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A selfie with Secretary of State,
John Kerry at the White House

"I congratulate
Bukola on her
appointment," said
Democratic Sen.
Amy Klobuchar.

- Star Tribune, Washington

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Bukola Oriola, founder of Minneapolis based non-profit organization, The Enitan Story, was appointed to serve on the US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking on December 16, 2015.

“I am honored that these talented individuals have decided to serve our country,” said President Barack Obama in a press release. “They bring their years of experience and expertise to this Administration, and I look forward to working with them.”

I will like to commend the United States government,” said Oriola. “President Barack Obama and his team have listening ears. They maintained the position of power with such grace. Having power is not by oppressing the weak but by giving grace and opportunity to the weak. They took a great step to elevate those that have been trampled upon, beaten, battered, and hopeless, by giving them a historic platform to be part of the positive change in the community.”



Bukola Oriola at The White House

The Entian Story provides services to victims and survivors of human trafficking. In September, Oriola and The Enitan Story spent ten days at Nigerian colleges during a tour dubbed “Bringing the Story Back Home.” The tour reached 20 million viewers worldwide and provided information on human trafficking. Likewise, the organization offers services, support and advocacy for victims and survivors of human trafficking across the nation.

Between 8 and 14 survivors of human trafficking were recommended by the National Survivor Network (NSN) a survivor led group with members of over 100 survivors in the United States to serve on the council.



Bringing the Story Back Home Tour Reaches Over 20 Million

The Enitan Story and Bukola Oriola reached over 20 million people worldwide during a human trafficking advocacy tour in Nigeria last September. The tour was called “Bringing the Story Back Home” and featured Oriola, founder of The Enitan Story. Next year, she will return to Nigeria to continue teaching college students about human trafficking.

“Bringing the Story Back Home was a huge success,” Oriola said. “I’m grateful to everyone who supported [it].”



Bukola Oriola (left) with Enitan Story Volunteer Brandt Schubbe (right).

Oriola was born in Nigeria and is a survivor of human trafficking. She used her story to help illustrate and humanize the issue. During the tour, Oriola and other volunteers visited five higher institutions over the course of three days. While on these campuses, they spoke about the dangers of human trafficking and what can be done to identify and prevent it.

Despite low funding, Oriola said the tour brought impressive results. Of the 772 participants surveyed after the events, 95 percent said they left the event knowing more about human trafficking than before. Likewise, 94 percent said they wanted to get involved with prevention. Support for a return tour was strong among those surveyed; a full 98 percent said they would like the opportunity to participate again.

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on NMTV, Channel 14,
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Wednesday.

SAASI Official Cyber Launch, March 2016. Stay tuned.



Members of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking

However, 11 survivors were appointed to serve a two year term, which is renewable. They come from diverse backgrounds, and will recommend ways the federal government can adapt their policies to serve victims and survivors of human trafficking. It was mandated under the Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking (JVTA) of 2015. The Human Trafficking Empowerment Act, part of the JVTA, affirms the need for survivor input in the development of policies.

Announcements

- **January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month. Read the Presidential proclamation online @ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/12/31/presidential-proclamation-national-slavery-and-human-trafficking-prevent>**
- **The Enitan Story is looking for new interns and volunteers. To get involved, visit <http://www.imprisonedshow.com/jobs/internships/> or email info@imprisonedshow.com.**
- **Calling all college students: The Enitan Story has launched Students Against Abuse and Slavery International (SAASI), a network for students who are interested in preventing human trafficking and domestic abuse.**
- **Bukola Oriola is available for speaking engagement to small or big groups. Interested persons or groups should make a request by sending an email to info@enitan.org.**

Apps to Fight Human Trafficking

According to Bloomberg Business, a group called Partnership for Freedom is offering \$500,000 to whoever can develop the best technology based approach to fight human trafficking. The project, called “Rethink Supply Chains,” is taking aim at labor abuses.

