



**REPORT OF MESH ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2022**

BY

EDUCATION, SOCIAL AND HEALTH MISSION (MESH)

1) Background

This report detailed the activities of MESH in 2022. MESH was reopened in November 2021 after eight (8) months of sedentary activities. Two staff resumed as against five that were newly employed to commence operations, Bar. Firdaus Amasa joined the team formally as a volunteer staff. The team met with a consultant in January 2022 to develop a six months mini strategic plan for MESH, this plan was reviewed in July 2022. This plan served as a guiding framework for project identification and implementation, resource mobilization, and collaboration with identified partners.

An overall objective of “**Building a Strong Corporate Image and Touching More Lives**” was adopted, and a work plan and activities were developed and followed religiously. The MESH team has remained steadfast, working closely with identified partners and relevant government agencies, contributing to the expanded access to healthcare services, providing sensitization on the importance of formal and informal education of the youth, and creating opportunities for women’s economic development and empowerment.

Partners and Collaborations

Part of MESH resource mobilization activities was to identify organizations with similar objectives and interests for collaboration. This activity aimed to develop corporate image and visibility for MESH to attract project implementation from development partners and government agencies. In January 2022, letters of partnership and sponsorship were sent out to identify organizations for collaboration. The organizations are

UNICEF, UNODC, IHVN, PLAC, AL-ANSAR Foundation, BUA, USAID, PLAN International Nigeria, Save the Children, Nigeria, SFH, FUK DIALOGUE, Dufil Prima Food, and EFCC. Some of the organizations have responded positively by inviting MESH to its programs and project implementation. Others include Kuwait Diplomatic Mission, Independent National Electoral Commission (ICPC) as a member of the National Anti-Corruption Coalition, the Association of Model Islamic Schools (AMIS), the Medicaid Cancer Foundation, and the Nigerian Association of Cancer Society.

MESH Board of Trustees (BOT)

The expansion of MESH BOT was approved during the March 30th Council’s Expanded General Purpose Committee (EGPC) meeting. This was followed by the nomination of eleven individuals of pedigree and in cognition of their contributions towards the development of the Muslim Ummah. On the 21st of June, 2022, his Eminence graciously

approved and signed their nominations, and letters of appointment were sent out to them, Nine out of the nominated members have accepted in writing, and these new members will be added to President General, and Secretary General of NSCIA to increase the number to eleven. Two nominated members are yet to send in their response, while one person had declined his nomination due to job restriction. The table below present the information.

S/N	Names	Membership	Status
1	His Eminence, President General	Chairman	Old Member
2	Prof. Is-haq oloyede	Member	Old Member
3	Alh. (Dr) Aminu A. Dantata	Member	No Response
4	Alh. Dahiru Barau Mangal	Member	No Response
5	Alh. Murtala Adeniji	Member	Accepted
6	Gen. A.B. Mamman	Member	Accepted
7	Prof. Salisu Shehu	Member	Accepted
8	Dr. Mairo Mandara	Member	Accepted
9	Hajia Rahmah Sani	Member	Accepted
10	Alh. Shuiab Abdullah	Member	Accepted
11	Malam Lawal Maidoki	Member	Accepted
12	Bar. Haroon Eze	Member	Accepted
13	Dr Kole Shetima		Declined

Moving forward, MESH suggested a high-level follow-up on Alh. (Dr) Aminu A. Dantata, and Alh. Dahiru Barau Mangal or their names be removed from the BOT list for an early engagement in 2023, and their particulars forwarded to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for ratification and incorporation.

MESH ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

- On the 1st of November, 2022, MESH attended International Scientific Cancer Conference in Abuja.
- MESH also attended the second Annual Conference of the Association of Zakat and Waqf Operators in Nigeria (AZWON) in Kaduna State on the 26th of November 2022.
- MESH attended the 7th Nigeria Scientific Family Planning Conference on the 14th - 16th of December, 2022 after being shortlisted among various organizations for paper presentation. MESH presented a paper on the topic “**Family Planning and Interfaith Approaches in Nigeria: The Role of Faith Actors**”. The presentation gave MESH the opportunity to present the religious leader’s engagement in the uptake of women and family planning.

