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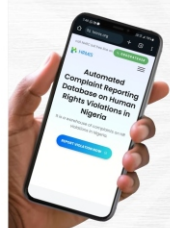


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Dear Partner,

The second half of the year is upon us and like two sides of a coin; we welcome you to the flip side and albeit the activity-packed side of the year. This past month saw us orchestrate project close outs and inceptions, loads of media activity and advocacy on peace building as well as the topic of “Parole” in Nigeria.

The Nigerian Correctional Service (NCS) data on the Summary of Inmate Population by Convict and Persons Awaiting Trial as of 2021 revealed that the facilities hold 37% more inmates than it is designed to. This very reason has spurred our program team to asking the “Hard” questions and work with stakeholders for a wider discussion and next steps to channel implementation.

CLEEN remains thankful to our donors, largely supporting our engagements by their philanthropy and vision towards various developmental cycles. Our volunteers and beneficiaries also play a role in making each month extraordinary. As we delve in to details, let's carry the momentum of June's successes with determination and optimism.

Happy reading!

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# CLEEN holds two-day Capacity building workshop for Women in Media.



The increased risks of intimidation and physical violence towards women while reporting from conflict-affected areas, has fuelled CLEEN Foundation to largely address the situation. With support from the UN Women and

Norwegian embassy, the foundation hosted a 2-day Capacity Building workshop for Women reporters in Plateau and Kaduna State. Traditional and social media reporters were trained on improve their knowledge and skill set, especially around conflict sensitive reportage.

Providing specialized training, mentorship programs, and access to resources and networks can help strengthen the capacity and resilience of women journalists working in Nigeria's fragile

context. The discourse equally hammered on the two way channel for News reporting; Education and Advocacy, to which women play a huge role.

CLEEN Foundation largely commends the Government of Plateau State and the Nigeria Union of Journalists for a successful election of the first female State chapter chairman after over 50 years of existence. Other Media Institutions were also charged to create awareness, availability and accessibility for women to thrive and be empowered in Nigeria's journalism landscape.

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# CLEEN Foundation holds a two-day project close out retreat

This project in partnership with International Alert Nigeria and funding support from Open Society Foundations Africa was aimed at

increasing awareness among stakeholders for an 18-month period. The sessions covered a time lapse of successes recorded under the project, provisions of International Human Rights Law, implementation levels and engagement on the human rights violation reporting platform called the HRMIS (Human Rights Management Information System).

The consortium partner on the project also created a weekly radio interactive and educational programme as well as listening circles on women and girls roles in peace and security. Using legal

and oversight mechanisms to address and prosecute perpetrators of conflict related

sexual violence and other serious violations, CLEEN and IA worked to contribute progressively to peace building in Borno, Plateau and Zamfara States.

The retreat concluded with team bonding and a press

briefing and public presentation of the research findings on security and civil military relationships in the North East and North West. Media partners, Civil Society Organisations, Security agencies, and Security Oversight Agencies were tasked with amplifying the findings and recommendations of the publication.



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While it might look too good to be true in lieu of the state of our justice system, the provisions of this law is in fact enshrined in the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015.

With support from the MacArthur Foundation, CLEEN Foundation commenced another phase on a project focused on delineating the Administration of Criminal Justice Act across eight (8) focal states in



Nigeria; Sokoto, Delta, Edo, Cross River, Zamfara, Bauchi, Kwara, and Jigawa. This time, the topic of concern was the functionality of the Parole System in Nigeria.

In the course of this project, CLEEN established an

advocacy and observatory group which comprised the CSO community, oversight agencies, the media, youth and women representatives as well as formal security agencies. The mandate remains to help better coordinate and specify the challenges and adopt approaches to benefit the implementation of ACJA state-wide. Upon conclusion of this workshop series, our team will be releasing a policy brief on the key recommendations.



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The United Nations Development Program and CLEEN Foundation worked with the Police Service Commission to organise a retreat was to advocate for the duties of Oversight institutions as enshrined in the Police Act 2020 and to collectively coordinate action plans among key stakeholders present. Bringing together Security Agencies, CSOs and Government bodies, the "Civilian Oversight of Police in Nigeria retreat was set out to address the need to adequately strengthen and fund Security Oversight agencies to enable them carry out their responsibilities.

The program was declared open by Governor Seyi Makinde of Oyo State, represented by his Deputy, Barr. Adebayo Abdulraheem Lawal and from the conversations, it was established that the synergy



between the NPF and the PSC will better operationalise the Police Service Scheme. Other recommendations include increased advocacy by the CSO community around the

passage of the Police Colleges and Training Institutions Bill. This was supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

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## Public Safety & Security in Nigeria's Democratic Trajectory: the Score Card..”

CLEEN Foundation held a discussion with key stakeholders, policymakers, academics, and members of civil society to constructively appraise the state of public safety and security under Nigeria's democratic system and everything in-between.

The lead speaker, Dr Nkwachukwu Orji spoke of the escalation of insecurity with areas like terrorism, cultism, re-emergence of secessionist movements and communal conflicts. According to Him, assessing public safety & security in the last 25 years begs the question, “for whom?” Security

Virtual Dialogue

**Public Safety & Security in Nigeria's Democratic Trajectory: The Score Card**

Appraising Public Safety & Security since the return to Democracy

**Dr. Nkwachukwu Orji**  
Researcher and Policy Analyst  
Key Note Speaker

**Time** 11:00am

**Date** Thursday, 20th June, 2024

**Zoom Link**  
<https://bit.ly/4cd4Cv3>

should be at the individual and collective level, encompassing and not selective, it should also be more diversified with short, medium and long term strategies.

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## Jigawa State CSO Observatory Group pays advocacy visit to the Attorney General of Jigawa State.

As part of the agenda to implement provisions in team had an the Attorney state, Barrister Fanni to discuss effective around Parole



Some issues group to the AG that actions were to

meeting with the Parole board and the ACJA monitoring committee, which have been non-functional as well as the ambiguous nature of ACJA provisions and the need for public awareness. The rather successful meeting led to the AG promising that the concerns would be strategically addressed before the last quarter of 2024, in partnership with the CSO community in Jigawa State.

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CLEEN Foundation's regional office in Lagos organised the 1st quarterly Crime Prevention Steering Group (CPSG) Meeting for the 3rd year of interventions. The deliberations centred on expectations for the Crime Prevention Partners as well as the Brighter Futures programme institutionalisation; State Serious and Organised Crime profile and Intervention planning. This project is supported by Torchlight Group UK.

In attendance, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC reaffirmed their commitment to the fight against internet fraud in partnership with CLEEN. The Lagos, Executive Chairman of the EFCC, Mr. Ola Olukoyede, who spoke through Femi Olukinni, an officer in the Advance Free Fraud Section, AFF, Lagos Zonal Command of the EFCC, said the meeting could not have come at a more auspicious time, and encouraging youths to direct their energy towards more creative and innovative endeavours.



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