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Awareness raising Help Desk in Lagos

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The 11th Annual Conference of the Institute of Social Work of Nigeria (ISOWN)¹ has been organized in partnership with the Nigerian Women Association Verona (27th -28th November 2020). THEME: THE 2020 PANDEMIC: “A Call for Critical Reappraisal of Social Work Practice in Nigeria”.

The topic of the first day of the Conference was “Human Trafficking and THE EVOLVING DYNAMICS OF VOLUNTARY RETURN”. About 120 participants have accessed the Zoom platform, but the numbers of effective participants are higher as some connections were active in common rooms .

The feedback that the NWA received from the Institute of Social Work of Nigeria (ISOWN) Advisory Board at the conclusion of Conference was very positive and encouraging. The great efforts made to co-organise this Conference were recognized and the issues discussed have been appreciated by the social workers.

The welcome speech has been made by Dr.Iyeme E. Efem, ISOWN President.

Speakers of the first day / 27th November 2020:

Bose Aggrey – Mrs, Founder/Executive Director of Web of Hearts Foundation

Oluwakemi Victoria Ajibola– SW, Founder and President Nigerian Women Association Verona (NWA)

Elodie Apard – Dr, University of Ibadan

Michele Bertani – PhD, Nigerian Women Association Verona, Coordinator for INSigHT Action

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Adeline Dumoilin– Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, United Kingdom – Modern Slavery Project

Kokunre Eghafona – Phd, University of Benin

John Emaimo – Dr, ISOWN Director

Olaide Gbadamosi – Professor, Osun State University

Evon Idahosa – Barr., Founder Pathfinder Justice Initiative

Abe Oluwafemi Moses – Jr. Researcher (research field in Nigeria), IUAV University of Venice, Lead partner of INSigHT Action

Morenike Omaiboje – Mrs, Board member and Director of Programmes, Women's Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON)

Kemi Ottun– Asst. Dir, Lagos State Ministry of Youth & Social Dept.

Margaret Ngozi Ukegbu – Mrs , National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (substituted by Mrs Alex Oturu)

Vittorio Zanon – SW, Municipality of Verona (Italy), Senior Officer for Anti-trafficking projects

A group of 15 social workers, post-graduate students and experts visited the Nigerian Women Association Verona (NWA) Help Desk in Lagos on the second day (November, 28) of the 11th Annual Conference of the Institute of Social Work of Nigeria (ISOWN). The Help Desk is active since September 2019 thanks to the Action INSigHT.

The Help Desk Officers presented the activities carried out and the main issues related to the fight against human trafficking.

The 'HELP DESK in Lagos' was organized by Nigerian Women Association Verona, a NGO aimed at support victims of human trafficking in difficulties, through guidance to the services of competence and in the pursuit of job opportunities. In 2017, NWA established two chapters in Nigeria (in Lagos and Enugu). NWA is registered with the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC/IT/NO/105408).

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