

SVOSH-FUTO in Nigeria marks one year affiliated with VOSH/International

The SVOSH chapter at the Federal University of Technology Owerri in Nigeria (SVOSH-FUTO) marked its First Anniversary on August 22nd, 2025. To commemorate this milestone, several activities were organised, including an awareness program attended by all optometry students to inform the FUTO community on the free eye screening, an information-filled seminar, and a two-day mega outreach program. This program benefitted the entire FUTO community, including academic and administrative staff, villagers, children and students, as a contribution to achieving the vision and mission of VOSH/International.

The celebration began with the Head of Department, Dr. Young Azuamah, addressing the students and highlighting the major eye challenges across patient age groups, such as the elderly with more presbyopia and ocular manifestations of systemic diseases, and students with refractive errors, trauma and injuries. Dr Azuamah also advised the students on how best to encourage participation in the free eye care services. The campaign successfully covered departments, offices, hostels, and lecture halls across the Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) campus.



An informative seminar session was conducted to enlighten optometry students about VOSH/International, its objectives, goals, and mission. This seminar helped sensitize all students to participate actively in the volunteering activities. This session provided valuable insights into:

- The history, vision, and mission of VOSH/International
- SVOSH-FUTO's achievements over the past year
- Benefits for the students in joining and participating in SVOSH activities, and
- Future plans of the organization

SVOSH executives led different themes during the interactive seminar. Vincent Ebubechukwu, president of the SVOSH chapter gave participating students SVOSH-branded caps, shirts, and other gifts. He also recognised the students who supported the chapter with graphic design and video coverage. The program concluded with a closing address by the Faculty Adviser, Dr. Daniel-Nwosu Edith who emphasized the benefits of joining SVOSH, including educational and clinical exposure, as well as opportunities for quality research.



Patients were seen during the two-day clinic



Serving all ages and needs



The highlight of the anniversary was the 2-day Free Eye Clinic organized in collaboration between SVOSH-FUTO and the Department of Optometry. Adequate provisions were made for reading glasses, drugs, and supplements to ensure beneficiaries received comprehensive care. The outreach impacted about 1000 recorded patients within the FUTO community, relieving many of the burden of untreated vision impairment.

SVOSH-FUTO is delighted to have organised a successful and varied program to mark its First Anniversary, which included awareness, education, and service delivery. The celebration not only showcased the achievements of the past year but also reinforced the commitment of SVOSH-FUTO to continue providing humanitarian eye care services to the university community and beyond.



The SVOSH-FUTO team celebrating its first year of affiliation with VOSH/International

There are two wonderful videos showing details of the celebrations! [Day 1 here](#) and [Day 2 here](#).



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