

# CLEEN Foundation E-Newsletter



As we reach the midway point of the year, we may not have all the opportunity to recap some of the notable events and highlights that have shaped the past six months. However, it has been an eventful time across various fields. The first half of the year witnessed several milestones in CLEEN Foundation. As we move into the second half of the year, we anticipate more exciting developments and significant milestones across various domains. From setting agenda for the 10th Assembly, the Executive and the Justice sector as they continue to evolve, providing us with opportunities to learn, grow, and connect.

We extend our gratitude to all our readers for your continued support. Stay tuned for more updates, inspiring stories, and thought-provoking content in the coming months. Wishing you a productive and fulfilling second half of the year! In fulfilling one of our core mandates on public safety and security, CLEEN Foundation continues to design interventions that help to actualize this mandate in the society.

In the first half of this year, significant efforts have been made to improve and transform the justice system to ensure fairness, efficiency, and access to justice for all. This effort was complimented with the appointments of new service Chiefs. CLEEN Foundation heartily congratulates the Ag. Inspector General of Police, Olukayode Egbetokun, Ph.D. and his counterparts in the Armed Forces of Nigeria. We charge the new leadership within the security architecture to avoid the landmines of working in silos. Synergy and strategic collaboration should be integrated into their action plan. We urge that they sustain some of the initial reforms which are aimed at modernizing the police and policing system in Nigeria.

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## 2 Days Sensitization Workshop and Community Engagement on Civil-Military Cooperation and Civilian Protection in Borno state Using the HRMIS Platform

In continuation of the sensitization workshop and Community Engagement on Civil Military Cooperation and Civilian Protection that kicked off in May in Plateau and Zamfara state, CLEEN Foundation and International Alert, held a similar event in Borno state from the 31st May 1st June 2023. The workshop emphasized the importance of Civil-Military Cooperation and its vital role in the development and stability of Nigeria.

The workshop also encouraged interactions, cooperation, and mutual trust between civilians, government agencies, and the armed forces in order to strengthen existing relationship, enhance security, promote human rights, and address the challenges facing these 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.



Participants were also introduced to the HRMIS platform where community members can report incidents of human right violations and abuse. The platform allows witnesses/victims to upload evidence (Video, audio, pictorial etc) without risking losing it in the course of travels and or further violations by the same agency.

HRMIS platform is an automated digital platform used to support all the security oversight agencies for effective management of human rights violations in the efforts to counter violent extremism & terrorism and to provide citizens with opportunities to report any form of violations of their rights as human beings and citizens by security agencies.

The intervention had representatives from key stakeholders such as the Nigerian Army, the Nigeria Police Force, and National Human Rights Commission, among others.

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## Training of Crime Prevention Partners (CPPs) on “PREVENT” Across Ifako Ijaiye, Ikorodu & Ajeromi/Ifelodun LGAs

**C**LEEN Foundation held trainings on “PREVENT” for Crime Prevention Partnerships (CPPs) the “Preventing Serious Organized Crime” project across the focal LGAs (Ifako Ijaiye, Ikorodu & Ajeromi/Ifelodun in Lagos State. Each LGA had 2 days of intensive trainings on the principal of “PREVENT” which is providing alternative pathways for youths at risk of joining Serious and Organized Crime (SOC) such as cultism, internet fraud, human trafficking, drug peddling, etc. The training helped to equip the CPPs with



adequate “PREVENT” knowledge that will enable these partners perform maximally in their expected roles and responsibilities as members of CPP. Part of the responsibility of the CPP is to identify youths in

these communities who are showing anti-social behaviours, provide counseling, understand the kind of skill they want to learn, identify resource persons and develop a tailor-made intervention program. This intervention is supported by the Torchlight UK Group in collaboration with Brighter Futures. [Click here to read more](#)

## — Graduation of Skill Acquisition Trainees —

**F**or the past six months, CLEEN Foundation in collaboration with the Brighter Futures Program under the “Preventing Serious and Organized Crime” project has been training young persons from Ifako-Ijaiye LGA in Lagos state to acquire vocational skills in fashion design, arts & services, photography, graphic design. Beyond the necessary tools to enable start up for the program, such as professional cameras, laptops, etc. On the 20th of June 2023, the foundation successfully graduated the beneficiaries of this program. The vocational skill approach in preventing serious and organized crime in our communities, as poverty is one of the major root causes of youth involvement in crime. One of the key objectives of the project is to provide means of livelihood to the age bracket more susceptible to being recruited into crime.



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## Strategic Dialogue between Community Members, Security Agencies and Local Authorities in Plateau and Borno States



The Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 (ACJA 2015) has so far been domesticated in 32 states of the Federation, including the FCT which sums it up to 33. While it is commendable that majority of the states have domesticated this Act, effective implementation of the innovative provisions of the law still poses as a huge challenge due to inadequate awareness campaign, poor advocacy and monitoring of compliance by personnel in the Criminal Justice institutions.

As part of CLEEN's effort to strengthen effective implementation of ACJA/L, the foundation has commenced the setting up of Civil Society Observatory Platforms to advocate for the effective implementation of the ACJA/L in the project focal states namely Jigawa, Kwara, Crossriver, Edo Sokoto and Katsina.

So far, CLEEN Foundation successfully launched Civil Society Observatory Platforms in Bauchi, Jigawa, Kwara, Cross River, Delta and Edo states within the month of June to include Sokoto and Katsina states in early weeks of July. The Civil Society Observatory Groups is a coalition of vibrant and diverse range of stakeholders, including Civil Society Organizations, human rights groups, legal experts and other relevant stakeholders that will advocate for implementation of the unique provision of the ACJA/L and monitor the compliance rate of stakeholders.

This intervention is supported by the MacArthur Foundation under the "Enhancing the Accountability of Justice Sector Actors in the Mitigation of Corruption in Nigeria" project.

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## WORKSHOP FOR CITIZEN REPORTERS ON EARLY WARNING & EARLY RESPONSE STRATEGIES

To further enhance civilian security in volatile communities, CLEEN Foundation with support from Equal Access International held a 3-day workshop from the 7th - 9th of June 2023 for Citizen Reporters on Early warning & Early (EWER) response strategies towards reducing Community Conflict across LGAs in the North West and North Central regions. The workshop had participants from Kano, Kaduna and Plateau states.

These EWER strategies are intended to increase civilian security (Civ-Sec)

in these regions by strengthening the existing Early Warning and Early Response structures, provide community level trauma response and recovery, thereby reducing enabling environments for inter-communal violence and public unrest.

The workshop which held in Plateau state had a good representation of women and youth which is key in actualizing one of the key objectives of the project which is enhancing the participation of women and youth in peace and security.

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