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**Photo Description:**

Community members in the Internally Displaced Persons Camps in Northern Nigeria are singing, drumming and dancing in a circle with SRHIN members during the launch of the Friendship Tent – the world's first solar-powered mental health center in underserved settings.

# MESSAGE *from* OUR FOUNDER



**Dr Isaac Olufadewa**  
Founder, Slum and  
Rural Health Initiative.

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To build on our progress in the last five years and achieve SRHIN's ambitious Strategic Action Plan 2022 – 2026, we must keep co-creating transformative solutions with the communities we serve, challenging the status quo, implementing transformative initiatives, leveraging digital or innovative platforms, connecting with and expanding our partnership base.

**I**t has been an incredible year of learning and impactful progress for us at Slum and Rural Health Initiative. We have continued to save lives, improve livelihoods and transform communities by meaningfully engaging local community members, stakeholders and the people we serve as part of the solution and not as “passive beneficiaries”.

From our Brave Heart project that promoted mental health to thousands of people living in internally displaced persons (IDP) or migrant camps in Northern Nigeria to our SIMBIHealth sexual and reproductive health and rights project that reached hundreds of thousands of young people, I am so proud of our achievements in 2022.

More importantly, in 2022, our projects reached the most diverse groups of people living in marginalized settings. For instance, our The HANDS Project reached people with disabilities, our Communities Against Sexual Violence (CASV) project empowered teenage girls and women in IDP camps in Northern Nigeria, our STREEM project reached street children and our Youth for COVAX project targeted marginalized youths.

We had countless opportunities to implement innovative solutions as well as build the evidence base. We had the privilege to share our work with both local leaders in communities and global leaders at international events such as the Grand Challenges Annual Meeting at Brussels, Belgium and the One Young World Summit in Manchester, United Kingdom.

Building strong relationships with communities, partners, and funders to advance health equity and social justice allows us to be curious, creative and collaborative as we constantly improve on our transformative solutions.

As an agile, resourceful and learning organization, we have made more impact, even with less, because of our hardworking and excellent people – staff, interns and volunteers. I appreciate you all.

It has been a humbling and incredibly fulfilling journey so far.

Thank you to all our people, partners and funders who have made all our achievements possible!



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## ABOUT SLUM AND RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

### Our Vision

We envision an Africa where healthcare information and services is easily available to everyone, everywhere.



#### UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Africa bears 25% of the global burden of diseases, yet has only close to 3% of the world's doctors.

#### UNDERINFORMED POPULACE

There are several barriers that limit access to healthcare in Africa which include social, cultural, religious barriers among others

### Our Why?

#### UNDERUTILIZED TECHNOLOGIES

There is a current underutilization of technology which has the immense power to positively improve access to healthcare.



### Our Mission

To improve access to health information and services by connecting health professionals to the populace through advocacy, technology and research so that they can make the right health decisions.

## SRHIN In Numbers



**8**  
African Countries



**1.2M**  
Community Members & People reached



**2,400**  
Volunteers from all around the world.



**33+**  
Conferences and Scholarships won by members



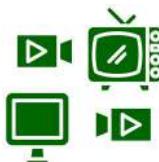
**20K**  
Hours of committed service



**155+**  
International Peer-Reviewed Publications



**274+**  
Outreaches and events organized



**407**  
Online, print, radio and TV appearances



**3.6M +**  
Combined social media impressions

## How We Work



We are locally grounded through the work of our active 24 state coordinators who manage the volunteer community and supervise our innovative projects

Our Board of Trustees provide strategic direction to the Executive Team who implement our innovative and impactful project across the country.

