

CORPORATE PROFILE FOR WOMEN IN HEPATITIS AFRICA WIHA.

WIHA HISTORY:

WIHA is the Women in Hepatitis Africa Foundation. The body was launched on April 26th 2017 at the 2nd International Liver Health Confab #LHC2017 in Lagos, Nigeria; out of a dire need to further fill the healthcare gaps for women and children.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To impact the Women, Children and People of Africa with Awareness, Knowledge and Skills to enhance the Prevention, Detection and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis aimed towards the elimination agenda

VISION STATEMENT:

To eliminate viral hepatitis in Africa by the year 2030 through Advocacy, Screening, Vaccination and Empowerment of the Women, Children, and People of Africa

BACKGROUND:

Viral hepatitis is a silent killer with prevalence statistics varying from 3-8% in most of Africa; it is hardly known by most of the populace. It is not only sexually transmitted, it is also commonly transmitted from mother to child, and from child to child. There is therefore a very important pivotal role for the woman, in preventing disease spread, and in enhancing knowledge on Hepatitis.

We must give credit to Prof Barri Blauvelt, CEO Innovara Inc, who convened the Women in High Places WIHP Hepatitis Meeting in New York, USA early in September 2016. With this meeting, 25 Women around the world, sat to discuss the Hepatitis Agenda and how to eliminate Viral Hepatitis by 2030.

Driven by this passion, CEO LiveWell Initiative LWI, Bisi Bright returned to Nigeria with a goal to further pursue the vision in Africa, by bringing together the Women of Africa, to join hands to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030 in line with the WHO Global Health Sector Strategy on Hepatitis, and the World Hepatitis Alliance WHA's NOhep Policy.

WIHA, a subsidiary of LWI, is being run from its Head Office in Lagos Nigeria with a n Operational Team in Abuja and Lagos, and will have an office in Washington DC USA, shortly.

AWARENESS, ADVOCACY AND SCREENING:

As a new organisation barely 6 months old, WIHA has screened over 10,000 subjects to date, for Hepatitis B & C respectively; of which more than 60% of those screened are women. In addition to Screening, WIHA vaccinates with informed consent.

WIHA has run its operations in 4 geopolitical zones of the country, having screened women for hepatitis in Lagos, Kaduna, Abuja, Port Harcourt, and Ibadan.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2017:

On World Hepatitis Day #WJD2017 WIHA ran two concurrent and simultaneous programmes in Lagos and Abuja, penetrating the Presidency at Aso Rock Villa and screening very top government functionaries and top aides at the Presidency, for Hepatitis B & C. The Advocacy at the Presidency was phenomenal and is being carried to the next level.

As a young and budding global organisation with its Global Ambassador in the USA, and Head Office in Nigeria, WIHA proposes to host its inaugural Congress before the end of year 2017.

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