



# **A MOTHER'S LOVE INITIATIVE**

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## **ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT**

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A Mother's Love Initiative (AMLI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the challenges of raising stable and balanced children in Nigeria/Africa. AMLI recognizes that the future of the nation depends on the general well-being and development of its children. Over the years, AMLI has been at the forefront of campaigns and interventions that address burning societal issues challenging the mental health and general well-being of children and directly impacting their psychosocial ability to safely grow through life and education. Our interventions are psychosocial, Research, and Advocacy base.

Nigerian/African children face numerous challenges that impact their general well-being, development, and overall prospects for a stable and balanced future. These challenges stem from a variety of factors, including social, health, educational, psychological, emotional, and nutritional aspects.

We look forward to the day the Nigerian Girl and Boy child can go to school (Access) at the right age (Maturity/School age enrollment) and learn (Foundational Learning), we give every child hope, opportunity, and agency for their future.

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**BARR. HANATU A. ENWEMADU**



I am pleased to present A Mother's Love Initiative 2023 Annual Report, a testament to our collective commitment to advancing our mission of raising mentally stable and balanced children. As the Executive Director, I am immensely proud of the significant strides we've made in furthering our cause, particularly through our core project "the Hurried Child Project". Thanks to your unwavering support and dedication.

At the heart of our endeavors stands The Hurried Child Project, our core initiative that has been instrumental in reshaping the narrative surrounding childhood development. In a world that often pushes for haste, The Hurried Child Project champions a holistic approach and emphasizes the importance of fostering mental well-being, emotional resilience, and balanced growth in our children.

In 2023, A Mother's Love Initiative aligned with The Lagos state government and its relevant MDAS (Ministry, department, and agencies) and is also taking steps to align with the Federal Ministry of Education and all its relevant MDAS. AMLI established strategic partnerships with organizations that share our vision for promoting mental well-being in children. These collaborations have allowed us to leverage collective means, expertise, and outreach capabilities to reach a wider audience and make a lasting impact.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to GOD, AMLI's dedicated team, and most importantly, my family and all our committed partners who have been instrumental in our success. Together, we are making a profound impact on the well-being of Nigerian children and families, fostering an environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive physically, mentally, emotionally, and psychologically.

As we reflect on our achievements in 2023, let us remain steadfast in our dedication to the cause. The journey ahead holds new challenges and opportunities, and I am confident that with your continued support, A Mother's Love Initiative will continue to be a beacon of positive change for Nigerian children and families. The year 2024 will bring milestones and achievements to all who share in our mission!

**Hanatu A. Enwemadu Esq.**

FOUNDER/ E.D: A MOTHER'S LOVE INITIATIVE

### THE 2-DAY STRATEGIC/ IDEATION MEETING ON THE HURRIED CHILD PROJECT IN LAGOS STATE (JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> 2023)



A two-day strategic meeting was convened on July 19th and 20th, 2023, at the Lagos State Ministry of Education's conference room in Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos. The purpose of the meeting was to define roles, establish a comprehensive strategy, allocate resources, and ensure the sustainability of a project aimed at raising awareness about the Hurried Child Syndrome and providing support to affected individuals and families.

Key stakeholders from various government ministries including Education, Health, Youth and Social Development, Women's Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, as well as the State Universal Basic Education Board, and the Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency, came together to brainstorm and identify gaps in current approaches to addressing the Hurried Child Syndrome in Lagos State.

Twenty-six individuals attended the first day of the meeting, and twenty-five attended the second day, representing government agencies and professional bodies with a vested interest in the well-being and future of Nigerian children. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Barrister Hanatu A. Enwemadu, the Executive Director of A Mother's Love Initiative.



The focal point of the meeting revolved around A Mother's Love Initiative's (AMLI) comprehensive presentation on the Hurried Child Syndrome and its corresponding intervention plan tailored for implementation within educational institutions. AMLI meticulously outlined issues associated with hurried child practices and underscored the critical need for collaborative efforts aimed at sensitizing both parents and educators regarding the adverse impacts of rushing children through their developmental stages. The presentation also addressed pertinent concerns such as underage enrollment and the imperative for capacity-building initiatives within schools.

Among the significant outcomes of the meeting was the designation of directors tasked with collaboratively mapping out strategies, as well as the allocation of specific responsibilities aimed at providing technical support to AMLI. This collaborative endeavor between AMLI and the Ministry of Education signifies a concerted effort to effectively address the challenges posed by hurried child practices within educational settings and broader society.



The meeting kicked off with a captivating presentation of AMLi's yearly activity schedule for the Hurried Child Project, passionately underlining the critical need for LASUBEB to align with this transformative initiative. The upcoming 2-day strategic meeting in July was unveiled, promising an enriching exchange of ideas.

In a pivotal moment, AMLi, expressing its passion for basic education and child development, made a heartfelt request for an official approval letter. The atmosphere was charged with positivity as the Chairman and LASUBEB enthusiastically gave their seal of approval for a collaborative journey with AMLi on the impactful Hurried Child Project. The stage is set for a dynamic partnership that promises to make a lasting difference.



