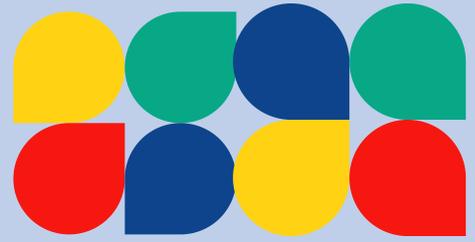


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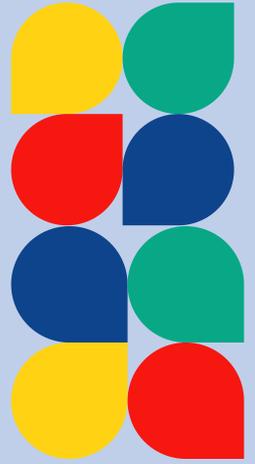
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**Message from
Chairperson:
Board of
Directors,
Ambassador Asalina
Raymond Mamuno**



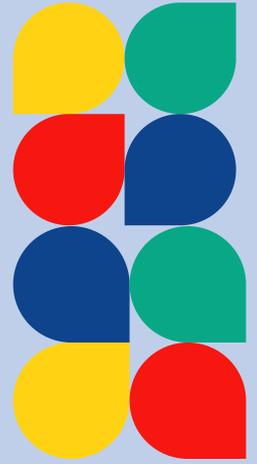
2023 for MeCAHT has been a very busy year in which the staff through immense and sacrificial teamwork have recorded great progress in the intended direction to God's glory.

The Staff have exhibited a high level of responsibility and commitment by working hard to keep the organisation going. Their approach through outreaches and empowerment of women in different communities in the country which cuts across tribe and religion is yielding results, and is highly commendable.

Needless to say that pursuing its vision, which "is to see a World where God's love and effective mass media engagement breaks the circle of Human Trafficking and brings sustainable freedom to restore a God-given identity in people" is already in focus with so much awareness already created.

The films: DESPERATE JOURNEYS and MY STORY among many more to come are well received and making rounds, because combatting human trafficking is the pursuit of the moment by respective governments on a global scale.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and Staff of MeCAHT, I say thank you to our PARTNERS for believing and supporting what God is doing through MeCAHT, as we look forward to stronger partnerships with more positive results for the coming year by God's grace.

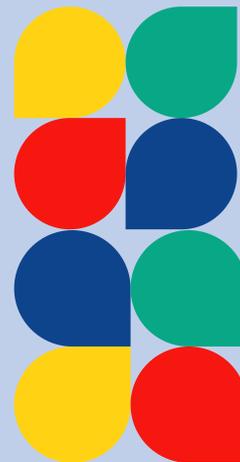


Message from the International Director, Anne Abok

The year 2023 has been a whirlwind as momentum continues to grow in the fight against human trafficking. We have seen incredible movement in the areas of film production and awareness efforts to reach thousands. Partnerships both locally and globally have also extended our advocacy and engagement beyond what we could have done on our own. We are both humbled and encouraged. Have there been struggles? Yes. Inflation, security risks, migration, weather, health, political dynamics and even global conflict had an impact just as it did for citizens of all nations.

However, as we anticipate the coming year, we again want to lay hold on God for clear vision, grace and divine empowerment. Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." God's faithfulness in our lives is so touching and we are extremely grateful for this provision. He could do this work alone but the fact that He chooses to include us is a privilege and responsibility we do not take lightly.

We appreciate the board and staff of MeCAHT for their enormous commitment and sacrifice to see that we meet our defined goals. Further, we thank our volunteers and partners for believing in us and supporting us in this common effort against trafficking. Special thanks to the Treasures at our Safehouse for keeping us grounded and conscious about why we do what we do. Lastly, we thank the Almighty God for this high calling and for the grace He daily lavishes on us.



Message from the Executive Director, Ikape James Ikape



As we approach the end of this transformative year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support in our shared mission to combat human trafficking. Together, we've made significant strides in rehabilitation and prevention, offering hope to survivors and forging a path towards a future free from exploitation.

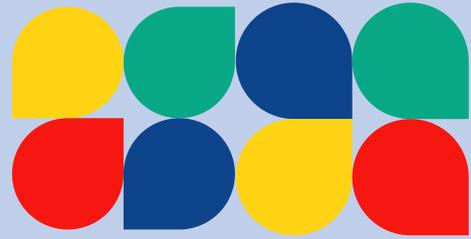
The challenges we've faced only strengthened our resolve, and your dedication has been the driving force behind our success. As we reflect on our accomplishments, let us also renew our commitment to creating a world where every individual is free from the chains of trafficking.

In the coming year, let us continue our journey with compassion, resilience, and collaboration. Together, we can build a safer, more just world for those who need it most.

Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and a year filled with progress and hope.

