

Vcare for Development Foundation

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023 REPORT



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World Environment Day in Eastern Obolo, Akwa Ibom State

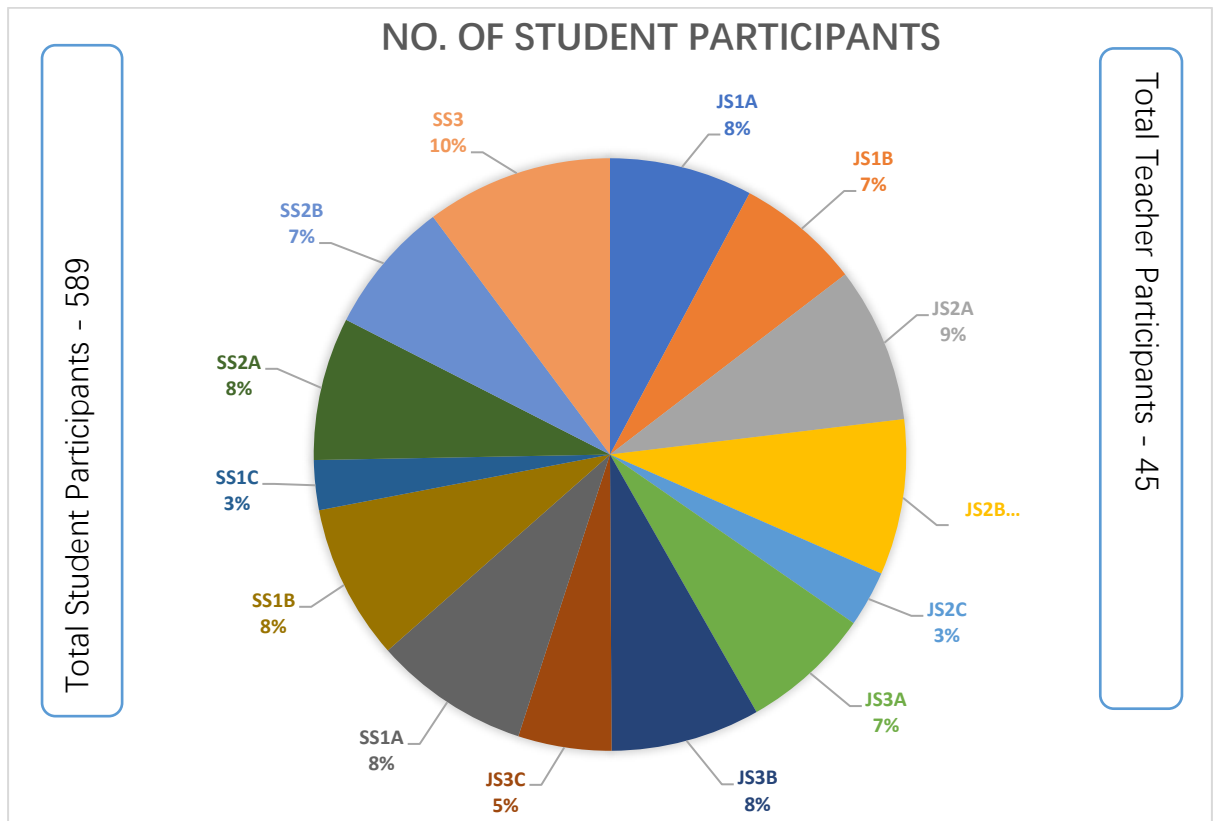
Introduction

World Environment Day designated 5 June is the United Nations' (UN) most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated all over the world. The theme of the World Environment Day for 2023 was **#BeatPlasticPollution**.

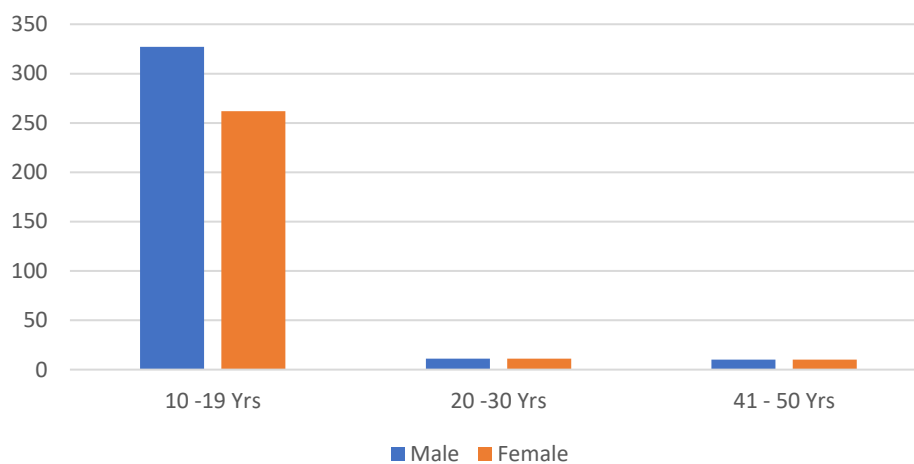
Vcare for Development Foundation (VCDF) conducted clean up campaigning activity on Environment Day at **Iko Community Secondary School**. The event aimed at raising the school community's awareness about man-environment relationship to promote behavior change in waste management with specific reference to plastic waste.

Key Activities

- VCDF team worked with the school administration and the newly inaugurated School Conservation Club to mobilize the entire school community to carry out a school-wide clean-up/sanitation.
- Students, NYSC members, Teachers and the VCDF team participated in picking up garbage and evacuated dump sites from the school premises and the lodges.
- After cleaning up the school premises, an innovative dump site was created by the students.
- This was achieved using old tyres with intended different color codes for the various types of waste. This will help the school to reduce litters in the school compound and enable easy evacuation of waste.



STUDENT PARTICIPANTS AGE GROUP



Key Messages Delivered

Students from Iko Community Secondary School have organized a talk show on environmental day, especially how to beat plastic pollution and reduce the waste. They also conducted role plays to create awareness about plastic waste and delivered the following key messages through talk shows, illustrations, and role plays.

- History and importance of World Environment Day
- Man-environment relationship.
- Impacts of plastic pollution
- Solutions to plastic pollution (5Rs)
- Behavioral change essential to finding solutions to plastic pollution.

- Community organizing is a critical first step (e.g., conservation club formation)
- Take personal and collective responsibility to act now (school clean up)
- Sustain actions through innovations and partnerships (central/innovative dumpsite and waste evacuation)



Feedback

“What we have learned today, we don’t want it to stop here. We will continue to use it to improve the school environment and beyond. We expect that this partnership that we have created with VCDF will continue.”

Mrs. Amira Agbe, Vice Principal

