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Organization Overview

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Legal Form

Gede Foundation is registered in Nigeria: CAC/6/INCT/12143 June 24, 2003
ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

Gede Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 2002 in Nigeria. Gede works with those who suffer from underserved and stigmatized health burdens to achieve long term positive change at the community level through high quality research (often into prevalence and impact), catalytic partnerships and advocacy.

Currently, the Foundation is working with Government agencies, civil society organisations, and donors to, (i) assess the prevalence and impact of common mental disorders in people living with, and affected by, HIV-AIDS, (ii) develop appropriate ways in which to address the symbiotic relationship between mental illness (and epilepsy) and livelihoods at the community level, (iii) develop culturally validated tools to support the appropriate diagnosis of mental health conditions among orphans and vulnerable children, and, (iv) provide support to orphans and vulnerable children through income generating skills in particular.

This current programme reflects a long institutional history within underserved and stigmatized health burdens which started since inception when the Foundation became one of the first organizations in Nigeria to provide comprehensive HIV treatment services with its state-of-the-art clinic for people living with HIV-AIDS in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gede Foundation has worked in all states of the Federation and in states where we do not have offices we have worked through local partners. Over the years, the Foundation has achieved the following:

**February 2003:** Gede Foundation held an interactive seminar in collaboration with Center for the Right to Health for journalist towards eliminating stigma and discrimination for people living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. About 35 journalists were in attendance.

**September 2003:** The Foundation initiated an OVC programme to support children orphaned by AIDS in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The Foundation also gave seed grant to the support of group of people living with HIV/AIDS, Organization for Positive Productivity (OPP) to start their operations in rural communities.

**January 2004:** Initiated a nutrition programme with Catholic Action Committee on AIDS (CACA) by providing monthly supply of food items to CACA support group (2004-2005).

**January 2004:** Trained 275 healthcare workers on HIV and infectious diseases diagnostics and treatment strategies.

**February 2004:** Provided technical and financial support to the first National Conference on OVC in Nigeria.
May 2004: Conducted an interactive seminar on “Development and Clinical Trials of Vaccines for HIV/AIDS and other Infectious diseases” over 2,345 participants within the country and 40 researchers outside the country were in attendance.

May 2005: Conducted research on community preparedness for vaccine trial, findings published at 8th Annual Conference on vaccine research Baltimore, USA.

May 2005: Received a grant from the National Cancer Institute, USA to identify “Host genetic factor that affect HIV-1 Transmission, Diseases Progression and Response to ART in Nigeria.”

October 2005: Received a grant from PharmAccess Foundation, Netherlands, to implement a workplace programme on HIV/AIDS with the Royal Netherlands Embassy.

October 2005: Received grant from World Bank through the Federal Capital Territory Action Committee on AIDS (FACA) to support 102 orphans and vulnerable children to acquire basic education in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

November 2005: Recognized by National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) as a treatment site and enlisted to benefit from global fund ART programme with 600 clients to benefit from free ART services.


March 2006: Gede Foundation donated PMTCT aided audiovisuals to Maitama General Hospital, FCT to initiate PMTCT services in the facility.

August 2006: The Foundation became a member of international network of GMC medical network with staff of World Bank on workplace program on HIV/AIDS.

September 2006: Scaled up the orphans and vulnerable children support to Benue, Kaduna, Cross River and Osun states.

November 2006: Received a grant from the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Youth Development, to support orphans and vulnerable children in the FCT.

January 2007: Collaborated with AFRICARE on WISE PROJECT to care and treat vulnerable girls and women with infections.

March 2007: Received a grant from the Society of family Health (SFH) to train healthcare workers on HIV Counseling and Testing for the Global Fund Round 5 Year 1; scale up of comprehensive HIV/AIDS treatment, care and support in Nigeria.

November 2007: Received grant from the Society for Family Health (SFH) under Global Fund Round 5 Year 2 to scale up training of healthcare providers on HCT.
February 2008: Received a donation from Clinton Foundation on second line adult ART to complement Global Fund ART.