With gratitude,

Ikape James Ikape
Executive Director



ABOUT US	<p>MeCAHT (Media Coalition & Awareness to Halt Human Trafficking) is a faith-based, media-driven NGO working with partners to reduce the incidences of human trafficking among vulnerable groups in South Africa, Nigeria and Europe.</p>
VISION	<p>MeCAHT's vision is to see a world where God's Love and effective mass media engagement breaks the cycle of Human Trafficking and brings sustainable freedom to restore a God-given identity in People.</p>
MISSION	<p>MeCAHT's mission is to use the love of God and effective media awareness to prevent, rescue, empower, rehabilitate and reintegrate and restore victims of Human Trafficking and prostitution to their humanity so that they can live in freedom as God created them in His image.</p>
PHILOSOPHY	<p>MeCAHT is a leader in supporting other upcoming anti-trafficking NGOs through trainings and capacity building. MeCAHT was the first to map out all Safehouses and Shelters in the country and further set up a forum to enhance efficient service delivery to the Survivors of trafficking. MeCAHT is currently building Nigeria's first standard Sustainable Freedom Centre, which will be a safe community where Survivors can be hosted during their reintegration. This will serve as a nexus of key anti-trafficking players as the "Ubuntu" philosophy guides MeCAHT towards imbibing a multisectoral approach to address the menace of trafficking.</p>



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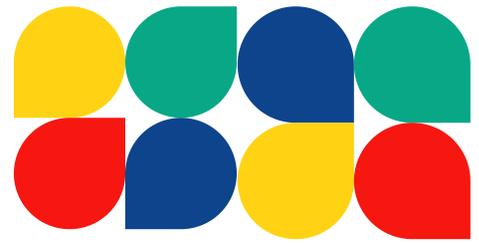
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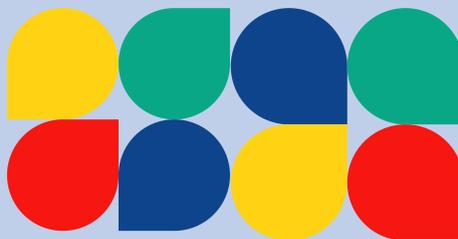
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Leadership

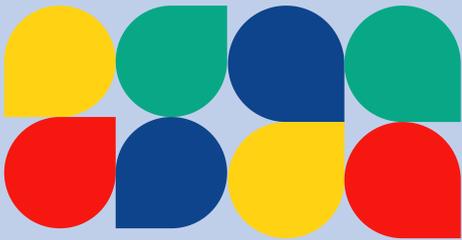
2023 Projects

	Empowerment of survivors of human trafficking through capacity building, advocacy and entrepreneurship sponsored by CKU and Australian embassy
	Preventive action against human trafficking sponsored by Australian High Commission
	Women advocacy and empowerment project Ketti
	Safehouse rehabilitation project



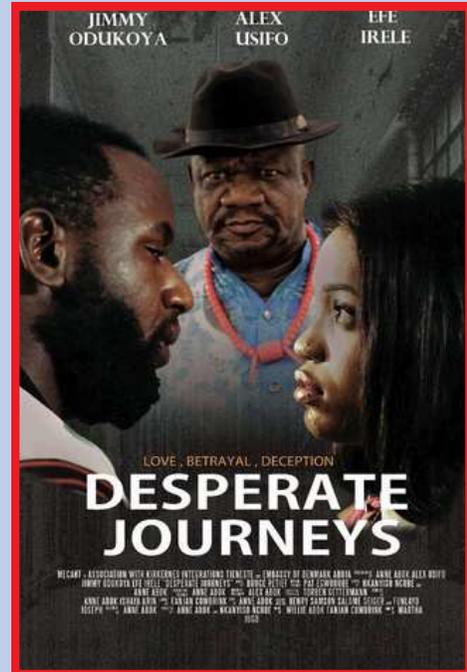
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Filmmaking: Desperate Journeys

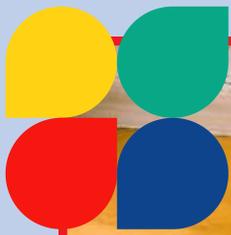
We would like to extend a note of thankfulness to the Embassy of Denmark in Nigeria for supporting the making and screening of the film "Desperate Journeys" and to our partners, EXIST vil stoppe menneskehandel and Cafe de Vie. Special thanks to NAPTIP Nigeria, Nigerian Immigration Service and all government agencies and foreign embassies. Thank you to all who attended. It was a great experience having your warm presence.



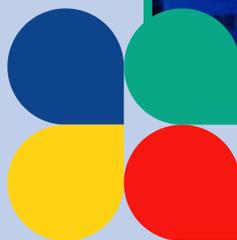
Thanks in the largest part to our staff, board members, volunteers, Treasures and to all those who put in efforts, made contributions and support to keep everything running smoothly. It was a successful event.

