

**REPORT ON TREATNET TRAINING ORGANISED BY BAYELSA STATE DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEE (BADAPARC) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (NDLEA) FOR COUNSELORS IN SECONDARY AND TERTIARY SCHOOLS IN BAYELSA STATE, DATED 29<sup>TH</sup>- 31<sup>ST</sup> August, 2022.**

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**Summary**

The Treatnet training was organized by Bayelsa State Drug Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation Committee (BADAPARC) in collaboration with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) for Guidance counselors in secondary and tertiary institutions in Bayelsa state. The training took place at Golden Tulip Hotel, Yenagoa between 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022. The training which had forty-seven participants was facilitated by Dr. Ngozi Anthonia Madubuike (Treatnet Master Trainer) and Dr. Chia Francis who is also a Treatnet Master Trainer in Nigeria. The trainers strictly used the Treatnet Evidence-Based Drug Prevention Treatment and Care Training Manual, volume B: Elements of Psychosocial Treatment prepared by the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for the training. Participants scores from the pre-test and post-test on each day of the 3-day training showed an increase in knowledge among the participants.

The step-by-step proceedings of the training were as follows:



**Participants queued-up registering and collecting training materials.**



**The Chairman, Bayelsa State Drug Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation Committee, Dr. Faith Izibenua Zibs-Godwin delivering a welcoming speech to participants and other invited guests during the opening ceremony.**



**The Bayelsa State Commander, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Barr. Matthew Ewah, delivering speech during the opening ceremony.**



Honorable Commissioner for Education, Dr Gentle Emelah after delivering his speech during the opening ceremony, declared the workshop open.



**The Honorable Commissioner for education above with members of the Committee and participants after the opening ceremony at Golden Tulip Hotel, Yenagoa.**

**Introduction**

The growing interest of young people in the use of drugs and new psychoactive substances has attracted the attention of the government to putting in measures to stem the tide of drug abuse among students and youths in general. It has been found through research that young people using drugs in Nigeria initiate drug use mostly while in secondary school and move with it to tertiary institutions. It is in attempt to address the consequences linked to substance abuse that the government of Bayelsa state organized this training on Treatnet for school counselors in the state. This

training is aimed at developing a workforce that is capable of identifying and addressing the needs of students who are already struggling with substance abuse in schools in the state.

A total of forty-seven (47) counselors participated in the training. At the end of the training, the participants expressed appreciation to the government for training them and trusted that the knowledge and skills gained will be useful to addressing the problem of substance abuse in their schools.

Evaluation of the training program by the trainers showed that there was knowledge increase on each of the three days of the training and with the additional insight gained, the capacity of the counsellors to implement what they were taught was no longer in doubt.

#### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR TREATNET TRAINING IN YENAGOA.**

| <b>S/N</b> | <b>Title &amp; Name</b> | <b>Other names</b> |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1          | Dr Victor               | Ayebami            |
| 2          | Dr Esther               | Bruce-Agbogidi     |
| 3          | Dr Juliet               | Teibowei           |
| 4          | Dr Ekakitie             | Omamoke            |
| 5          | Dr Asangolo             | Stella             |
| 6          | Maccarthy               | Ipamobore          |
| 7          | Trutein                 | Lewina             |
| 8          | Ebido                   | Bridget            |
| 9          | Capa                    | Ruth               |
| 10         | Oyeintonye              | Ayah               |
| 11         | Abioye                  | Adepoju            |
| 12         | Forcados                | Philomena          |
| 13         | Nein                    | Enewarikpoemi      |
| 14         | Emmanuel                | Kuse               |
| 15         | Daffa                   | Clementina         |
| 16         | Suobo                   | Adline             |
| 17         | Udechukwu               | Cordelia           |
| 18         | Austin                  | Pere               |
| 19         | Nyingifa                | Lokote             |

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|----|---------------|-----------|
| 20 | Beredugo      | Martha    |
| 21 | Osain         | Susan     |
| 22 | Irihi         | Erica     |
| 23 | Olotu         | Bebewari  |
| 24 | Erhimu        | Violet    |
| 25 | Dei           | Kelechi   |
| 26 | Sarah         | Ofo       |
| 27 | Okwara        | Joy       |
| 28 | Musah         | Ebiabowei |
| 29 | Ogon          | Robert    |
| 30 | Lolia         | Patrick   |
| 31 | Adekola       | Bukunta   |
| 32 | Tamuno        | David     |
| 33 | Oguh          | Hysaint   |
| 34 | Eperebo       | Peresy    |
| 35 | Onwunarus     | Usen      |
| 36 | Lawrence      | Ayibanoah |
| 37 | Vivian        | Noah      |
| 38 | Dombo         | Dinero    |
| 39 | Asiemo        | Theresa   |
| 40 | Blessing      | Ayenikuro |
| 41 | Iyakonboha    | Loveth    |
| 42 | Azagbaeruweli | Gloria    |
| 43 | Atinwo        | Denbofa   |
| 44 | Ikoko         | Hoster    |
| 45 | Omgbou        | Victor    |
| 46 | Igere         | Evelyn    |
| 47 | Epebitimi     | Okolo     |



**Picture of participants sternly looking at the screen during a training session.**





**Participants here on queue during the tea-break.**



**Participants are back from tea-break and first training session commenced with participants seriously taking down notes.**