February 2008: Received a grant from the Society for Family Health to train healthcare providers including doctors, nurses, pharmacist, and proprietors of private medicine vendors on new malaria prevention and treatment strategies across 9 northern states on Global Fund (Malaria) Round 4 phase 2.

May 2008: Collaborated with the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to train orphans on marketable skills and small business cooperatives in HIV-affected communities in FCT.

June 2008: Initiated community outreaches to offer free HCT and other services at the community level. Outreach activity offering free HIV counseling and testing, distribution of insecticidal treated nets and drugs, health education and referrals.

February 2009: Received a grant from the Society for Family Health to train healthcare workers on HIV Counseling and Testing for the Global Fund Round 5 Year 3.

March 2010: Received a grant from Society for Family Health (Global Fund Round 8) to train healthcare workers in 25 states on new malaria prevention, case management, diagnosis and monitoring evaluation.

March 2010: Gede Foundation received a grant from Addax Petroleum Foundation (now Addax-Oryx Foundation) to support orphans and vulnerable children in rural communities of the FCT.

August 2011: Gede Foundation received a grant from Addax -Oryx Foundation to scale up support for orphans and vulnerable children in 5-years (2011-2015)

March 2012: Gede Foundation received grants from FHI360 to implement a USAID-funded project: Strengthening Integrated Delivery of HIV/AIDS Services (SIDHAS) to carry out community-based HIV/AIDS and TB intervention activities. Targeting most-at-risk populations, orphans and vulnerable children, women and OVC caregivers, the 5-year grant is implemented in 7 rural communities in the FCT.

July 2012: Gede Foundation supported 3 primary health centers in the FCT on Prevention of mother-to-child-Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV/AIDS, through capacity building to healthcare providers and supply of commodities and drugs to the facilities.

March 2013: Gede Foundation partnered with Safe Blood for Africa Foundation (SBFAF) a CDC funded project to recruit regular community voluntary blood donor by raising public awareness to mobilize community members in Kuje and recruit eligible blood donors to become regular voluntary blood donors to contribute towards ensuring availability and
accessibility of safe blood in Nigeria.  

February 2014: Gede Foundation was invited by NACA to co-chair the mental health subcommittee within the Technical Working Group for Treatment, Care and Support.

February 2015: Gede Foundation conducted a major study on the prevalence of depression, alcohol use, and suicidality among a sample of 1187 people living with HIV-AIDS (PLWHA) in Abuja, in partnership with IHVN.

May 2015: Gede Foundation facilitated the formation of a mental health CSO coalition in Abuja, coordinated, and ran a Mental Health Dialogue Programme, and compiled a mental health directory of health professionals across 36 states.

March 2016: Gede Foundation received grant from Catholic Relief Services to commence the cultural adaptation and validation of mental health screening tools for children. This is the first step in validating cost-effective tools (translated to Hausa and Pidgin) to identify and help children in need of mental health care.

March 2016: Gede started work as a Basic Needs franchise (funded by Grand Challenges Canada) on addressing the many challenges faced by people (and their carers) living with mental illness. The two year project will include, (i) the delivery of mental health diagnosis and treatment services at the community level, (ii) the creation and strengthening of community based mental health support networks, (iii) livelihood support for those who, due to their mental illness, have dropped out of income generating activities, and, (iv) policy level advocacy aimed at encouraging Government plans to include mental health into its national HIV-AIDS intervention strategies.

January 2017: Gede Foundation and King’s College, London, jointly organized 2 trainings— Theory of Change and Advanced Research Skills for Health and Development to participants from research institutions, NGOs and private organization in Abuja.

June 2017: Gede Foundation received grant from Catholic Relief Services to identify mental health and psychosocial support needs of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Borno State.

March 2018: Gede Foundation received grant from Basic Needs USA to strengthen activities of mental health self-help groups in rural communities of Federal Capital Territory and Nasarawa State.