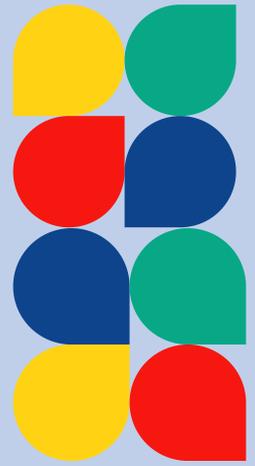
We also had the honor of sharing "Desperate Journeys" with a screening at the Baptist church Utako. It was a wonderful time of discussing relevant social issues with the congregation and supporting that community with how to take action against human trafficking. Thank you to the church and all who are learning more and taking a stand.





Awareness in Bwari, Gwagwalada, and Kwali Area Councils



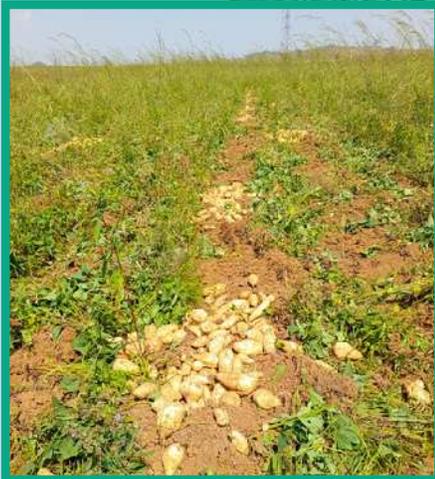
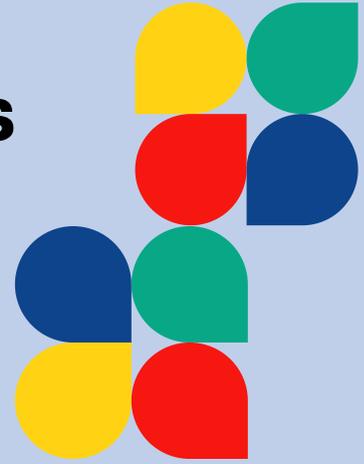


MeCAHT staff visited our sustainable farming project to see how the crops are doing and seized the opportunity to create awareness among 45 women working on the farm. We spoke to them about human trafficking, child labor and forced marriage.

The women appreciated learning new information and stated that they have never heard about human trafficking. They committed to sharing the subject with other members of their community. It was an exciting engagement and we look forward to continuing to share more!

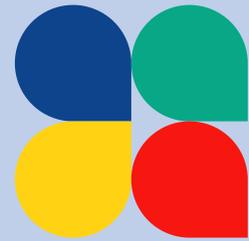
Farm Life: Opportunities to Share and Grow

Sustainable Freedom Business

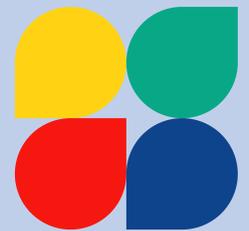


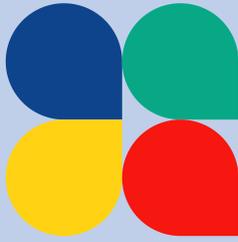
These women are progressing in the area of empowerment. The first and the second set of women who were trained and funded to start small businesses are now training the third set of women every Thursday morning. The women have shown their commitment by turning out for the training because they are learning a lot from each other.

They said this project created a platform where they unite together and advise each other, and they always pray for those who have challenges. This sharing of support helps grow our collective ability to reach and care for vulnerable women so they are prevented from being susceptible to trafficking.

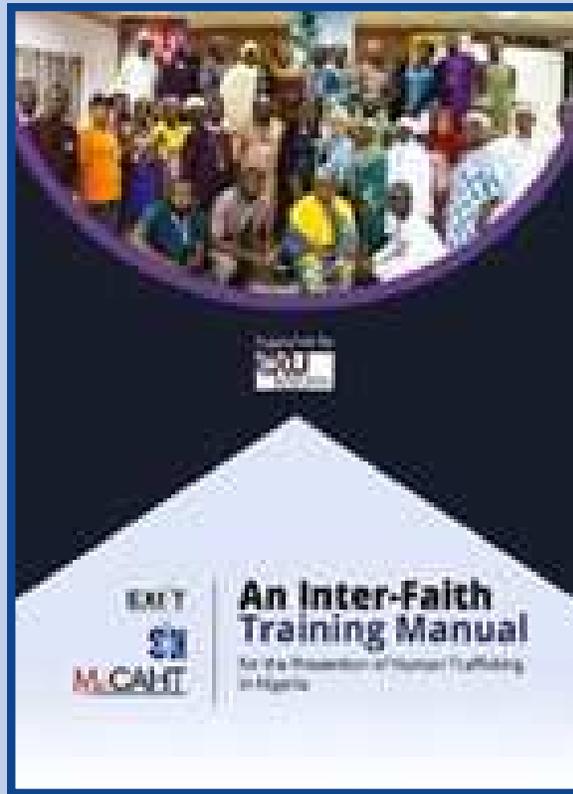
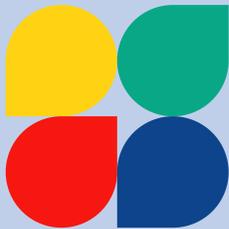


