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The year 2021 has been very eventful, and I would like to define it as the year of unprecedented changes and evolution, seeing the world is experiencing a dynamic shift thanks to COVID-19 and its impactful changes. This year our staff members and volunteers rose to meet unpredicted challenges that pervaded every aspect of our operations, ranging from our activities to our people. Never has there been a need to raise to the level of mental and environmental demands as a result of the crisis from the pandemic; with much seeking support to pull through, HACEY's work became greater. Do me the honour as I walk you through the major milestones of the year.

In 2021, the focus was on implementing interventions in the areas of Health, Advocacy, and Education. HACEY's Empowerment programs cut across diverse projects executed and co-implemented. Hence, we were able to reach over 1 million persons across all our projects and activities put together.

We also grew to the extent that it simply requires more space. This milestone came in August 2021, when we opened a branch office in the brown roof city - Ibadan, Oyo State. The new development opened up a wealth of new opportunities, allowing us to expand our services. Needless to say that the smooth transition was enabled by the impeccable organizational work of our team.

Though I do not know what exactly the future

holds, as the pandemic has served to further reveal preexisting inequities in healthcare, education, women and girls empowerment, I am confident and resolved in our mission to remain rooted in our commitment to creating a healthy and sustainable society for underserved communities.

This year's annual report highlights the activities carried out in all projects implemented, impact, challenges and next steps, as well as testimonials.

I feel extremely privileged to have worked with you this year. Why? Because you consistently dedicated your time, expertise and financial support to those who need it most. This philanthropic spirit cannot be found just anywhere.

By uniting the passion and commitment of donors, funders, and partners who believe in our work, we did what none of us could achieve on our own - we made an impact!

Thank you to everyone who keeps on doing their own little bit to make our world a better place. Together, we can create a healthy and sustainable society for all.

Finally, 2022 will mark the fifteenth anniversary of HACEY Health Initiative, and we will keep working to ensure that all girls, women and youths are catered to, and have a safe space on the earth.

Cheers to another busy year ahead!

2.

Who we are and where we operate

2.1. About HACEY

HACEYHealth Initiative is a leading development organization focused on improving the health and productivity of vulnerable and underserved populations in Africa. Established to provide sustainable solutions to close inequality gaps that limit women and girls' access to health and economic empowerment, HACEY has a long history of designing and implementing sustainable interventions with a mission to empower and support children, women and young people to lead healthy lives through 'iCARE' (Innovation, Capacity building, Advocacy, Research, and Education) model. The specific objectives of the organization are to promote and support educational, informative and empowerment activities to increase public awareness of health and environmental issues: convey health information to hard-to-reach communities (especially rural communities), develop and train man-power in the emerging field of health and environment, complement the efforts of government and other institutions in achieving a state of total health for all, and provide adequate health and empowerment information for women and children.

In the last 14 years, HACEY has worked to implement interventions focused on improving the health and livelihood outcomes of women,

girls and young people. The organization is committed to working with communities, government institutions, private sector companies, civil society groups and the media to design and implement sustainable interventions aimed at creating a lasting impact for our beneficiaries, as well as champion solutions and build partnerships from grassroots to the highest policy level to play a pivotal role in enhancing the socio-economic conditions of Nigerians.

HACEY thematic areas are tailored towards the realization of the Sustainable Developmental Goals in Nigeria, particularly SDG 1: No poverty, SDG 3: Good health and well-being, SDG 4: Quality education, SDG 5: Gender equality, SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation, and SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth.

HACEY currently operates in over 20 states in Nigeria. These states are; Abia, Anambra, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kogi, Kwara, Lagos, Nasarawa, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Zamfara and the Federal Capital Territory. The organization also liaise with global bodies and international organizations to execute and implement interventions.

2.2. Mission Statement

Our mission is

to empower and support children, women and young people to lead healthy lives through capacity building, advocacy, research and education.

2.3. Vision Statement

We are driven by a vision

to create a healthy and sustainable society for all.

3.

