

**EGUNEC  
FOUNDATION (EF)  
GENDER EQUITY  
AND WOMEN  
EMPOWERMENT  
(GEWE) PROGRAM  
PORTFOLIO 2017 -  
2024**



Spotlight Initiative  
To eliminate violence against women and girls



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## **EGUNEC FOUNDATION PROFILE**

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**Acronym : EF**

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**Year Registered: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**

**Year of Establishment: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Legal status: Registered with CAC (Registration no: CAC/IT/NO 56980)**



## **ABOUT EGUNEC FOUNDATION**

Eguneec Foundation also known as Eguneec Education Support Foundation is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-religious civil society organization founded in 2013 and is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), National Planning Commission (NPC), Universal Basic Education Board, and The Federal Ministry of Education with aim to contribute towards creating a world where every person can thrive, regardless of their gender, background or circumstances”.

The aim of Eguneec Foundation (EF) is to promote a society where access to basic human needs such as education, healthcare, and economic opportunities are available to all irrespective of gender and to provide support for women, youth and children. Given our aim, we have successfully launched various projects geared towards alleviating poverty and upgrading societal and personal development: from promoting the rights of vulnerable children to building communities and empowering young women with leadership and career skills. Eguneec Foundation has also collaborated with other non-profit organizations to promote good governance and humanitarian and educational support for women and other persons in crises through legislative intervention to mitigate the cycle of violence and improve advocacy on human rights, empowerment, and community development.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

We believe that every individual deserves access to the resources and opportunities necessary to lead a fulfilling life. Through our humanitarian efforts, our mission is to contribute towards creating a world where every person can thrive, regardless of their gender, background or circumstances”.



## **VISION STATEMENT**

Our vision is to be one of the leading organizations that promote a society where access to basic human needs such as education, healthcare, and economic opportunities are available to all.

## **GOAL**

A society where access to basic human needs and opportunities are available to all.

## **OBJECTIVES**

### **Promote Gender Equity and Women Empowerment (GEWE)**

Develop innovative programs aimed at reducing poverty and social injustice by actively promoting gender equity and ensuring that all members of society, regardless of their gender have access to resources and opportunities. Through this objective, we have executed projects that build the leadership, financial and career potential of women.

### **Foster Collaboration for Sustainable Development and Good Governance**

Collaborate with local and international stakeholders across sectors to advance development programs focused on sustainable development and good governance. This includes efforts to address digital, gender and financial inclusion, healthcare, education, climate resilience, poverty reduction, livelihood enhancement, and environmental sustainability.

### **Raise Awareness on Global Issues and Environmental Sustainability**

Heighten awareness of pressing global issues, such as increased poverty, population displacement, human trafficking, social marginalization, and deficiencies in the education system, while emphasizing their impact on gender equality, social inclusion, digital access, healthcare, education quality, climate stability, livelihoods, and the importance of a healthy and conducive environment.



➤ **Empower Vulnerable Communities Through Green Empowerment and Inclusion**

Empower marginalized and vulnerable communities by facilitating their access to financial services, promoting digital inclusion, and providing entrepreneurship opportunities, thereby enhancing their economic resilience, social inclusion, and economic empowerment.

➤ **Advocate for Government Transparency and Accountability in Rights-Based Development**

Advocate for greater transparency and accountability in government policies related to human rights, economic development, and social inclusion, with a particular focus on promoting sustainable development goals.

 **OUR VALUES**

- Accountability
- Social Impact
- Collaboration
- Inclusivity
- Innovative
- Result Oriented

 **THEMATIC AREA**

- Gender Equity and Women Empowerment
- Youth and Child Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health and Well-being
- Economic Empowerment and Financial Inclusion



## GEWE PROGRAM

Egune Foundation since its inception has operated a broad mandate that catered to the needs and interest of the vulnerable and less privileged in the society. At inception, our initial focus was on supporting children using education. In 2018, we expanded our focus to include a Gender Equity and Women Empowerment (GEWE) Program. As an organization led by a woman and a team where over 70% are women, we were concerned with the suppressive challenges facing women in Nigeria and the continent and felt it necessary to channel our assets and resources towards addressing the challenges. Historically, the feminine voice has been suppressed through culture and religion in the African continent. Over time, this has built a wall that holds back the voice and potential of women. Our GEWE Program was designed to challenge this suppression by strengthening the voice and mind of women through our projects.