Participation at Stakeholders' Workshops/Meetings

MESH attended training, workshops, policy review meetings and seminars. Below are the details;

- i. The Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) was selected as a member of the newly reconstituted Country Coordinating Mechanism Nigeria (CCM) in January 2022 under the leadership of the Federal Minister of Health. The NSCIA is representing the Faith-Based Constituency alongside other key stakeholders on the CCM Nigeria platform. The CCM was established in 2002 to coordinate all Global Fund Grants to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and to ensure its efficient and effective utilization to provide high-quality healthcare services in the country. MESH has represented the Council in several meetings in the Oversight and Resource Mobilization Committees (RMC) respectively providing its input to the attainment of the CCM objectives.
- ii. Societies for Family Health (SFH) invited the NSCIA and other stakeholders to a one-day launching of the STAR COVID-19 project. On the 3rd of February MESH represented the Council at the lunch. The aim of the meeting is to lunch a pilot project with the goal to enhance access to COVID-19 tests, care, and treatment interventions within the healthcare sector in Nigeria. The
- iii. One-day Roundtable meeting on strengthening internal democracy with a special focus on gender and social inclusion facilitated by (The Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre) PLAC on the 9th of February at IBETO Hotel, Apo-Gudu, Abuja. The objective of the meeting was to proffer recommendations and to advocate for political inclusion of women and other marginalized groups ahead of the 2023 General Elections.
- iv. On the 23rd and 24th of March, MESH attended a meeting organized by the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) for the faith-based technical working group committee on HIV response. The objectives of the meeting were to review the NIFCOB-AIDS Strategic Plan for 2021-2025, develop a governance structure for it, and ensure its smooth kick-off. The Plan will guide the activities of all FBOs working on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria as an independent entity with a defined governance structure that can apply and implement projects on HIV/AIDS. The two-day meeting was attended by members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of both the Muslim and Christian bloc organizations and an Interfaith organization. The TWG organizations under the NSCIA consist of seven organizations.
- v. A one-day National Symposium on implications of import dependence for ARVs/ Vaccines for HIV, COVID -19 and related Health Responses and the need to

accelerate Local Production in Nigeria in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, (AFCFTA) held on the 17th March 2022. The meeting brought all stakeholders in the health sector and policymakers to consult and harvest successful experiences to develop a logical action plan strategy for a broader engagement towards immediate actualization of local manufacturing of vaccines, ARVs and other essential drugs in Nigeria. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja.

- vi. The National Tuberculosis Programme, a division under the Department of Public Health, Federal Ministry of Health, added the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) through the activities of MESH to the Public-Private Mix DOT (PPM-DOT) Steering Committee as a Faith-Based stakeholder in the country. The committee was saddled with the responsibilities of ensuring a Nigeria free of Tuberculosis (TB), midwife the implementation of PPM-DOTs across the country and acting as a resource base towards achieving the goal of interrupting the spread of TB in Nigeria. The committee is also to develop a road map for the 5-year (PPM) National Action Plan and ensure smooth implementation. NSCIA was attended the first meeting on the 7th April, 2022 and several meeting was held within this six-month reporting period.
- vii. MESH was invited and attended a workshop organized by African Law Foundation (Afrilaw) in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC). The program was organized to promote drug policies that will advance social justice and human rights for drugs users. The meeting was held at conference hall, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), on April 11th 2022 with the theme “Torture and Ill-Treatment against People who use Drugs in Nigeria”. There were several paper presentations to enrich the workshop and researches to support the ill treatment of drug users and present positive ways to rehabilitate and support drug users for positive reforms.
- viii. MESH attended a 2 day program for faith action project to review and develop a sermon note and discussion guide manual on maternity and nutrition. The developed manual will be used in teaching and preaching to congregations about maternal, infants and young child nutrition. The event was organized by Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) Project develop by the Federal Ministry of Health. MESH was represented by two Imams held on the 25th and 26th April, 2022.
- ix. MESH attended a workshop organized by PLAN International Nigeria on Enhancing Infant and Young Children Nutrition in Nigeria through Home

Fortification. The workshop was organized at the Rockview Royale Hotel on the 28th April, 2022.