Our interventions

HACEY Health Initiative's program interventions focus on Health, Advocacy, Empowerment and Education. The programs cut across diverse projects executed and co-implemented by HACEY in the year 2021. The projects include the Stop Cut Project, Clean Water Initiative (CWI), YouthAmplify Project, also known as Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Program, Impact Health Project, Mental Health, Safe Space Program/Media Lab Project, COVID-19 response and Maternal Health program and a lineup of Advocacies.



3.1. Programs

3.1.1 StopCut Project



The Stop Cut Project, funded by the United Nations Trust Fund, is a response project that aims to End Violence against Women through strengthening systems, building partnerships and mobilizing communities to accelerate actions to end Female Genital Mutilation/ Cutting (FGM/C) in Nigeria. The Project aims to reduce FGM/C practices by 2022 in three states with high prevalence in Southwest Nigeria - Ekiti, Osun and Oyo States, through the implementation and enforcement of FGM/C policies and laws, capacity building and advocacy, and community sensitization and engagement. The Project was formally launched in Osun State in February 2020 at a conference to commemorate the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation. which had Her Imperial Majesty, Queen Naomi Silekunola Ogunwusi, as the special keynote/ mother of the day.

Working to accomplish its objectives, the Project in 2021 achieved the following;

1,000,000

people reached with End FGM messages using digital & traditional media platforms.

422

Trained

96 media personnel

322 community leaders across project states

participant of the EndFGM alliance bootcamp on varied aspects of FGM

policymakers, state actors, and decisionmakers signed a pledge to support the eradication of FGM

Project team, alongside End FGM alliance members, paid a courtesy visit to Traditional rulers, Policymakers, Religious leaders, Commissioners of Police, and other community state actors.

Impacted

1300 Women and Survivors

Community Leaders across 72 wards in 12 LGAs of Project States

397 Family heads

48 Mobile devices distributed for data collection and reporting of FGM Cases to the response team

Launched two reports;

FGM/C Laws in Nigeria: Legislative Reforms and Lessons Learnt from Kenya and Uganda; and Research On The Knowledge; and Prevalence And Contributory Factors Of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) And Implementation Of FGM Policies In Ekiti, Osun, And Oyo State, Nigeria. *Produced and premiered an End FGM video documentary titled "First Cut"*.

The StopCut Project in the year 2021 hosted 2 conferences that brought together high-level representatives from Ministries, Non-Governmental Organizations, Media Houses, Research institutions, Academia, and other key stakeholders to work and discuss current progress in ending FGM, available opportunities and required strategies to ending FGM by 2030.

I was unaware I was cut until I reached the age of twenty when I began experiencing painful urination and the effects of FGM. Thus, I went to the doctor, who informed me that I was cut and that I should contact my mother when I returned home. I inquired of my mother, who confirmed it,

SURVIVOR **Adewumi Morenike**



3.1.1.1 Testimonial



I was living with my grandmother, and we were ten in the compound. A man entered, and they immediately began laying us on the mat and cutting us. After I asked my grandmother why she did this to me, she stated that my parent gave her permission and that it would help her avoid being promiscuous. I am aware that it was wrong, but I lack the power to say no. The way they cut me, I can't give birth on my own, the doctors have to cut me through episiotomy which is very painful.

SURVIVOR

Mrs Farayola Omobolanle

My life is in disarray because of 500 naira. When my child was able to speak, she frequently complained about her virginal being in constant pain, which was red and bleeding. I contacted the excisor who cut her, and she assured me that she was fine and that there was nothing wrong with her. Thus, I decided to take her to the hospital, where she was examined, and it was discovered that the discomfort emanates from her virginal, which is causing her difficulty urinating. I was heartbroken and wept uncontrollably that day because I am a single mother with no helper,

MOTHER OF FGM SURVIVOR

Mrs Zainab Oyekan

3.1.2 Clean Water Initiative



Every day millions of individuals spend hours walking across harsh terrain to collect dirty water, sacrificing valuable time and resources. Others live in places with plenty of water, but it's often unsafe, carrying diseases that can make entire families sick, but we are on a mission to change that. With a community of supporters by our side, we believe we can end the water crisis.





Our Clean Water Initiative project aims to improve the availability of water, sanitation and hygiene practices in primary health centres (PHC) and schools within communities to improve the overall health outcomes of the most vulnerable population in the communities – women and children. The Project in 2021 impacted communities in Delta, Imo and Ondo states.

