

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



**Community
Life Project**
EMPOWERING THE GRASSROOTS

OUR VISION

A society where respect for human dignity,
inclusion, social and environmental justice prevail

OUR MISSION

To reduce human misery by empowering
citizens to be positive change agents

OUR CORE VALUES

Mutual Respect
Integrity
Diversity and inclusion
Accountability
Community Ownership

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The year 2020 was a most eventful year for most of humanity due to the impact of COVID-19 and the lock down. For us at CLP, and for many others across the world, it was a heart-rending and traumatic experience to see so many deaths and suffering within such a short span of time. We spent the time in lockdown trying to keep ourselves and our vast network of grassroots partners and communities safe, sharing factual messages on the pandemic and providing financial and psychosocial support to many families who faced real hunger during the lock down. Our hearts and prayers go to all who lost loved ones and those still healing.

COVID-19 also provided an opportunity for CLP to once, again, demonstrate its resilience and creativity in advancing its work and mission. Though it was tedious and costly, we still did an excellent job of training our partners, responding to the fall-outs of the pandemic and achieving our set targets for the year.

We took steps to address and mitigate two of the major impacts of COVID-19 on vulnerable sub-populations: the increase in Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and the financial destitution of our artisan partners. We collaborated with the Lux Terra Foundation to host a webinar on the role of Religious Leaders in ending rape and sexual violence. It provided opportunity to address patriarchal values and the root causes of SGBV from Christian, Islamic and Secular perspectives. The webinar had 256 participants in attendance.

Covid-19 underscored the critical importance of CLP's work on ending inequality. For many of our artisan partners and those who earn their income daily, feeding was a major challenge. Thus, one of the first things we did after the lock down was to partner with a SME firm to educate our affected partners on how to rebuild their businesses and access soft loans.

In addition, we enabled School Management Committees and Communities in three Local Government Areas in Kaduna State - Ikare, Kaduna South and Sanga – to monitor school projects and advocate on the choice of school projects. To do so, we had to train 1,756 participants in small batches observing COVID-19 protocols; organised 3 Town Hall meetings with 206 community leaders; held a dissemination forum where the School Assessment and Needs Reports were presented to 829 education stakeholders. The work was tedious and costly, especially the cost of venues but the outcomes were worth it. These include: a conducive learning environment for pupils and students, contributing to increasing school enrolment and reducing the rate of dropouts; engendered greater cooperation among community members, SBMC members and parents; increased sense of ownership by communities and collaboration with the government; a more active School-Based Management Committees, a tool to raise funds and for advocacy and an impact assessment of the programme in the 3 LGAs.

In 2020, we launched the ReclaimNaija Women in Politics Forum, a safe space for women politicians across party lines to share ideas and experiences and strategise towards future elections. We continued our work of promoting electoral integrity by observing and reporting on the governorship elections in Edo and Ondo States. 260 Election observers drawn from our grassroots partner networks were deployed to observe the elections.

On behalf of the management of CLP, we acknowledge with immense gratitude our grassroots partners and government officials who remained steadfast and resolute in the face of challenges posed by COVID-19. We say a big thank you to our donors – the Ford and the MacArthur Foundations – for all their support through the year. We thank most profoundly our Board for their commitment, encouragement and contributions to CLP. Finally, we express our sincere thanks to the CLP Team, whose sacrifice and strong commitment continue to sustain the organisation. Thank you.

May 2021 be a better year for us all.

ENGAGING PARTNERS AND CITIZENS ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Community Life Project (CLP) embarked on an extensive preventive awareness campaign among its grassroots partners. We sent out 1,446,161 awareness and preventive text messages reaching about 113,523 partners across the states. In addition, the ReclaimNaija Radio programmes in Ekiti, Osun and Lagos States were used to further create awareness of the pandemic and charge the public to take all the necessary precautions to curtail its spread in our communities.

COPING WITH COVID-19 CHALLENGES BY SMALL-SCALE BUSINESS OWNERS:

With Small and Medium Enterprises accounting for 96% of businesses in Nigeria, the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented economic crunch on these businesses. Many of CLP's grassroots partners were adversely affected by the lockdown mandated by the Government; many lost their savings and business capital. In response to the effect of COVID-19 on the finances of our grassroots partners, we organised an on-line SME forum aimed at helping partners revamped their businesses that were severely affected by the pandemic. At the training, participants were exposed to various on-line opportunities and virtual learning to boost their income and help alleviate the negative effect of the pandemic on their businesses.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY LEADERS IN MONITORING OF SCHOOL PROJECTS IN KADUNA STATE

