

AbOut Our Foundation

MARY SLESSOR - AKAN GLO FOUNDATION (MASLAG) is a non-profit organisation founded to empower multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, poor aged, orphans, and persons with disabilities. MASLAG aims to provide resources, support, and opportunities to enhance the quality of life and socio-economic status of these vulnerable groups.

MASLAG was established on the values of love, empathy, and solidarity. By way of background, MASLAG has Mary Slessor as part of its name to commemorate the remarkable Scottish missionary who made a lasting impact on human history through her selfless and steadfast dedication to the African people, especially twin children and the less privileged. She stopped the killing of twins and other multiple birth children and their mothers, fought against gender based violence and was a voice to the voiceless while in Nigeria, especially in Akwa Ibom, Cross River and Abia States. MASLAG's founder's grandfather lived with Mary Slessor while she was in Africa (Nigeria) and witnessed her relentless efforts to lead an impactful life.

As a non-profit organisation, we recognise the unique challenges of multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, the aged, orphans, and persons with disabilities and strive to create a supportive environment where they can have meaningful lives. Nigeria has a population of over 200 million, and many citizens live below the poverty line and cannot afford basic amenities such as food, shelter, education, etc. Our team has passionate people from various backgrounds, and they are all driven to create a society where everyone has the chance to prosper, no matter their circumstances.

MASLAG operates an “all-inclusive” support organisation to improve the socio-economic and educational lives of multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, the aged, orphans, and persons with disabilities. International and local organisations and donors, corporate and individual donors, and government and government agencies who are passionate about supporting vulnerable groups are welcome to support MASLAG as it has an efficient operational capacity, robust track record, and strong technical capacity to channel their efforts and donations to interventions that will have a positive impact on the targeted beneficiaries.



Dr. Glory Edet
President/Founder, MASLAG

About Mission & Vision

MISSION:

Dedicated to empowering and improving the lives of multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities by providing livelihood means and opportunities, quality education, skill development, healthcare, and advocacy for their rights and well-being.

VISION:

Having a global foundation in memory of Mary Slessor to continue her legacy and humanitarian services to create positive impact in the lives of many and having a world where everyone, notwithstanding their socio-economic status, gender, age or ability, has equal access to resources and opportunities to live a meaningful life.



Aims & Objectives:

The aims and objectives of MASLAG include:

- (a) To support and care for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable people;
- (b) To provide mobility aids and financial support for persons with disabilities;
- (c) To organise skills acquisition programmes for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities and advocacy, sensitisation and enlightenment programmes to empower them for sustainable livelihoods;
- (d) To promote inclusivity, equality, and social justice;
- (e) To provide educational opportunities and resources for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities;
- (f) To enhance healthcare access and awareness for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities;
- (g) To fight against all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination; and
- (h) To partner and network with international and local organisations and donors, government, government agencies, corporates, individuals, faith-based organisations, other non-governmental organisations, etc., to improve the well-being of vulnerable groups.



Our Core Values



Compassion: At the core of MASLAG is compassion. We genuinely understand the challenges of multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities and work hard to improve their lives.

Empowerment: We assist multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities with financial support, access to quality education, sensitisation and awareness programmes. We also support people to become change agents. We organise skills acquisition programmes for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities to provide them with the skills they need to create better futures for themselves and their families.

Sustainability: We plan all our programmes and projects with long-term sustainability aimed at global expansion. MASLAG is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (Nigeria's companies registry) as a not-for-profit and non-political organisation. Consequently, MASLAG has a Board of Trustees (Governing Body) versed with the powers to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with its aims and objectives as contained in its constitution. Administratively, MASLAG has an executive council and coordinators in different areas that handle its day-to-day operations. Before MASLAG was officially registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission, it was registered with the State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Welfare in 2021 and began its activities since then

More recently, we marked the United Nations 2023 International Youth Day with a training themed “Green Skills for Youths towards Sustainable Development”. The training was organised for over 200 youths.

PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES OF MASLAG

Educational Support

- Scholarships and annual educational grants for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.
- Educational and literacy programmes for women and adult education for elderly citizens.
- Aids and educational materials for persons with disabilities.

Skill Development

- Skill development training for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.
- Entrepreneurship development programmes for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.
- Digital literacy training for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.

Healthcare Assistance

- Health and medical services for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.
- Awareness campaigns on good health, personal, and environmental hygiene.
- Rehabilitation and mobility aid provision for persons with disabilities.

Sensitisation and Awareness Campaigns

- Awareness and sensitisation campaigns on the rights and needs of multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.
- Sensitisation and awareness programmes to push against discrimination against multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.

Counseling and Activities Support

- Counseling and emotional support services for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities.
- Provision of helplines and support groups for multiple birth children and parents, women, widows, children, elderly citizens, orphans, and persons with disabilities, where necessary.
- Mental health awareness campaigns and sensitisation programmes.

IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE AND STRATEGY OF MASLAG

Collaborations and Partnerships

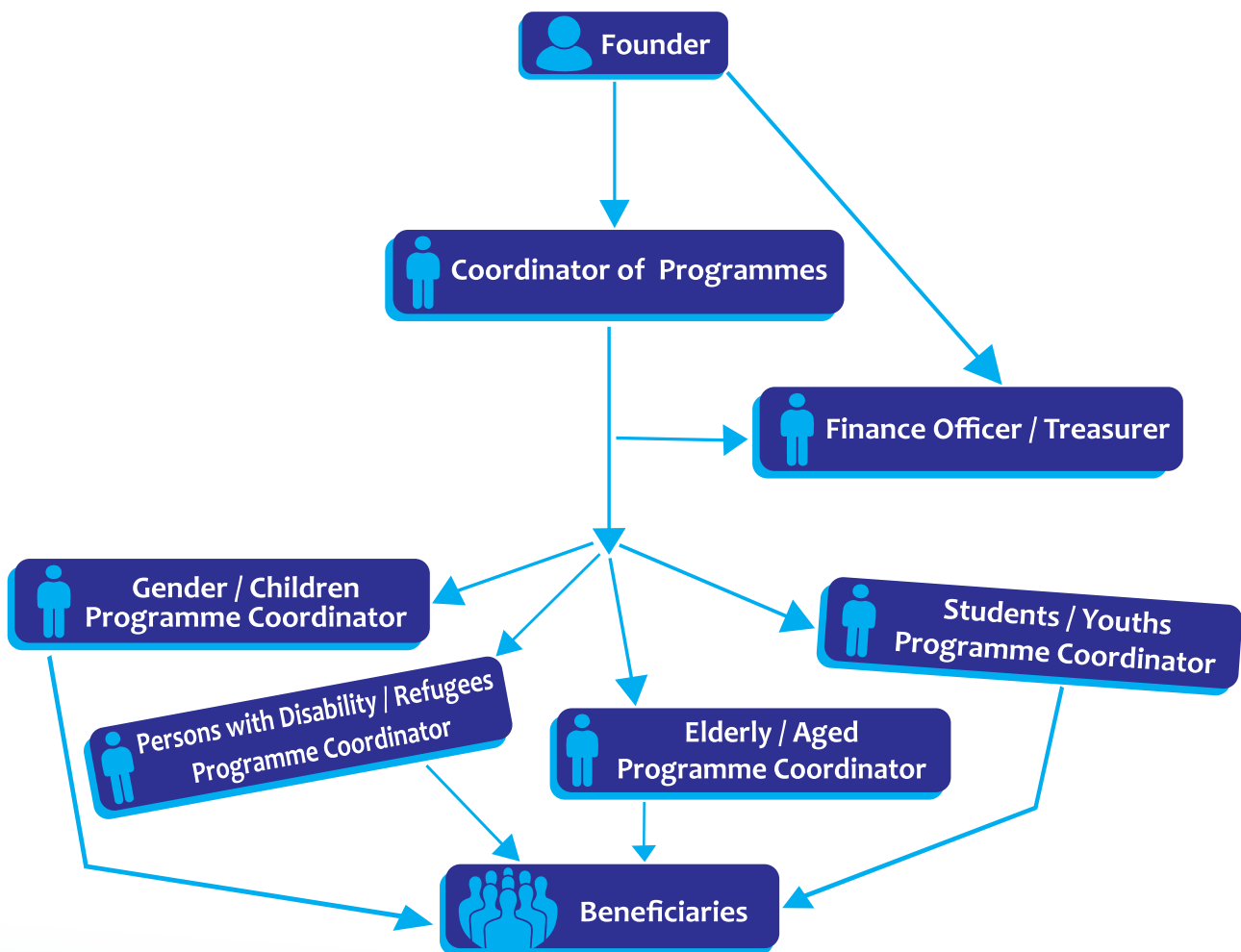
- Collaborate with international and local organisations and donors, government, government agencies, corporates, individuals, faith-based organisations, and other non-profit organisations for extensive impact and reach.
- Organize fundraising events and campaigns to generate funds for programmes.
- Source for funding from grants, international and local organisations, NGOs and donors, government, government agencies, corporate sponsors, individual donors, and other non-profit organisations, etc.

