

Chief Sandra Chidinma Duru - Biodata

Name: Chief Sandra Chidinma Duru

Place of Birth: Lagos

Local Government: Isiala Mbanjo

Marital Status: Single

Sex: Female

State of Origin: Imo

Country of Origin: Nigeria

Education:

Atlantic International University USA, Course: Psychology (B.Sc., M.Sc.)

Eva Adelaja Girls Secondary Grammar School, Gbagada Lagos, Nigeria. 1991-1997
(Senior School Certificate Examination 1997).

Post Held: School Police Officer (Inspector General).

Bariga Primary School, Lagos, Nigeria, 1986-1991

Post Held: Assistant Librarian.

HOBBIES: Researching, Interacting with people of different calibres, reading, writing, Counseling and Traveling.

EXPERIENCE

- * Founder/Executive Director of Pre-Adult Affairs Organization (PAAO)

- * MD/CEO of the following companies:
 - Sanchhy Nigeria Ltd.

 - Excellence Cables and Electronics Company.

 - Zest Media & Entertainment (Nig.) Ltd.

 - Sanita Foods.

- * One time consultant to Police Women Unit, Police Service Commission, NPF, Presidency, Abuja, Nigeria.

- * Consultant to STANDARDS ORGANIZATION OF NIGERIA(S.O.N).

- * Consultant to Shyllon Properties (Nig) Ltd. Real property consultant services & Real Estate Management.

- * Consultant/Project Director of Global Health-links Ventures
 - Global Kiddies Magazine
 - Global Health-links Magazine

- * Consultant, RAHVET INT'L.

- * Associate Consultant, Zest! Magazine.

- * Honorary Consultant to AFRICA REFUGEES FOUNDATION, (AREF).

- * Member on the Board of Trustees, YOUNG GIRLS FOUNDATION.

- * Member of The Finance/Central Working Committee of Women's Unit of Nigeria Police Force, Police Service Commission workshop on Strategies for Mainstreaming Gender in the Nigerian Police Force,

South-South Zone held at Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria on 5th November, 2002.

- * Committee Member of Africa Leadership Forum (ALF) Nigeria@40 Project.

- * Chaired the Symposium and presented a paper on the "DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD" organization by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs & Youth Development, held in Abuja on 29th of June 2000.

- * Committee Member of the Nigerian Achievers Forum/Nigerian People's Magazine.

- * Benefit Committee Member of Nigeria@40, organized by Africa Leadership Forum (ALF) Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja-Nigeria.

- * Member, Board of Trustees, Young Girls Foundation, Ibadan, Oyo State.

- * Founder/National President of Secondary School Student National Education Association (SSSNEA) which later Matured to "SANCHHY DE - YOUTH ORGANIZATION" to "Nigerian Youth Affairs Organization" (NYAO) and now PRE-ADULT AFFAIRS ORGANIZATION (PAAO) which has introduced pre-adult support programs in schools and communities.

- * Honorary Consultant to Patriotic Female Youth of Nigeria.

- * Project Initiator of World Youth Co-operation and Integrated Festival (WOYOCOIN-FEST).

- * Project Initiator of Annual Youth National Talent Competition – 'AYNTAC SHOW'.

- * Project Initiator of Annual National Youth Project Summit.

- * Project Initiator of ALL STATES Youth Peace Summit.

- * Project Initiator/Project Director of National Sanitization/Training Workshop for Young People on Health Education, Fashion and National Matters.

- * Project Initiator/Project Director of Annual End of the Year Seminar/ "DIALOGUE TIME" for LEADERS & FOLLOWERS.

* Producer/Presenter of "CASE STUDY-LIVE" on Star 101.5 FM.

* Producer/Presenter of "YOUTH ROUND TABLE".

* Bear it out!!! With SANDRA DURU and Team.

* Producer/Presenter of "BRINGING 2 TOGETHER".

* Producer/Presenter of "YOUR WORDS AGAINST MINE".

* Editor/Research Executive and Initiator of "Africa Youth Integration Newsletter" (AYI-Newsletter)
- Action Health Incorporated Youth Center

Position: Participatory Video Communication Officer and Youth Counselor (Youth Staff).

- Dayspring Foundation

Position: National Youth Coordinator/Counselor

- Robin Joseph's Foundation

Position: Youth Counselor / Programme Officer/Research Executive

* Projects Initiator/Director of Pre-Adult Programme Support Centers (PAPS-Center) in 6 Geopolitical zones of the federation.

