

Report on Advocacy Visit to Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area

Date: August 16, 2024

Location: Ibiono Ibom Council Hall

Organise By: Africa Faith and Justice Network Nigeria



As a follow-up to the recently concluded stakeholders meeting, an advocacy visit was conducted on August 16, 2024, in Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about the negative impacts of domestic servitude, child marriage, and child labour. The meeting brought together community leaders and stakeholders to discuss these pressing issues and

explore potential solutions.

The meeting was attended by a total of 107 participants, comprising: Youth: 27, Women: 63, Men: 17. Key community representatives included the Paramount Ruler, youth leaders, and women leaders. The advocacy team consisted of 10 members from the Africa Faith and Justice Network Nigeria.

The AFJN Team shared with the community the detrimental effects of domestic servitude, child marriage, and child labour also further explained the legal implications associated with these practices together with our experiences and insights from their work in the field.



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During the meeting, several important points were raised, Mrs. Bernadette Francis Umoh, the women leader of Ikot Osukpong, highlighted poverty and hunger as major factors contributing to these harmful practices and Rev. Sr. Bernadette Eyewan Okure SHCJ, the National Coordinator of AFJN, reiterated the connection between poverty and the prevalence of child

In closing, the Paramount Ruler expressed gratitude for the visit and the valuable discussions that took place. He announced that members of the chiefs and youth would be appointed to

investigate the issues further, demonstrating the community's commitment to addressing these critical challenges.

The advocacy team will continue to work with the community to monitor progress and provide support in the fight against domestic servitude, child marriage, and child labour. Further meetings and workshops will be planned to ensure sustained awareness and action. This report serves as a summary of the advocacy visit and highlights the collaborative efforts to combat these pressing issues in Ibiono Ibo Local Government Area.