Women Empowerment in Ketti Village



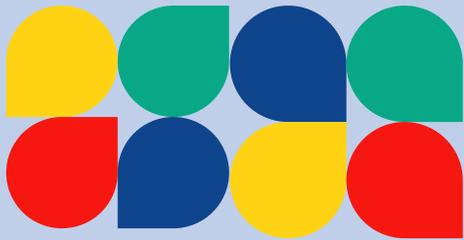


Inter-Faith Project



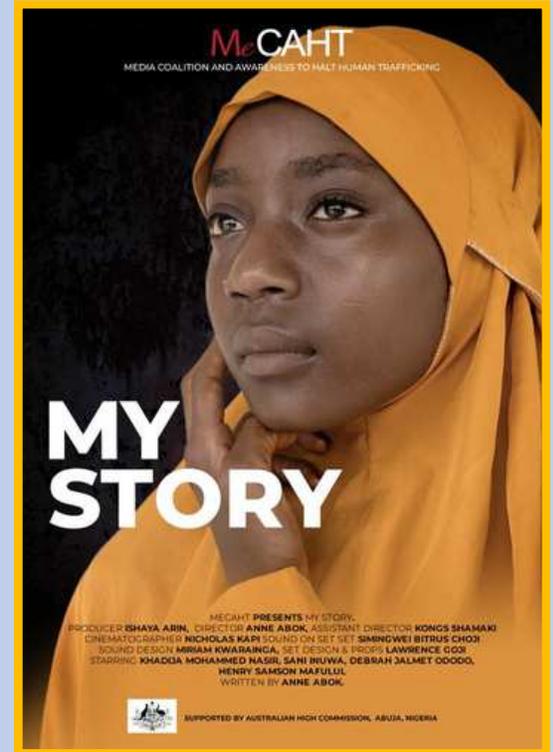
This project brings together faith actors with the aim of focusing on preventing human trafficking in both Christian and Muslim faith communities in Nigeria. This year, we are excited to have expanded the partnership to include Symbols of Hope, Sure4U, EXIST, IHRAAC and MeCAHT supported by NAPTIP, CKU and MCC.

The strategy has been using conferences and the development of a manual to sensitize people of their faith on the dangers of human trafficking. The manual was enhanced for 2023 in advance of the Inter-Faith conference in November.



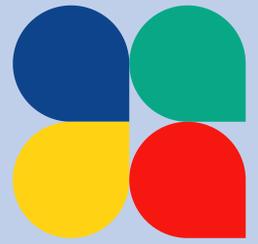
Filmmaking: My Story

Thank you to the Australia in Nigeria in Abuja for supporting MeCAHT to produce and premiere the film titled "My Story." This film addresses aspects of human trafficking like child marriage and forced labour in Nigeria. We appreciate the members of the diplomatic community, the Nigerian government officials, NGOs, media and all individuals who attended the event. Special thanks to all the film cast and crew. The film is now being used to create awareness among 12,000 people in 4 vulnerable communities in Abuja.



The awareness phase of the Prevention of Human Trafficking, Forced Labour and Forced Marriage Project sponsored by the Australia in Nigeria kicked off with a visit to COCIN CC New Kuchigoro FCT Abuja (AMAC) where more than 400 people, comprising mainly of IDPs, were reached. The awareness program which encompassed talks, airing of the "My Story" movie, filling out of questionnaires among others was indeed a moment of sensitization. Awareness is key!

Global Visitors and Partnerships



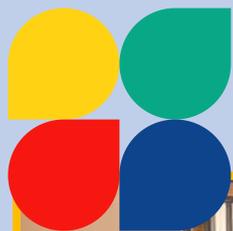
MeCAHT was proud to welcome ambassadors representing the nations this year. Just to name a few, we were blessed by Denmark, Belgium, Israel, Netherlands, Canada, Austria and Australia. We are humbled to partner with our neighbors to fight human trafficking worldwide.