During the course of her experience, she has acquired varied skills which has enabled her to perform the following

* Organize, finance and facilitate seminars, workshops and symposia in Nigerian Secondary Schools, Youth Clubs/Associations and Tertiary institutions, Communities in and outside Lagos and Nigeria. Through these seminars, symposia, workshop, conferences and the radio and television programmes, she has been able to add something useful to the material, intellectual and moral well being of our society.

* She takes initiatives: GOOD AT STARTING A PROJECT.

* Skills of detecting cultists and counseling skills; organized and sponsored by Dayspring Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria.

* Based on all these, she is competent to handle any related project.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

* Understanding Youth Psyche and Behaviour Course 1 & 2.

* Self Management and Growing up:- Understanding the Adolescents.

* Conflict, Conflicts Prevention, Conflict Resolution, Conflict Mediation, Dialogue & Conflict Management Training.

* Health and Life Planning Courses.

* Participatory Visual and Audio Communication Training.

* Peer Educators Training.

* Proposal/Project/Report Writing.

* Female Genital Mutilation Prevention and Control Training.

* Drug Abuse Among Youth ; Prevention & Control Training.

* Inter-Personal Communication & Counseling Skills.

* Adolescents Reproductive Health and Rights Management Skills.

* STDs/HIV-AIDS Counseling Skills.

* Parent-Child Communication Skills.

* General Training on the use of Computer (Word Processing, Microsoft Excel, etc) N/B: All of the above were organized by Action Health Incorporated and sponsored by MAC-Arthur Foundation, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, UNDP, UNESCO, FORD FOUNDATION and WHO.

* Building a Culture of Peace, Character, Family and Public Service, organized by Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace (Europe) & Association of Non-Government Organizations, held on the 4th – 5th December 2002 at ECOWAS Conference Center, Abuja , Nigeria.

* Democratic Leadership Training, Organized by Africa Leadership Forum (ALF) and sponsored by USAID/OTI.

* African Leadership Forum Youth Leaders Training workshop on “Functional Democratic Leadership held in Otta, Ogun State from 7th – 11th August 2000.

* Participated in the Parliamentarian conference on Stability, Security, Development and Corporation in African (CSSDCA); held in Abuja Sheraton Hotels in September 2000.

* Participated in the year 2001 “FARM HOUSE DIALOGUE held in Otta, Ogun State, Nigeria and Organized by Africa Leadership Forum.

* Participated in the National Youth Summit in Abuja, Held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja from February 1st – 3rd, 2001.

* Participated as a special guest of honour and speaker in Dinner/Lecture in Memory of Late Chief MKO Abiola, 12th June, 2006 at Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria.

* Partnered with ECLETIC Network on Ecletic Network Summit: POLICE REFORM, on Wednesday, February 8th – Friday, February 10th, 2006 at the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMS), Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria.

* Participated in the Africa Investment Forum 2006 (Commonwealth Business Council Meeting) in Johannesburg, South Africa from the 9th to the 11th of October, 2006. Organized by the Commonwealth Business Council, The New Partnership for Africa Development (NEPAD), The Department and Trade and Industry (DTI), Republic of South Africa. Eminent people in attendance included:

:: Dr. Ishmael Yamson

:: Baroness Lynda Chalker of Wallasey

:: Hon. Deputy Minister Elizabeth Thabethe

:: Prof. Firmino Mucavele

:: Pascal Dozie

:: Dr. Yvonne Muthien

:: Ann Grant

:: Dr. Michael Mahmoud

:: Koosum Kalyan

:: Russell Loubser

:: Hon. Bernhard Easu

:: Dr. Naledi Moyo

:: Stephen Hayes

:: Nonhlanhla Mjoli Mncube

:: Hon. Minister Frank Nweke

:: Zafar Siddiqi

:: Sandra Coetzee

:: Jacques Lamarre

:: Leslie Rance

:: Jorn Falbe

:: Engr. Mustafa Bello

:: Cyril Ramaphosa

* Participated in the Commonwealth Business Council (CBC) Meeting (November 20th to 22nd, 2007) and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) (November 23rd to 26th, 2007) both events took place in Kampala, Uganda. And many more abroad and within.

AWARDS RECEIVED

* Honoured by City Network Entertainment (CNE), UK (Pembroke Road, Erith, London), a well known entertainment body, with the "CNE SOCIAL BENEFACTOR AWARD", in recognition of immeasurable provision of qualitative care and support to Late Chief MKO Abiola Memorial Lecture, June 12, 2006 at The Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Lagos.

* Awarded the NATURAL WOMAN by the Sister's circle, Muslim Students Society of Nigeria in recognition of her selfless service and tremendous contributions to pre-adult affairs in Nigeria.