KEY PARTNERS

1. Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)
The Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) is a global health organization committed to strengthening integrated health systems in the developing world and expanding access to care and treatment for HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.
CHAI and Gede Foundation entered into a two-year partnership committed to increasing the number of children that can access free HIV/AIDS treatment and care in Nigeria. CHAI provides pediatric first- and second-line anti-retroviral drugs, rapid test kits, prophylaxis to treat HIV opportunistic infection for severely and moderately malnourished children under-18 years irrespective of HIV status, and second-line anti-retroviral drugs for adults.

2. **Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO)**

Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) is an international development charity that works through experienced volunteers living and working as equals alongside local partners. It is the largest independent (non-governmental) volunteer-sending organization in the world.

Their office in Abuja signed a two-year agreement with Gede foundation on March 13, 2006 that covers the treatment of staff and volunteers for HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections. They have also deployed a volunteer to Gede to strengthen local staff members’ capacity to operate the RT-PCR machine.

3. **World Bank/GMC**

GMC is an insurance company based in Paris, France which is in charge of health insurance coverage for the World Bank staff in Nigeria. Based on recommendation from World Bank country office in Nigeria, GMC solicited services offered by Gede foundation on August 23, 2006. The agreement covers HIV/AIDS testing and treatment cost for identified World Bank Staff and family members.

4. **Royal Netherlands Embassy/PharmAccess**

PharmAccess Foundation is an organization based in Amsterdam that fights HIV/AIDS by facilitating access to antiretroviral treatment. PharmAcess works in collaboration with Gede Foundation to plan and implement the awareness and prevention programs for the staff and family members of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Nigeria. The agreement was signed on January 12, 2005.

5. **Society for Family Health (SFH)**

The Society for Family Health is one of Nigeria’s biggest non-governmental organizations, which mission is to empower Nigerians, particularly the poor and vulnerable to lead healthier lives.

Being a Principal Recipient to several rounds of the Global Fund Grant, SFH awarded contracts/grants to Gede Foundation to carry out the following:

   a. HIV Counseling and Testing Training for Health Care Providers
      Global Fund Round 4-HIV
Gede Foundation was selected Sub-Recipient to SFH for this grant. The project started in 2006 and ended in 2010. Four rounds of training were implemented, which details are as follows:
Year 1- 2006 to 2007- 196 health care workers from 7 Northern states were trained
Year 2-2007 – 142 health care workers from 5 Northern states were trained
Year 3-2009 – 204 health care workers from 8 Northern states were trained
Year 4-2010 – 140 health care workers from 8 Northern states were trained

b. Malaria Training for Health Care Workers and Role Model Mothers
Global Fund Round 4-Malaria

Gede Foundation was selected as training contractor for this grant. The training was implemented in 2008, which covered 3,317 health care providers, patent medicine vendors and role model mothers from 9 Northern states.

c. Malaria Training for Health Care Workers and Role Model Mothers
Global Fund Round 8-Malaria

Gede Foundation was selected as training contractor for this grant. The training was implemented in 2010, which covered 16,512 health care providers, patent medicine vendors and rapid testers from 25 states of the Federation.

6. National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)
With the mandate to coordinate the broad spectrum of the AIDS Response, the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) is a Federal Agency that interfaces with all the stakeholders involved in the fight against AIDS in Nigeria. The Agency oversees policies, programs and projects directed at the AIDS issue, provide leadership and monitor the progression of the epidemic in Nigeria.

Gede Foundation has been identified by NACA, in coordination with the Federal Ministry of Health, as an ART center that provides free anti-retroviral drugs to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

7. HIV/AIDS Division, Federal Ministry of Health
The HIV/AIDS Division of the Federal Ministry of Health was formerly known as the National AIDS/STD Control Program (NASCP). When Gede was identified as an ART Center in 2005, different forms of collaboration started between the two parties. Gede Foundation is often invited to meetings and capacity-building activities facilitated by NASCP. As the national body that monitors HIV/AIDS efforts in the country, Gede Foundation sends reports to NASCP and participates in its activities relevant to the nationwide fight against the disease. NASCP also donates HIV test kits to Gede Foundation, which are used in conducting free on-site Voluntary Counseling and Testing by Gede and its partners in different states of the Federation.
8. Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative (SLNI)

Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative is a Non-profit organization established in 2009 to promote the spread of humanitarian aid amongst the impoverished, through its broad spectrum of projects. These include care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS, community education on further spread / prevention of HIV/AIDS and assistance to orphans and vulnerable children.

