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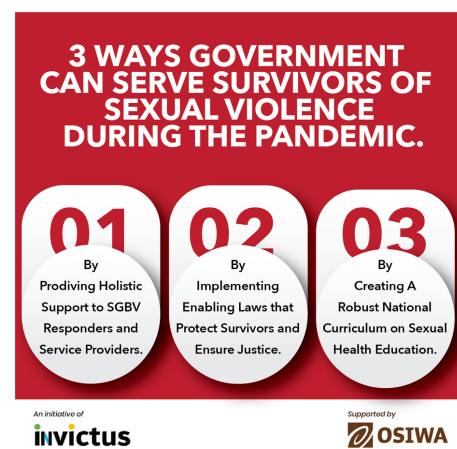
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## Our Current Project

With support of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), we are currently implementing the "P.A.S. project", with "P.A.S." standing for prevention, accountability, and support. The PAS project is aimed at promoting understanding of SGBV as a way of **prevention** among at-risk populations, demand **accountability** from duty bearers, while ensuring effective and holistic **support** if/when SGBV occurs.

## What We Did

In February, we produced 12 infographics and shared/promoted them on our social media pages: Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. The messages were curated after extensive research on data and experiences of women and girls at the intersection of COVID-19 and gender-based violence, in order to provide accurate, actionable, and data-driven information on the prevalence and incidences of gender-based violence during the pandemic. So far, the infographics have generated an impression/reach of about **30,000** on Twitter, **26,700** on Facebook, and **20,900** on Instagram. Some of the infographics are below:



We are building a National Directory of SGBV responders and service providers, who work with survivors of sexual violence across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones. This is to ensure that anyone, especially women and girls, who are more often victims of gendered violence, can access the help they need at any time without exclusion due to privileges like living in the city or having access to a smartphone or the internet. To achieve this, we have been promoting a call for organizations and individuals to get enlisted on the directory. The first draft of the National Directory will be produced and published in April, 2021.



**#1minOnGBV**

FEBRUARY 2021

**GUEST**  
**Chioma Agwuegbo**  
Convener, #StateofEmergencyGBV

**TOPIC**  
**Rape Culture**

**RELEASE DATE**  
**Friday, 26th February, 2021.**

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We curated a video series tagged **#1minOnGBV**, hosted on SheTV, aimed at creating awareness on gender-based violence and practical ways women and girls can exercise their rights in the face of it. Chioma Agwuegbo, Convener of the #StateofEmergencyGBV movement, was the guest for the February episode where she spoke on "Rape Culture." In the video, she deconstructed rape culture, the systems and structures that enable it, and encouraged viewers to be active bystanders who challenge, speak up, and take actions against all expressions of rape culture. So far, the February episode of #1minOnGBV has garnered **31,070** views across our social media pages. #1minOnGBV is released on the last Friday of every month.

In order to track incidents of SGBV during COVID-19, monitor response and service provision, and structures (formal and informal), and map reporting and referral pathways in grassroots communities. To do this, we conducted research on least-served States in relation to SGBV-related projects and funders' attention. This led to streamlining and identifying six (6) States the PAS project will be focused on (called the "PAS States"). Thereafter, we started recruiting Field Offices who will carry out community-level data collection through one-on-one interviews of SGBV survivors or key informants, and focus group discussions of community gatekeepers and influencers. Guidelines and questionnaires were developed for this purpose, and the Field Officers are being trained, virtually, on the guideline, methodology, and expected outcomes.



## WE'RE HIRING FIELD OFFICERS!

to conduct interviews and focus group discussions on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in communities across 6 States:

1. Delta (South South)
2. Enugu (South East)
3. Kebbi (North West)
4. Ondo (South West)
5. Plateau (North Central)
6. Taraba (North East)

Applicants must reside in the State being applied for.

To apply, please send your CV and Cover Letter detailing your experience with this type of work to [jobs@invictusafrica.org](mailto:jobs@invictusafrica.org) (Email subject should include the State being applied for.)

Please attach a writing sample separately, if any.

## What We Will Do Next



In March, we are excited to launch our live virtual advocacy series on social media titled #MindTheGaps, hosting experts on the numerous aspects of sexual and gender-based violence as yet another means of closing inequality gaps through education and sensitization. Our first guest is Buky Williams, the Executive Director of Education as a Vaccine, who will be delving into the often under-treated and largely contentious topic of **Marital Rape**.

Also, in March, on the last Friday of the month, we will release and disseminate the second episode of our #1minOnGBV video titled **3 Myths of Rape Culture**, and discussed by Ilo Jude Ilo, the Nigeria Country Representative of OSIWA. We will also continue to provide critical learning and information through our infographics; while consistently updating the **National Directory of SGBV responders and service providers**.

Come March 27, from 4.30pm – 6.30pm, we will hold our first interactive webinar with parents/guardians of children/wards under 18 years old (strictly). The topic is: **A-Z of Sexual Abuse**. Although the webinar is free, registration is compulsory. Interested parents (male and female) may register via: [tinyurl.com/PASwebinar](https://tinyurl.com/PASwebinar).

## Appreciation

We are grateful to the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) for funding the PAS Project. We also thank Chioma Agwuegbo and Buky Williams who were guests on our #1minOnGBV program on SheTV and #MindTheGaps series on Instagram, respectively.



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