

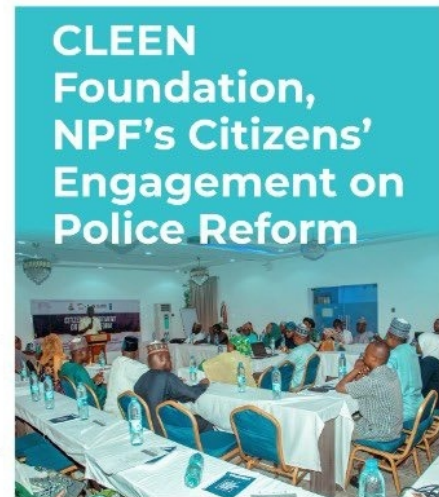
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Imagine a Nigeria where more women and persons living with disabilities are brought to the decision-making table, a world where innocent citizens are not incarcerated unjustly and the issue of insecurity is approached with much more intention. While it is quite far-fetched, it is in fact achievable, and as an organization, we will continue to charge relentlessly, towards addressing these concerns within the ambits of our core areas. May had been “Activity filled” for us at CLEEN and we will be detailing all the good stuff carried out in the past month. For this edition, we have taken our interventions to the South East with a roundtable for the police and the public, learning exchange for our women mediators, virtual dialogues and advocacy.

More specifically, we partnered with the Independent National Electoral Commission on voter education in Edo State, learning exchange platform with Global women mediators on conflict resolution and peace building initiatives in Plateau and Kaduna States, a deep-dive into the Nigeria Correctional services and the new desk on “Restorative Justice”, meetings with oversight agencies on improving referral pathways in Nigeria and advocacy for school children in Owerri. Our publications would not be complete without YOU!

To our partners, friends and subscribers, thank you for the usual support and enjoy the read.

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Recognizing the pivotal role of women in mediation and peace building across all levels is vital and so CLEEN brought together the National Women Mediation Network, Project Secondary state platforms, and State Women Mediators in Kaduna and Plateau. This initiative was aimed at supporting collaborative learning, capacity building, and exchange of best practices.

There were panel discussions on "Women Inclusion in Decision Making" and some of the women enumerated the efforts of government and religious leaders in championing the cause of women in peace and security. The women represented, also appreciated the tireless efforts of Plateau and Kaduna State Government around the issue of women inclusion in Peace, Security and Social cohesion, they then advocated for women with disabilities and youth to be

involved in the mediation process. This was followed by a role play session and other team building activities.

The project is proudly supported by the UN Women and the Norwegian Embassy.

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INEC and CLEEN Foundation Edo kicked off Voter education exercise in some Local Government Areas

Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) is a system for the registration of citizens who turned 18 after the last registration exercise or those within the legal voting age who did not register in the previous exercises. The Independent National Electoral Commission collaborated with CLEEN Foundation Edo regional office on Voter education and advocacy. CLEEN was tasked to cover Continuous Voters Registration and Civil Education in one (1) of the three (3) Senatorial districts in Edo State. Locals were receptive and willing to participate in the CVR process. It was also an opportunity for people with transfer requests and/or defaced cards to get replacements. In the end, the team was able to mobilise and direct the locals to various registration centres, with impressive feedback. [Click here to read more](#)



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CLEEN Foundations' regional office in Lagos collaborated with NEEM Foundation for a micro campaign, with the aim of combating cybercrime in the State. They gathered community stakeholders, religious bodies, law enforcement officials, youths, PWDs and corporate organisations, talking about its impact, the legal aspects and the need for collaboration.

In addressing serious and organized crime (SOCs), the Brighter Future (BF) programme and the Crime Prevention Partnership (CPPs) organized campaigns across 3 LGAs in Ikorodu. It was equally an opportunity for experience sharing by representatives of the Cyber Security Education Initiative (CYSED) and EFCC in Ikorodu. [Click here to read more](#)

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CLEEN Foundation Owerri commenced “In-School” sensitisation program on Safety.

With great power comes great responsibility. CLEEN Foundation has a powerful voice when it comes to issues of public safety and security across all levels. The unhealthy spike in Primary and secondary school-based violence has driven us to provide awareness on its various forms and prevention strategies.

Our program team in Owerri commenced an “in-school” sensitisation program around safety, with their pilot visit being the Divine Triumph International School. Their motion was to set up school safety clubs and other initiatives. As they are far from over, this visit will be made to other schools, with support from key Government and Civil society stakeholders towards scaling up this brilliant initiative.



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Advocacy rounds to the Commissioner, Plateau State Gender and Equal opportunity Commission and the Ministry of Internal Security

CLEEN Foundation alongside some women mediators in Kaduna State visited Mr. Samuel Aruwan, Jon, who is the Commissioner, Ministry of Internal Security and the Administrator of Kaduna Capital Authority. The team also paid a courtesy visit to the President of the National Council of Women Societies, Kaduna Chapter, and the mother of the Majority Leader, Kaduna State House of Assembly, Barrister Zainab Hassan.