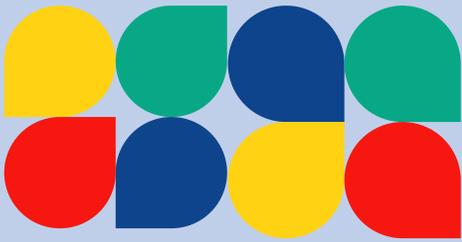


Group picture of Danish Ambassador's team, MeCAHT Staff and Keti women



Keti Women listening to the Danish Ambassador





Safehouse Life and Stories of Growth

12 Caregivers from 6 Safehouses Receive Training to Support 60 Treasures

Training was conducted by MeCAHT and EXIST, funded by CKU, to enhance the capacity of 6 safehouses in Abuja, including the government agency NAPTIP. Four of these participated previously and, at the end of the last training, developed a manual used to carry out rehabilitation in their centers.

The most recent session showed how those 4 safehouses are now able to enhance the capacity of the other 2 by using the manual and mentoring based on what they have learned.

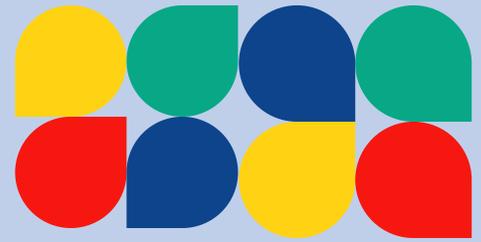
With the help of incredible caregivers, our safehouse continues to run in-house programs like counselling and psychosocial support, discipleship training, photography, and computer literacy.

Victim Rescued from Dubai

We are very pleased to report that International Organization for Migration (IOM) assisted us to rescue a Nigerian Treasure who was trafficked to Dubai and was exploited for sex and forced labour. This was the first time we succeeded in such rescues as the Middle East has become a brutal destination for trafficking from Nigeria but has been very hard to rescue girls due to the “kafala law” which protects the “employers.” The Treasure was assisted at our safehouse and has now returned home. We were able to secure funds from a generous donor to help her enter a cosmetology program for vocational training to support her children.



Safehouse Expansion and Support



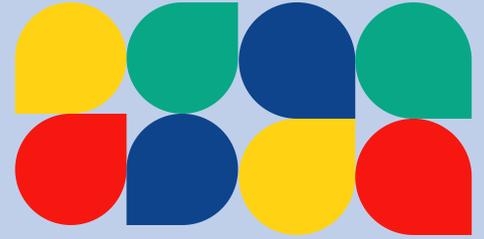
Establishing a New Safehouse in Ondo State

MeCAHT and EXIST were approached by the Anglican Diocese of Ondo state to help establish a safehouse. Ondo state is fast becoming the “new Edo” which has been known to be the state of origin of the 80% of African prostituted women trafficked to Europe. It is a joy to strategically have this safehouse in Ondo.

EXIST in Abuja

We continue to celebrate the 14-year relationship with Karin Kjærsgaard, the leader of EXIST. Karin was with us in Abuja in July and during the enriching visit we were able to work on the implementation of our joint project to empower safehouses in Nigeria and to strengthen the interfaith network against human trafficking. We had a visit to the Danish Embassy and met with other relevant stakeholders. Karin's visits and partnership are always beneficial and we appreciate her.





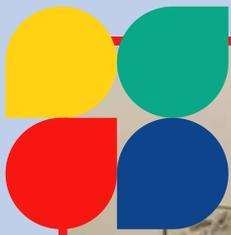
We believe in offering well-rounded programs to include education, vocational training, life skills and community connection. During this season, many of the Treasures have been on holiday from school. We are happy to say one of our Treasures has successfully completed her Secondary School and wishes to be reunited with her family in September while other Treasures who do not attend formal education continue with their various vocational skills acquisition programs.

Human Interest and Recreation

Birthday Celebration and Support

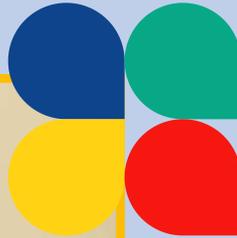
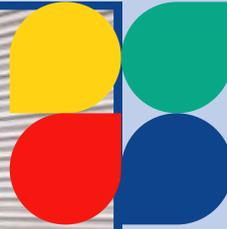
We thank one of our well-wishers, Ms. Tasha who came to celebrate her birthday with our Treasures. She brought food supplies and a cake while the Treasures adorned her with a hat that they made and they prayed for her new year. Similarly, our partner, Ms. Sa'adatu Adamu, founder of SDF, sent food donation to the safehouse from her friend who celebrated her birthday. We continue to appreciate SDF for their counselling support. We continue to appreciate SDF for their counselling support.





Taking a Global Stage





Global Opportunities to Impact Knowledge

Among the many opportunities for sharing our cause this year, our Executive Director was invited to Tanzania with a scholarship from the Danida fellowship on human right based approach of project development. The training was very insightful and it exposed us to the different principles of Human Right based approaches.

