

# CLEEN Foundation E-Newsletter



Throughout the past month, CLEEN Foundation has been buzzing with energy and innovation, fueled by the incredible passion of our stakeholders. From groundbreaking initiatives to remarkable achievements, we have witnessed remarkable progress and collaboration. Now, it's time to share these remarkable moments with all of you.

In this edition of our monthly newsletter, we have curated an array of captivating interventions, insightful events, and thought-provoking features. We will shine a spotlight on the achievements of our founder, provide valuable resources and tips, and keep you informed about the upcoming events that will undoubtedly enrich your experience.

To kickstart the quarter in earnest, CLEEN Foundation is thrilled to announce a significant milestone in the growth of our organization. After months of careful planning, designing, and construction, we are delighted to commission our brand new office space! This state-of-the-art facility represents a testament to our unwavering commitment to innovation, collaboration, and providing an exceptional work environment for our dedicated team members. The new office has been meticulously crafted to enhance productivity, foster creativity, and cultivate a sense of community within the organization.

These other activities will span from hosting the Hon. Minister of Police Affairs and other key partners, holding a couple of strategic meetings, holding sensitization workshops and community engagement on civil-military cooperation and civilian protection, participating in the commissioning of the 2nd Niger Bridge, etc.

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## OFFICIAL OPENING OF CLEEN NEW HEAD OFFICE, 2ND YEAR MEMORIAL AND LAUNCH OF THE ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

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**C**LEEN Foundation teamed up with the Innocent Chukwuemeka Chukwuma Empowerment Foundation, (ICCEF) on the 10th of May 2023 to celebrate the 2nd year Memorial and officially Launch the annual lecture series in honor of Mr. Innocent Chukwuma. The 1st edition lecture, titled “Innocent Chukwuma: A Legacy of Character, Competence and Capacity in Building Institutions” was led by Guest Speaker: Dr. Oby Ezekwesili. The insightful lecture focused on the real meaning of “Legacy” and the importance of transferring capacity to team members as a leader of any organization. According to Her, Innocent's impact on the Nigerian Society was immense and led to the advancement of human rights, good governance and public accountability.

Concurrently, CLEEN Foundation's new head office was commissioned by the Chairman of the Police Service Commission (PSC), DR. SOLOMON ARASE, NPM, fdc, FCI Arb, CFR (IGP Rtd), ably represented by Dr. Mrs. Ifeoma Adaora Anyanwutaku, Permanent Secretary, PSC.

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# TWO DAYS SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION AND CIVILIAN PROTECTION USING THE HRIMS PLATFORM

CLEEN Foundation and International Alert, with support from Open Society Africa implemented a 2-day

Rights Commission, among others. Contributions by Participants were centered on Democratic Accountability Mechanism, Public Interest Litigation (Social Action Litigation), oversight & integrity.



workshop and Community Engagement sessions on Civil Military Relationship in Plateau and Zamfara states. This was focused on the importance of Civil-Military Cooperation. It was activity packed with representatives from key organizations such as the Nigerian Army, the Nigeria Police Force, Baobab and National Human

The civil-military relationship plays a vital role in the development and stability of Nigeria. It encompasses interactions, cooperation, and mutual trust between civilians, government agencies, and the armed forces. The sensitization focuses on strengthening existing relationship, enhance security, promote human rights, and address the challenges facing our communities. The sessions underscored the essence of promoting dialogue, and creating a harmonious environment where civilians and the security institutions can collaborate effectively for the betterment of our society.

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## — PCRC'S VISIT TO CLEEN —

The Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) led by the National Chairman; Alhaji Mogaji Ibrahim Olaniyan paid a courtesy visit to CLEEN Foundation on the 23rd of May 2023. The entourage was welcomed by Mr. Salaudeen Hashim the Director of Programs (DOP) CLEEN Foundation on behalf of the Executive Director, Gad Peter. Discussions centered around the important role of the PCRC in Community Policing and Public safety in Nigeria as well as the need to integrate the PCRC into the full framework of Community Policing especially in the area of interrogation and intelligence gathering to support the work of the Nigeria Police in this regard. The PCRC in turn also raised concerns on the need to train the leadership and executives of PCRC and for partnership and synergy between the Committee and CLEEN.