We bring a restorative justice approach to Gender Equity Programming by working to transform the dominating effects of a patriarchal culture in the African continent which we believe is a root cause of violence against women and girls in the continent. Our projects under our GEWE Program work to strengthen and protect women's voice by equipping women with leadership, advocacy and partnership capacity. We believe that this approach has the potential of creating a domino effect as it will strengthen the belief women have in themselves and their ability to impact their respective communities. This will go a long way to rewire centuries of suppressive and dominating programming limiting the potential of the feminine energy in the African continent.



## PROJECTS

Our Gender Equity and Women Empowerment mandate has been explicitly manifested in our partnership with the Centre for Gender Studies at Veritas University Abuja. In the past 7 years, we have worked closely with the Centre to develop events and projects that increase the knowledge and leadership capacity of young women in Veritas University.

To execute the mandate of our GEWE Program, we have executed the following projects in the past 7 years. They are;

1. Gender Equity Advocacy and Development (GEAD) Project
2. Gender Violence Awareness Project (G-VAP)
3. GSMESKILL Project

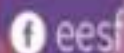






# Gender equality begins with awareness

*Be part of the change by educating and  
engaging communities to challenge  
stereotypes and create an inclusive society.*



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## GEAD PROJECT (2017 – 2019)

The theme of Gender Inequality is broad. Gender Inequality exists at all levels of business and industries. Gender Equity Programming is an umbrella term encompassing strategic response to gender based violence, promotion and protection of human rights, political participation, empowerment of women and girls, access to finance, trade, agriculture, healthcare, technology, climate change, migration, sexual and gender identity, reproductive health and rights, volunteerism, peace and security and gender balance in the workplace amongst others.

GEAD Project stands for Gender Equity Advocacy and Development Project. It was our first project partnership with the Centre for Gender Studies at Veritas University Abuja. Our objective with GEAD Project was to join forces with the Centre for Gender Studies to raise awareness on the challenge of gender inequality. This orientation was to help the university community see the challenges and negative impact of gender inequality so they are better prepared to represent leadership solutions within their respective communities.

GEAD Project didn't just stop at orientation as invited facilitators shared the approach they used to navigate the gender inequality challenges in the society workplace. For GEAD Project, we brought in career professionals with a gender equity ethos from lawyers to professionals in the financial and development industry. We also partnered with international organizations like UN Women and MasterPeace Foundation.

One of the primary platforms we used to advance GEAD Project is the international women's day. International women's day provides a key opportunity for organizations worldwide to reinforce and amplify their ongoing commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through actively forging women's advancement. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. In 2017, 2018 and 2019, we used the International Women's day platform to spread awareness on gender equity.



## VISUAL STORY OF GEAD PROJECT 2017









## VISUAL STORY OF GEAD PROJECT 2018











## VISUAL STORY OF GEAD PROJECT 2019







## **PROJECT BUDGET AND REFERENCES FOR GEAD PROJECT**

### **Project Budget**

- ❖ N28,000,000 (Twenty-Eight Million Naira)

### **Project Duration**

- ❖ 3 years (2017-2019)

### **Project References**

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## G-VAP (2021 – 2024)

After three (3) years of Gender Equity Advocacy and Development (GEAD) Project, the world was hit with COVID-19 and that put a pause on the project. By the time we came back in 2021, our attention evolved from GEAD Project to the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV). This was because the pandemic intensified all types of violence against women and girls.

According to the Gender Equality Index 2021, social distancing and restrictions on movement to contain COVID-19 trapped women and girls at home with their abusers. Anti-COVID-19 measures compounded and connected different intersecting forms of discrimination against women belonging to vulnerable and marginalized groups. If victims of violence had legal and social support networks, these were shattered during the pandemic. The COVID-19 crisis exposed and exacerbated serious pre-existing gaps in the prevention of violence against women.

To respond to this challenge, Egune Foundation partnered with the Centre for Gender Studies Veritas University Abuja to strengthen her awareness on the issue of gender based violence. This led to Gender Violence Awareness Project (G-VAP). Gender Violence Awareness Project (G-VAP) is an orientation project designed to strengthen the knowledge and awareness of the Centre for Gender Studies Veritas University Abuja on the global resources and platforms that support and strengthens the capacity of the Centre to play a more active role in addressing violence against women. G-VAP focused on establishing an advocacy relationship with development partners and project relevant to addressing violence against women. This led us to the Spotlight Initiative Project.



