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...seeks more care for vulnerable communities

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Laura Boldrini, Italian president of the Chamber of Deputies, has concluded her working visit to Nigeria, calling on Italian communities in the country to uphold European fundamental values of cooperation, respect for human rights and dignity.

She also called on group and non-profit organisations of Italian origin to continue and sustain their care and love for vulnerable populations and communities in the host country, Nigeria.

Boldrini made the remark during a reception by Loving Gaze to St Kizito Clinic as well as SS Peter & Paul Nursery & Primary School Lekki, Lagos. Loving Gaze is an independent not-for-profit organization with 25 years of experience in Nigeria, and serves the underprivileged and most vulnerable communities in Lagos and Taraba States.

Boldrini, who praised the Italian community effort in supporting the most vulnerable communities in Lagos, expressed

her gratitude for the long-term and sustainable projects being carried out by the Italian communities. She expressed her gratitude for the efforts made to support the local communities including education of the youths.

Thanking the visiting delegation, Barbara Pepoli, general manager, Pepoli Loving Gaze, said, "Your visit is an important event for our community. Our purpose is to serve with care, joy and professionalism people in need, to ignite hope and seeds for growth. But we could not bring change in people's life without the continuous support of the Nigerian and Italian authorities, the local and international private and corporate donors and the International Cooperation Agencies and NGOs who trust our work and sustain our efforts.

"In 2016 we touched the lives of 60,000 people in Nigeria. We helped men and women to get the health care they need, young children to continue their primary education, we helped communities groups save pennies a day that added up to real, lasting change.