The convened meeting, attended by distinguished representatives from both A Mother's Love Initiative and the Lagos State Ministry of Health, was centered on AMLI's comprehensive presentation of the Hurried Child Project.

Key points highlighted during the presentation included the project's inception in November 2021, followed by its nationwide expansion in November 2022. AMLI's strategic framework, strategically crafted to address the syndrome through research, advocacy, and psycho-social interventions, was emphasized as a focal point of discussion. Additionally, deliberations encompassed potential collaboration and partnership opportunities aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the initiative.

AMLI's presentation garnered positive feedback, with the Ministry of Health expressing a keen interest in further engagement. This interest underscores a commitment to explore the shared documents for potential avenues of collaboration in the future.



The meeting held on June 30, 2023, at the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA), centered on AMLi's collaboration with DSVA to address the Hurried Child Syndrome in Nigeria. AMLi presented the project framework, focusing on integrated strategies covering awareness, education, training, service provision, research, data sharing, advocacy, and policy reform. Existing partnerships with key stakeholders were highlighted, and details about an upcoming three-day strategic meeting were provided.

The DSVA Executive Secretary inquired about collaboration with the Ministry of Education and funding sources, to which AMLi clarified its engagement with the Basic Education Services department and emphasized the importance of collaboration with government agencies.



The meeting with the Director of Senior Secondary Education centered on A Mother's Love Initiative's (AMLI) achievements, challenges, and plans, particularly within the framework of the Hurried Child Project. AMLi emphasized the importance of a courtesy visit to the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, expressing their commitment to advocating for the well-being and future of Nigerian and African children.

Key highlights included the outcomes of a recent 2-day strategic meeting in Lagos, showcasing stakeholder alignment with the Hurried Child Project. AMLi proposed increased involvement from the Federal Ministry of Education to enhance national awareness, expertise, and visibility. The discussion stressed the necessity for policy review and development, ensuring alignment with child welfare, education, and health, with caution against contradictory policies.

The Federal Ministry of Education team encouraged the sharing of strategic meeting reports and urged the prompt finalization of all registration and documentation processes. The meeting concluded with a commitment to future collaborations, paving the way for sustained efforts to address challenges posed by the Hurried Child Syndrome. The stage is set for ongoing initiatives to safeguard the well-being and future of children in Nigeria and Africa.

The meeting was led to discuss A Mother's Love Initiative's project framework, focusing on addressing the Hurried Child syndrome in Nigeria. Adverse childhood experiences were explained, emphasizing their impact on children in Lagos State. Discussion points included intervention indicators and plans for developing training manuals.

Concerns regarding the term "growth" were clarified, highlighting the importance of natural development. The need to understand a child's physiology was underscored. Collaboration with the Ministry of Education, particularly concerning the pre-nursery curriculum, was addressed, along with plans for engaging private schools through their associations.

The overarching objective is to educate parents, teachers, and communities on allowing children to develop at their own pace. Tasks were assigned to align with the ministry's annual operational plan. The meeting concluded with a clear path for collaborative efforts in tackling the Hurried Child syndrome.



## FINANCIAL HEALTH

TOTAL ENDOWMENT	NGN 8,056,300.99
<b>A MOTHER'S LOVE INITIATIVE</b>	<b>NGN 8,056,300.99</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>	<b>NGN 8,056,300.99</b>
PAYROLL EXPENSES	2,947,695.00
ELECTRICITY	0.00
RENT	2,900,000.00
DIESEL	0.00
OFFICE CONSUMABLES	420,000.00
REPAIR AND MAINTAINANCE	0.00
DEPRECIATION	88,777.70
BANK CHARGES	1,466.29
SECURITY	0.00
LEGAL FEE	55,000.00
TRANSPORT AND TRAVELLING	0.00
BOARD EXPENSES	0.00
PRINTING AND STATIONARIES	0.00
AUDITORS FEES	100,000.00
LICENSE AND SUBSCRIPTION	0.00
ADVERTISING AND MEDIA	1,131,762.00
LOGISTICS	411,600.00
ENTERTAINMENT	0.00
MEDICAL EXPENSES	0.00
CLEANING SERVICES	0.00

We express our profound gratitude to the Almighty GOD for His grace and kindness. We extend special appreciation to esteemed individuals and entities, including the Permanent Secretary, Honorable Commissioner, Directors, and all dedicated team members of both the Federal Ministry of Education and the Lagos State Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education.

Our sincere thanks go to the Chairman of the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board and their team, as well as the Permanent Secretary and team of the Lagos State Ministry of Health. We also acknowledge the unwavering support of the Permanent Secretary and team at the Lagos State Ministry of Youths and Social Development, the Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency, and the Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, among others.

Lastly, we recognize and commend the tireless efforts of the Media, Research, Consultants, and the dedicated team at AMLi for their steadfast commitment to the vision and mission of our organization.



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