

CLEEN Foundation E-Newsletter



September comes with the feeling of year-end and of new beginnings. At this time of the year, most individuals and organizations are ticking boxes of accomplished goals and fueled towards completing unfinished tasks as well as setting new goals for the coming year.

Over the past month, our team has been hard at work, striving to deliver exceptional experiences and innovative solutions to meet your needs. We have continued to push the boundaries of what are possible, embracing new technologies and exploring fresh ideas. In this newsletter, we will share some of the highlights from our recent endeavors and shed light on what lies ahead.

For us at CLEEN Foundation, we are already discussing and developing our strategy for the coming year while working assiduously to round up interventions mapped out for the year 2023.

Regarding our interventions in September, we were able to conclude on the training and mentoring sessions for Criminal Justice Actors and Civil Society Observatory Groups across Kwara, Delta, Edo, Katsina and Sokoto States; had a 3-week long training of trainers for officers of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF); training for Crime Prevention Steering Group (CPSG) in Lagos and Edo States; and an advocacy visit to the Nigerian Police Force (NPF).

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Step-down Training and Mentorship Session for Criminal Justice Actors & Civil Society Observatory Group Members in Kwara, Delta, Edo and Sokoto states



In continuation of the Step-down training and mentoring session for Criminal Justice Actors and Civil Society Observatory Group that held last month in Jigawa, Crossriver and Bauchi States, the same intervention was replicated in Kwara, Delta, Edo, Katsina and Sokoto States between the 5th and 14th September 2023.

The event aimed to enhance the capacity and skills of criminal justice actors, including law enforcement officers and justice sector stakeholders. The training provided participants with valuable insights into various aspects of the criminal justice system, legal procedures, and ethical considerations.

The central theme of the training hinged on the importance of strategic advocacy communication as a tool for policy formulation and change, performance evaluation of court monitoring across the states, and encouraging teamwork for the Civil Society Observatory Members. The responsibilities of stakeholders in the implementation of ACJA/L, pre-, during & post trials, and the challenges in implementation were also discussed.

The session brought together key actors from the Nigeria Bar Association, the Nigeria Police, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, the Nigerian Correctional Service, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Police Community Relations Committee, FIDA, NAWOJ, Media personnel, and Civil Society Observatory members.

This intervention is supported by the MacArthur Foundation.

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Training of Police Trainers on Contemporary Policing Standards

Between August 15 and September 13 2023, Police officers from various ranks of the Nigeria Police Force were trained at the National Institute for Police Studies (NIPS) in Abuja. 40 officers were selected in 3 batches, totaling 120, from different training colleges within Nigeria. The primary objective of this reform strategy is to first engage the trainers from the training colleges who will ultimately train the new police recruits.

The primary objective of this training was to equip police trainers with the latest knowledge and best practices in contemporary policing to improve the overall effectiveness and professionalism of law enforcement agencies.

The training also exposed the officers to globally acceptable standards in teacher didactics and equipped them with the skills needed to become trainers for the Nigeria Police Force. The training used collaborative, integrative, reflective, inquiry-

based, and practical learning approaches to ensure that the officers were well-equipped. This was the third train-the-trainer program in the series.

The 5-day training sessions were supported by



the German Government through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Security Sector Foundation (GS-F) under the "Supporting Police Reform Processes in Nigeria Project".

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CLEEN Celebrate International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace "Peace Day" was observed around the world on 21st September. CLEEN Foundation was not left out. The Commemoration of the International Day of Peace was held in 2023 is an important part of our work. It deepened our commitment to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. It was our demonstration to Act for Peace in sync with the theme for this year. This event served as a platform to promote peace, tolerance, and unity among diverse communities where we work, emphasizing the importance of conflict resolution, diplomacy, and global cooperation in building a more peaceful world.



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Advocacy Visit to the Nigerian Police Force (NPF)

One of the objectives of the PREVENT Serious and Organized Crime (SOC) project is to advocate for the institutionalization of PREVENT across police training institutions and for the Nigeria Police to adopt PREVENT as a community policing philosophy.

In light of the above, CLEEN Foundation went on an advocacy visit on the 29th of September 2023 to the DIG Training Department of the Nigeria Police Force and the Force Public Relations Officer (PRO), on collaboration, mainstreaming and institutionalization of PREVENT approaches to community policing in Nigeria.

The objective of this visit was to engage with police authorities and advocate for the integration of a specialized training module to equip law enforcement officers with the knowledge and skills required to combat

serious and organized crime effectively. The commitment of police authorities to consider and potentially integrate this



module into their official training curriculum is a positive step toward addressing the challenges posed by serious and organized crime effectively.

Kwara State Civil Society Observatory Group Visit the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice



In furtherance of the effective implementation and compliance of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL) in Kwara State, the Civil Society Observatory Group in September 21, 2023 paid an advocacy visit to the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Barr. Senior Ibrahim Suleiman in order to join efforts for the effective implementation & compliance with the ACJL in the state.

The Step-down Training and Mentorship Session for Criminal Justice Actors was a successful event that contributed to the professional development of participants. The knowledge and skills acquired during

the training will undoubtedly enhance their effectiveness and performance within the criminal justice system. It is essential to sustain and build upon the momentum generated during this event by organizing similar initiatives in the future.

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TRAINING FOR CRIME PREVENTION STEERING GROUP (CPSG) IN LAGOS AND EDO STATES

Between the 20th – 22nd September 2023, CLEEN Foundation in partnership with the Brighter Futures Initiative organized a 2-day training for the Crime Prevention Steering Group (CPSG) in Lagos and Edo States. The objective of the training was to enhance the knowledge of the CPSG members on PREVENT and their capacity to oversight the Crime Prevention Partners (CPP).

The CPSG training is part of the interventions under the Serious and Organized Crime (SOC) Project funded by the UK government and implemented by the Torchlight Group UK. The goal of

the project is to reduce serious organized crime in Nigeria by preventing youths at risk of joining serious organized crime by providing alternative positive economic opportunities that will deter them from being recruited into these crimes.

The Training for Crime Prevention Steering Group was a successful event that equipped participants with the knowledge and tools needed to lead and coordinate crime prevention efforts effectively. The skills and strategies discussed during the training will play a crucial role in reducing crime rates and enhancing community safety.

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