The team is further supported by a Global Advisory Board whose insights, ideas and network benefit our organization and the marginalized communities we serve



**Dr. Isaac Olufadewa**

Executive Director,  
Slum and Rural Health Initiative  
Medical Doctor & African Union Scholar  
Mandela Washington & Women Deliver Fellow  
Member, LANCET COVID-19 Commission

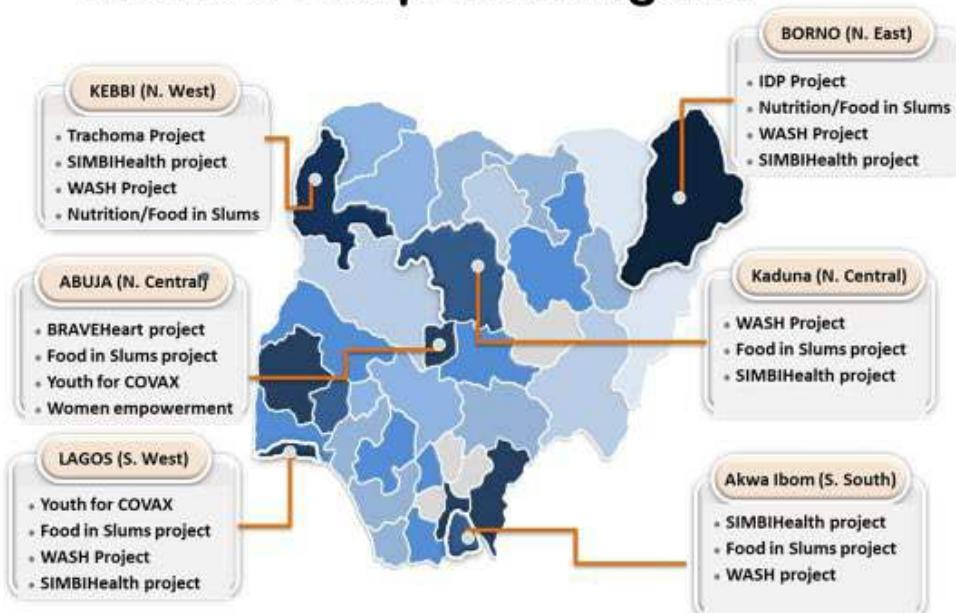


**Miracle Adesina**

Country Coordinator (Nigeria),  
Slum and Rural Health Initiative  
Researcher with over 70 publications  
Member, WHO-HIFA Essential  
Health Services and COVID-19 Taskforce

# Our Foot Print

## SRHIN's Footprint in Nigeria



**FRIENDSHIP  
TENT**

"Friendship Tent" is a solar powered mental health centre that serves thousands of migrants in New Kucingoro/Durumi IDP camp. The project is supported by a close to \$200,000 (USD) transformative investment from Grand Challenges Canada

Project Sponsors:



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for Health Research



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# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## YOUTH4COVAX

“We believe youths can be game changers in promoting COVID-19 and other routine vaccinations in remote and rural communities in Nigeria, Ethiopia and Africa.”



# COMMUNITIES AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE (CASV)

We are dismantling toxic patriarchal beliefs and harmful cultural norms by engaging and educating community members, as well as using a gender transformative approach by providing women knowledge skills and financial power.



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SKILLS PROJECT

We are empowering young people living in underserved settings with 21st century digital and vocational skills providing with them the opportunity to change their lives and transform their communities.



# Our Projects



## Brave Heart

Preventing mental illness, reducing severity of mental health symptoms and developing policies to reduce the mental health burden among vulnerable young people



## Youth 4 COVAX

Increasing vaccine uptake and decreasing vaccine hesitancy among young people



## SRHIN Research Academy

Empowering early career researchers across over 12 countries



## SIMBIHealth

Africa's flagship artificial intelligence-driven innovation that delivers comprehensive sexual, mental and social health education in multiple languages





## Impact Analysis Project

Monitoring, measuring and make sense of your social, health and development using world standard validated tools, approach and model



## Food in Slums

A comprehensive nutrition strategy to reduce the burden of malnutrition



## Trachoma Project

Using One health approach and the SAFE strategy to combat neglected tropical diseases



## Infographics Project

Simplifying, summarizing and sharing reliable health information in an easy-to-understand format (visual texts and videos)



# Picture Splash





SRHIN distributes hygiene pack to over 100 people in CAN IDP Camp, Borno



Hygiene messages translated to over 100 local languages by SRHIN



SRHIN partners Reckitt to deliver hygiene packs and messages to over 200 schools in Lagos

**SRHIN Launches novel friendship tent and distributes relief packages to 500 residents at New Kuchingoro IDP camp, Abuja Northern Nigeria**