In 2010 Gede Foundation & SLNI worked together on HCT outreaches in Bwari, Gishri, Lugbe, & NYSC Camp.

9. National Planning Commission (NPC)

NPC is the Commission that serves as Nigeria’s think tank that determines and advises the government on matters relating to national development and over-all management of the economy.

In August 2010, Gede Foundation signed a cooperation agreement with the Federal Republic of Nigeria represented by NPC recognizing Gede as an International Non-Governmental Organization that operates in Nigeria to fulfill its mission.

10. Addax Petroleum Foundation (now Addax-Oryx Foundation)

Addax Petroleum Foundation is a non-profit Foundation registered in Registry of Commerce of Geneva, Switzerland. Its purposes are to contribute to sustainable development projects addressing the root causes of poverty, focused on education, health, community development and environment, notably in Africa and the Middle East.

In March 2010, Addax Petroleum Foundation and Gede Foundation entered into a funding agreement to implement the project, Educational Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children which major goals are to provide tuition and school materials, training fees and training materials for income-generating activities.

11. Marie Stopes Nigeria

Marie Stopes-Nigeria is one of the country offices of Marie Stopes International which mandate is to provide quality family planning and reproductive healthcare to millions of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable women.

Marie Stopes-Nigeria and Gede Foundation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on September 25, 2009 that covers the mutual referral of clients for HIV/AIDS and reproductive health services; joint-proposal submission for possible funding; and sharing of best practices regarding the delivery of client-focused products and services.

12. Health and Human Service Secretariat – TB-DOTS

The Health and Human Service Secretariat (HSS) is the government agency under the Department of Public Health that coordinates all health projects and activities in the FCT.

In May 2010, Gede Foundation was assessed by the FCT TB and Leprosy Control Programme team as part of the selection of facilities that will deliver the Public-Private Mix
DOTS services as adopted by the National TB and Leprosy Control Programme. The program is an essential component of the WHO’s Stop TB strategy as a means of improving TB case finding and access to quality TB care in Nigeria.

In November 2010, Gede Foundation entered into an MOU with HHSS, assigning Gede Foundation as one of the implementing facilities of the PPM-DOTS project for TB treatment in the private sector.

13. PEPFAR – The President Emergency Program for AIDS Relief
In 2010, Gede Foundation availed of HIV test kits from PEPFAR-Nigeria. The kits were used in conducting free HIV testing in the FCT and its environs.

14. Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria (PPFN)
Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria is a private, not-for-profit organization what was founded in the late 1950s to promote adoption of child spacing and contraceptive practices among individuals and couples.

In October 2010, PPFN contracted Gede Foundation to conduct and facilitate HIV Counseling and Testing and Anti-Retroviral Therapy Trainings for the staff of the Nigerian Prison-Kuje.

15. Support Health and Education for Development (SHED)
SHED is an NGO based in Kaduna, working for the cause of the most vulnerable groups: Women, PLWHA, and Orphans & Vulnerable Children. The organization is focused on addressing issues pertaining to Sexual and Reproductive Health/Rights, Prevention of HIV/AIDS & Child Rights through various community based initiatives.

Gede Foundation supported SHED with HIV test kits to carry out community outreaches.

16. Education as a Vaccine against AIDS -EVA
This is an NGO based in Abuja with projects in Abuja, Benue and Nassarawa States. They work in the area of OVC support, behavioral change communication and HCT.

As part of our commitment in 2010, Gede supported his organization with HIV test kits. Staff from EVA volunteered as counselors & testers in Gede HCT outreaches.

17. Life Aid International Initiative
Formerly known as Center for Health & Community Development (CHCD), LifeAid International Initiative is a nonprofit, charitable, nongovernmental organization based in Shendam, Local Government Area of Plateau State. The organization work involves Inter-personal communication with brothel based sex workers in Shendam & Mobile HIV counseling & testing (HCT).