Taking a Regional Stage

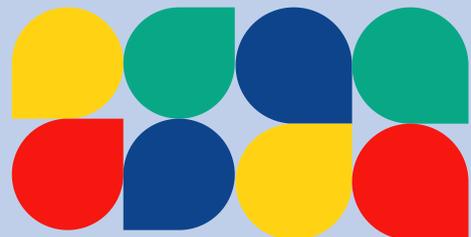


Capacity Building for Staff

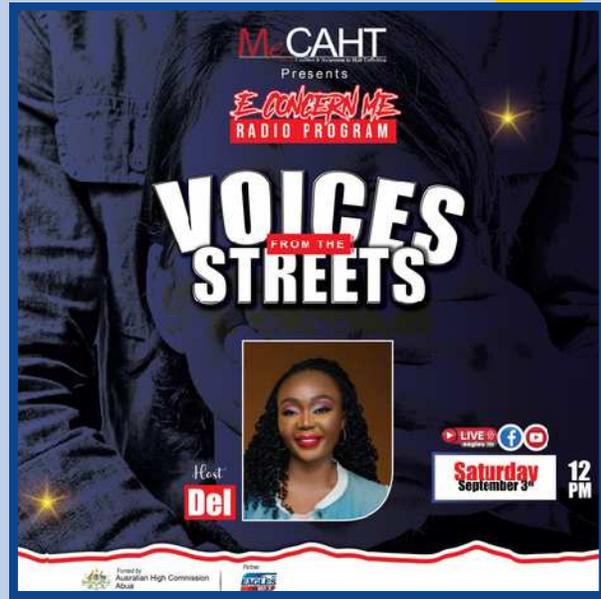
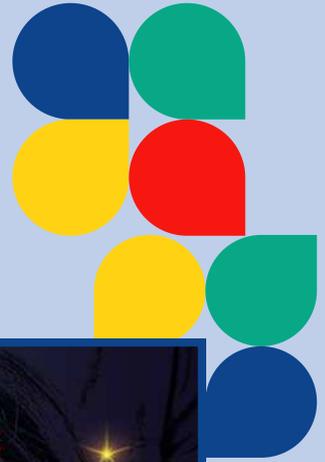
For every organization to perform optimally, there is need for training and development of its staff members to be provide more effective service delivery. One of our strategies is competence/capacity building in a variety of ways, including working with partners on teaching relevant topics. Another recurring practice is counseling for caregivers as well as Greater Love Lighthouse (GLL) safehouse.

For example, in May we had a capacity building session for 5 staff of Sarina project Abuja. The training was on trauma consciousness and resilience as well as the principles of caring for the vulnerable population. They were introduced to the rehabilitation manual MeCAHT developed with 10 other safehouses in Nigeria during the project 'Restoring the dignity of survivors of human trafficking in Nigeria' funded by CKU. The care and attention these staff members put into growing their abilities is greatly valued.

Mental health exercises are also needful for everyone, but especially for caregivers who are responsible for the care of others. It can sometimes be a thankless position requiring so much of a person. Owing to their duties and role, caregivers often experience high levels of stress, anxiety, and depression. These can take a toll on their mental and physical health. It was against this background that we encouraged our staff to participate in the monthly mental health exercise organized by one of our partners Secure D Future International Initiative (SDF). This was so refreshing for our staff and we aim to continue pouring life and strength into all those serving in such a powerful way.

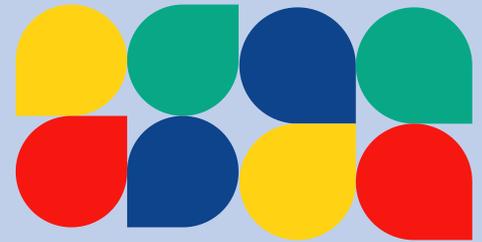


Radio Outreach and Public Awareness





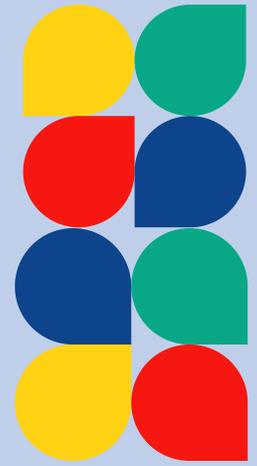
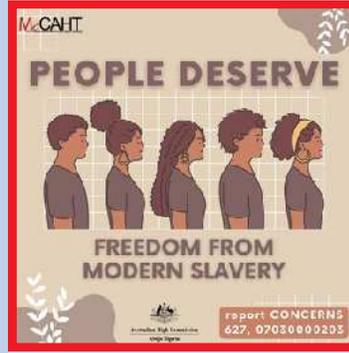
Sustainable Freedom Centre



