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## UPDATES

### High Profile Supporter (HPS) Nomination & Upgraded Website Launch



TRS is engaging with and through the Nigerian community in the diaspora and in Nigeria to dispel misinformation and disinformation about COVID-19. Cynthia, TRS supporter and public health specialist, shares [a message against misinformation amid the pandemic](#).

Telling the Real Story's upgraded website is live. It is simpler, faster and more engaging with language pages in English, Pidgin, Somali and Tigrinya. [Click here to visit](#).

The award winning film maker & actress, Judith Audu; was appointed as a UNHCR High Profile Supporter. She is a native of Edo State, where the TRS project is disseminated. [Find out more on our website](#).

## ACTIVITIES

Please note that the activities below took place before the COVID-19 outbreak in Nigeria and Europe

### Awareness Raising Sessions in Edo State, Nigeria



Telling the Real Story met with 5,193 students from 10 schools in Uromi, Irrhua, Ewu, Ikpoba Okha, and Oredo Local Government Areas in Edo state. Discussions were mainly on the importance of education, assertiveness, self-esteem and the dangers of peer/parental pressure in relation to irregular movements and falling victims to human traffickers.

Find out more on our [website](#).

### Diaspora Engagements in Europe



TRS facilitated five diaspora meetings held in Italy, Belgium and Denmark. The events brought together diaspora leaders, activists and diaspora-led organizations around the theme of irregular movement. The objectives of the meetings were: to share the new TRS testimonies for the diaspora's onward dissemination and find out new trends and information relating to irregular movement, among others. Find out more on our [website](#).

### Dissemination Meeting in Edo State, Nigeria



TRS together with UNHCR Nigeria organized a "Dissemination Meeting" in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.

The meeting provided a collaborative forum where project testimonies and IEC materials were discussed and shared with stakeholders.

Find out more on our [website](#).

## UPCOMING

- **Testimony gathering from Malta:** More testimonies have been recorded from new arrivals in Malta and are under production to be shared in the coming weeks.
- **Virtual Diaspora Engagement:** Due to movement restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, upcoming diaspora meetings will now be held virtually. More details on this will be communicated as soon as available.

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