

GHARF's Success Stories from Projects Executed

- Through the implementation of the Global Fund HIV New Funding Model Project, one of the peers who could not do without alcohol due to low self esteem has built her esteem and has stopped alcohol consumption
- In the same vein , some of the peers that started saving money from the inception of the project have been able to save significant amounts of money after receiving a lecture on 'goal setting'.
- A total number of two hundred and seventy five (275) FSWs were reached with HIV information using MPPI strategy namely: Structural, Behavioural and Biomedical with the aim to change the behaviours of the peers.
- A total number of six hundred and forty one (641) FSWs able to know their HIV status.
- A total number of two hundred and four (204) FSWs were referred for STIs services. All completed their referral. Twenty six (26) FSWs were referred for ARV and their treatment is on-going.
- FSWs have learnt use of male and female condoms on every client. All these leads to behavioural change.
- Through Voices for Change (V4C) program, the first ever female Deputy Senate President in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, emerged.
- A six year old child who tested positive for HIV and was referred to Ikem District Hospital for other HIV services. During home visit, it was discovered that the child visited the hospital, collected drugs, adhered to prescription and is healthy through GHARF's implementation of Initiative for Good Health Project
- Through HPDP II project implementation, two Female Sex Workers (FSWs) have completely given up brothel life. One is seriously engaged in business centre work (photocopying) while the other is now a hair dresser.
- Also through HPDP II project, FSWs in New Artisan market formed a CBO called Help Health International Initiative (*HHII*) through the effort and technical support from GHARF and HARTLAND.

A caregiver who was empowered with N20,000 house hold economic strengthening, used the money to start fruit business. Before she was supported with the grant, the household was so poor that she could not feed her five children; infact three of her children had dropped out of school. During home visit, it was discovered that two of her children have been re-enrolled back to school through money generated from business. She also able to feed the family three times daily.

- Another success story is that GHARF presently employed one of the OVC caregivers as her staff. Her earning will help to improve the family budget. Also, twelve of GHARF caregivers are currently under going three months training organized by Field of Skills Organization at Access Bank, Okpala Avenue Enugu.

- Some who have learnt vocational skills (sewing, confectionaries, barbing, hair dressing among others) have formed a cooperative society and were practicing the skills they learnt, use the money acquired to take care of themselves and their families.

In-School-Adolescents

- Most of the adolescents reported that their level of knowledge on sexuality and reproductive health issues have improved.
- One of the students from College of Immaculate Conception (C.I.C), Secondary school Enugu, Master Chukwunoso Ike Okafor, has this to say *“ I can now access materials in compact disk, play games, design cards and even do some arithmetical works using MS excel”*
- A beneficiary, Miss Jennifer Okeke, from Girls Secondary School Emene said, *“Anatomy of male and female reproductive organ, Basic facts on HIV \AIDS, Negotiation, Risk Assessment, Assertiveness and self esteem really put something meaningful in my life, they are going to make me to abstain from sex”.*
- Master Ofu Ikechukwu a student from C.I.C said, *“ the computer education was very beneficial, and above all, I can now work very well on the 8 packages I was trained on especially MS word and power point”.*
- Miss Anike Ifeoma a student from Emene Girls Secondary School said *“Decision making and Assertiveness have made me to say “no” for an answer and stand by it”*

Out of School Adolescents

- A beneficiary from Aku Community, Miss Tochi Nwafor, nick named “Atiti One way” had this to say, *“I am now independent. I have the basic thing of life, life skill and acquired skill, which made me to be the famous girls in detergent production in my community. I make a lot of money and my cousins now call me aunty because after sales, I give them pocket money, and used the rest for further production and maintain our household, people come to my house to book for painters of white detergent apart from the one I sell in market days and neighboring towns”*
- Another beneficiary from Ozalla community, Eugenia Amadi said *“the most interesting and enjoyable thing about the skill I acquired is wedding cake. It fetches me a lot of money, which I use in attending to my family needs”*
- *“ A beneficiary from Ozalla also said, ‘ I no longer spend money to mend my children’s clothes since I can propel sewing machine very well”*
- Miss Eugenia Amadi from Aku community said, *“this programme has helped me a lot, I make some product like buns and sell especially during feasts like Odo masquerade days. I realize a lot of money and use it to solve immediate needs in the family”*
- Ugwu Augustine from Amagunze community said, *“My standard of living has changed. I can decide on what to do with myself. I know now that HIV\AIDS cannot be contracted through touching and I have started passing information to some people in the community”*
- Maureen Ufoh from Eke community said, *“ The fascinating thing about the skills I have acquired, is that I can comfortably bake wedding cakes that can favourably compete with the ones baked in the cities. It fetches me a lot of money, which I use in attending to my family needs, I can identify the ingredients, produce it and sell to people in my community on request”.*

- Ugwu Monica from Aku community said, *"My standard of living has changed. I can decide on what to do with myself. I know now that HIV/AIDS cannot be contracted through touching and I have started passing on the message on the reduction of stigmatization on people living with the virus".*
- Ezike Chiesonu from Aku community said, that when the program was introduced, she was doing nothing. She said the program was good and educative and that she has learnt how to make chin-chin, buns, balm and Omo. *"I can now make money and take care of myself. The most interesting thing is an added knowledge on HIV/AIDS and the making of confectionaries and cosmetology"*
- Agu Chibuzo from Aku said *"I was a temporary school teacher before GHARF introduced the programme in my community. I learnt a lot of things from it, these includes soap making, shampoo, odour control, Izal, cake buns e.t.c. The most interesting thing is that I was empowered with skills that will make me to be self reliant and also equipped with correct information on HIV/AIDS and on making wise decisions".*
- Eugenia Amadi from Ozalla community said *"I had my education up to S.S.3 level. I was into farming until this program. The programs has helped me to acquire many skills such as body cream making, chin- chin, soap, hairdressing, dress making and how to make and design cakes. I was able to realize more income from it, due to high demand. The money so realized is utilized to solve my personal and family needs".*
- Okwudili Ezech from Ozalla community said, *"I was into petty trading before the program. I have learnt how to make soya milk, cake, and hairdressing and soap making. Also I have gained knowledge on various issues relating to my health, especially on STI's and HIV/AIDS diseases".*
- Ogechukwu Ani from Amagunze community said *"My parents did not have money to train me in higher institutions so I had to stop at S.S.3. When GHARF introduced this program I was doing absolutely nothing and depended totally on my parents for my needs. But the program has empowered me economically; at least I can use the money I realize from selling buns, omo, chin- chin and body cream to attend to my personal needs. It also taught me to abstain from premarital sex, and how to present myself before my husband".*
- Chiebonam Nnamoko from Amagunze community said *"My father died when I was still small so I stopped schooling at primary 6. I was a full time farmer, but with the introduction of this program I can now make buns, Omo and chin-chin and sell together with my farm products".*