

## Report on Ongoing Campaign to End Child Early and Forced Marriage and Domestic Servitude carried out at Orona Amagu, Ndiagu Amagu Community, Ikwo LGA, Ebonyi State On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Campaign Overview:** The ongoing campaign to end child early and forced marriage and domestic servitude in Ikwo LGA, Ebonyi State, led by Peter Ewah in collaboration with the Ikwo Noyo Youth Consultative Forum (INYCF), conducted an advocacy and community sensitization event in Orona Amagu, part of the Ndiagu Amagu Community. This brief report outlines the key aspects and outcomes of the recent advocacy event in Orona Amagu,

demonstrating the community's commitment to ending child early and forced marriage and domestic servitude.

### Event Details:

- **Date and Location:** The event was held at Orona Amagu under the Ndiagu Amagu Community, Ikwo LGA. On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- **Attendance:** A total of 331 persons attended the meeting, comprising 245 females and 86 males.
- **Notable Attendees:** The event was graced by the presence of Hon. Chinedu Ogah, the House of Representatives Member for Ebonyi Central Constituency.

### Activities:

#### ➤ Sensitization on Ending Child Early and Forced Marriage:

- The team educated the community on the negative impacts of child early and forced marriage.
- Discussions were held on the legal implications and the importance of adhering to child protection laws.

#### ➤ Awareness on Domestic Servitude:

- Community members were informed about the exploitation involved in domestic servitude.
- Emphasis was placed on the need to report cases of domestic servitude and support victims.



**Community Participation:** The community members actively participated in the event, including traditional rulers, women, and youth leaders. All village heads from the 12 villages comprising the Ndiagu Amagu Community were also present.

**Outcomes:**

- **Advocacy and Change Agents:** The campaign successfully mobilized all village heads, youth leaders, and women leaders to serve as advocates for change.



- **GBV Reporting Contacts:** These community leaders are now acting as contact persons for reporting gender-based violence (GBV) cases.

**Conclusion:** The event was a significant step towards ending

harmful practices in the community, with strong engagement from local leaders and community members. The presence and support of influential figures like Hon. Chinedu Ogah further reinforced the importance and urgency of the campaign's goals.