As soon as the lock down was lifted up, CLP continued its work on engaging communities in curbing corruption at the Education level through monitoring of Universal Basic Education (UBE) funded projects in three local governments in Kaduna State – Ikara, Kaduna South and Sanga. The following activities were carried out:

What We Did

Report of 430 School Needs
Assessment exercise shared with
829 stakeholders

24
ReclaimNaija M & E Volunteers
empowered on the content of the
School Improvement Plan

1793
SBMC members empowered on the
funding opportunities in the SBMC-
School Improvement Plan

3
Community Town Hall meetings
organised to share the newly released
UBE-SUBEB project action plan for 2017,
2018 and 2019

3
Community Leaders' Stakeholders End
of project review meetings organised in
the Project LGAs

Audio-visual Impact
Assessment of the
intervention carried out

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF SCHOOL NEEDS ASSESSMENT EXERCISE CARRIED OUT IN THE 430 SCHOOLS IN IKARA, KADUNA SOUTH AND SANGA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



The report of the Needs Assessment Exercise carried out in the 430 public schools in Ikara, Kaduna South and Sanga LGAs was presented to key education stakeholders in March 2020. 829 participants, comprising Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) officials, State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) officials, community leaders, village heads, School Based Management Committee (SBMC) members and School-heads, were in attendance. The report highlighted the diverse needs of the schools and would

serve as a document for deciding the choice of projects to be executed in the schools by the UBE and SUBEB. It will also be used as an advocacy tool for engaging other education stakeholders towards improving the quality of education in the three local governments.

To access the report, visit <https://communitylifeproject.org/2021/07/23/report-of-school-needs-assessment-carried-out-in-ikara-kaduna-south-and-sanga-lgas-in-kaduna-state/>

EMPOWERING RECLAIMNAIJA M & E VOLUNTEERS ON THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



In July 2020, CLP organised a virtual training for its 24 M & E Volunteers in Kaduna State on the SBMC - School Improvement Programme. The training was also used to plan the strategy and modalities for conducting the training of the SBMC members in the 3 project LGAs, mindful of the guidelines of the State Government on the COVID-19 pandemic.

1,793 SBMC MEMBERS EMPOWERED ON THE SBMC-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



CLP's trained Volunteers conducted a series of trainings for SBMC members in the 3 local governments (Ikara, Kaduna South and Sanga) from September 7 – 19, 2020 (12 Days). 1,793 SBMC members were empowered to monitor UBE-funded projects in their communities, funding opportunities, and how to take action to improve the quality of the learning environment in their community schools. The forum also equipped the SBMC members with skills to enable them work effectively with and secure the support of government and other stakeholders in meeting the priority needs of schools in their communities.

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETINGS ORGANISED FOR GRASSROOTS LEADERS TO SHARE THE NEWLY RELEASED UBE-SUBEB PROJECT ACTION PLAN FOR 2017, 2018 AND 2019



In the 3 project LGAs, we organised Town Hall forums for Community Leaders, SBMC members and School Heads on September 30, 2020 to share with them the newly released UBE-SUBEB Action Plan for 2017, 2018 and 2019 in Kaduna State. The town hall was also used as a means of mobilising and sensitising the

communities on the need to support the SBMC in improving learning condition in schools in their respective communities. Participants were empowered on their role as community monitors of the proposed projects to be sited in schools in their communities and how to ensure that the projects are executed to approved specification. With the town hall forums, we began the process of creating a community platform to actively engage other stakeholders in tracking and monitoring UBE-SUBEB projects in their communities.

STAKEHOLDERS END OF PROJECT REVIEW MEETINGS ORGANISED IN THE PROJECT LGAS



To learn what worked and what did not work with the UBE-SUBEB project work in Kaduna State, with a view to make necessary amendment for future engagement, three (3) community leaders stakeholders' End of project review meetings were held in the Project LGAs. The review meetings provided a forum for CLP and its ReclaimNaija Partners to collectively review the impact of the work, reflect and share experiences on the processes and activities.

Participants comprised the SBMC members, School heads, Community leaders, Village heads, LGEA officials, women leaders, youth leaders, and faith-based organisations.

IMPACT REPORT AND DOCUMENTARY

In order to ensure that the impact of the UBE-SUBEB project work in Kaduna State was well and properly documented, a project documentation outfit was commissioned to carry out an independent audio-visual impact assessment of the intervention. The team visited all the 3 selected LGAs and project sites between September 7 – 19, 2020, during which interview sessions were conducted with community stakeholders as well as visitations to the project sites.