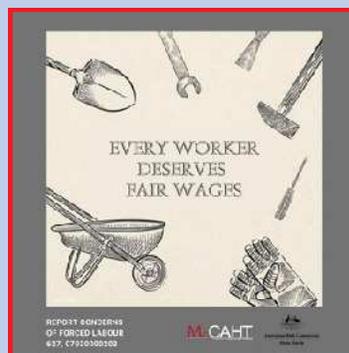
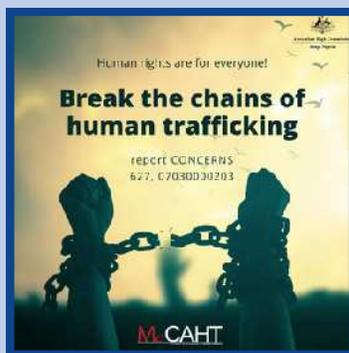
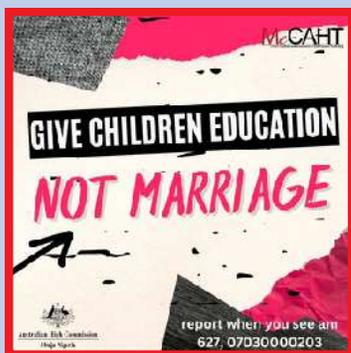
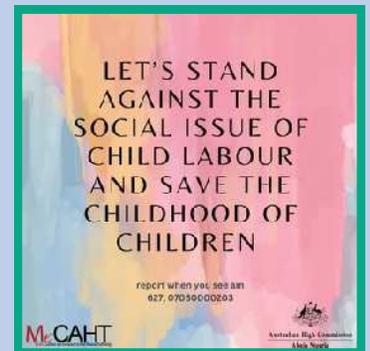
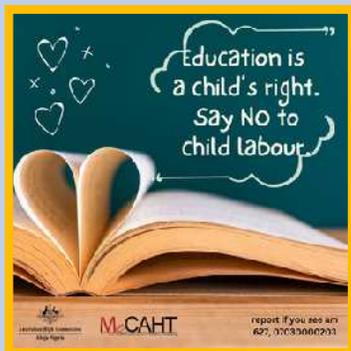
Our Vision is to build a world-class sustainable freedom complex where victims will not just survive but thrive alongside the staff who serve them. This complex, including a center among other income generating facilities, will provide desperately needed sustainable rehabilitation services to victims of trafficking. Here, they will be provided transitional housing while they undergo effective rehabilitation in psychosocial, spiritual, educational, medical, social, and vocational training.

The ultimate goal is to render these rescued individuals employable and provide them with professional experience which will lead to the victims becoming survivors, who are able to demonstrate agency and autonomy and become advocates, thereby leading to sovereign sustainable freedom. A complex such as this will ensure long-term sustainability for work in Nigeria among survivors of human trafficking, if not the world.

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3	Upper Floors	21,711,500.00	49,510.85	50,103.27	369,095.50
4	Staircase	4,600,800.00	10,491.65	10,617.19	78,213.60
5	Walls	18,429,500.00	42,026.59	42,529.42	313,301.50
6	Doors	6,585,000.00	15,016.42	15,196.09	111,945.00
7	Windows	7,125,000.00	16,247.83	16,442.24	121,125.00
8	Roof	21,008,250.00	47,907.17	48,480.39	357,140.25
9	Floor, Wall and Ceiling finishes	45,560,988.33	103,897.17	105,140.34	774,536.80
10	Electrical, Fire Fighting & CCTV/Data Installation	24,923,140.00	56,834.67	57,514.72	423,693.38
11	Plumbing and Sanitary Installations Engineering installation	12,937,500.00	29,502.65	29,855.65	219,937.50
12	Fittings and Fixtures	16,910,000.00	38,561.53	39,022.93	287,470.00
13	External Works	6,746,000.00	15,383.56	15,567.63	114,682.00
	Sub-total	218,370,283.33	497,971.09	503,929.47	3,712,294.82
	Preliminaries 2.5%	5,459,257.08	12,439.34	12,598.24	92,807.37
	ADD VAT 7.5%	16,377,771.25	37,347.83	37,794.71	278,422.11
	Total Sum FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SAFEHOUSE	240,207,311.67	547,331.34	554,322.42	4,083,524.30