- x. On the 31st May 2022, MESH attended a one day stakeholder dialogue to commemorate the 2022 Mensural Hygeine Day. The dialogue was organised by Plan International Nigeria with the theme Mensuration Matters: My Period, My Pride. The dialogue gave MESH an insight into project that can be implemented for a girls child and empowerment for women in the area of production of reusable sanitary pad.
- xi. On the 2nd of June 2022, MESH attended the lunching of the Compendium of Best Practices (2018 – 2021) by the National Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Buruli Ulcer Control Program (NTBLCP) in Abuja. The lunching was done by the Minister of Health joined by other key stakeholders in the control of TB in Nigeria. The Compendium show case different best practices, lessons learnt and way forward towards combating the spread of TB and increase in case finding in Nigeria.
- xii. The Religious and Traditional Leaders in Federal Capital Territory was invited by Primary Health Care Board in collaboration with Plan International Nigeria to attend the flag-off of a project in AMAC on the Enhancing Infant and Young Children Nutrition and Integrated Community Outreaches for Microelectronic Powder Distribution. The project was to prevent micronutrient deficiencies and malnutrition in children in urban slums of Abuja Municipal Area Council of FCT. The objectives of the program was to enlighten and involved the religious and traditional leaders and to discuss the project activities, deliverable and implementation in their various communities. The NSCIA was represented by MESH.
- xiii. On the 7th July, 2022. MESH attended a stakeholders' Dialogue on HIV Related Stigma and Human Rights. The forum which was organized by NINERELA, Nigeria, for Faith leaders can support the effort of government and development actors working collectively to remove every barrier that may hinder the achievement of the target of ending AIDS by 2023. This will develop the capacity of the faith leaders to address the wrong narratives, knowledge gaps and practices that instigate stigma and violation of people living, affected or infected with HIV/AIDS. The meeting was also attended by Prof. M.T Yahaya of MUSWEN.
- xiv. MESH attended a 3 day meeting on PPM-DOTs National plan finalization and costing (2022-2025) National TB Leprosy and Buruli Ulcer program (NTBLCP). The stakeholder meeting was held on the 18th - 20th July 2022. The aim was to achieve universal access to quality TB diagnosis & treatment for all Nigerians at Sefcon Court Apartment & Suites Apo, Abuja.

- xv. On 8th September, 2022, MESH attended a one-day Flag-Off ceremony of Scales 3.0 vaccination at Primary Health care, Abuja. The 3.0 Scales vaccine was the third batch release so far in the FCT. MESH represented the NSCIA as a faith-based representation of the Muslim Ummah. The information of these vaccines is expected to be cascaded down to the religious and traditional leaders.
- xvi. MESH attended an invitation to the National Treatment and PMTCT Program (NTPP) Review and Paediatrics AIDS Country Plan Development on the 15th November, 2022. Following the expiration of the two-year operational plan, all stakeholders are involved in developing the country-level plan for pediatrics as part of Global Alliance to end pediatrics AIDS by 2030. MESH represented in the technical session to also raised awareness on the need to include the Faith-Based Organization for demand creation on HIV testing services.
- xvii. On the 17th and 18th November, 2022, MESH attended the retreat and inauguration of the newly re-constituted Country Coordinating Mechanism Nigeria (CCM) membership. The honourable Minister of Health inaugurated the NSCIA alongside other civil society organizations to serve as CCM members for the next three years. The NSCIA represented the Faith-Based Organization (FBO) constituency in CCM Nigeria. The members are responsible for oversight of the Global Fund (GF) grants and implementation of HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis in Nigeria. The members communicate constituency views to the CCM Nigeria and report back to the constituency.
- xviii. On the 23rd November 2022, MESH attended the Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room Stakeholders' Forum on Elections. The meeting which focuses on the 2023 General Election and the Role of Stakeholders in ensuring Free, Fair Peaceful and Credible Elections. And to examine the level of readiness and various inputs in the preparation and conduct of the elections. The Director of Admin NSCIA was in attendance.