Programme Implementation and Monitoring

- MASLAG has a robust monitoring and assessment framework and coordinators to monitor the progress of programmes and their outcome.
- Regular evaluations and feedback from beneficiaries are gathered to improve future programmes.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

A Organizational Structure



B Organisational Capacity

The Founder is also a member of the Board of Trustees. The Coordinator of Programmes presents a proposal of the year to the Board of Trustees for adjustment (if any), inputs and approval. MASLAG has experts in different areas.

1. Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission. Formal registration has enhanced MASLAG's credibility and visibility. This allows for the operation of corporate bank accounts.
2. Registration with the State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Welfare. This also shows that MASLAG is a renowned not-for-profit organisation at the State level.
3. MASLAG has a board of trustees to approve each programme plans and budget allocation. The trustees also contribute to the funding of projects and programmes.
4. Technical Capacity: Each programme has a coordinator and the overall coordinator for effective operations and accountability.

5. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** We do not just believe in rendering support and leaving it at that. We know where our beneficiaries stay and send our staff to visit them for feedback. This helps us to see the impact of the support and programmes.
6. **Legal Advisory and Partnership with the Ministry of Justice:** MASLAG has a legal adviser. We also partner with the Ministry of Justice and the Female Lawyers Association (FIDA).

LOCATION

Mary Slessor-Akan Glo Foundation is located at Uyo, the capital of Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. Ewet Housing Estate, Plot 131, Unit F

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LIFE-TOUCHING PROGRAMME EVENTS OF THE FOUNDER

Construction, Furnishing & Donation of Mary Slessor Chapel to The Presbyterian Church of Nigeria at Use Ikot Oku, Ibiono Ibom LGA, Akwa Ibom State, where Mary Slessor died



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THIS CHAPEL WAS BUILT AND DONATED BY
DR. GLORY EDET
TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NIGERIA
AND COMMISSIONED BY
HIS EMINENCE
EKPENYONG AKPANIK, Ph.D.
THE PRIMATE & MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF NIGERIA
ON SATURDAY 24th JUNE, 2023



School Fees Support to Indigent Medical Students



Hospital Bills for less Privileged Patients



Training/Empowerment of Female Youths Across Akwa Ibom State



Support to Persons with Disability with Food Items



Presentation of Business Grants, Food items & Clothings to Widows



Scholarship to Indigent Students in Higher Institutions & Colleges, 2023



Marking of Mary Slessor's Birthday/Financial Support to Multiple Birth Parents & Children in 2022



Support to Multiple Birth Parents & Sensitization Programme on the Theme: Multiple Birth Parents & Children have equal rights



Sensitization of Chiefs & Elderly Persons on Gender-based Violence & Child Abuse



Distribution of Vegetable Seedlings & Support to Vegetable Farmers/Training on Efficient Ways of Raising Nursery & Planting to Mark the 2023 UN International Youth Day on the Theme: Green Skills for Youth towards Sustainable Agriculture



Support to the Poor, Aged women/Widows with Food Items