In a bid to accomplish its objectives, the Project in 2021 achieved the following;

in 2021

5 Primary Health Care Centers and 5 Public schools across project state benefited from the Clean Water Initiative Project intervention

Provided 10

electricity-powered boreholes to selected Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) and public schools in project states

over 600,000

social media users reached with messages on safe water, proper sanitation and hygiene practices.

Trained

health and education workforce from selected primary health care centres and public schools across project states on safe water, proper sanitation and hygiene practices.

8000

community members on safe water, proper sanitation and hygiene practices across project states.

Handed over water facilities comprising electricity-powered boreholes, generator set, generator house, water tank, borehole safety iron, and water filter to communities in project states.



3.1.2.1 Testimonial



Prior to HACEY installing of a new borehole for the health centre, the ones they had were not operating, so the community members had to go to town or the river to acquire water, which was approximately 1 to 2 kilometres away.

Having the borehole installed has made life easier; we feel relieved. Our patients now have access to clean water.

There is proper maintenance, but there is an issue with getting funds for fuel. However, we are still able to pump a few gallons of water with the fuel we have, which means we don't have to return to getting water from the river.

MRS FUNKE ATIWAYE

BASIC HEALTH CENTER, IJU-ODO, ONDO STATE



It was so terrible that both children and adults had to search for water every single day. Water is supposed to be available for free, but we had to spend so much money buying it. Our lives have become easier because we do not have to worry about obtaining water, nor do we have to spend money to do so; we have days when we pump water for people to fetch. The borehole has proved to be a great asset to the community as a whole.

We have a committee responsible for maintaining and monitoring the borehole. Thank you so much to HACEY and everyone who helped make this Project possible.

PASTOR OJEAGA

IFESOWAPO COMMUNITY, EPE, LAGOS STATE

3.1.3 Youth Amplify Project



The Youth Amplify project is designed to increase awareness and uptake of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and products amongst young people in tertiary institutions in Ekiti, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, and Lagos States, Nigeria. The Project sought to leverage the power of digital media, especially social media, to create awareness about sexual and reproductive health and rights, and reproductive health and rights among young people, as well as inform them on available Sexual and reproductive health services in each state and how they can access such services. It was funded by Amplify Change UK and encompassed sexual health, sexual rights, reproductive health and reproductive rights.



The Project in 2021 achieved the following;

500 Youths

flooded with information on Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR),

540 units

of condoms distributed during project activity.

200 youths trained

n Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and rights information.

Trained Champions across the 5 states of project implementation on advocacy for Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Collaborated with Civil Society Organisations across 5 states to conduct HIV testing services at the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) orientation camps

Over 100,000 Audiences

Reached with information on sexual health and right via the project website, 'Tombey'.

over 1200 content

shared across social media on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights.

145,000 engagements

recorded across social media

Donated mobile phone to 7 centres in Lagos and Supported the state via training Youth-friendly centre coordinators on leveraging digital tools to amplify Sexual and reproductive health and rights services.



To commemorate 2021 World AIDS Day, the Project conducted 3 days of community HIV testing and counselling, an activity that reached 2000 people across Lagos, Osun, Ondo, Oyo and Ekiti States with counselling and testing for HIV/AIDS services.



3.1.3.1 Testimonial



The project has made it easy to link clients to treatment and care as well as minimized loss from lack of follow up,

Kids & Teens Resource Centre, ONDO.



the youth Amplify project has been helpful because it supplied us with some consumables, and that has duly boosted our activities at this centre. It has also helped us to render services to young people who are in dire need of those services. So, I believe that the Project is very relevant, and it has helped our activities,

VARCE, OSUN.



We didn't have any test kits before we were given them some months ago. This helps satisfy the demand of youths who come to the centre to check their HIV status voluntarily. So, the Project came at the right time to assist us when we were in need because Rotary or government could not do it all.

Rotary Youth Friendly Counseling Centre, OSUN.



The Project made follow up more effortless for the counsellor and the person in charge of SRH services in the centre.

VARCE, OSUN.