Read more at <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-12-21/apps-to-fight-human-trafficking-aimed-at-stamping-out-slave-labor>

The tour had support from several organizations. Oriola said the U.S. Consulate played a pivotal role in the tour. “Having the U.S. Consulate behind the project was like the icing on the cake; it really made people listen and know that I didn’t come to joke,” she said. “This is serious business and an issue that we need to pay attention to.”

Other sponsors included Google, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime, The Enitan Story, the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, and Metropolitan State University. The University gave a \$4,684 Study Abroad Scholarship towards the tour because Oriola and the volunteer from Minnesota were both current students at the university.

Next year, Oriola and The Enitan Story plan to return to Nigeria to continue their work. Their tour is scheduled to run from March 8 through March 17, 2016. Oriola said this second tour will focus on the issue of human trafficking rather than on one particular story.

“In 2016 ... the story already went home,” she said. “I think going back is very important so that we keep the flame burning. We don’t just go one time and then disappear.”

As a result, The Enitan Story has decided to start a campaign called Students Against Abuse and Slavery International.

“We can get students, not only in Nigeria, but Metro State and other colleges in the United States, in Nigeria, and other parts of the world to join this campaign as a student body,” she said, adding that, “The goal will be to work towards prevention.”

“In 2015, we had BTSBH. Going back will be about SAASI, which is very important so that we keep the flame burning.”

A few things will change on the next tour. Rather than visit five schools in three days, they will visit one school and invite other schools to attend. They will use the opportunity to have further discussion with the Nigerian government and some of the related agencies on how to work together to combat the issue of human trafficking in Nigeria. During the September tour, many students were busy or were off campus.

That will not be the case in March, so more students will be reached.

Oriola said additional funding would be an important part of the next tour. More money would allow more survivors to attend.

Ideally, a survivor panel would be able to answer student’s questions. She also hopes an administrator from Metropolitan State University can come to answer questions about the school and its admissions policies.

From Imprisoned Show Crew

Happy New Year! On behalf of Imprisoned Show crew, I will like to thank you so much for your support since 2010 when I launched the Show at North Metro TV in Blaine. I have come this far with your help.

In 2013, The Enitan Story, a nonprofit organization with a mission to advocate for victims and empower survivors was also launched. Through the organization, we have been able to reach out to more victims and provide referral services. We have also continued to do training in the community locally, nationally and internationally.

This is the first of Imprisoned Show Newsletter and I hope that you learn more about the work I do with human trafficking and domestic abuse advocacy.

Thanks again for all your support.

Bukola Oriola

@bukolaoriola on  Periscope

The Crew

Bukola Oriola

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Your comments, suggestions and enquiries are important to us.

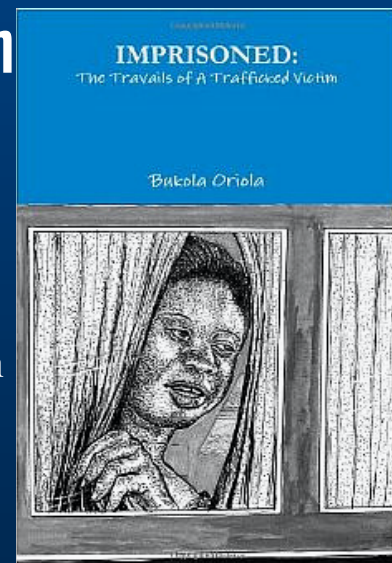
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Imprisoned: The Travails of a Trafficked Victim

Imprisoned: The Travails of a Trafficked Victim is a book by Bukola Oriola. It is an account of her ordeal as a victim of human trafficking. It can help readers learn the warning signs and how to recognize victims of human trafficking and domestic abuse in their communities, as well as become more culturally sensitive. You can buy it through the link below:

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/bukola-oriola/imprisoned-the-travails-of-a-trafficked-victim/paperback/product-20562256.html>



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