Project Implementation

2022 World Hijab Day

MESH joined many Muslim organizations in Nigeria to mark the 2022 World Hijab Day. The day, which is usually commemorated yearly on the 1st of February for the purpose of creating awareness on hijab, encouraging females to wear hijab, to campaign against its prohibition and to speak against the maltreatment of females wearing hijab across the country. MESH marked this year by creating awareness through social media platforms by

designing online fliers, write-ups and sensitization of the general public on hijabs and its adherence from Muslim women and girls.

Community Free Medical Outreach in Pegi, Kuje Area Council of FCT

MESH organized a medical outreach at Pegi community on the 26th February, 2022. The outreach was organized in collaboration with the members of Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria (IMAN) who organized their members to provide medical services to the participants. There were other non- medical volunteers that provided various forms of support to make the outreach successful.

More than three hundred (300) registered and non-registered beneficiaries benefited from the outreach. They were provided with various medical services such as consultation with medical doctors, hypertension test, glucose sugar test, malaria test and HIV testing and counseling and also Birth Kit to pregnant women.

The chief and the people of Pegi Community expressed their gratitude to the organizers and requested for such services regularly to provide health relief to those of them who cannot afford it. The recurrent consumables are drugs for malaria, typhoid, pain, bacteria, immunity, ulcer glucose sugar testing kit and HIV testing.

The following are the recommendation and observation by the medical team;

1. It was observed that some of the beneficiaries have high BP and diabetics which they were not aware of due lack of frequent check-up.
2. Three (3) beneficiaries out of the community people tested for positive to HIV and were refer for proper medical check-up and counselling .
3. The children were very delighted to receive text books, toys and clothing as gift items.

Distribution of Birth Kit to 100 Pregnant Women

MESH distributed hundred (100) Birth Kit to pregnant women in Kubwa General Hospital center in FCT. The kit was donated by Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative (SLNI), an organization which focuses on enhancing the well being of the women; they work with local NGOs in carrying out their intervention, hence their support with birth kit for pregnant women. The nurses and the management board of anti-natal unit shows their appreciation to the management of SLNI and MESH for the intervention. The pregnant women also expressed their appreciation to all the organization and promised to take the drugs as prescribed.

INEC Continuous Voters Registration Observation (October 2021 – March 2022)

Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) accredited Education, Social and Health Mission (MESH) as one of the observers' group in June 2021, to observe the Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) in Nigeria. The observation was implemented in eleven (11) States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) for six months starting from October 2021 and rounded up in March 2022. The Observers were volunteers, members of various Islamic organizations within the network of NSCIA.

The States were selected from the three geopolitical zones for the observation. They are Abia, Bayelsa, Borno, Enugu, Cross Rivers, Kaduna, Katsina, Lagos, Plateau, Taraba, Osun and FCT. The objectives of the exercise was to encourage youth who turned 18 years after the 2019 election to register, transfer of voters card to different locations and collection of Permanent Voters Card (PVR). The observers were trained on the exercise and stipend of five thousand (N5,000) given as transportation allowance monthly . At the end of the project the following observations were observed and reported to INEC;

- That in all the States observed, the exercise was smooth and no security issues recorded. And that the environment was calm and people came for the registration patiently waiting to be captured.
- The INEC staff on duty were dedicated to their jobs making sure the registration went successful and all issues raised are resolved properly.
- It was observed that there were high turnout of youth that participated in the exercise.
- Most of the centers for the CVR were located in urban areas and local government headquarters, so it makes it difficult for the some of the people living in rural area to have access.
- It was observed that more than 200 people were registered in a day, so this called for more registration center to be added.

Recommendations

- There should be proper training of observers by INEC personnel
- There should more sensitizations and involvement of Imam and Traditional leaders in other to create awareness to their communities.
- More centers and interim registration points should be created in both rural and urban area for easy access of the registration.
- The deadline for the exercise should be extended by INEC to give room for more participation.
- INEC and relevant stakeholders should create more awareness to the citizens due to low turnout observed in some state.

- INEC should provide a CVR kit for means of identification, the adhoc identification cards given to observers were not accepted in some states especially in Bayelsa and Osun States.
- INEC should make provision for volunteer's stipend and allowances.