For Plateau, the Women Mediators accompanied by CLEEN Foundation, paid a courtesy visit to the acting chairperson of the Plateau State Gender and Equal opportunity Commission, Barr Olivia Dazyam. The aim was to introduce the mediators and possibly seek for areas of collaboration. Interestingly, the Commission has a mediation center and would be willing to call on our mediators to attend to some of the cases reported, putting their skills to action.

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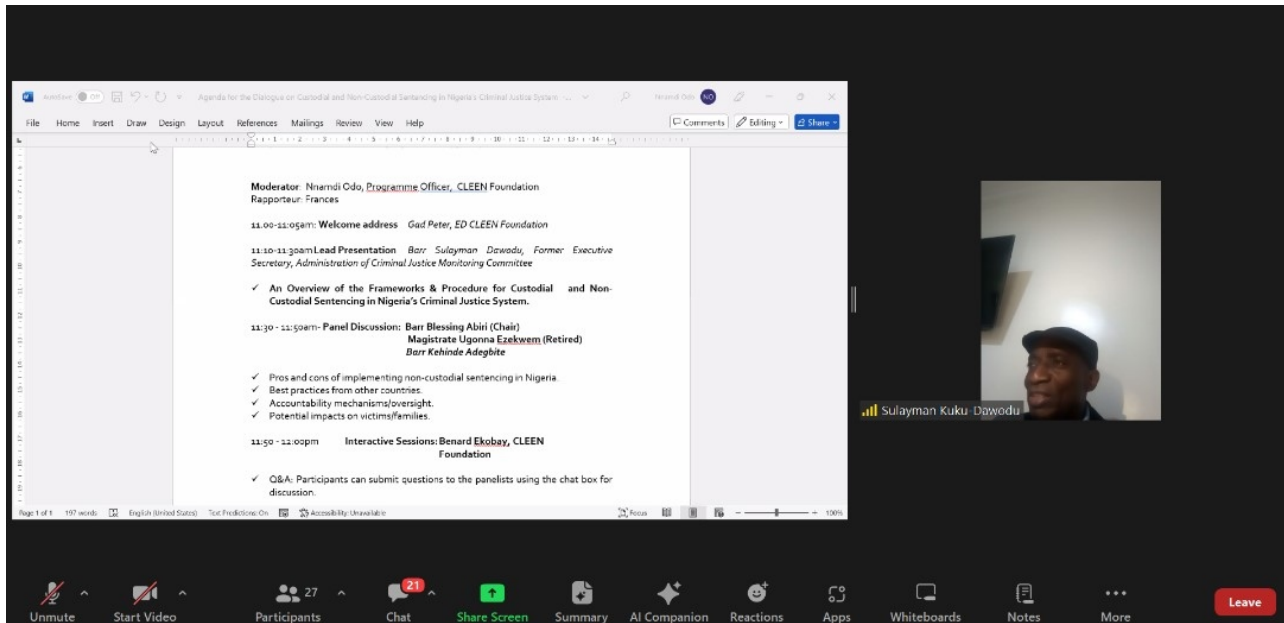


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Virtual Dialogue to Examine Frameworks and Procedure for Custodial and Non-Custodial Sentencing in Nigeria's Criminal Justice System



The long-standing issue of Imprisonment while awaiting trial has been around for a while with the governments' feedback not so encouraging. Our conversations on this dialogue were to bring to light the approach in Nigeria's correctional system and to push for more "conventional" or "non-custodial" techniques to addressing them. In our Executive Director's words, "The Criminal Justice System is the cornerstone for societal governance."

Our Lead presenter, Barr Sulayman Kuku-Dawodu, who was also the secretary of the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee, spoke extensively on the need for interventions needs to be done around the provision of Restorative justice at the sub-national levels. Non-custodial interventions like community service, vocational/psychological support and drug testing should be considered as these further reduce the issues such as prison overcrowding, impediment of education and career, long term health and psychological problems.

A former Chief Magistrate, Her Lordship (Rtd) Ugonna Ezekwem, made a very salient submission. According to her, we are not lacking laws to ensure the implementation of non-custodial approach, what we lack is the willpower & resources as well as the benefits that will flow. Data has revealed the marginal nature of persons awaiting trial from about 75% in 2015 to 73% in 2023 and a large chunk of the budget goes to feeding the mammoth crowd. Oftentimes, this leads to minor/petty offenders incarcerated ahead of trial coming back to the society more criminal minded than before. Thankfully, with the development of a "Restorative Justice Department" Nigeria has shown eagerness to actualise these recommendations and kick back injustice in the Justice sector.

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Meeting with Oversight Agencies on "Improving Referral Pathways in Nigeria"

Referral pathways are flexible mechanisms that safely link the citizenry with the Security agencies and the role of oversight agencies like the Police Service Commission, Police Complaint response unit and the National Human Rights Commission cannot be overemphasized.