3.1.4 Impact Health Project

Nigeria accounts for about 20% of global maternal deaths, with a maternal mortality ratio of 814 deaths per 100,000 live births, leaving it among the highest in the world. High maternal mortality rates and newborn death remain a pressing public health concern in Nigeria. Hence, the need for health care providers, particularly at grassroots levels, to take advantage of digital gadgets to improve service delivery, as this will help in improving the quality of care service delivery as well as control cases of death during pregnancy and childbirth.

Our Impact Health Project is a digital health intervention designed to improve the performance and service delivery of primary health care providers in Nigeria by creating a platform to improve capacity building, supervision, support, and motivation. The Project is supported by Intellectual Property Research Deployment (IPRD) Group, New York and Argusoft.

In 2021, the Project achieved the following;



donated 30,000

flooded doses of IPTp-SP (Intermittent preventive treatment of Malaria in pregnancy using sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine) and 10,000 Malaria rapid diagnostic tests (RDT) kits to Oyo state.

Trained

Health workers on the use of the Project's digital platform.

health workers from 95 PHCs and;

Local Government supervisors from across 17 LGAs on the use of the Impact Health App for IPT administration recording and RDT test recording

data collectors; and...

Local Government Supervisors across 17 LGAs on the use of the Impact Health App.

Trained State Technical officers and Local government officers from 32 local governments in Oyo state on the use of net campaign applications.

IPRD SOLUTIONS OYO STATE

carried out family health campaign across 17 LGA in the project execution state.

132,202 Households registered; and248,721 nets were distributed to 76, registered families in 8 LGAs nets were distributed to 76,629 registered families in 8 LGAs in Oyo state.

Trained health workers on Rapid Diagnostic Tests on the use of the pre-test of the project app at 2 Primary Health Care centres.





3.1.4.1 Testimonial



The interventions have helped project the facility and upgrade it to international standard through the use of technology.

THE CHIEF NURSING OFFICER/MATRON-IN-CHARGE, IDI-OGUNGUN PHC.

Mrs Fatumobi Christiana.

access to quality mental health services and information in schools, workplaces and communities across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria, which include; Lagos, Ondo, Kaduna, Abuja, Taraba and Ebonyi state.

In 2021, the Project achieved the following;

3.1.5 Mental Health And Productivity Project Report



Mental health disorders are a significant public health concern that places a burden on all facets of society, including families, workplaces, communities and the wider economy. According to WHO, about 450 million people suffer from a mental or behavioural disorder. Our Mental Health and Productivity program is a direct response to young people's mental needs through the creation of awareness of mental health issues and mental health services. The Project set out with the goal of improving

over 1000

were given information and education materials on mental health

over 100

Mental Health Champions trained across project states

Created a website dedicated to facilitating conversations on mental health and access to information and mental health services.

Created vox-pops on issues regarding mental health.

3.1.6 Safe Space Program/Media Lab Project



The Safe Space program is a project that empowers young people and makes them feel safe, valued, and heard. It is a project by HACEY Health Initiative Girl Advisory Board. The Board is a committee of young girls across Nigeria who work with the organization to develop girl-centred solutions to rising issues in our

communities and advocate for various girl-child programs aimed at improving girls' access to education & health information.

The program is held to discuss, guide, and train young girls aged 13-19 on leadership, career, sexual and reproductive health, and other girl-centred issues.





3.1.7 Maternal Health



Nigeria remains one of the countries across the globe with the highest estimated number of maternal deaths yearly. The causes of the deaths can be attributed to lack of access to health information, poor health-seeking behaviour and under-equipped health centres, especially in rural and underserved areas. Our Maternal Health project significantly aims to build the capacities of Community Birth Attendants(CBAs) to produce hygiene materials to enable them to reduce their overall cost and increase the knowledge and practice of preventive guidelines while providing maternal health services. The Project is implemented in Ogun state and sponsored by Ishk Tolaram.



3.1.7.2 Testimonials:



The cost of providing quality maternal health services is high. We barely charge our customers, and sometimes we use our personal resources to provide essential things they need, especially during delivery

Mission birth attendant

we tried to buy the raw material for making hand wash and Dettol, and it was double the price our facilitator bought it.