By Amanda Graham - 3 October 2021



Hygiene packs distributed to 500 residents of New Kuchingoro IDP Camp, Abuja



SHIN Hygiene messages publicized by FP2030



Children in IDP camps educated on proper handwashing practice

## SRHIN holds cholera prevention campaign in Kaduna



by **Chima** — October 13, 2021



SRHIN distributes hygiene packs to over 70 people in Ungwan Machibi, Kaduna State



Over 100 disabled and vulnerable children empowered with soapmaking skills

For his work at SRHIN, our founder, **Dr Isaac Olufadewa** won the Royal African Leadership Award, established by His Imperial Majesty, The Ooni of Ife. He also presented our research work at and attended the Grand Challenges Annual Meeting (GCAM) in Brussels, Belgium, 2022

Our Admin Officer, **Ruth Oladele** was invited to join the Women in Global Health community. She also plays a crucial role in Pandemic Periods - a global movement to combat period poverty



Our Country Coordinator (Nigeria), **Miracle Adesina**, presented at and attended the One Young World Summit in Manchester, United Kingdom in September, 2022.

Our partnership officer, **Dr Toluwase Olufadewa** won the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Grant and is an International Trachoma Institute (ITI) fellow. She was also invited to join the Women in Global Health Community.

# SRHIN HEALTH EQUITY CHAMPION SPOTLIGHT



## **Abdulmumin Ibrahim** SRHIN Health Equity Champion Kwara State

Abdulmumin is a pharmacist who completed his undergraduate education at the University of Ilorin, Kwara State. He has published over 10 peer reviewed publications and he received a full scholarship to attend the International AIDS Society (IAS) Conference in Montreal, Canada, in 2022.

### **What do you think are the roles young people can play in advancing global health and reducing health inequities?**

Young people can and are playing their part in advancing global health and reducing health inequities through diverse ways encompassing Advocacy, Volunteering, Outreach, Innovation, Technology and Research. As a young person, you can join youth-led organizations, NGOs, engage in health promotion campaigns, participate in policy discussions, and so many more.

### **How has SRHIN and the State Health Equity programme provided you this opportunity to advance health equity and how have you personally benefitted from SRHIN/the experience of promoting health equity?**

I was provided a platform that empowered me to make a tangible difference in my community. I engaged in outreach initiatives and community interventions, delivering impactful advocacy and health promotion campaigns to underserved and underinformed populations within my locality. Leveraging virtual campaigns extensively, I broadened the scope of our advocacy efforts. Serving as a SHEC, I acquired invaluable hands-on skills, knowledge, connections, and experience that have significantly propelled my career growth and professional development journey.

### **What will be your message to world leaders (and the Executive Director of WHO) in an accelerating work on global health?**

Esteemed World Leaders and the Executive Director of WHO, accelerating work on global health requires an all-hands approach of which young people are an essential part of the wheel. Young people have shown to be capable leaders and action-oriented. I implore you to empower young people across the world in tackling equitable access to healthcare, health education and awareness, research and innovation and other focus areas in accelerating global health.

# FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

People of SRHIN contributed to global policies and publications in several journals including the Lancet Public Health and the Lancet COVID-19 commission. ***"We believe in leveraging evidence-based strategies and also contributing to the evidence base. Our team at SRHIN published several papers in international journals and contributed to local, national and global policies."***

