

CLEEN Foundation E-Newsletter



As we step into April, we are greeted with renewed energy and determination to drive positive change within our justice system. At CLEEN Foundation, our mission remains steadfast: to advocate for justice sector reform that ensures fairness, equality, and access for all. This month, we are excited to share our latest initiatives, achievements, and the impactful strides we are making toward a more just society.

In this issue, we'll share updates on our recent activities and their success stories. On the top of our list is the 2024 Innocent Chukwuma Impact and Legacy lecture, put together by Innocent Chukwumeka Chukwuma Empowerment Foundation and CLEEN Foundation. The program debuted last year and we have made significant progress with the 2nd edition, bringing together like minds, civil society and government representatives, amongst others for an immersive and thought-provoking experience.

The mandate of CLEEN foundation is largely advocacy and capacity strengthening. Our teams have accomplished this in many ways this month. By dialoguing with community representatives, youths, women mediators and key stakeholders across various areas of intervention, we have been able to drive our message, with support from our funding partners.

Our monthly newsletter is an informative and interesting read that highlights the interventions of CLEEN and the positive effect on our beneficiaries, friends and overall, the Nigerian spirit.

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GLEEN Foundation marks the 3rd Anniversary of the passing of late founder Innocent Chukwuma

Every April 3rd, we honor our late founder, Innocent Chukwuma and the life he lived. 2024 makes it the 3rd anniversary of his passing.

In honoring his memory, the entire staff took a moment to reflect on the profound impact Innocent Chukwuemeka Chukwuma had on CLEEN Foundation, society, and the lives of countless individuals. His vision, passion, and unwavering commitment to justice reform laid the foundation for the goodwill enjoyed by CLEEN and other sister organizations today. Through his leadership, Innocent Chukwuemeka Chukwuma instilled the values of empathy, integrity, and resilience, shaping not only the organization

but also the broader movement for a fairer, more equitable society.

The entire staff members took a moment of silence, paused, reflected and honored his vision. Rest in Power!

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Public School Campaign Against Drug Abuse in Ikorodu LGA, Lagos



CLEEN Foundation Lagos team organized the target beneficiaries of our 4th cycle intervention program in Ajegunle and Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Government areas respectively, for a campaign against drug & substance abuse to the Alakoto Junior and Secondary Secondary School and Reservation Senior Secondary, in Lagos State.

The 30-minute long session was indeed impactful and engaging, highlighting the adverse effects of drug abuse and encouraging them to channel their creativity and wit to other areas like arts, sports and technology. With funding support from TAG International UK and the

UK Government, we were also able to organise a 2 day-training for the Crime Prevention Partners (CPPS) of Ifako-ijaiye and Ikorodu LGAs respectively, on resource mobilization This was in collaboration with ISAFE and the Brighter Futures Programme.

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SCALE PROJECT WOMEN MEDIATORS IN PLATEAU AND KADUNA STATES STEP-DOWN ACTIVITIES



Late last year, we commenced a project with funding support from the Norwegian Embassy and UN Women, aimed at strengthening the capacity, advocacy and local engagements of community women in Kaduna (Jama'aa, Kaduna North, Kaduna South, Igabi, Chikun, Kajuru and Zaria LGAs) and Plateau States (Wase, Mangu, Riyom and Jos North). These wonderful women have been equipped with digital, conflict mediation and advocacy skills, which have helped them become ambassadors for Women in Peace and Security.

With our project far from over, we have seen how the community women have made practical efforts in their various communities. CLEEN Foundation will continue to shine a spotlight on them. So far, their step-down activities have ranged from sensitization and capacity building, Conflict mediation involving the Nigeria Police Force, Muslim and Christian community sensitization, Primary and Secondary school outreach, Peace walk in commemoration of International women's day, Radio and Live television programs providing insight on the project and advocating for women inclusion in decision making, Visit to traditional and community representatives, meeting with Youth representatives and other security agencies like the vigilante groups, virtual discussions and so much more.

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The Power of One; Dreams & Nightmares – CLEEN & ICCEF host the 2nd Edition of the Innocent Chukwuma Annual Impact & Legacy Lecture

To be powerful in this life is to be accessible and seize opportunities to make a change. We all have a light God has placed in us regardless of our religious, ethnic or racial background to light up the world.” Bishop Matthew H. Kukah

Last year, CLEEN and ICCEF partnered to launch the maiden edition of the Innocent Chukwuma Annual Impact & Legacy lecture series; an event designed to bring together civil society representatives, policy makers, stakeholders, government and security agencies, development partners, donor organisations and friends, with shared values, listen to an inspiring guest lecture delivery, get involved in panelist discussions, share views, ask questions and network. It also serves as a tribute to late Innocent Chukwuma, who was a force in the fields of justice sector reform, youth empowerment and public safety.

The guest speaker for this year, His Eminence, Bishop Mathew Kukah, of the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto, titled his lecture “The Power of One; Dreams & Nightmares: Thoughts on Innocent Chukwuma.” One man, Innocent Chukwuma, made a difference, impacted his world, and left an enduring legacy. The lecture underscored

the significance of individual agency in shaping our collective future. According to the Bishop, the late Innocent took up a passionate commitment and we must continue to push the frontiers that brought greatness to Nigeria.