Voice Record to support active participation of Muslims in the Continuous Voters Registration

MESH rounded up the observation of the Continuous Voters Registration exercise of eleven States and FCT at the end of March 2022, part of the lessons learnt and recommendation is that, workplan be developed to encourage more Muslim participation in the coming 2023 General Election.

Giving this background, activities were developed to implement this action with the objective to create awareness and encourage more stakeholders and citizens to register and collect for their Permanent Voters Cards (PVC). The activities developed are;

- Design online posters and shared among different social media handles, platforms and networks tagged Your Vote, Your Power.
- Create a media voice record on the importance of registration on the coming general elections, encourage youth are 18year and above, to go out for registration and collection of their PVC.
- The voice record was converted to a graphic video with images and shared online for more information.
- Continuous sharing of this messages for three months to ensure high level of awareness and encouragement.

The voice record was redesign into a graphic video and shared to Islamic Organization platforms and social media handles for maximum coverage.

Free Medical Outreach at Abuja National Mosque Clinic

MESH in collaboration with the Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria (IMAN) FCT chapter, is implementing a weekly medical outreach at the Abuja National Mosque Clinic. The decision was reached at a meeting between the executive member of IMAM and MESH in February 2022. Followed by a planning meeting between MESH, IMAN and Abuja National Mosque Management Board executives and finally with the Murshid. IMAN through its members provided medical healthcare services such as consultation, prescription and dispensation of drugs, hypertension test, malaria test and drugs, glucose test, HIV test, hepatitis test and vaccines and covid-19 vaccines to the public weekly,

MESH is supporting with administrative services, purchase of drugs, consumables, vaccines, and refreshment to the medical volunteers.

The services which started in April 2022 between the hours of 11am - 4pm and still running provided avenue for worshipers to access first aid medical treatment. The outreach has also provided avenue for ministry of health and other stakeholders to engaged with the Muslim community with different programs and events. More than four hundred persons have accessed the clinic (400) for medical attention. The National Mosque Management have also supported the outreach with donation of drugs and consumables.

Youth Sensitization Workshop

MESH organized a sensitization workshop for adolescents in Muslim Senior Secondary Schools in Abuja, Nigeria. The theme of the program was **“Catch them Young: Addressing Adolescent Needs:”** it was organized to address the challenges of helping the participants to develop their distinct identify, sense of uniqueness, develop their capacity to relate well to opposite sex and to gain the confidence and skills to prepare for the future. The aim was to groom and prepare the young minds in senior secondary school, on potential societal challenges and equip them with useful information to navigate them.

The workshop was attended by dignitaries such as Alh. Balogun the Secretary of NSCIA Media Committee, the Abuja National Mosque director of Admin, a representative of NDLEA, representative of Association of Model Islamic Schools, PLAN International and a representative NAT-COM ISESCO among others. The dignitaries gave goodwill messages to encourage and admonish the teenagers to listen attentively to the presenters, to have courage, Patience, resilience and have the drive to succeed through the journey of life. Three different topics were delivered by professionals, they include

- Skill Acquisition: A catalyst for personal Development delivered by Malam Abdullahi Rogo, a skilled acquisition expert
- Adolescents and Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) delivered by Hajia Rahinah Adamu Usman from Save the Children International, Nigeria
- The impacts of substance abuse on Academic Performance delivered a team from the New Thing International Initiatives a drug free organization

MESH invited twenty Muslim schools in Abuja but only ten schools attended, other activities at the workshop included focus group discussion, students presentations, games and presentation of certificate of attendance to the participants.

MESH intends to organize this program yearly as part of its education intervention focusing on different issues that affects Youths and Adolescents in the society. This year

program was co-sponsored by the NSCIA and funds raised from the sales of tickets for the education of the less privileged.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Public Secondary Schools and other non-Islamic schools should be included for subsequent programs
2. Confirmation of attendance of participants should be done a day to the event.

2022 World Hepatitis Day

MESH organized a free Hepatitis testing and vaccine at the National Mosque clinic in commemoration of world Hepatitis day on the 29th July 2022, the year's theme which was "Bringing hepatitis care closer to you", was aimed at creating more awareness about the need for the Muslim Ummah to know their status get tested and be vaccinated against the virus. MESH has included hepatitis vaccination as part of its weekly free medical outreach activities in the National mosque clinic. More than two hundred (**210**) beneficiaries have benefited from the program.