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## VISIT OF THE HON. MINISTER OF POLICE AFFAIRS TO CLEEN FOUNDATION



The Hon. Minister of Police Affairs Dr. Mohammed Maigari Dingyadi and his team visited CLEEN Foundation's head office in Abuja to felicitate with the foundation on the recent milestone achieved.

The Executive Director, Mr. Gad Peter who warmly received the minister and gave him a tour of the new office said it was an honour and privilege to have the Minister visit the new CLEEN head office upon request. He further appreciated the minister for the relationship CLEEN has enjoyed during his tenure, having CLEEN as a member of the Police Complaints

Committee and the continuous effort to reform the Nigeria Police.

The Honorable Minister in turn, commended the CLEEN team for their consistent growth over the years and also for their unwavering support to the Ministry of Police Affairs and the Nigeria Police Force. He was delighted by the invitation and maintained eagerness to collaborate on subsequent projects. Under His administration, a lot of reform has taken place such as building of infrastructure for welfare of officers and ensuring discipline among the force, etc.



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# SECOND NIGER BRIDGE COMMISSIONING



The outgoing administration, led by President Muhammadu Buhari on the 23rd of May officially commissioned the 2nd Niger bridge, Lokoja-Oweto Bridge in Nasarawa/Benue States, Ikom Bridge in Cross River State, Abuja-Kaduna-Kano Road, Federal Secretariat in Gusau, Awka, Yenogoa in Zamfara, Anambra and Bayelsa States respectively. CLEEN Foundation since February 2021 has monitored the utilization of certain recovered assets (Abacha loot III) as complimentary funds at the 2nd Niger Bridge, Abuja-Kano Road and the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. As an organization, we are proud to be part of the process that led to the completion of these remarkable projects.

CLEEN is delighted to be part of the process that led to the completion of these remarkable feats. The foundation also created a website to display visuals on the work, time and process that went into these projects on [www.assetmonitoring.org.ng](http://www.assetmonitoring.org.ng)

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## THREE DAY WORKSHOP FOR CITIZENS REPORTERS ON EARLY WARNING AND EARLY RESPONSE STRATEGIES IN KANO STATE

CLEEN Foundation believes the power of grassroots engagement and community involvement in promoting safety, resilience, and rapid response to emerging challenges. This informed the intervention in Kano towards increasing civilian security in High-risk areas of Nigeria's Northwest and Middle Belt regions, reducing enabling environments for inter-communal violence and public unrest, CLEEN Foundation in collaboration with Equal Access International is held a three-day workshop for citizens' reporters on Early Warning

and Early Response Strategies in Kano State. It was a joint workshop of EWER Forum stakeholders from Kano and Kaduna state.

Citizens reporting largely promote early warning and early response as critical components of disaster management and conflict prevention. The module covers detecting potential threats and taking prompt action, mitigate the impact of disasters, reduce risks, and protect lives and livelihoods. The use of local knowledge, observations, and experiences were emphasized as invaluable in this process.

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## WACSI PAYS CLEEN A VISIT



**N**ana Afadzinu, the Executive Director of the West African Civil Society Institute (WACSI), a Capacity strengthening organization with focus on Civil society networks in West Africa, and Omolara Balogun, Head, Policy Influencing and Advocacy, paid a courtesy visit to CLEEN Foundation on the 11th of May 2023. The institute is paying strategic visits to key stakeholders like CLEEN

Foundation to foster collaboration, and understand the dynamics of working in Nigeria. The CLEEN leadership provided vital information and ideas to the WACSI team that will further aid their work in Nigeria and subsequent alliance with other CSOs across the country.

Just Last year, WACSI launched a branch office in Nigeria called the “WACSI Node” with the aim of getting to the grassroots and helping out credible Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in key project implementation areas while strengthening their capacity through various partnerships and learning platforms.

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## COURTESY VISIT TO OXFAM OFFICE IN NIGERIA

**C**LEEN Foundation paid a courtesy visit to OXFAM in Nigeria office and was warmly received by the Country Director Mr. Victor Ahonsi. Both organizations discussed areas of mutual interests and possible grounds for future collaboration. The conversations circled around gender related issues, Early Warning and Early Response Systems, accountability in the public sector and climate justice/security.



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