

# AIR POLLUTION

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### WHAT IS AIR POLLUTION

Air pollution occurs when harmful or excessive quantities of substances including gases, <u>particles</u>, and <u>biological molecules</u> are introduced into <u>Earth's atmosphere</u>. Both human activity and natural processes can generate air pollution . (Wikepedia)

▶ We have both indoor and outdoor Air Pollution.

► Three basic pollutants . Black carbon, Ground level ozone and Methane.



# **CAUSES OF AIR POLLUTION**

- Transportation
- Waste Management
- Household Air Pollution
- Energy Supply
- Industry
- Food and Agriculture

# **Transportation**

Soot-free" vehicles reduce tailpipe particulate/black carbon emissions by 85% or more, as compared to uncontrolled diesel exhaust.



### WASTE MANAGEMENT

► Landfills account for 11% of the world's methane emissions, and municipal waste is expected to nearly double by 2025. Furthermore, an estimated 90% of wastewater in developing countries is discharged untreated or partially treated. Better waste management programs are integral to ensuring our communities don't suffer as a result, both on a local and global level. (breathelife network)



# Household Air Pollution

In our households we generate black carbon through the use of cooking stoves, kerosene lamps and firewood. We need to replace with better, healthy options.



# **ENERGY SUPPLY**

It is estimated that oil and gas produce about 25% of the world's methane emissions. Also when the gas is flared there is emission of harmful black carbon. Illegal oil activities in our communities generate Air pollution.



# **INDUSTRY**

▶ With Industrialization and more people living in cities, cement, fertilizer production and other heavy industry continue to contribute to air pollution.



### FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The agricultural growth over the years globally and specifically in Rivers State has increased food supplies. Our livestock production is also a major contributor to climate change due to methane emissions.

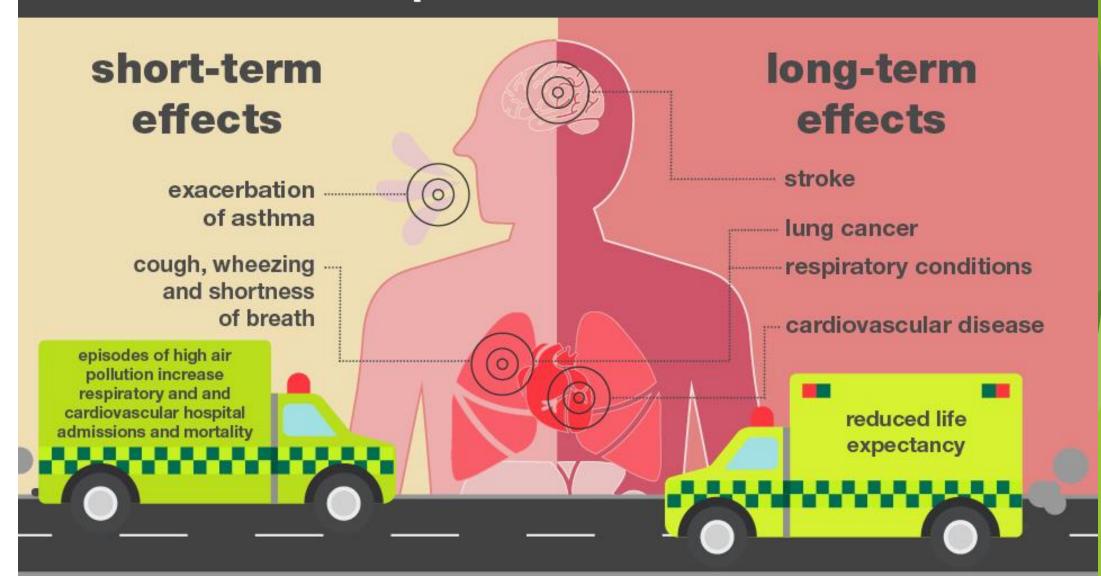


# **EFFECT OF AIR POLLUTION**

▶ AIR POLLUTION affects our Health and it affects the Environment.