Accreditation of Election Observer for 2023 General Election

On the 4th October, 2022 MESH applied to INEC to observe the 2023 General Election coming up February 2023. This will be followed by mobilization of volunteers through various Islamic Organization across the 36 States and FCT. The success of the election observation is most likely to be affected by funding due to lack fund for the election observation. MESH suggested that each state should mobilize for funding through identified stakeholder committees on election. Example of Plateau who have state stakeholders' engagement on election election observation.

Community Free Medical Outreach in Chachi, Niger State

After conducting needs assessment to ascertain the health needs for MESH medical community outreach, Chachi community in Chanchaga local government area of Niger State was selected. There was advocacy to the leader to mobilize the community for the outreach, The outreach was conducted on the 20th October 2022 with fifteen volunteers including community support. The community was treated for Malaria, hypertension, diabetics and drugs for the identified ailment. Household items such clothes, hijabs, text books, toys and other useful items were distributed to the community members.

Two hundred and fifty two (252) individuals were medically attended to and more than four hundred (404) women, children and youths were given different household items. MESH, MESH and individual philanthropist contributed and donated towards the successful implementation of the outreach.

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD BAGS IN SEVEN STATES, NIGERIA

The Nigerian President, Muhammadu Bahari graciously approved the emergency release of assorted food commodities from the National Strategic Reserve Stocks of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) on the 22nd of May, 2022.

The 390MT/13 trucks of food items which contained **1800** bags of Sorghum, **4800** bags of Maize, **600** bags of Millet and **2400** bags of Garri, was released to the Council for onward distribution to the vulnerable Muslims Ummah to cushion the effects of high prices of food items in the country. The food which total nine (**9000**) thousand bags with the estimated value of **N46,200,000** was routed to the Council from Ilesha, Lafia and Minna silos respectively.

The food bags were distributed in seven states (Benue, Ekiti, Plateau, Nasarawa, Niger, Osun and Oyo). Completely, the grains were shared in one hundred and fifty two (**152**) local government areas and benefited more than thirty thousand (**30890**) individuals in the seven states. The major implementing organizations are FOMWAN, MSSN and NACOMYO through various smaller organizations at the community level, MESH and MUSWEN monitored the distribution in the south west and with JINI in the north. The NSCIA graciously released the funding for the monitoring and supervision of the food distribution. The actual distribution took three months started in xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and ended in Plateau State in xxxxxxxx, 2022.

Distribution of Zakat to the Vulnerable Muslim in FCT

Jaiz Charity and Development Foundation earmarked the sum of one million Naira (**N1M**) to MESH as part of the Zakat proceeds for the year 2022. This sum was to be distributed to support the poor, needy, widow, orphans and other vulnerable Muslims in FCT. The support cover beneficiaries for economic empowerment, education and health.

MESH conducted needs assessment from the area councils in FCT to select beneficiaries who are really in need of the support through various Islamic organizations. Thirteen (13) beneficiaries were selected from thirty names submitted. These individuals were supported

with different equipment according to their request. The equipment are 4 grinding machines, 2 sewing machines, POS and a deep freezer while some got away with cash. Three senior secondary students benefited with fees to pay for their WAEC/NECO examinations. With this support, the economic status of the beneficiaries will be improved and empowered. These equipment will be monitored for effective and efficient utilization. MESH appreciated the Jaiz Foundation for this support and requested for more collaboration to further better the lives of the less privilege among the Muslim Ummah.

Payment of WAEC/NECO Examination Fees to Ten (10) Vulnerable Student in FCT

From the short term strategic plan developed by MESH team in January, a project to raise fund through tickets for the payment of terminal examination (WAEC/NECO) of vulnerable Muslim students in government secondary schools was developed. Tickets in the sum of one thousand Naira (N1000) was designed, printed and distributed in hard and soft copy to individuals for donations.