With Support from the UNODC, CLEEN Foundation set up a meeting with some of these key security oversight agencies. The goal was to enhance various referral mechanisms regarding response rates, complaints resolution and overall welfare. Participants were senior personnel of Oversight Agencies, UNODC & CLEEN Foundation - Police Service Commission, Complaint Response Unit of the Nigeria Police Force, National Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Interior, Public

CLEEN Foundation commenced book donation to Police Commands and Institutions

The late social write and publish around subjects Public Safety and Landscape.

CLEEN office collaborated organisation, Technology, to researched-based Imo State Police further support the resources that fight against Crime

recognizing the importance of deep knowledge, strategy and empirical data in tackling the issue of insecurity in the state is of the importance. This initiative will be replicated across some of the Public and Private Institutions



Innocent Chukwuma with key voices in the impact sector, to various books like Justice reform, Nigeria's security

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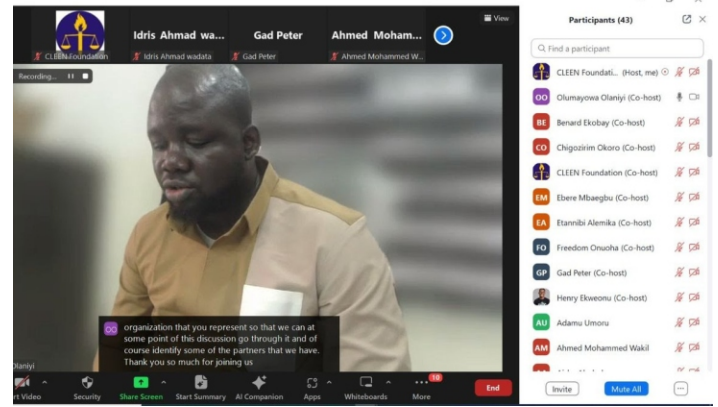


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Virtual Symposium on State Policing; “Enhancing Security and Law Enforcement in Nigeria: Centralised vs Decentralised Policing Systems.”



CLEEN Foundation brought together key stakeholders, policymakers, academics, and members of civil society to engage in a constructive dialogue on its prospective implementation. The Foundation had the renowned Professor Etannibi Alemika talk extensively on “Police & Policing”. Interestingly, He opined that due to the fact that State or Decentralised Policing appears “localized”, it does not

necessarily mean that the initiative will gain local traction. Other key takeaways from the speakers were on the need for clearly defined duties, sustainable funding models and pilot testing, to effectively actualize the concept. We also had Aisha Abubakar, representing the Executive Director of Partners West Africa (PWAN), Professor Freedom Onuoha and Shaun J. Gavin, a Senior advisor from the US Embassy weigh in their opinions.

CLEEN Foundation and the Nigeria Police Force organize a Citizens’ Engagement on Police Reform

The citizens get to hold government officials responsible for their actions and ensure that there is some level of transparency in decision-making. Through regular interaction, the Security Agencies can gain a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and concerns faced by the community and identify a more tailored policing strategy.

CLEEN Foundation collaborated with the Nigeria Police Force, with support from the German



Government and the United Nations Development program to have an interesting Citizens engagement

ent on Police reform in Owerri and Borno States. The conversation was largely to provide an overview of Police Reform efforts in Nigeria as well as the gains and pitfalls.

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CLEEN's Quarterly Monitoring visit to the Lagos-Ibadan Express Way and the Abuja-Kano Road

As part of an open government initiative to monitor the utilization of recovered assets for infrastructural development, CLEEN Foundation scheduled a quarterly monitoring visit, took reports and documented the progress of works made on the Lagos-Ibadan Express Way and the Abuja-Kano Road project sites. This ranged from the quality of constructions done to procurement of materials and a structured spend analysis on the use of the recovered funds.

To read more and see what we have been up to from our most recent inspection, please visit our website www.assetmonitoring.org



Quality Assurance visit to Eight (8) States on Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJA/L) Compliance Levels

Laws protect our general safety, and ensure our rights as Nigerian citizens against abuses by other people, organizations, and the government itself. We have laws to help provide for our general safety, one of such laws is The Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015. This merger Act was particularly provided to cushion some of the lapses in the Nigerian criminal justice sector. CLEEN Foundation with support from MacArthur Foundation commenced a project last year about breaking down the provisions of ACJA 2015 to oversight agencies and non-state security actors, to further help them internalize and function in their regions, as a result, the Observatory CSOs across



the selected states were birthed. They have been tasked with advocacy on the provisions of ACJA to the relevant stakeholders and authorities in the States. To ensure that these groups stay in line with their mandate, our team embarked on a Quality Assurance visit for the

ongoing research on Compliance levels of Actors on the Administration of Criminal Justice Law in focal states. During the visit, the team met with Senior Ibrahim Sulyman Esq, who is the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice in Kwara State, as well as Hon Justice Rabi Talatu Umar, who is the Chief Judge, Bauchi State High Court.

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