

WOMEN TO THE RESCUE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

CASE STUDY NIGERIA
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GENDER AND CORRUPTION DISCOURSE

- ◆ The Genderized Impact of Corruption
- ◆ The genderized Manifestation
- ◆ Interface between womens participation in governnnace and corruption
- ◆ Location of women in the accountability processes as an anti-corruption tool.

Case Study Nigeria

- ◆ Dr Ngozi Okonjo Iweala-Former Minister of Finance and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
- ◆ Mrs Obiageli Ezekwesili- Former Minister of Solid Minerals and current Minister of Education and Chair Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative-NEITI
- ◆ Professor Dora Akunyili-Director General-National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control -NAFDAC

Key achievements under Dr Okonjo Iweala's watch

- ◆ Instituting a Budget Transparency Regimen by engaging in wide consultations with stakeholders at both the formulation and implementation of the budgets.
- ◆ Ensuring public access to budgetary allocations to States and Local Governments in newspapers by publishing the allocations in newspapers.
- ◆ Establishing an audit data of the Country's debt profile by facilitating the creation of the Debt Management Office-DMO.
- ◆ Commencing the process of establishing a Fiscal Responsibility Regimen and drafting a Fiscal Responsibility Bill and presenting to the National Assembly.
- ◆ Negotiating debt reduction of \$18 billion for Nigeria.
- ◆ Building up the Country's Foreign Reserve to \$35 billion.
- ◆ Achieving the repatriation of some of the Country's looted assets

Key achievements of Mrs Oby Ezekwesili

- ◆ Institutionalizing Public procurement regimen through the BMPIU
- ◆ Institutionalizing the NEITI
- ◆ Commencing reforms in the Solid Mineral Sector
- ◆ Commencing conversation about budget efficiency in the education sector

Key Achievements of Professor Akunyili

- ◆ Reducing the incidence of fake drugs in Nigeria by about 90%
- ◆ Drastically reducing the dumping of fake and substandard products from abroad.
- ◆ Building the capacity of small scale manufacturers of food products such as packaged water and fruit juices to comply with due process.
- ◆ Sanitizing the Country's image globally.
- ◆ Recorded growth and increase in profit margin of companies in the Pharmaceutical sector

Strategic achievements of NAFDAC and economic growth

- The Executive Secretary of PMG-MAN attributed improved performance of the sector to 100% import inspection policy and the new impetus from NAFDAC, which has seriously curtailed dumping.
- GlaxoSmithKline recorded a 77% growth in sales during the same period. The company's General Manager for West Africa attributed this tremendous increase to "NAFDAC living up to its responsibilities of enforcing strict compliance to product regulation."
- MAY & BAKER's profit growth rose by 88% for the first half of 2003. The company was also optimistic of a better performance in the second half of 2003.
- Pharma Deko Plc witnessed an increased demand for its products resulting in a 78.5% increase in turnover in 2002.48 It is noteworthy that the company had not paid dividends since 1999 due to losses but the company declared dividends in 2003.
- NEIMETH International Pharmaceuticals Plc recorded 105% increase in its profit before tax at the end of its financial year in March 31, 2003.
- The Nigerian Association of the Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture in its review of the economic performance of the 2003 fiscal year, said that the government target of achieving 65% capacity utilization in the economy was not realized. The only exception was the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector where the vigorous onslaught of NAFDAC on fake and substandard products pushed capacity utilization to nearly 60%

Homogeneity in the stories

- ◆ Profile of the Reformers
- ◆ Appointment Process
- ◆ Strategies Deployed
- ◆ Motivation and Driving Passion



Locating Gender

- ✦ Explaining the driving passion
- ✦ More commitment to the public good
- ✦ Less private ambition and less allegiance to private interests



Recommendations and Conclusion

- ◆ Need for deeper interrogation of interface between gender and corruption
- ◆ Need to set parameters and construct profile for reformers
- ◆ Need for further interrogation of essentialist theories in constructing gender
- ◆ Need to diversify the research samples in determining gender propensities.