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Meet Angela

“I am ecstatic joining the NFF. We will tell our story and by ourselves, and together we will change the narratives about Nigerian women and girls.”

- Ms Angela Nkwo
  Communications Officer
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Photo Reel
The NFF is seeking to employ a Research and Policy Officer. **Click Here to Apply**

All applications should be sent to nff@nigerianfeministforum.org

We have a new Communications Officer, Ms. Angela Nkwo.

The NFF seeks to organise a consultative meeting with Centre for Gender Studies departments, of Nigerian universities across the six geo-political zones.

Send an email to be sent an invitation.
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Ideas on research the NFF can carry out?

Share here; **nff@nigerianfeministforum.org**
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Who are we?

We are Feminists, No If’s, No But’s, No Maybe’s!!!

The Nigerian Feminist Forum (NFF), is a network of individual women who publicly self-define themselves as feminists and are recognized to ‘walk the talk’ in fundamentalist or other extremely vulnerable contexts. This Forum became a reality in 2007, and have been in existence since 2008. The African charter on feminist principles is our guiding document, written by us for us. Read it and become familiar with it. Read the charter here>>>>> CLICK HERE.

The feminist movement, as an ideological and political space, is made up of the many individuals and organisations committed to challenging and dismantling patriarchal oppressions in all its manifestations. It is a space for feminists to claim for themselves and to use, through networks, organisations, personal friendships and collective feminist energies. This space is used to mobilise around feminist principles, to hone analytical skills, and seek (and sometimes find) answers to many questions. What makes the space work is faith. The belief that this space is needed to make a difference in the lives of women. This is manifested in our processes of self-discovery, our hopes, our dreams, our aspirations, our yearning for more knowledge and revelations.

The two, space and faith are inter-dependent, and cannot survive in and of themselves. We need our space as feminists to walk the road together, and we need the faith that will keep us together in good and in bad times. It is very difficult to create and sustain feminist space in Nigeria for many reasons, but we need to be bold, vigilant, intentional and proactive about promoting and defending women’s rights in Nigeria.

We NEED this feminist space for these very reasons, to:
- Develop conceptual clarity and the politics of naming;
- Access our relationship with contemporary Nigerian states and state structures;
- Repolitise the movement;
- Harness and create feminist knowledge;
- Strengthen feminist institutions;
- Develop feminist principles;
- Replenish our ranks;
- Protect the integrity of feminist space;
- Take care of ourselves

In the next issue, we will share how you can use the Feminist Charter as an Organisational Development tool for training your staff, volunteers and board members on Feminist Principles.
The COVID19 pandemic, brought about worldwide uncertainties, unpredictability and unprecedented chaos. The increase in sexual and gender based violence has been one of the pandemic’s tripling effect with a state of emergency on SGBV declared by CSO activists across the nation, endorsed by the Governors Forum and a Presidential Committee established to procure solutions.

Women have been at the forefront of the pandemic response, making up about 75% of the health workforce globally, and 50% of the health workforce in Nigeria, yet women only hold 25% of leadership roles in health. It has now been a year since the start of the pandemic, which has claimed millions of lives and changed the ways in which each of us relates to and navigates, friendships, the workspace and the world.

No doubt, the world has tried to adjust to the new normal, from working from home, to ensuring adequate measures are taken to help curb the virus. However, we know that working from home can certainly have both positive and negative effects on employees’ wellbeing, knowing that not everyone has been able to retain their employment, as there has been many layoffs and closing of businesses.

**IN NIGERIA, LESSONS LEARNT:**

Working with partners we should advocate for more women in leadership roles, to ensure that the discussions on women’s access to COVID19 and other resources get enough visibility and possible solutions;

The world can go through a challenging phase at any time such as the Covid19 pandemic, and so it is important that we prepare as a nation to be able to handle these challenges as they present themselves.

Women are the most hit during pandemics or crisis, and so there should be adequate provision of healthcare facilities and personnel’s that would cater to the diverse needs of women, girls and other vulnerable members as they arise.

Government and civil society organizations need to build new ways and initiatives that deal with and confront cultural patterns of violence, dominance and power, while also empowering women and girls.

Meanwhile with the advent of the Covid19 Vaccines, there is a renewed hope that the world will open up in due course, and it is important that we all continue keeping up with measures to ensure our safety and that of our families at all times.
CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

“Our strategies have included advocacy and innovative campaigns using mainstream and social media”. Dismantling patriarchy and questioning the powers of oppressions, to ultimately achieve a society free from violence against women is an objective. Our strategic programmatic interventions have targeted this objective, and we have recorded positive results.

Click Here to take a look at some of our strategic social media campaigns for this quarter; Click the hashtags to follow the discussions >>>

#SheMatters, 
#NigerianWomenMatter 
#StateofEmergencyonSGBV
We had Aklile Solomon from Ethiopia, Ndiilo Nthengwe from Namibia, and Kiki Mordi from Nigeria, speak on building feminist realities in the times of Covid19 and ending violence against women and girls. Young feminists organising, net-working and creating the change we need. What are the lessons to learn from these sisters and how do we share these lessons?
Would you like to follow up on our activities and be part of our movement?

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We would love to read from you.