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Chinyere Anokwuru is the founder of Selfworth Organization For Women Development, a grassroots Non-Governmental Organization that works to eliminate the lowest form of poverty by creating employment opportunities in the fashion space 'one stitch at a time' for low income women particularly widows. Her organisation focuses on training vulnerable women to sew professionally and produce embellished ready to wear handcrafted African dresses that has the ability to showcase Nigeria to a global market.

Chinyere Anokwuru is a gender and empowerment Specialist, a poverty alleviation expert, a grassroots reformer and trainer, and a multi- award winning advocate for the economic empowerment of women and the author of two books.

Her organization invests in local women to help them acquire life skills and start up small businesses to help ease the conflict between work and family responsibilities - one of the many reasons for women's economic inequality and domestic violence.

She believes that in order to end extreme poverty, domestic violence in homes and extreme violence across the country, local economic development activities must be strengthened by encouraging economic activities at the local level which can be achieved by empowering those at the bottom of the pyramid particularly low income women with vocational trade skills and business tool kits that is necessary for their economic survival.

Chinyere has impacted and empowered over two thousand women in different communities in Nigeria with skills and tools to succeed and lead dignifying lives.

Widely recognized as a key player in improving the socio-economic conditions of women and girls, her commitment to helping others has earned her a significant number of awards and recognition locally and internationally.

She is a graduate of Lagos State University and has certificates in Social Sector Management from the Enterprise Development Centre of the Lagos Business School.

Her core belief is that Women are an integral part of every thriving society. In accordance with this belief, Chinyere has dedicated her life to mentoring, coaching, and empowering low income women to accomplish their life's goals.