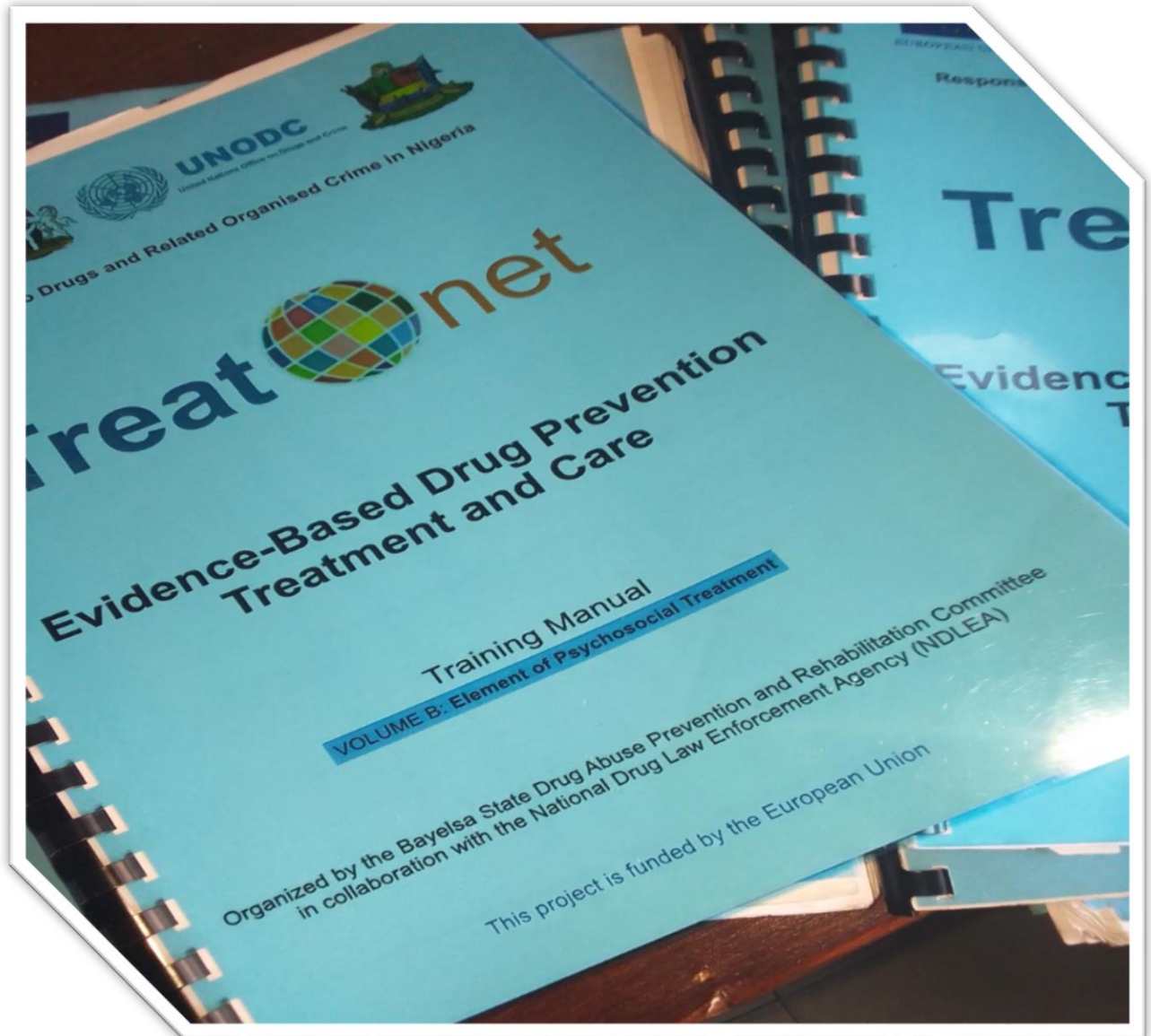
**Dr. Ngozi Madubuike in active session with participants after the tea-break.**



**Dr. Chia Francis in another active session with the participants.**

**Materials & Equipments:**

Materials used during the program as displayed on the table below were re-produced copies of complete participant’ manual on Treatnet Volume B: Elements of Psychosocial Treatment. Other materials and equipment’s used include: Newsprint pads, markers, cardboard sheets, computer and projector etc.



**Some training materials used for the training e.g  
(Training booklets)**



**A participant above sharing her experience**



**A participant above responding to question.**



**A participant above asking question**





Participants above applauding the training experience



**Participant receiving certificate of participation presented by the Chairman of BADAPARC**



**Participant receiving certificate of participation**



**Participant receiving certificate of participation**



**Group photograph above with the Committee chair and facilitators at the end of the training**

**TREATNET TRAINING KNOWLEDGE-GAIN EVALUATION IN BAYELSA STATE**

**PRE-TEST AND POST-TEST SCORE**

|  | Pre-test | Post-test |
|--|----------|-----------|
|--|----------|-----------|

|      |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|
| Day1 | 50.2% | 77.4% |
| Day2 | 55.6% | 64.0% |
| Day3 | 59.6% | 68.6% |



**Dr. Ngozi A. Madubuike** (*Treatnet Trainer1*)



**Dr. Chia Francis** (*Treatnet Trainer2*)

## **Conclusion**

The goal for organizing this training was realized as there was increase in participants knowledge as shown in the pre-test and post-test scores. Practice sessions held also were believed to have increased the counselling skills of the participants in such a way that the skills can be transferred from the training center to their various schools.

