

VOICES AT THE TABLE – TOPIC PACK

WHAT MAKES GIRLS FEEL UNSAFE IN PUBLIC SPACES?



Welcome!

Thank you for joining Voices at the Table — a space where girls across Nigeria speak up about the issues that matter to us. This topic pack is to help you reflect and share your experience around safety in public spaces. Whether it's something that's happened to you, something you've seen, or something you fear — your voice matters. You can share in any way that's easiest for you: write it, say it in a voice note, or record a short video. There's no pressure to answer every question — just be real and be you.

WHY THIS TOPIC MATTERS

Across Nigeria, many girls face fear, harassment, or discomfort in everyday places. These could be:

- On the way to school
- Inside a market or shop
- At a bus stop or in a keke
- Online — like group chats or comment sections
- Even in schools or places of worship

We want to understand these experiences. By collecting your voices, we can raise awareness, push for safer communities, and influence those who have the power to make change.

Real Voices

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There's a street I avoid every day after school because the men sitting there always make comments. I pretend I can't hear, but I'm scared.

— Favour, 16

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In my class, boys throw words at us when we stand up to talk. One girl changed school because of it.

— Anonymous, 17

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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

You can choose any of these questions to guide your response:

1. Where do you feel unsafe?
2. What happens in that space that makes you uncomfortable or scared?
3. Have you ever spoken up about it? Why or why not?
4. What would make you feel safer?
5. Who do you think should do something about it?

HOW TO SHARE YOUR VOICE

 Option 1: Participate Online

 Option 2: Request to Join the Physical Session

To do any of the above, just visit:

 <https://itakeactions.org/voices>

Before You Submit:

- You can skip any question you're not comfortable with
- Please don't include your full name in recordings unless you want to
- Your story may be used in our final report — anonymously or with credit (if you give permission)

Thank You!

Your voice is powerful. And by sharing it, you're not just speaking — you're helping others feel less alone, and helping us build a Nigeria where girls feel free, safe, and respected.