## **SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE PROJECT**

The spotlight initiative is a global initiative embarked on by the European Union (EU), the United Nations (UN), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) to eliminate all forms of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). It brings focused attention on the issue of VAWG, moving it to the spotlight and placing it at the center of efforts to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment in line with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.





## **WHY SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE**

There were several directions Gender Violence Awareness Project (G-VAP) could go. We chose the Spotlight Initiative Project. Bearing in mind the knowledge gap of the Centre on the global direction when it comes to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), the Spotlight initiative was an ideal project to orient the Centre for Gender Studies, Veritas University Abuja on global development efforts on VAWG. This orientation will then guide us and the Centre as we design and develop long term strategy to address the challenge of gender violence that young women face.

The Gender Violence Awareness Project (G-VAP) was executed in Partnership with the Spotlight Initiative Project as a knowledge platform for us to carry out symposiums and Capacity Building workshops geared towards strengthening the knowledge of the Centre for Gender Studies, Veritas University to eradicate all forms of School Related Gender Based Violence (SRGBV).





## **VISUAL STORY OF THE GENDER VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROJECT (G-VAP)**

Below are some of the pictures from the symposiums and capacity building workshops carried out under the Gender Violence Awareness Project (G-VAP).













## **PROJECT BUDGET AND REFERENCES FOR G-VAP**

### **Project Budget**

- ❖ N70,000,000 (Seventy Million Naira)

### **Project Duration**

- ❖ 3 years (2021-2024)

### **Project References**

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# GSMESKILL

Developing VET Entrepreneurial Green  
Mindset and skills for Small-Business  
Development





## **GSMESKILL (2023 – 2025)**

The GSMESKILL project is a three year project funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ Capacity Building Programme. The project is dedicated to strengthening the links and coordination between vocational education and training (VET) system and local labour markets in Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa. The focus is on enhancing the capabilities of VET providers in areas such as management, governance, inclusion, quality assurance, innovation and internationalization.

Eguneec Foundation (EF) is an implementing organization in Nigeria with focus on fostering a vocational education and training (VET) program designed to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset and equipping women with green skills for the development of small businesses. Our primary objective is to nurture skills, qualities, and behaviors that promote entrepreneurial awareness, enabling women to recognize opportunities and achieve business success.





## VISUAL STORY OF THE GSMESKILL

The GSMESKILL Project is an on-going project that will be completed in 2025. GSMESKILL is a virtual project. However, a kick off for the partners of the project was held on the 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 in Berlin Germany and the Executive Director of Eguneec Foundation (EF); Ebere Ojadua was present at the kickoff. The pictures from the kickoff can be seen below.



Executive Director of Eguneec Foundation Ebere Ojadua (extreme right) at the Kick-off in Berlin Germany



Executive Director of Egunec Foundation; Ebere Ojadua (right) having a conversation with another project partner



Certificate of Attendance given to the Executive director for the kickoff in Berlin Germany

More pictures from the Kickoff and project can be seen at the GSMESKILL facebook page - [GSMESkill Project | Facebook](#)



## **PROJECT BUDGET AND REFERENCES FOR GSMESKILL**

### **Project Budget**

- ❖ 23,000 EUR

### **Project Duration**

- ❖ 3 years (2023-2025)

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The past 7 years under our Gender Equity and Women Empowerment (GEWE) Program has been impactful and enlightening. We are extremely grateful for the project partnership we have with the Centre for Gender



Studies at Veritas University Abuja. This partnership has enabled us explore, learn and impact. We intend to maintain this primary relationship with the Centre for at least the next 3 years to make a decade of sustained partnership on Gender Equity Mainstreaming which we can rely on to replicate in other spaces. We have learnt a lot through this partnership and we intend to continue learning

more as we galvanize financial and human capital resources to support young generation of women in finding their voice and actualizing their potential.

For this next phase of our evolution, we will be needing your support as we navigate familiar and uncharted territories. A lot of our projects in the past 7 years has been focused on advocacy and raising awareness on issues relevant to women within the GEWE eco-system. At this point in time, we would like to evolve to capacity building. We want to be able to train the next generation of female advocates who will take the work we have done to the next level as our partners in the journey to



ensure women have equitable access to opportunities. So as we take our responsibility as an organization with a gender equity mandate, we ask that you support us in whatever way you can so together we can build an equitable world for women and girls.

Osegi Albert Chuks (Jnr)

Director Gender Equity and Women Empowerment (GEWE) Program