

## Report on Meeting with Akwa Ibom Traditional Rulers Wives (PRUWA)

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Venue: Akwa Ibom State Government House

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As a follow-up to the recently concluded policy briefing, the supreme council for Traditional rulers in Akwa Ibom State made good on their promise to invite the team to meet with the full house. However, they started by inviting the team to meet with the women wing, formally known as PRUWA (Paramount Rulers' wives), during their general meeting at the Akwa Ibom State Government House.

The team, consisting of 18 members of the women wing and 9 Team members from AFJN, was honoured to be joined by the former Commissioner of Women Affairs and social welfare Akwa Ibom State, Mrs. Glory Edet, who expressed her commitment to helping achieve the goal of ending Domestic Servitude, Child Marriage and Child Labour in the state. Rev. Sr. Stella Usen HHCJ, the state coordinator of Africa Faith and Justice Network Nigeria Akwa Ibom State, took the opportunity to introduce one of the victim's mothers to the women wing. The mother shared her harrowing experience, which evoked sympathy from the women wing members.



In response to the moving testimony, the women wing made a promise to invite the team to speak at their various community meetings and agreed to set up a committee to address this pressing issue. The immediate and positive response from the women wing suggests they will take a new look into the matter and work towards providing

much-needed support for victims in Akwa Ibom State.

The meeting was a significant step forward in engaging with influential community leaders to raise awareness and garner support. The team is optimistic that this collaboration with the Akwa



Ibom Traditional Rulers women leaders will lead to tangible progress in addressing the pressing issue of Domestic Servitude, Child Marriage and Child Labour in the state.