Traditional birth attendant



This program hasn't only improved our knowledge of covid-19, it has also upgraded us, as we now know how to protect ourselves and do our jobs better

Traditional birth attendant Mowe











3.2 Advocacies

3.2.1 Obstetric fistula

Every year, 50,000 to 100.000 women worldwide are affected by obstetric fistula, and about 13,000 cases occur in Nigeria. The development of obstetric fistula is directly linked to one of the major causes of maternal mortality, obstructed labour. Women who experience obstetric fistula suffer constant incontinence, shame, social segregation and health problems. Obstetric fistula is a health condition that mostly affects women and girls. It results from a hole in the birth canal. This Project was implemented in three states (Oyo, Delta and Ebonyi) to educate women on obstetric fistula and its prevention.



HACEY Health, with support from Access Bank through the obstetric fistula project achieved;

Reached

pregnant women across Project implementing states with IEC on Obstetric fistula.

community women through information and education pamphlets.

birthing kits distributed across health facilities in implementing states.

Trained pregnant women in Oyo, Ebonyi and Delta state on Obstetric Fistula.

3.2.2 Sexual Violence in conflict

This Project is focused on eliminating cases of sexual violence in conflicts by sensitizing women in IDP (Internally Displaced People) Camps and communities. The program was implemented in Lagos, Edo and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and aimed to discuss what sexual violence is, enlighten the audience on the VAAP Act and the ability to speak up when molested, assure them of justice where the need arise.



In 2021 the Project achieved;

800

Persons reached in Edo, Lagos and Abuja with information on preventing and reporting sexual violence cases.

6000

Persons reached with information on Sexual violence.

3.2.3 Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) Project

COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic presented an unprecedented challenge for health and social care. Hence, HACEY Health Initiative subimplemented the Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC) project. The Project was implemented in three (3) communities (Akowonjo, Okunola, and Orisumbarecommunity) in Alimosho Local government and three (3) communities (Badore, Ajah and Shongotedo) in Eti-Osa Local government in Lagos State to respond to COVID-19 and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Gender-based Violence (GBV) within the communities.

Over 10388

Personal protective equipment (PPE) Donated to 22 PHCs in Alimosho and Eti-Osa LGA.

COVID-19 and GBV response

over 6000

Community members trained on the way to report GBV cases



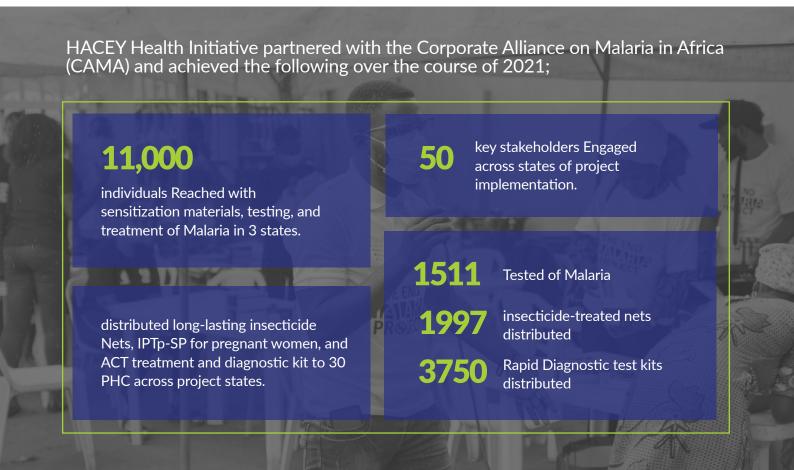
3.2.4 End Malaria project



Malaria remains one of the deadliest diseases, with 40% of the world's population at risk. An estimated 247 million malaria cases, causing nearly a million deaths, were recorded a decade ago, and most of the deaths are amongst children under five who, together decade ago, and most of the deaths are amongst children

under five who, together with pregnant women, are particularly vulnerable to this devastating disease. The End Malaria project aimed to increase the level of awareness on Malaria. The Project sought to reach at least 100 million people across the most endemic states in Nigeria.





