

AMURT NIGERIA UPDATE JANUARY TO JUNE 2026



Dear Friends of AMURT NIGERIA,

30 June 2026

Greetings from all of us in AMURT Nigeria. First, let us thank everyone for the generous contribution to the Every Life Counts campaign. Here is a brief overview, with some of the highlights from the first half of the year.

Between January and June, AMURTEL, through its **Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Program**, successfully implemented a range of interventions aimed at improving adolescent well-being, strengthening school support systems, and promoting positive community engagement.

SCHOOL BASED COMPETITIONS

Structured competitions were organized in 12 schools to reinforce knowledge gained through the ASRH sessions. The competitions encouraged peer learning and teamwork, while serving as an effective tool for assessing students' understanding of key concepts. Overall, participants demonstrated a strong grasp of the lessons delivered, reflecting the positive impact of the program.

PEER SUPERVISORS TRAINING

A Peer Supervisors' Training was organized to strengthen the counselling capacity of teachers within participating schools. A total of 45 teachers from 22 schools received training on adolescent counselling skills, effective communication, and the principles of confidentiality. The training enhanced teachers' ability to provide appropriate guidance and psychosocial support, reinforcing their role as trusted mentors and support persons for students.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE EDUCATION

The menstrual hygiene education program reached 2,410 adolescent girls. The sessions focused on increasing awareness of proper menstrual hygiene management, promoting the use of appropriate sanitary materials, and encouraging girls to remain in school during their menstrual periods. The program emphasized that menstruation should never be a barrier to education or participation in school activities. The girls also received free disposable sanitary pads.

AMURTEL Nigeria Menstrual Hygiene 2026

END FGM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement activities aimed at ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) were sustained throughout the reporting period. Regular meetings were held with trained volunteers and community stakeholders to strengthen advocacy efforts and monitor progress. In addition, trained volunteers conducted step-down trainings within various cohort groups across the communities, expanding awareness at the grassroots level. Positive feedback and testimonies from community members indicate that the awareness campaigns are contributing to a gradual shift in attitudes, with some individuals and families choosing to abandon the practice of FGM as a result of the continuous education and advocacy.

AMURTEL Ohagelode Ebonyi State Nigeria - FGM change agents

AMURTEL Offia Orji change agents ending Female Genital Mutilation



School program at Azuoffia Edda Secondary School



Training of teachers to supervise peer-to-peer school programs in Ekumenyi, Abakaliki LGA.



Change agents meeting at Ohagelode - uniting to end FGM



Menstrual Hygiene program at Ndidenyi,

EVERY LIFE COUNTS - CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

From January to June, AMURT sponsored a total of 37 pediatric surgeries. Thirty-two of them were done in the rural health centers, while 5 were done at the AEFUTHA teaching hospital in Abakaliki. AMURT supported an additional 15 serious pediatric cases and 12 newborn cases.

SAVING LIVES AT BIRTH

Since AMURT first made emergency caesarean sections accessible in the rural health centers, we have never been busier than this year. A total of 175 women accessed caesarean section in the four AMURT assisted CEmONC centers. Meetings were held with the Governor Ebonyi State Government in an effort to consolidate the partnership between AMURT and the Government. AMURT's ambulance services made an additional 26 referrals to tertiary hospitals for obstetric and newborn emergencies, that resulted in 9 cesarean sections.. Sadly, we had two maternal mortalities during the period.

WATER PROJECT WITH ROTARY and EMANUEL ANTOLA FOUNDATION

After a process lasting more than a year, AMURT has started the work on a new water project partnership in partnership with Rotary. The initiator is Rotary Club of Casalmaggiore, Viadana and Sabionetta in Italy, and the Rotary Club of Abakaliki is the local host. It is the seventh Global Grant project AMURT is implementing for Rotary. The project will bring safe water and training in Water and Sanitation to 16 rural villages across five local government areas in Ebonyi State. Earlier in the year, AMURT completed four boreholes in partnership with Ishielu Local Government Area, with funding from Emanuel Antola Foundation.

AMURT Ishielu Antola Foundation WASH project

Ishiachi Enyim WASH Video - AMURT Nigeria

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN

The cooperative revolving credit scheme to empower widows and women who are sole breadwinners in their families is in its 10th year of operation. This year 38 women have started their own businesses with credit from the cooperatives: Elugwu Ettam – 10 women, Ohagelode – 9 women, Gmelina 9 women and Offia Oji – 10 women.

EVERY LIFE COUNTS 2025 – 2026 CAMPAIGN

Thanks to everyone for making our annual campaign a success and thus enabling us to continue all obstetric and pediatric emergency services and the Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health programs. Special thanks to Voice of a Child, Emanuele Antola Foundation, Ananda Marga Guam, AMURT USA, AMURT UK, AMURT Norway, AMURTEL USA, AMURTEL Germany, to each and everyone who donated!

Brotherly yours,

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Dr. Orji and Dr. Jim doing pediatric surgery at Odeligbo Health Center



Mother with twins at Offia Oji H.C.



First water at Obuchiri, Ezilo, Ishielu Local Government Area.



9 women received credit to start their own businesses in the Ohagelode cooperative group