



# O'TRAUMA VICTIMS INITIATIVE (OTVI)

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Reaching out, encouraging the traumatized, embracing resilience

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## Abbreviations

OTVI	O' Trauma Victims Initiative
USIP	United State Institute of Peace
IMC	Interfaith Mediation Centre
GPFN	Global Peace Foundation Nigeria
EKU	Eastern Kentucky University, USA
TKC	The Kukah Centre
COFP	Cardinal Onaikan Foundation for Peace
B.U. A	Base University, Abuja
PHN	Peaceful Heart Network (Sweden)
KAICIID	The King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue
TTT	Trauma Tapping Techniques
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
CSO	Civil Society Organizations

## About OTVI

OTVI is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that was founded as an endeavor to bridge the gap between trauma and care in Nigeria. Our aim is to provide support on resilience, rehabilitation to victims of banditry attacks and other forms of trauma events in the Country. At OTVI, we aim to bring mediation and a sense of togetherness at the grassroots level through community involvement, trauma counselling, and healing through dialogue. We also aim to promote child safeguarding and improve youth and women's involvement in decision making at the community level.

### VISION

Our vision is to create a society where trauma victims are able to access the care and support they need to recover and rebuild their lives. We believe that by working together, we can create a world where all individuals have the opportunity to live a life of productivity and free from trauma.

### MISSION

Our mission is to provide comprehensive support and rehabilitation to victims of banditry attacks in Nigeria. We strive to provide a safe and secure environment for trauma victims, where they can access the care and support they need to rebuild their lives.

### Young Women and Girls

We are committed to promoting the rights of young women and girls in Nigeria. Through our programs, we aim to empower young women and girls, and to provide them with the support and resources they need to succeed. We believe that by investing in young women and girls, we can create a brighter future for all.

### Equity

At O-TRAUMA VICTIMS INITIATIVE (OTVI), we are committed to promoting equity and social justice. We believe that all individuals should have access to the care and support they need to recover from trauma, regardless of their gender, age, or background

## OTVI Sponsors and Collaborators

S/N	Activity	Sponsors	Collaborators
1	<b>Training of volunteers on trauma healing and peace building</b>	<b>Individual partners, OTVI own funds.</b>	<b>IMC, PHN, TKC</b>
2	<b>National conference on the theme: Trauma care, social cohesion and the role of religious leaders as agents of nation building</b>	<b>GPFN, 7ups, COFPs, Individual partners</b>	<b>GPFN, COFP, IMC, TKC, KAICIID Fellows</b>
3	<b>World Trauma Day 2023</b> <b>Theme:</b> embracing resilience overcoming trauma's impact, the role of government and religious actors.	<b>GPFN, OTVI own funds and Individual partners</b>	<b>USIP, IMC, GPFN, B.U.A</b>
4	<b>Trauma healing sessions and debrief</b>	<b>OTVI own funds, Individual partners</b>	<b>EKU, IMC</b>

## Key Achievements



39

17 f, 22 m

Training of 39 participants (community stakeholders, Youths and religious leaders) on trauma healing and peace building

- OTVI conducted training of trainers (ToT) to 28 volunteers (in person) and 11 online participants within and outside Nigeria. The sessions were facilitated by Imam Ashafa, Pastor James Wuye from the IMC alongside the Peaceful Hearts Network team from Sweden, that thought participants on Trauma Tapping Techniques (TTT) & PTSD – Healing Exercise

OTVI conducted 5 trauma healing sessions with victims of banditry attacks in Katsina State, Nigeria.

**38**

14 f, 24 m



OTVI was able to document 3000 victims of banditry in Kebbi, Sokoto, Katsina and Kaduna states. We were able to profile 52 victims of banditry attack from four (4) different communities in Katsina State and conducted five (5) trauma healing sessions with a total of 38 victims (14 females, 24 males). During each of the sessions, victims were able to discuss their experiences, identify their strengths, what has help them, find reasons to embrace resilience and to let go the pain in the past.

## 5 Advocacy Visits



Team conducted five (5) advocacy visit to community leaders, former governor of Kaduna State, CSO Office, and the security agencies with respect to the plight of the victims and works of OTVI in the region.



**EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS FROM TRAUMATIC INCIDENCE**  
OTVI Rallies support to ensure full time education for survivors of banditry attack

Primary Education  
3 children on sponsorship for primary education in Papri primary school, Niger State.

Primary Education  
3 Children on sponsorship for primary education at St. Vincent Ferrer Primary School, Katsina State, Nigeria

Tertiary Education  
OTVI Supporting 3 student in Godfrey Okoye University, Enugu State, Nigeria.



OTVI Sponsors 9 person (5 boys, 4 girls) with full time education program

Theme: Trauma care, social cohesion and the role of religious leaders as agents of nation building

OTVI organized a national conference that had a hundred and fifteen participants in person and twenty-five online participants on the occasion to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> year priestly anniversary of Fr. Stephen Ojapah, OTVI Founder.

The event was graced with paper presentations from religious leaders, KAICIID fellows, National media presenters, human right activist and the executive director of the organization. Shared opinions on trauma care, solution-based approach to embracing resilience and an insight to our roles as a nation and individuals with regards to trauma and the future of the youths.

