

CLEEN Foundation E-Newsletter



As we began the second half of the year, we brought you details of the successes we made and the challenges we overcame shortly after settling into a new office. Now we can confidently say that we have finally settled into the permanent site of CLEEN Foundation Headquarters, Abuja.

One of CLEEN Foundation's key priorities is to forge strategic partnerships and collaboration, which was the bases for the various meetings with heads of key governmental ministries, agencies and parastatals including those in the non-profit organizations to strengthen existing relationships and new grounds for collaborations. This is because the foundation understands the importance of collective efforts for the common good.

We also implemented key project interventions in line with our mandate of promoting public safety and security; we established a Civil Society Observatory platform in Sokoto and Katsina States; held workshop for local resource organizations and community stakeholders on Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) Strategies in Benue and Kaduna States; held inauguration of peace and security platforms in Bassa and Jos-South local government areas of Plateau State; and quite fundamental for the organization was the dialogue on insecurity in the South-East, Nigeria.

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Kwara State Civil Society Observatory Platform Visit the State Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Correctional Service & Commissioner of Police



The Kwara State Civil Society Observatory Group set up by CLEEN Foundation visited the state office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) with key demands from the provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law. The team met with the Zonal Commander Mr. Michael Nzekwe and team. They equally shared ideas and understanding on how the Commission makes use of the ACJL as a tool. The visit held on Wednesday, 19th July 2023.

The team were also at the Correctional Service, Ilorin, Kwara State Command with key demands from the provisions of ACJL as it relates to the mandate of correctional service. The conversation

centered around prison decongestion, speedy trial of cases, proper screening of cases before detention et al. The visit was carried out on Friday 21st July, 2023.

Moreso, the team visited the new Commissioner of Police Ebunoluwarotimi Adelesi, psc+, FISN of the State Police Command with key innovations of ACJL as it concerns the mandate of the Nigeria Police Force. Issues discussed include among others- human rights and rule of law; police community relations; evidence and case management et al. The visit was conducted on the 21st of July 2023. [Click here to read more](#)

WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS AND Community Stakeholders on EWER Strategies in Benue and Kaduna States

CLEEN Foundation and Equal Access International collaboratively delivered a 2-day training on Early Warning Strategies, for Community stakeholders and resource centers in Benue and Kaduna states on the 11th-12th and 17th-20th, July 2023, respectively. Early response initiatives are important for proactive response to identified security threats and potential violent conflicts and aim to manage or resolve them. The training covered various sessions, including Conflict and Stakeholders Analysis, Early Warning and Early Response (EWER), Gender in EWER, Peace-Building, Community Accountability Forum, and the Role of Quality Citizens' Monitors and EWER System Design.



THE ACJA 2015 INFO SERIES

The Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) was signed into law in 2015 in a bid to revolutionize the administration of criminal justice in Nigeria.

The aim of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act is to ensure that the criminal justice system of Nigeria promotes efficient management of institutions, speedy dispensation of justice and protection of the rights and interests of the suspects, defendants, and victims. Over the years, delay has been an impediment to effective dispensation of justice in Nigeria, and the Act was therefore enacted to address this and many other concerns. CLEEN



Foundation launched a weekly info-sharing series on the ACJA/Law with the aim of ensuring Nigerians have a clear understanding of these innovative provisions and their rights and ensure it is effectively implemented in the interest of the society at large.

From the 19th of July, 2023, the foundation commenced a robust awareness creation on key provisions of the Act in a simplified form. The

series is shared every Wednesday as short video animations and infographics until we exhaust vital information contained in the Act. Follow our social media platform @cleenfoundation for more updates.

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Establishment & Training of the Civil Society Observatory Platform in Sokoto and Katsina States Towards the Efficient Implementation & Compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Law

The Civil Society Observatory Platform is one of CLEEN Foundations' brain child established for the efficient implementation and compliance with the Administration of Criminal Justice Law in Nigeria. The Civil Society Observatory is a pressure group set up by CLEEN Foundation



under the MacArthur Foundation On-Nigeria Criminal Justice Cohort with three key goals: i) Strengthen and deepen the legal infrastructure for prosecuting anti-corruption cases through the implementation of ACJA/L; ii) Enforcing core elements of the law that advance Nigeria led anti-corruption efforts; iii) Strengthen the effectiveness of anti-corruption agencies of their governing laws

and implementation of the Federal Act. Recall that in June, 2023, the observatory platform was launched in Bauchi, Jigawa, Kwara, Crossriver, Edo, and Delta States respectively; on the 5th of July 2023, CLEEN Foundation rounded off the launch of the observatories in Sokoto and Katsina states.

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 provisions of the ACJA/L and monitor the compliance rate of stakeholders.

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Inauguration of Peace and Security Platforms in Plateau State

In partnership with International Alert, CLEEN Foundation set up Peace and Security Platforms in volatile communities in Jos South and Bassa LGA, Plateau state between the 12-13th of July 2023.

These platforms will serve as a liaison between the communities and security agencies, facilitating effective communication and enabling trust. Through the platform, community initiatives for peace and security will be supported, as well as guidance and resources for community development projects. The key objective of setting up these platforms is to foster joint response to early warning signals in affected communities,



local government areas and the state at large.

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— Crime Prevention Steering Group Meeting in Lagos State —



The Lagos State Crime Prevention Steering Group (CPSG) held a meeting on PREVENT against Serious and Organized Crime at CLEEN Foundation's Regional Office in Lagos State on Tuesday, 11th July, 2023. The objective of the CPSG quarterly meeting is to enable them to meet their roles and responsibilities which include:

- ✍ Establishment of Crime Prevention Partnership based on state crime profile;
- ✍ Oversight to the Crime Prevention Partnership (CPP) and;
- ✍ Review of CPP activities, look at the state crime profile.
- ✍ The CPSG also has authority to establish CPP at the Local Government Areas (LGAs).

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Virtual Dialogue Themed "Fogs of Violence in the South-East: Exploring Pathways to Solution"



With the South-East region experiencing violent conflicts from separatist agitation, unknown gunmen, kidnappers and other criminals, CLEEN Foundation organized a dialogue themed "fog of violence in the south-east: exploring pathways to solution" on Thursday 27th, July 2023.

It brought together key stakeholders from the state and non-state actors, civil society organizations, community-based groups, security agencies, development partners, media professionals and the organized private sector to explore possible solutions to the problem. Stakeholders analyzed the issues, identified existing structures and their roles, resources needed, measures and approaches for consideration to curbing insecurity in the south-east.

They also emphasized the importance of building trust between security agencies and communities in order to aid intelligence and community policing in the region. CLEEN believes that serious attention should be paid to the security concerns in the southeast, Nigeria by all stakeholders including security agencies, civil society groups and development partners before it spirals out of control.

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