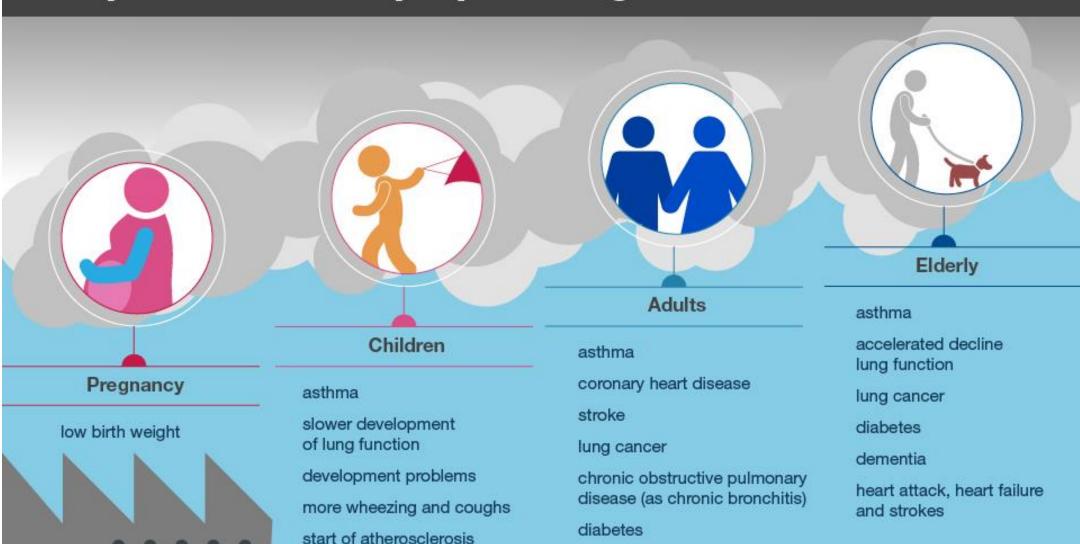


#### Health effects of air pollution





#### Air pollution affects people throughout their lifetime



### HEALTH IMPACT

▶ Tiny, invisible particles of pollution penetrate deep into our lungs, bloodstream and bodies. These pollutants are responsible for about one-third of deaths from stroke, chronic respiratory disease, and lung cancer as well as one quarter of deaths from heart attack. Ground-level ozone, produced from the interaction of many different pollutants in sunlight, is also a cause of asthma and chronic respiratory illness. (WHO)

#### AIR POLLUTION A COMMON KILLER

- >7% lung cancer deaths
- ► 18% of COPD ( Pulmonary disease)
- ▶20% of Stroke deaths
- >34% of heart disease.

# **ENVIRONMENT IMPACT**

- Many sources of air pollution also are heavy emitters of CO2, contributing to a vicious cycle that threatens our climate.
- Rising Temperatures
- Damaging of our Crops
- Melting of snow and ice lands.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

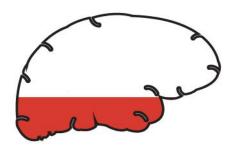
- AWARENESS CREATION.
- **TAKE ACTION**

### AWARENESS CREATION / EDUCATION

- ► The theme of this years world Environment day celebration is "Air Pollution" ...we cant stop breathing but we can do something about the quality of the air we breathe.
- ▶ WED is celebrated globally on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June since it began in 1974. It is a UN-Environment -led global event to encourage everyone to preserve the Environment. This year the Official host is China.
- Air pollution is real, according to the UN-Environment, each year about 6.5 million people die prematurely because of poor air quality.

# INVISIBLE KILLER

Air pollution may not always be visible, but it can be deadly.



