

Women Advocates for Vaccine Access (WAVA)

Organizational Profile



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Brief History -1

- An initiative of Johns Hopkins University International Vaccine Center – JHU/IVAC
- Founded in 2011 to mobilize female politicians and wives of influential political personalities to help increase uptake of immunization in Nigeria.
- Engagement of wives of governors to become strong advocates for immunization has been a strategic approach of WAVA.
- In March 2015, Dr. Wonodi convened a meeting of women-led initiatives; the outcome was a resolution that WAVA become a coalition of women organizations to lead advocacy for enhanced access to immunization.



Brief History -2

- In November 2015, IVAC secured a two year grant to support advocacy activities including support to WAVA.
- In February 2016 – WAVA sponsored two members to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to participate in the first ever Ministerial Conference on Immunization in Africa.
- In April 2016, WAVA marked AVW and led social media advocacy for SIF in partnership with the Wife of Kebbi State Governor, Dr. Zainab Bagudu.

Brief History - 3

- In August 2016, WAVA organised a capacity training workshop with about 14 participating member organizations to improve advocates' on routine immunization activities in Nigeria.
- In September 2016, WAVA paid a courtesy visit to CoolWazobiaInfo – a media house which comprises CoolFm, WazobiaFm, NigerianInfoFm and Wazobia TV.

Vision

- We envision a world where individuals irrespective of their gender, creed, value or physical attributes have unhindered access to the vaccines required for their well-being.



Mission Statement

- To support sustainable health systems where individuals have unfettered access to vaccines of their needs irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Objectives of WAVA-1

1. Inspire women-led civil society networks, professional associations, non political pressure to adopt advocacy for sustainable vaccine access and financing as a strategic interest of their organizations.
2. Build the capacity of members on effective advocacy for adequate funding and delivery of immunization services
3. Advocate for appropriate resources to address vaccine access funding gap and mainstream programmes that support WAVA's vision.
4. Conduct operations research and disseminate the outcome to inform the development of advocacy strategies targeting critical stakeholder.

Objectives -2

5. Create and operate a resource center to support RI advocacy in Africa.

6. Mobilize resources to address issues related to vaccine access and render account of such commitment transparently within established global best practice.

7. Support coalition members with resources to promote WAVA's strategic objectives.

Past Events/Activities

- Organized Roundtable meeting on advocacy for sustainable vaccine financing in Nigeria – March 2015
- Participated at Ministerial Conference on Immunization in Africa (MCIA) – February 2016
 - CSOs side event
 - Breakfast meeting with Hon. Minister for Health
 - Meeting with Gavi Board Chair, Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- Participated at the CSO Meeting with NASS Leadership
- Participated at the Anglophone Peer Review Workshop on Sustainable Immunization Financing – April 2016
- Organized Interactive Chat with Wife of Kebbi State Governor on Access to Immunization - African Vaccination Week (April 2016)

Join us

A Tweet Chat with



Her Excellency,
Dr Zainab Bagudu
Wife of Kebbi State Governor
@DrZSB



Dr Chizoba Wonodi
Convener, WAVA
@chizobawonodi



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27th April, 2016



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Planned Activities

- Baseline survey to determine knowledge and practices of advocates
- Bi-monthly WAVA Walk
- Advocacy capacity building workshop for WAVA members
- Workshop for Governors' Wives (in partnership with The Future Assured Initiative of Wife of President)
- Bimonthly meetings
- Media advocacy – through press statements, tweetchats, etc
- Small grant to WAVA members
- Video documentary showing activities of WAVA members
- Appointment of WAVA Ambassadors
- #NigFundVaccines Campaign

List of WAVA Members – October 2016

1st Set

1. Vaccines Network for Disease Control, FCT
2. International Society of Media in Public Health (ISMPH), FCT
3. TechHer (Online)
4. Initiative for Food, Environment and Health Society (IFEHS), FCT
5. Education as a Vaccine (EVA), FCT
6. Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative (SLNI), FCT
7. African Youth Initiative on Population, Health and Development (AfrYPoD)
8. Development & Integrity Intervention Goal Foundation (DIG), Ebonyi
9. New Century Initiative (NCI), Enugu
10. TEAMBEAGO HEALTH FOR ALL INTIATIVE, FCT
11. Yellow Jerrican Save a Child Foundation (YJS), FCT
12. Hayatt Foundation, FCT
13. Women Aid Collective (WACOL), Enugu
14. Jummai Aduda Organization, FCT

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2nd Set

1. Foundation For Environmental Rights, Advocacy & Development (FENRAD), Abia
2. Gender Care Initiative (GCI), Lagos
3. A syndicate in supporting women and children (SISWACHI), Bauchi
4. Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization (WISA), Akwa Ibom
5. Dynamic Youth Development Organisation (DYDO), Akwa Ibom
6. Concern Women International Development Initiative (CWIDI), Adamawa
7. Adolescent Health and Information Project (AHIP), Kano
8. Care and Development Centre (CADEC), Rivers
9. Citizens' Health Education and Development Initiative (CHEDI), FCT
10. Resource Centre for Human Rights & Civic Education (CHRICED), Kano
11. Destiny Daughters Initiative of Nigeria (DEDAN), Ebonyi
12. Traffina Foundation for community Health (TFCH), FCT
13. Women Development and Empowerment, Kano
14. Women for Peace & Gender Equality Initiative (WOPEGEE), Ogun
15. Women United for Economic Empowerment (WUEE), Akwa Ibom
16. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Initiative (OLPHI), Rivers

Relevant Websites

- WAVA – www.waving.org
 - NIFT – www.niftng.com
 - DCL – www.dclnigeria.com
 - NPHCDA - <http://www.nphcda.gov.ng/>
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- **Twitter Handles**
 - @WAVAorg
 - @NIFTnig
 - @DCL_ng
 - @IVACtweets
 - @nphcdaNG

Objectives of the WAVA Workshop

- ✓ Improve knowledge of participants on routine immunization activities in Nigeria & inspire them to champion advocacy for equitable access to vaccines
- ✓ Educate advocates on the immunization funding needs as well as the budgeting cycle and processes
- ✓ Equip advocates with information and data needed to conduct effective advocacy for allocation of adequate funds for immunization in annual budgets
- ✓ Introduce participants to IVAC's compendium of immunization data and messages.

Expected Outcomes of the WAVA Workshop

- **Gain** Good basic knowledge of routine immunization activities in Nigeria
- **Demonstrate** good knowledge and understanding of Nigeria's immunization funding gaps as well as the budgeting processes at the national and state levels
- **Develop and implement** advocacy activities to promote provision of sufficient funds for vaccines and immunization services in the national and state budgets
- **Commit** to including immunization advocacy activities in their organization's work plan

Thank You for Listening!

