

## **A REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF WIVADEV FROM THE YEAR 2013 – 2018**

The organisation now known as WIVADEV started as an initiative of the founder Martina A. Azaah. Her initiative was and still is to bring young girls to the consciousness of a purpose driven life and how to make a positive difference among their peers, families, and societies at large.

In the year 2013, she brought together a group of young girls between the ages of 13-20 years under the theme “STANDING OUT AMONG YOUR EQUALS”. This gathering was held in the form of a picnic at the Catholic Church Bota Beach, Limbe on the 30th of December 2013. The programme had facilitators in the persons of; Mrs Anita Etanga and Martina Azaah. They spoke on the following topics; “How manage peer pressure”, “The dangers of early relationships”. These topics were both educative and interactive as they listened to the opinions of the girls in regards to the topic as well as educated them on these topics.

The second edition of the programme took place the following year on the 30th of December 2014 under the same theme “STANDING OUT AMONG YOUR EQUALS”. The programme received twice as many people compared to the previous year, showing that her initiative was/is a success as both parents and children were keying into it. This time, it had new facilitators added to the existing ones. The facilitators and their topics are as follows:

- Rev. Etta Arung Peter who spoke on “Purpose”, with sub topics “The principles of life”, “The meaning of Life (Living In order to Fulfill Purpose)”
- Mrs Anita Etanga who spoke on “Setting a stage for a life of distinction”.
- Mrs Obi Juliet who spoke on “Choosing a life model”.
- Mrs Marie Njume who spoke on “Setting stage for your Life”.

The third edition which was a three days programme held at the coconut island, Limbe, from the 20 – 22 August 2015. The first day was addressed by Pastor Sally Iyok who spoke on the topic “Your purpose, Your life Compass” the second speaker for the day was Madam Etta Germaine who spoke on “Career”. On the second day, we had the first speaker in the person of Miss Manjong Mercy who spoke on “Identifying yourself with the one that gives success”. The second speaker for the day was Barrister Alice Lyonga who spoke on “The key to have an extraordinary result in your field of studies”. On the third and last day, we had our first speaker in the person of Mrs Obi Juliet who spoke on the topic “Education and spirituality”, our second speaker for the day was the host of the programme, Miss Martina Azaah, she spoke on “Catching the fire for distinction and leaving a legacy in your generation”. After the teachings for the day, there was of course light refreshments for the participants.

The 2016 edition held under the theme “HELP THE BOYS, SAVE THE GIRLS”, and had topics such as “Understanding and managing the challenges among young boys and girls”, “Becoming a role model/ Discovering the importance of peer mentoring”. In this edition, there was a drama presentation on the theme “The dangers of early romantic relationships”, a talk on “Understanding and managing the challenges of puberty”, a music presentation, workshops where discussions regarding personal challenges and how to handle these challenges were carried out. These workshops were segmented first by gender then by age groups. Another activity was an out door campaign where questionnaires were administered in certain quarters to collect data regarding “The effects of early relationships among boys, girls, their families and society.”

The 2017 edition held under the theme “RAISING DISTINCT WOMEN OF VALOUR” at the M&B Tower building, Church Street, Limbe . This marked the official launching of the Women Imparting Values for Development (WIVADEV) foundation. We had five speakers who spoke on very interesting topics. The speakers and their respective topics are as follows;

- 1st speaker Mr Awoh Shankar who spoke on “ Understanding sexuality and puberty”.
- 2nd speaker Miss Ayuk Nina spoke on “Sweet but bitter” that is, The Dangers of Premature Sexual Relationships.
- 3rd speaker Mrs Etanga Anita spoke on “Help the guys save the girls”
- 4th speaker Miss Morfow Ruddy spoke on “The Importance of Education to the girl child in the 21st century”.
- The 5th and last speaker Mr. Nsala Chuye spoke on “ Skill development and career building”.

Also presented was a panel discussion on the topic “ Who contributes more in destroying the dreams of young girls”, a drama presentation on the topic “pressure from every side” revealing how teenage girls are faced with the pressure of getting into unhealthy sexual relationships from their peers, guys 5-10 years older than them and even older men, about the age of their fathers.

On the 6th of March 2017, the foundation held a workshop at the LADY BIRD GROUP OF SCHOOLS- YAOUNDE CAMEROON, with the following objectives:

- To educate the students on the value of women in every society.
- To point out to the students the disadvantages of excluding women from pivotal administrative roles in the society.
- To demonstrate the need to encourage women to pursue higher education .
- To portray to the students and staff how discrimination is manifested even at grassroots and how it can be avoided and fought.
- To inculcate into the young generation the need to value and treat women with respect.
- The need to introduce equity and not just equality in affairs involving men and women.

Some of the presentations included;

- Identifying gender based discrimination (home, school, society), its causes, consequences and how to fight against it.
- The importance of higher education to Women in Governance/policy making/ politics.
- Involving boys/men in the fight against gender based discrimination.
- How to be involved in sustainable community developments.