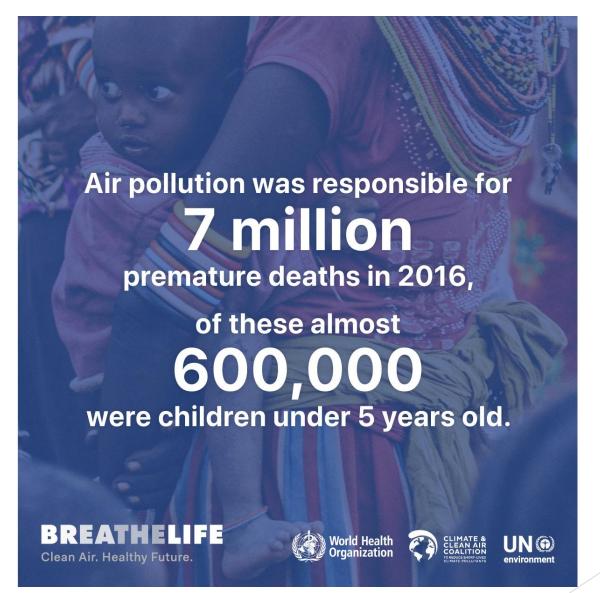
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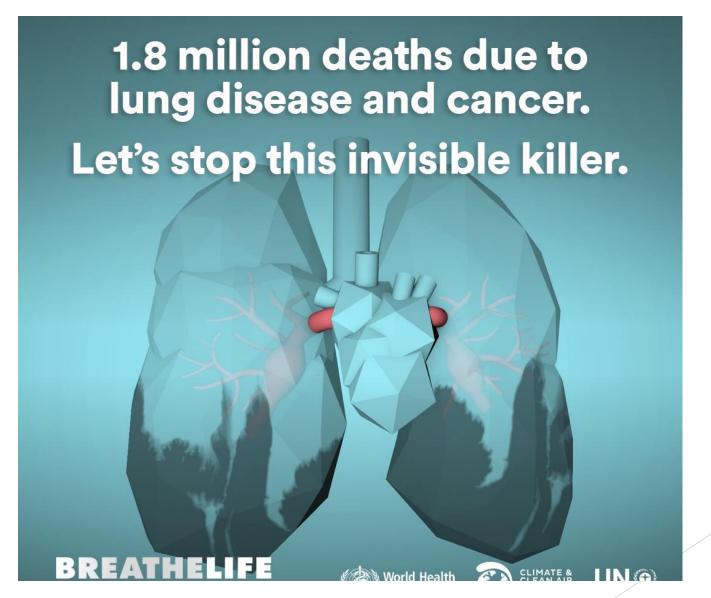
children worldwide do not breathe safe air.









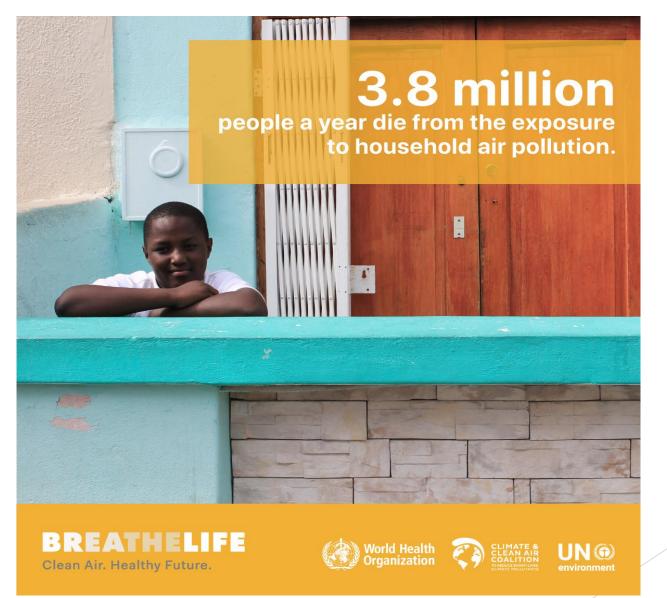


AIR POLLUTION ISSUE GLOBALLY

# Over 80% of urban residents are exposed to air pollution levels that exceed WHO limits



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HEART DISEASE







### **ACTION**

- ▶ Do not burn any form of Waste. Garden, paper or other waste.
- Instead of using vehicles, walk when possible, WALK more often.
- Switch from kerosene lamps, cooling stoves to more environmental friendly home appliances.
- Avoid using vehicles when they are past due for servicing.
- ▶ Get our State Government to join the breathelife network.
- ► PLANT TREES .

### CONCLUSION

▶ Be a change Agent. Advocate for better Air Quality. Join ACEP-ECO CLUB today. There is so much you can do.

Visit us today . www.acepnigeria.org and JOIN IN.