3.2.5 Drug Abuse



The National Drug Use survey revealed there are almost 14.3 million drug users in Nigeria, of which about 3 million suffer from drug use disorder. The Drug abuse project aims at educating young people on the effect of drug abuse. The Project is supported by Access Bank and implemented in tertiary institutions in Lagos, Ebonyi and Edo States.

The drug Abuse project achieved;

Over 10,000

Reached with materials and adequate health information

over 7000

Reached across project states

3.2.6 ROWAA widows outreach



Women care so much for their families but economic set back is a major issue. The ROWAA project is aimed at economically supporting women and widows in rural communities.

3.2.6.1 Project activities

To significantly reduce the economic burden on widows in local communities, every quarter of the year, HACEY provides technical support to ROWAA Foundation to implement the ROWAA widows' outreach.

5000 beneficiaries

Of four mega outreaches organized in Lagos and Ogun states

1400

Community members reached in Lagos and Ogun State

Food items and clothing materials were donated to support the women.

3.2.7 16 Days of Activism

One in every 3 women has experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, most often by someone she is acquainted with. Despite its high prevalence, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is largely underreported due to a culture of silence, stigma and lack of access to resources and support systems. The trauma of GBV can also constitute a challenge to survivors' mental health resulting in isolation, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicidal thoughts.



Working to accomplish its objectives, the Project in 2021 achieved the following;

Organized activities aimed at increasing awareness on issues related to gender-based violence.

Launched the ARTagainstGBV exhibition featuring art projects (paintings, drawings, mosaics and collages) based on gender-based violence created by young people lending their voices to the fight against gender-based violence.

Organized ARTagainstGBV exhibition to increase awareness on subjects related to gender-based violence (GBV), myths and misconceptions.

50

girls and boys from secondary schools across Lagos State engaged; in the creation of art projects using paintings, drawings, mosaics and collages to tell stories about gender inequality.

over 500,000

people reached with messaging regarding gender-based violence.

3.2.8 International Day of The Girl Child



The health and productivity of women and girls are largely dependent upon the elimination of gender inequities that prevent them from achieving their full potential.

Globally, women and girls have been classified as a disadvantaged population, as they





have greater health and safety risks, fewer opportunities for economic participation than men, less access to basic and higher education, and less political representation.

With reference to the 2021 theme, "Digital generation'. Our generation", HACEY organized a range of activities to engage and enlighten the girl child.

In the lineup of activities were;

Organized an International Day of the Girl Child Essay competition for girls from secondary school. ypung girls inducted into the HACEY Girls' Advisory Board

100+ young girls

Enlightened on specific characteristics of preferred careers, requirements, and available career opportunities.

over 200,000

Young girls reached with information on health and leadership, thereby amplifying their voices in the society,

Engaged students in a Safe space (leadership and health) workshop, Health and Leadership sensitization in Schools across project states. Organized career and mentoring training for girls at Johnson and Johnson, Stag Engineering, Havana, Banwo& Ighodalo and Nensis Engineering.

Awarded winners of the essay competition with cheques worth thousands of Naira, brand new laptops, a certificate and plaque.

3.3 HACEY @14



A 1-DAY physical event was held amongst volunteers who participated tremendously over the years to the growth of the organization. The celebration featured different educative and fun activities such as enlightenment about HACEY, identification of volunteers physically, rewarding outstanding volunteers, and celebrating the milestone of the organization and games.

HACEY clocked 14 years on the 17th of October, and annually during our anniversary, we take out time to recognize and celebrate the milestone. To commemorate the event, a video of staff members speaking about the organization was recorded and uploaded on all channels alongside other media posts.







4.

Partnerships for Impact

HACEY Health Initiative extends the deepest gratitude to our partners, who have helped us restore hope and dignity to those whose lives are oppressed and impoverished. The commitment of our donors, whether individuals, foundations, corporations, volunteers, governments, non-governmental organizations or multilateral agencies, is what enables us to respond swiftly to help communities.

Our recent and current partners include;

Access Bank Plc, Lafarge, IPRD solutions, United States Government in Nigeria, ACT Foundation, Australia Government in Nigeria, Stars Foundation, UK, and GBC Health, New York, UNFPA, Path USA, Empower UK, Amplify UK, the Nigerian government and other private sector partners.

























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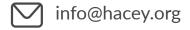
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