* "PHILANTHROPICAL LADY OF OUR TIME" in recognition of your efforts toward ensuring youth development by In Excess Club based in Osun State University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State, Nigeria.

* "A LADY OF SUBSTANCE" by Junior Chambers International Nigeria, Osun State College of Technology, Esa-Oke Chapter, in recognition of immeasurable contributions to social activities of Nigerian students and youth development.

* "TODAY'S LEADER" in recognition of selfless efforts towards building and developing lives and diligence, benevolence and positive disposition towards the empowerment of the Girl-Child by Young Girls Foundation, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria.

* Presented the "THE IRON LADY OF EPITOME" by West African Students Union (WASU) and Dreams Alive in recognition of support to effective education and the youth, her avowed commitment towards the emancipation of Nigeria youths towards the project AAPAO, sustenance of democracy and service to humanity.

* Presented with a Special Merit Award 2001 as a "DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITY OF ALL TIME" by The Students Union Government, University of Lagos (ULSU) in recognition of tremendous contribution to humanity, students welfare and invaluable care for young people.

* Awarded by the African Youth Congress, "OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL" in recognition of outstanding service to the entire nation, African continent and to the young people all over the world.

* Awarded by the Nigeria Youth Organization, an "AWARD OF EXCELLENCE" in recognition and appreciation of meaningful role to Nigerian Youth, Students Social Activities and Academic Up-liftment.

* Presented with a Special Merit Award 2000 as a VIRTUOUS WOMAN by The Students Union Government, University of Lagos (ULSU) in recognition of invaluable support towards building potentials, and care to the young people and student upliftment.

* Presented with an HONOURARY AWARD by the Social/Organising Committee, University of Lagos Students Union 2001 in recognition of your immeasurable contribution towards provision of qualitative care to the youth advancement and the society at large.

* Presented as "BORN SERVANT OF THE YOUTHS" by Zest! Magazine, University of Benin, Edo State in recognition of consistent service to the less-privileged, the needy and to the youths in general.

* Received the COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPIC AWARD, Kaoda 2006. Award Presented by the OBA AZEEZ ADEWALE OLAYENI DADA ALUKO, The Onidimu of Idimu Land as well as a Certificate of Excellence.

* SOCIAL BENEFACTOR'S AWARD by City Network Entertainment, U.K. on 30th November, 2007 as a contributor to Youth Empowerment.

MEDIA FEATURES

* Featured in THIS DAY NEWSPAPER Published on Thursday, February 4, 1999; Vol. 5 No. 1383 pg. 23 Titled "Visions of an Adolescent Counsel"

* Featured in THE COMET NEWSPAPER, Published on Sunday, July 9, 2006; Vol.6 No. 2484 Pg. 7

* Featured in THE PUNCH NEWSPAPER, Published on Tuesday, July 11, 2006; Vol. 17 No. 19, 645 Pg.6

* Featured in THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER, Published on Saturday, July 15, 2006; Vol. 23 No. 10, 095, Pg. 48

* Featured in THE COMET NEWSPAPER, Published on Sunday, July 16, 2006; Vol. 6 No. 2491, Pgs.6 and 32 Titled "Kudos for Duru, PAAO founder".

* Featured in THE DAILY SUN NEWSPAPER, Published on Wednesday July 19th 2006, Vol. 2 No.761, Pgs 17, Titled "Born-Servant of the Youth".

* Featured exclusively in THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER, Published on Saturday, July 22, 2006; Vol. 23, No. 10, 102. pgs 17 and 19, Titled "Incurably Nigerian" and "I believe in Charity" and "In touching souls".

* Featured in THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER, Published on Sunday, July 30, 2006; Vol. 23, No. 10, 110. pg. 2, under the City Shot column.

* Featured in THIS DAY NEWSPAPER, Published on Friday, April 30, 2010; Vol.15, No 5486. Pg 24, Captioned; "How I missed my childhood".

* Featured in THE NATION NEWSPAPER, Published on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, Vol. 5, No 1378, pg 45; "Fighting Fibroid through Campaign".

* Featured in THE ENQUIRER MAGAZINE, Published on Monday April 26, 2010. Vol. 2, No 8, pg 32-33; "Why Am working with Lagos Royal Fathers to help women in need".

* Featured in THE PUNCH Published on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Vol. 17, No. 20,597, pg 56; "NGO plans N20bn for Fibroid Support Centre".

* As a guest speaker on Radio and Television programmes including Youth Occasion, Seminar Symposia, Conferences and Workshops.

* And Many others . . .