Indeed, memorials are only for those who make impact, irrespective of age or social status. He also noted that the efforts of Professor Etannibi Alemika, Kemi Okenyodo, Kole Shettima and the MacArthur Foundation also brought into Nigeria one of the best police officers in the world who ignited conversations about community partnership in deepening internal security management. Dr. Oby Ezekwesili, Olufunke Baruwa, Samson Itodo of YIAGA Africa, H.E Erelu Bisi Fayemi, Dr. Solomon Arase of the Police Service Commission, Oliver Stolpe of the UNODC and other key personalities were present and gave goodwill remarks at the event. [Click here to read more](#)



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CLEEN Foundations' Quarterly Monitoring Visit on the utilization of Recovered Assets

In continuation of CLEEN Foundation's mandate, we have ensured accountability and effective utilization of recovered and repatriated assets from the US Government in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Justice, popularly called the "Abacha loot". For every visit, our team members inspect the progression of work done on the Kaduna - Zaria, Kano Express Ways and the Lagos-Ibadan Express Ways.

Part of the observations our team made were on the general state of after-maintenance. The good people of Nigeria are encouraged to see the project and National infrastructure



as something for their benefit and not stall the process through dumping refuse, blocking drainages and theft of protective ironware. Per the progression, The Julius Berger contractors, who are responsible for this project, provided an update at their Zaria Yard, before the site inspection proper. Work has been substantively completed along the Lagos Ibadan Expressway, which is also being handled by Julius Berger, and then the Shagamu - Ibadan axis (Section II) which is handled by RCC is at



1 0 0 % completion as the contractors await a formal handover to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Lunch and Conversations with the Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Jean-Francois Hasperue at the Residence of France

Our team and other guests were hosted by the Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Jean-François Hasperue and his distinguished Colleagues at the Residence of France. It was an afternoon of discussions focused on building a stronger relationship between the French Government and Nigeria. Youth and gender inclusion in Nigeria's Democracy and investment in the Civil Society Organisations were equally highlighted.

As a 25 year old working Democracy, we believe that with the onset of creative entrepreneurship and local government level or grassroots' engagements, the looming apathy with the Nigerian Government will segue into a vibrant population willing to give back to society in as many ways as possible. That being said, the state of the economy and level of insecurity, should not deter us from creating that bridge, because it shows our commitment to what's left of our Democracy. As Nigerians, we should be more interested in our guiding laws, its provisions and much more unconventional approaches to interventions. Special gratitude goes to the French Government in Nigeria, for the golden opportunity to interact.



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UN Women WPS (Women in Peace & Security) Network Mid-Term Review Workshop with CLEEN Foundation and Women Mediators

The UN Women conducted a mid-term review workshop for the Women Peace and Security (WPS) Norway Project. The overall objective of the review was to assess the progress made, analyze the challenges encountered and discuss sustainability of project activities. In both Kaduna (29th-30th April) and Plateau (24th-25th April) States, the team held a strategy meeting with the respective Commissioners and Legislators in House of Assembly on State Action Plans (SAPs). As a result of this meeting, our team and partners were able to gather feedback from



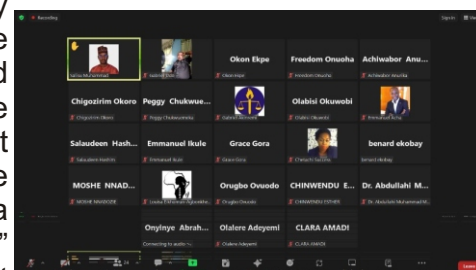
diverse stakeholders and partners, including implementing partners, government structures, traditional/religious leaders, security sector institutions, academia and representatives from the communities to understand their perspectives on the programme. We were

also able to identify programmatic challenges vis a vis best practices. The workshop involved plenary discussions, as well as group presentations. The workshop was facilitated by UN Women staff in Nigeria with CLEEN Foundation staff in attendance. Work is underway to build upon the recommendations from the sessions.

CLEEN Foundation holds Virtual Dialogue with sister Organization, Oluaka Institute of Technology titled “Leveraging Surveillance Technologies in Addressing the Challenges of Insecurity in Nigeria.”

Modern technologies are indeed a powerful tool to achieving sustainable development goals across all areas, most especially with security. How can we bridge the gap between our current technology strategies as a country with the onset of artificial intelligence, biometric data bases, advanced information technology and social networking? How can we galvanize these technological advancements in our National security agencies? It has become very critical to raise awareness on this topic.

CLEEN Foundation in collaboration with Oluaka Institute of Technology held a virtual dialogue on the 30th of April, to draw national attention to the significance of technology innovation in assessing, managing, and responding to security challenges in Nigeria. More specifically, to advance its integration in Nigeria’s police reform, to identify and expose the current gaps in Nigeria’s security approach and to segue into adoption of these initiatives. Our speakers, Olalare Adeyemi Johnson, rector of Oluaka Institute, led the presentation on “Leveraging Surveillance Technologies” and it was followed by the panel discussion by our Senior IT officer at CLEEN, Dr. Akinremi Gabriel and the Director of programmes, Salaudeen Hashim. Indeed, Strategic communication cannot be achieved without the technological advancements to function properly and there is a need to address the deficit, in terms of Nigerias’ Infrastructure & Accountability. The insightful conversations brought forth recommendations around the need for training, improved technological initiatives, financial reserves and tracking, specialisation and sustenance.



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