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INNOCENT CHUKWUEMEKA CHUKWUMA

ANNUAL IMPACT & LEGACY LECTURE *Series*

In anticipation of Mr. Innocent Chukwuemeka Chukwuma 2nd Memorial and 1st Annual Lecture to hold 10th of May 2023, CLEEN Foundation released a press statement to inform the public of the forthcoming memorial and gave a brief biography of the founder with highlights of key activities expected on the day of the event. Speaking at this lecture will be Former Minister of Education, Dr. Oby Ezekwesili.

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Within the quarter, we were able to hold several interventions under the following projects; “Monitoring the Utilization of Certain Recovered Assets (Abacha loot III)” supported by the Nigerian and US government; “Strengthening Peace, Human Rights and Accountable Governance in Security Approaches to Violent Extremism in Nigeria”, supported by Open Society Africa; “Enhancing the Accountability of Justice Sector Actors in the Mitigation of Corruption in Nigeria”, supported by the MacArthur Foundation; “PREVENT Serious and Organized Crime”, supported by the UK-TAG; “Engaging Frameworks on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Advocacy in Borno state”, supported by United Nations Development Programs (UNDP)

We are also elated to share that within the period under review, CLEEN has successfully moved to a new office located at 27 Moses Majekodunmi Crescent, Opp Keystone Bank, Utako which will officially be launched on the 10th of May 2023. This is our extended invitation to all stakeholders.

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TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA



In continuation of the Training of Trainers on the Administration of Criminal Justice Act Implementation in Nigeria with support from MacArthur Foundation, CLEEN Foundation held a 2-day session in Bauchi and Sokoto States. Recall that in March, trainings in this regard held in Edo, Kwara, Cross River and Delta States.

The objective of these trainings remains the same, to stimulate conversation and sensitize stakeholders within criminal justice sector on accountability gaps and to build knowledge and best practices that can strengthen collaboration and coordination of existing and emerging anti-corruption agencies with a view of strengthening their functions and performances as prescribed by the Administration of Criminal Justice Act of 2015. Interestingly, the ACJL as referred to at the state level, is localized and requires the political commitment of actors within the value chain to strike the desired balance. The workshop was well attended by agencies working within the Criminal Justice Sector in Nigeria.

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CSO ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE ON ASSET RECOVERY IN NIGERIA

CLEEN Foundation successfully held two CSO Roundtable Dialogues on Asset Recovery in South-East/South-South and the FCT on the 12th and 19th of April respectively. The key objectives of the dialogue was to encourage and stimulate the interest of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in their independent objective reporting of progress of utilization of recovered asset and also to ensure accountability and transparency in the process of utilizing these funds by government. The SA to the President on Asset Recovery in Nigeria/Justice Reform, Mrs. Juliet Ibekaku-Nwagwu took the participants in both locations through various efforts made by the Nigerian Government on Asset Recovery and the utilization of the Abacha loot III on the legacy projects as invested on - Second Niger Bridge, the Lagos-Ibadan expressway and the Abuja-Kano express road.

The Executive Director, CLEEN Foundation Mr. Gad Peter during the dialogue sessions stated that this monitoring effort is exactly the kind of commitment to transparency, accountability and inclusion of non-governmental stakeholders in asset returns that was envisaged in OGP and GFAR Principles 4 and 10 and that citizens need to be more aware of stolen assets at both State and National levels.

Furthermore, he stated that one aspect of the agreements reached to prevent the re-looting of repatriated funds was a proviso that civil society organizations would be involved in monitoring and reporting on the use of recovered asset. That way, a number of the countries from which the assets was being returned felt confident that the monies would not vanish into the pockets of government officials. Another innovation, which was agreed, was to use recovered assets for specific social programmes, which would directly benefit victims of corruption who have over the decades borne the brunt of the grand scale corruption, which has characterized governance in Nigeria.

For more information on the asset recovery project, please visit <https://assetmonitoring.org.ng>

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SERIOUS ORGANIZED CRIME (SOC) PREVENT

In continuation of the SOC prevent project under the Brighter Futures Program supported by TAG International aimed at creating and providing alternative positive pathway to crime and criminal activities in Lagos State, CLEEN was able to hold series of intervention in the month of April.



CLEEN held mentorship and skill acquisition program alongside modification and building youth resilience across the local government areas, Ikorodu, Ajeromi Ifelodun and Ifako Ijaiye. The behavioral modification session and building youth resilience became necessary to change the perception that endeared young people to SOC. The session focused on 5 vulnerability pillars to SOC;

- Sense of Opportunity - Social support networks
- Critical thinking - Self confidence - Masculinity

The youth resilience intervention was complimented with other social activities that appeal to young people (sports, dance, comedy and drama). The organisation worked with 182 selected target beneficiaries from primary & secondary schools and out of school youths across the 3LGAs.

Additionally, within the month, 10 target beneficiaries at Ajeromi Ifelodun were presented with working tools to aid their ongoing skill acquisition program in different trades.

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COURTESY VISIT TO CLEEN FOUNDATION BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC) IG SOLOMON ARASE RTD.



The Chairman of Police Service Commission (PSC) IG Solomon Arase Rtd. on the 28th of April paid a courtesy visit to CLEEN Foundation to share his plans and vision for the PSC, to further strengthen existing relationship and to discuss possible areas of synergy and collaboration for the effective delivery of the PSC mandate.

He emphasized the need for a properly funded, well-equipped and trained police personnel and the importance of welfare during and after their time in active service.

Together we look forward to realizing the Nigeria Police of our dream that's accessible, honest, friendly and most importantly, proactive.

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