Facilitating and coordinating University of North Texas-National Universities Commission Memorandum of Understanding and Supplemental Agreement on Gerontology Program Development and Faculty Training.*
- Facilitating and coordinating the development of the innovative hybrid Specialist in Ageing Certificate Program incorporating offshore, on-line and on Campus teachings and gerontology ground rounds for Nigerian Faculty with University of North Texas*
- Program planning and implementation of four month- Scholar-in-Residence Program for 24 Nigerian Scholars at University of North Texas*
- Creating visibility and viability for issues of ageing pioneering work in Ageing Studie submitting Country reports on Ageing and older persons at Inter-Ministerial Meetings preparatory to United Nations General Assembly and UN Conferences on Population and Development*

In Collaboration with the National Population Commission.

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DOF works to strengthen understanding of ICPD thematic issues on ageing and older persons at the Population Technical Working Group Level

DOF Promotes inter- ministerial and Agencies collaboration on mainstreaming issues of ageing

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- *Non- Governmental Member – National Policy on Population for Sustainable Development Population Technical Working Group principally addressing and assessing the status of Nigerian Government implementation of ICPD Programs of Action with regards to ageing and issues of older persons*
- *Delegate of Nigeria to the 67th United Nations General Assembly and in its preparatory work on issues of ageing and older persons in collaboration with relevant Ministries, Agencies and Department in 2012.*
- *Delegate of Nigeria to the 47th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development (UNCP&D) in its preparatory work on issues of ageing and older persons in collaboration with National Population Commission, relevant Ministries, Agencies and Department in 2014.*
- *Non-Governmental- Member of the Stakeholder's Technical Working Group for the validation of the Draft National Social Protection (Policy NSPP) in collaboration with National Planning Commission*
- *DOF' s participation at the 4th United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing with the privilege of moderating the 4th panel on Social Security and Older Persons' Right to Health (12-15 Aug. 2013)*
- *In collaboration with Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi, DOF will be organizing a Symposium on Health, Ageing and Nutrition slated for 14th August, 2014*

Promotion of exchange of Knowledge and Information

- *DOF (Executive Director's) participation and chairing of the panel on Productive Ageing at the Istanbul International Initiative on Ageing (5-6 October, 2013).*
- *A Two Day Consultative Meeting with Selected Nigerian Universities on **Sustainable Framework for the Delivery of Programs in Applied Gerontology and Geriatrics in Nigerian Universities** in collaboration with the National Universities Commission(11th - 12th March, 2013)*
- ***Two International meeting of Experts on Curriculum Development: To Prepare Draft Benchmark Statements and Minimum Academic Standard for Specific Courses of Study on Ageing in Nigeria Universities** in collaboration with the University of Valparaiso (2012/2013)*
- ***International Symposium on Capacity Building for Health Management of Older Persons –A Social Development Strategy** in collaboration with National Universities Commission (21-22 May, 2012)*

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- **International meeting of experts on curriculum development: To prepare Benchmark Statements and Minimum Academic Standard for specific courses of study on Ageing in Nigeria Universities** in collaboration with University of Valparaiso Indiana U.S.A and the National Universities Commission (Feb 2012)
- **International seminar on Harnessing Expertise and Realizing the Potential of Nigerian Universities to build National Capacity in the Field of Ageing** in collaboration with University of Valparaiso Indiana U.S.A and the National Universities Commission – (2011).
- National Seminar on – **“Launching of Madrid +10; The Growing Opportunities and Challenges of Global Ageing”** in collaboration with the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) - (2011).
- **Annual Celebration of International Day of Older Persons 2008- till Date**
- **Scholarship Awards to Nigerians for training at United Nations Institute on Ageing UN Malta.**
- **Case for Social Equality and Inclusion of Older Persons in Nigeria’s Development Agenda:A submission to the Special Adviser to the President on Social Development (Dec 2011)**
- **Developing an Age Friendly Territory: A program proposal for the FCT Presented to the Social Development Secretariat FCT Abuja 2011**
- **Presidential Conference on Senior Citizens; A program proposal for the office of the Special Adviser to the President on Social Development 2011**

Technical Assistance

The Dave Omokaro Foundation Technical Assistance (TA) Hub was created to provide and improve proposal development, program design, services delivery and sustainable systems in affirmation of older persons for Federal and State government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs and private institutions in Nigeria. Technical Assistance provision has now evolved into social enterprise for the organization.

Some of DOF technical assistance in the field of ageing in response to request from governments and non-governmental bodies include

- Advisor, Senior Citizens Advocacy Network of Nigeria (SCANON)
- Advisor to FCT Social Development Secretariat on Ageing Issues
- Founding member and Advisor, African Society for Ageing Research and Development (ASARD) Nigeria.

Our Programs

- *Developing gerontology and geriatric education in Nigerian Universities*
- *Honoring Our Seniors Initiative (HOSI)*
- *Ageing in Nigeria Documentary*
- *Senior Citizens Care Nigeria Project*
- *Enhancing Capacities for Improved Response to Population Ageing (ECIRPA) project*
 - *International Training Programs*

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- *Geriatric Health Education Platform*
Public Awareness and Sensitization Programs-Media Pally on Ageing

Membership

- *Population Technical Working Group, Nigeria.*
- *International Federation on Ageing (IFA)*
- *International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)*
- *The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)*

Domestic Partners

- *National Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria*
- *National Population Commission*
- *Senior Citizens Advocacy Network of Nigeria (SCANON)*
- *Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO)*
- *Federal Ministry of Health*
- *Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development*
- *Media Organizations*

International Partners

- *International Institute on Ageing, UN-Malta*
- *International Federation on Ageing (IFA)*
- *International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)*
- *World Health Organization*

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