Gede Foundation supported this organization in 2010 with donations of HIV test kits.
18. Fantuam Foundation
Fantuam Foundation is an integrated rural development NGO. Fantuam provides a range of services across the Local Government Areas of Southern Kaduna including Kaura, Jema’a, Sanga and Zango addressing the issues of Secure Livelihoods, Health and Education with Volunteering and HIV/AIDS mainstreamed across all of their activities.

Gede supported their HIV prevention activities in 2010 with HIV test kits.

19. Grace & Light International
This is a Faith Based Organization with headquarters in Jos, Plateau State. The Founder, Dr. Mark got the inspiration to start up the organization after a fellow pastor’s wife died of complications from HIV/AIDS. The ministry carries out its activities by organizing HCT programmes in churches and referrals to treatment centers.

In 2010, Gede Foundation supported this group by donating test kits for their HCT programs.

20. FHI360
Gede Foundation is umbrella community based organization in the FCT on SIDHAS project. A USAID-funded community based project targeting rural prevention and treatment services in 7 communities of the FCT. This is a 5-year (2012-2016) project that provides services to OVC, Most-at-risk populations(MARP), People living with HIV/AIDS, People affected with AIDS through Community HCT, PMTCT, Community TB care, Medical and sexual prevention, Care and Support and Reproductive Health.

21. National Assembly Medical
Gede Foundation partnered with National Assembly Medical Services in scaling up of HCT and treatment services in the National Assembly Clinic. The Foundation trained healthcare workers at the National Assembly Clinic to provide quality services to clients.

22. Safe Blood for Africa
Safe Blood for African Foundation is partnering with Gede Foundation in 2013 to promote blood donation from communities to health facilities. The project includes community mobilization to create demand for positive behavior toward medical prevention through blood drive. Funded by CDC, the project will enhance capacity building and community sensitization toward voluntary non-remunerated blood drive. This project is piloted in angwa-geye community in Kuje area council of the FCT.

23. United Cement Company Limited
In 2013, Gede entered into an agreement to facilitate scholarship programme for students in communities where UNICEF operates in Cross River State. The programme also includes
community based intervention such as awareness on substance abuse and youth empowerment for behavior change.  

23. Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN)  

In 2015, the Foundation conducted a major study on the prevalence of depression, alcohol use, and suicidality among a sample of 1187 people living with HIV-AIDS (PLWHA) in Abuja, in partnership with IHVN. The study found that 1 out of 3 PLWHA suffer from clinical depression, 1 out of 12 PLWHA engage in harmful alcohol use, and 3 out of 100 have attempted suicide in their lifetime.


Gede Foundation facilitated the formation of a mental health CSO coalition in Abuja, coordinated, and ran a Mental Health Dialogue Programme, and compiled a mental health directory of health professionals across 36 states.

25. Catholic Relief Services (CRS)  

Gede is currently engaged in the cultural adaptation and validation of mental health screening tools for children in partnership with CRS. Once validated, these cost-effective tools (translated to Hausa and Pidgin) will enable CRS to identify and help children in need of mental health care.

26. BasicNeeds UK for Community Mental Health and Development Programme  

In March 2016, Gede started work as a BasicNeeds franchise (funded by Grand Challenges Canada) on addressing the many challenges faced by people (and their carers) living with mental illness. The two-year project will include, (i) the delivery of mental health diagnosis and treatment services at the community level, (ii) the creation and strengthening of community based mental health support networks, (iii) livelihood support for those who, due to their mental illness, have dropped out of income generating activities, and, (iv) policy level advocacy aimed at encouraging Government plans to include mental health into its national HIV-AIDS intervention strategies.

27. King’s College, London  

In January 2017, Gede Foundation and King’s College, London, jointly organized 2 trainings — Theory of Change and Advanced Research Skills for Health and Development to participants from research institutions, NGOs and private organization in Abuja.

28. BasicNeeds USA  

In 2018 the BasicNeeds USA provided funding to support in strengthening community mental health self-help groups to increase uptake of mental health services in the FCT and Nasarawa State.