The money generated was used to pay WAEC/NECO fees of some selected students. The selection was done by the MSS teachers in the various schools, they identified students whose parent cannot pay their fees and names submitted to MESH. In all, seven students benefited from the project

Resources mobilization

Resource mobilization has become a very tough undertaken for MESH given the economic situation of the country and funder apathy. Moving forward, MESH developed a six months resource mobilization framework to attract partners for collaboration, funding and sustainability. This plan was reviewed in July to make it one year resource mobilization plan The plan include;

- MESH wrote partnership and collaboration letters to ten (10) different organizations,
- Submitted one year Community Medical Outreach to Jaiz Foundation for Funding
- Submitted a request letter to Kuwait Diplomatic Mission to join its network of CSOs for Funding,
- Checked online for solicited proposals and concept notes for funding,
- Renewed contract with the Fundraising Firm to fund raise for MESH activities,
- Improved the social media presence by developing MESH website, weekly update if its activities on Facebook and LinkedIn handles.

- Designed and printed five hundred (500) tickets for sales at the rate of one thousand naira (1000) to raise fund for WAEC, NECO and JAMB Examinations for hundred (100) identified orphans and venerable students in senior secondary schools in Abuja and other identified projects.
- Designed and printed MESH brochures both soft and hard copies for distribution.

Proposals Submitted

- Submitted one year Community Medical Outreach to Jaiz Foundation for Funding in February 2022.
- MESH submitted a concept note on Ramadan 1443H Feeding project to Emrah Ilgen Ufuk Dialogue for sponsorship in March 2022
- On the 26th April, MESH submitted a Statement of Interest for the Construction of 3 Block of Classrooms in Ushafa Community to 2022 Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program. This is in response to Notice of funding opportunities by US Mission, Nigeria.
- June 2022, MESH submitted a concept note for funding to the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC) on the topic; "Deepening the role of Religious Leaders in the fight against corruption in FCT. The concept was regrettably not funded due to lack of budgetary provision for such work.
- MESH submitted a request for funding to UNAIDS to fund a Dialogue/Capacity Strengthening of Imams and Religious Leaders to address Stigma and Discrimination on HIV and Related Gender Based Violence in Nigeria. The proposal is awaiting response from UNAIDS
- MESH submitted a concept note for fund to the Iran Embassy, Nigeria for the establishment of a Social Enterprise for the Muslims in Abuja. It will serve as a training center that will charge a token to Muslims and non-Muslims to acquire different skills as entrepreneurial empowerment. The center will be a "Social Enterprise Centre" that applies the principle of commercial strategies to maximize improvement in financial, social and environmental well-being.

Financial Situation of MESH

NSCIA Funding

The NSCIA graciously approved the release of the sum of **five Million Naira (N5M)** to MESH on the 14th October, 2022. In addition to five million (**N5M**) released in February

2022 making the total of ten million (**N10M**) Naira released to MESH in the year 2022. This account is used for projects implementation, salaries and operational cost. As at the end of December 2022, the balance in the account is **N3,958,752.48**.

FUND RAISED THROUGH TICKETS

As part of the strategic plan, MESH designed and printed tickets to raise fund for the sponsorship of terminal examinations (WAEC, NECO and JAMB) for students in senior secondary schools. The tickets was designed to raise the sum of one thousand Naira (1000) from individual. The fund raised was used to fund economic empowerment, medical outreaches, sensitization on public social issues, orphans education and other identified project conceived. More one million (**N1,210,000M**) Naira was raised in the year 2022. Efforts are been made to reach individuals and philanthropist to support the donations generously. Below is the information on how the fund raised was utilize;

- The money realized was used as a co-payment to implement the youth sensitization program held in July, 2002.
- To support medical outreaches in National Mosque and Community medical outreaches
- To fund the WAEC/NECO payment for seven students inadequate
- To implement a medical outreach to mark the 2022 world hepatitis day.

Challenges

The major challenges include;

- Active BOT members involvement to drive the development of MESH
- Difficulties in getting enough and continuous funding to implement projects
- MESH is currently under staff, this is due to financial constraint.
- Lack of governance structure to develop policy document for MESH
- Lower visibility to reach a wider audience and potential donor