Social Media Awareness Campaigns




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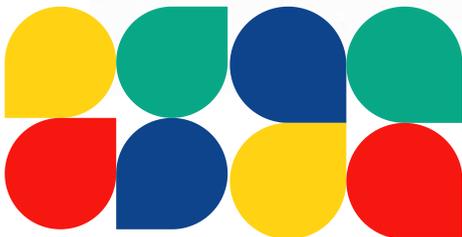
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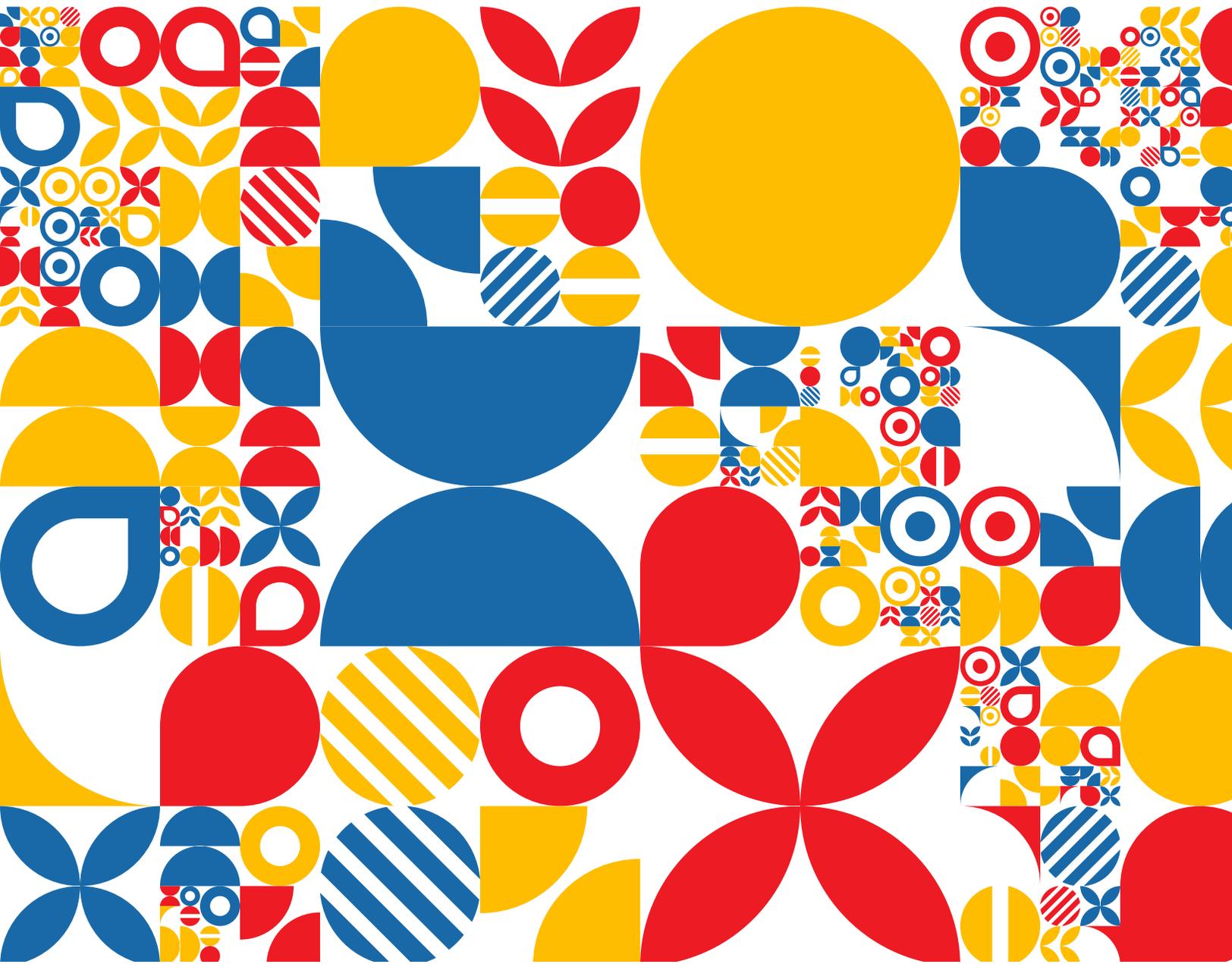


Audited Financial Report 2022



	2022	2021
	N	N
Income	<u>107,590,633</u>	<u>52,230,925</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Project expenses	81,287,698	35,699,243
Salaries	13,245,988	12,440,000
Bedding expenses	65,000	65,000
Feeding	1,800,057	1,598,700
Transport and Travelling	272,000	286,500
General expenses	368,700	356,800
Telephone and postages	328,900	326,500
Rent	3,550,000	2,000,000
Depreciation	1,295,671	1,478,252
Medical	150,500	155,600
Hotel and feeding	450,000	560,000
Generator expenses	324,500	270,000
Electricity & Water	289,400	289,500
Entertainment	135,000	125,000
Motor vehicle expenses	356,800	263,800
Repairs & Maintenance	136,500	56,500
Audit fees & Expenses	300,000	200,000
Printing & Stationaries	168,900	158,900
Training Expenses	1,019,000	650,000
Exchange gain	(875,180)	(5,680,670)
Bank charges	203,692	240,110
	<u>104,873,127</u>	<u>51,539,735</u>
Surplus for the year	<u><u>2,717,506</u></u>	<u><u>691,190</u></u>





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