

The Arm Our Youths (ArOY) Health Campaign

an OCI Foundation's initiative for Nigerian Youths against breast & cervical cancers

MODULE 2: MONITORING TECHNIQUES AND APPROACHES

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MONITORING TEAM: COMPOSITION FOR EACH STATE

1. **ONE LEADER** for each State Monitoring Group, who can be:
 - A Staff of the Ministry of Education; OR
 - A nominated staff from the NOA in that State
2. **ONE DESK OFFICER**, in addition to the Leader
 - Will liaise with the Monitoring Team and the OCI Foundation
 - Must be a staff of the State Ministry of Education
 - In this case, the **DESK OFFICER** can also be the **LEADER**
3. **ONE MEMBER** in each **EDUCATIONAL UNIT** (depends on State structure):
 - One officer for each Educational Zone
 - Or one for each Senatorial Zone
 - Or one for each LGA
 - Each State's JOINT PLANNING TEAM will work out what suits most
 - A **WhatsApp Group** is recommended for each State.



MONITORING STRATEGIES: 1

I. GET APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

- To include breast and cervical cancer in the curriculum for Senior Secondary Schools:
- Normally, this would have been done at the onset:
 - By the JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE
 - Ahead of the launch for each State
 - Each State's leader should check with the State Ministry of Education, to ensure that this is the case



MONITORING STRATEGIES: 2

II. ENSURE THAT THE TOPICS ARE ADDED IN THE SCHEME OF WORK:

- For 1st, 2nd and 3rd terms at convenient weeks:
 - Repeated for SS1, SS2, and SS3
- Both teachings must be before the Mid-term tests for each term:
- Anambra State currently have:
 - 3rd week for breast cancer teachings; AND
 - 4th week for cervical cancer teachings
 - One teaching period is reserved each WEEK:
 - 45 minutes for each of breast and cervical cancers
 - Total of 90 minutes across the 2 weeks
 - Each teaching session must cover all aspects of breast and cervical cancers, respectively
 - The teachers have been trained accordingly
 - The **MONITORING TEAM** only needs to ensure compliance



MONITORING STRATEGIES: 3

III. ARRANGE A MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS (Physical, Zoom or WhatsApp)

- Stakeholders include:
 - Representatives of the State First Lady, her NGO, or other partnering body
 - OCI Foundation's representative(s) at the State
 - Desk Officer and/or Ministry of Education representative(s)
 - NOA Monitoring team (as earlier described)
 - Representatives of the Education Zones OR Senatorial Zones OR LGAs (as applicable)
 - School principals for all participating senior secondary schools in each Stet
 - All the participating Civic Education Teachers
 - All the participating Guidance and Counselling teachers (where applicable)
- The stakeholder's meeting helps plan and agree on:
 - Expectations from the teachers
 - Expectations from the Monitors
 - Ensure that all parties agree to the **MONITORING PLAN**
 - Schedules, frequency, feedback, criteria, etc.
 - Agree on dispute resolution strategies



MONITORING STRATEGIES: 4

IV. ACTUAL MONITORING AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Concerned teachers (Civic Education and others) should:
 - Submit soft or hard copies of their scheme of works
 - Submit their lesson notes to ensure that they complied
- The above should be submitted **EVERY TERM** to the Monitoring Team (MT) as follows:
 - Head of the MT at the LGA or Zone or Senatorial District
 - Ultimately to the State MT Leader (Education Ministry or NOA)
 - Finally to the OCI Foundation (on an annual basis, or more frequently if need be)
 - All the above ensures compliance
 - In addition, the MT will need to undergo further checks on:
 - Teachers' Records of work, and
 - Students Exercise books
 - To ensure the teachings have been done
 - Ensure that the QUESTION POOL is being used by each school



OTHER MONITORING STRATEGIES: 5

V. THE MONITORING TEAM SHOULD:

1. Liaise with the Education Quality Assurance Dept (or similar) within the State:
 - Who go for Supervisions to all schools
 - And arrange to regularly see the topics in both the Diary and Lesson Notes
 - Of Civic Education (or other engaged teachers)
2. World Cancer Day (Feb 4th) should be marked in schools:
 - With talks and sensitization activities
3. MT State and Zonal officers should regularly visit schools (termly or yearly):
 - To interview students and teachers to monitor implementation
 1. Copies of test items for mid term tests and termly examinations:
 - Containing the questions on breast and cervical cancers
 - Should be submitted to the MT at the end of every term
 2. Include Breast and cervical cancers as topics for discussion during staff and students fora

OTHER MONITORING STRATEGIES: 5

VI. THE MONITORING TEAM SHOULD:

1. Hold regular meetings:
 - Quarterly or 6-monthly
 - Physical, Online (Zoom) or WhatsApp Group meetings
 - Might include the OCI Foundation
2. Assist with any Evaluation or Research (the OCI Foundation will advise):
 - Might be necessary for selected states
3. Funding is expected to be minimal:
 - Since existing staff of the Ministry of the NOA or Ministry will be engaged
 - If needed, will be worked With the respective states (on a case-by-case basis):
 - Possibly, the State Ministry of Education
 - To be discussed at the planning committee level
 - Should prepare annual budgets accordingly
 - In Anambra, the OCI Foundation provided 10k monthly



THE END

Let us join hands to **ARM OUR YOUTHS**

... While Young

... All of them

... Right Now

... Let's do it for our families, our states,
and for Our Country

THANK YOU!!!!



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(An awareness campaign against breast and cervical cancers in Nigerian Secondary Schools)

... arm them **YOUNG!**
... arm them **ALL!!**
... arm them **NOW!!!**

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