## THE LANCET Public Health

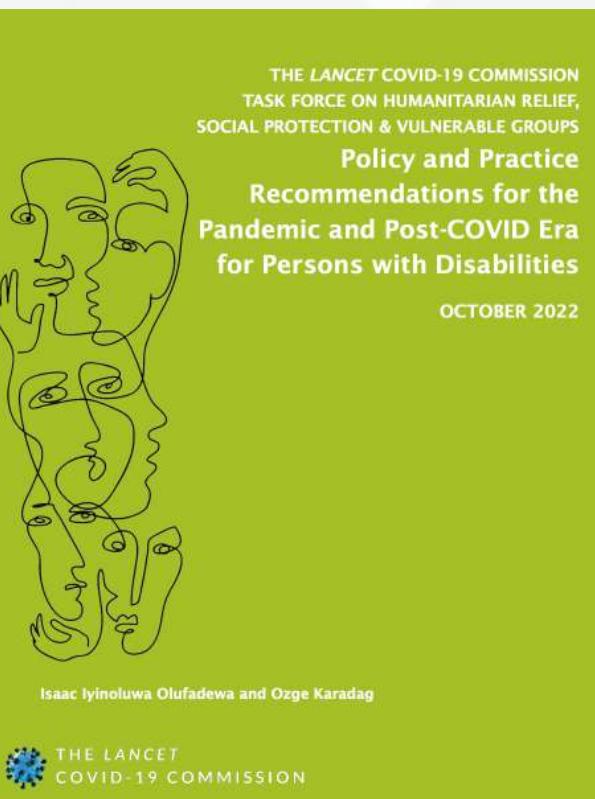
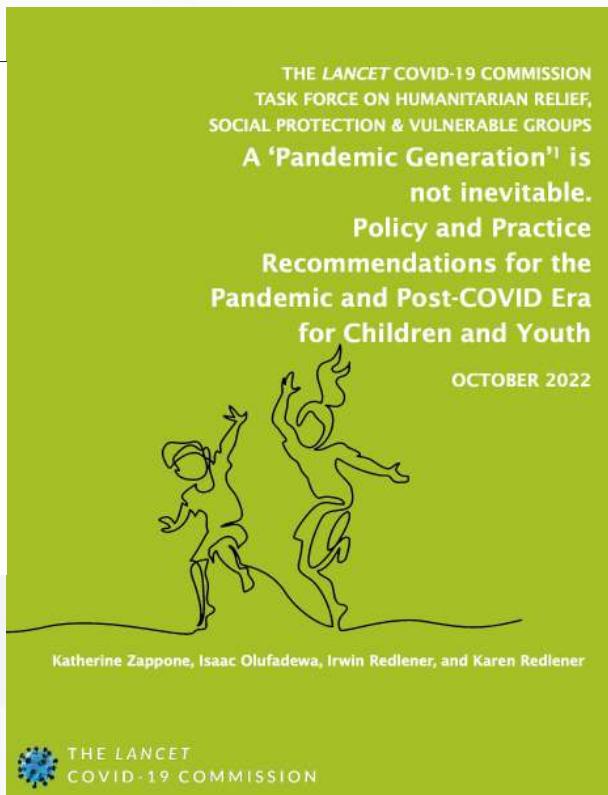
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Viewpoint

Safeguarding people living in vulnerable conditions in the COVID-19 era through universal health coverage and social protection

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"Watching my family being killed by terrorists made me really depressed": Mental health experiences, challenges and needed support of young internally displaced persons in northern Nigeria

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# Testimonials

"I'm really happy to be a beneficiary of this program. I have learnt to operate computers. Thank you so much and God bless the initiators of this program."

- Ms. Ali (Adamawa State) Beneficiary, Communities Against Sexual Violence Project

"There are many people in this IDP camp who have one mental health condition or the other, We are grateful to the Slum and Rural Health Initiative team that raised awareness on mental health, constructed a solar-powered Friendship Tent in the IDP community to recognize and treat young people with mental illness"

- Mr Solomon, IDP Camp Community Leader, Northern Nigeria

"As a State Health Equity Champion, I have improved my leadership capabilities, organizational skills, project management and my interpersonal skills. It has given me the chance and perfect platform to do what I have always wanted to do, which is to help people and further reduce the health inequity in my community"

- Pharm. Ibrahim Abdulmumin Damilola  
SRHIN Kwara State Health Equity Champion

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# SRHIN HEALTH EQUITY CHAMPIONS

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Anambra	Tochukwu Precious
Bauchi	Husseini Muhammed
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Cross River	Nnenne Eke
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Kebbi	Akeem Opeyemi
Kwara	Ibrahim Abdulmumin Damilola
Lagos	Ruth Ojo
Niger	Abubakar Kabir Dantala
Ogun	Itunu Kolapo
Ondo	Richard David
Osun	Oluyedun Abdamateen Temitope
Oyo	Kazeem Omolara
Rivers	Assurance Ohonsi
Abuja	Allagh Sewuese Anenge

***The best way to find  
yourself, is in service to  
others.***

**– Mahatma Gandhi**

# Thank You

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