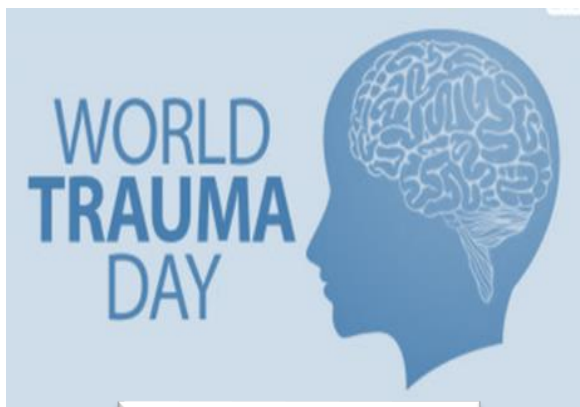
Theme: Embracing resilience, overcoming trauma's impact; the role of government and religious actors

OTVI organized two days event to commemorate the world trauma day 2023. The first day was held in Katsina state with 68 participants in person, followed online by the representative from the USIP office, and the second day was held in the Base University FCT, Abuja with a total of twenty-three in person and fifteen online participants.

The events were graced with presentations, trauma simulation exercise, panel discussion, and a stage play by the university students.



140 Participants  
58 f, 82 m

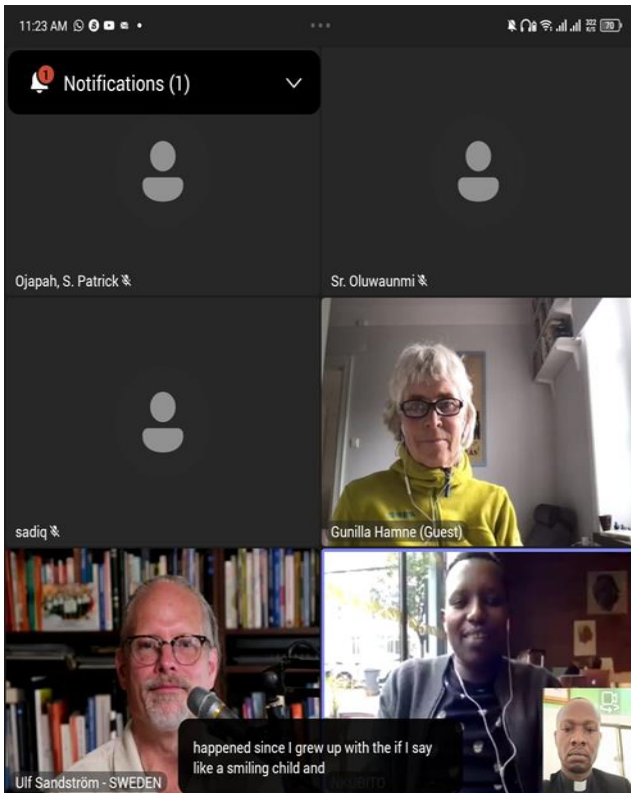


106 Participants  
49 f, 57 m

Some Pictures from activities



ToT Sessions on trauma healing and peace-building for OTVI volunteers and facilitators





## Trauma healing sessions with survivors from banditry attacks



**O Trauma Victims Initiative (OTVI)**

We are a team of dedicated professionals who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of trauma victims in northwest Nigeria. We believe in the power of community and collaboration, and we work closely with individuals and organizations to provide the best possible support to those in need.

*Our Vision*

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*Our Mission*

Our mission is to provide comprehensive support and rehabilitation to victims of banditry attacks in northwest Nigeria. We strive to provide a safe and secure environment for trauma victims, where they can access the care and support they need to rebuild their lives.





Pictures from advocacy visits (left: visit to the former Kaduna state governor, His excellency Ahmed Makarfi. Right; CSO Katsina state chairman)



OTVI organized conference on trauma care, social cohesion and the role of religious leaders



**OTVI organized World Trauma Day Commemoration, Theme: Embracing Resilience, overcoming trauma's impact; the role of government and religious actors. Event held in Katsina State, Nigeria.**



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**Some quotes from survivors' participants**

“I never had peace and true sense of joy since the ordeal experience, like today. A sense of peace of mind after sharing my journey of live”

“OTVI should expand its scope beyond the northwest zone, banditry attacks, to victims or survivors of other forms or kinds of trauma, most especially in the life of our military

“I never knew we have an organization that truly care about our well-being like the OTVI. I also want to add that you people should please train more women and caregivers on trauma healing response will really help our homes and the community at large”

**Lessons learnt**

Training of faith leaders in psycho social trauma healing as first respondents in the community will help in fostering an existence of a peaceful community.

It is important to integrate MHPSS into other programming i.e ANC,SRHR, Education programming, Livelihood programming and the likes

Encourage creativity to develop more positive emotions and new sense of living  
Accompany trauma healing techniques with sustainable means of livelihood.

While OTVI conduct trauma healing sessions, they should consider ways to empower communities to support themselves, consider working on community integration and re-integration youths, women and children through a more sustainable means

Its important for OTVI to explore, harmonize and codify the African traditional methods of trauma healing, evaluate the process and see how useful it would be to it programing

## LINKS TO OTVI EVENTS

<https://youtu.be/-EZ5USSnfpE?si=TkGCjResd6fFE9Cm>

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[www.otvi.org](http://www.otvi.org)

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