FORMATION OF RECLAIMNAIJA WOMEN IN POLITICS FORUM

CLP has been in constant touch with women politicians at grassroots level with the mission to increase their level of awareness and further enhance their robust participation in politics; to give them a good leverage in the affairs of governance and holding political posts in their locality. The yearning to achieve this laudable mission was gladly supported by the Ford Foundation. It is pertinent to say that one of the cardinal objectives of the initiative was to make available a non-partisan platform that will ensure women politicians across party lines are able to coordinate and work harmoniously together.

In 2020, CLP, in collaboration with the grassroots women politicians from Ekiti and Osun States, formed the ReclaimNaija Women in Politics Forum. The forum was formed with the aim of increasing participation of women in politics, helping to advance gender equity, increasing cooperation across party lines and achieving a more sustainable future for women politicians. The forum was able to provide a conducive atmosphere for members to address issues of women's participation and representation in governance in their respective states.

ENDING RAPE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA: THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS



In addressing the rising case of rape and sexual violence in Nigeria, Community Life Project (CLP) in collaboration with the Lux Terra Foundation convened a webinar on July 9, 2020 to discuss the role of religious leaders in ending the scourge. Speakers included Rev. Fr. George Ehusani (Executive Director, Lux Terra Foundation), Sheikh Nuruddeen Lemu (Director, Islamic Education Trust), Dr. Chichi Aniagolu Okoye (Country Director, Technoserve) and Mr. Omagbitse Barrow (Chief Executive, Learning Impact, NG). The session was moderated by Ngozi Iwere, Executive Director, CLP.

Recalling the words of the Metropolitan Archbishop of Abuja, Fr. Ehusani called the growing rape culture in Nigeria as not "only frightening but repulsive, reprehensible and dehumanising." The speakers noted that it was now more frightening and worrisome as there were rising cases of religious leaders caught violating minors, including their own children.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miY18k-8Mlo> to access the Webinar.

ELECTORAL INTEGRITY: OBSERVING AND REPORTING OF EDO AND ONDO STATES STAGGERED GOVERNORSHIP ELECTIONS.

CLP trained and deployed 106 accredited Election Observers in the Edo Governorship Election and



154 accredited Election Observers in the Ondo Governorship Election. The reclaimnaija.net and dedicated WhatsApp platforms were used for collating reports from the field. The report received were analysed and those requiring any form of intervention were immediately sent to INEC via their Twitter handle.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income Statement for the Year Ended 31st December, 2020

		2020	2019
	NOTE	N	N
Income: Grants / Donations	3	82,983,994.80	260,118,809.70
		<u>82,983,994.80</u>	<u>260,118,809.70</u>
Less: Expenditure	4	102,655,164.02	198,809,007.69
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period		(19,671,169.22)	61,309,802.01
Accumulated Fund C/F		<u>(19,671,169.22)</u>	<u>61,309,802.01</u>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December, 2020

		N	N
	NOTE		
Non-Current Asset			
Plants, Property & Equipment	5	11,157,051.70	11,111,407.57
Current Assets			
Investments	6	1,039,000.00	1,039,000.00
Receivables and Prepayment	7	-	235,000.00
Cash and Bank	8	143,039,790.87	162,521,604.22
		<u>144,078,790.87</u>	<u>163,795,604.22</u>
Total Assets		<u>155,235,842.57</u>	<u>174,907,011.79</u>
Equity and Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accumulated Fund B/F		174,557,011.79	113,247,209.78
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		(19,321,169.22)	61,659,802.01
Accumulated after Surplus/Deficit		<u>154,885,842.57</u>	<u>174,557,011.79</u>
		154,885,842.57	174,557,011.79
Deferred Income		-	-
Total Equity		<u>154,885,842.57</u>	<u>174,557,011.79</u>
Payables	9	<u>350,000.00</u>	<u>350,000.00</u>
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u>155,235,842.57</u>	<u>174,907,011.79</u>

Statement of Cash Flow for the Year Ended 31st December, 2020

	2020	2019
NOTE	N	N
Cash Flow from operating activities		
Surplus/(Deficit) Before Taxation	(19,671,169.22)	61,309,802.01
Depreciation	1,074,355.87	1,114,520.87
Adjustment	-	-
Cash flow before changes in working capital	<u>(18,596,813.35)</u>	<u>62,424,322.88</u>
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors and Prepayment	235,000.00	5,840,000.00
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors and Accruals	-	<u>(451,581.01)</u>
	<u>235,000.00</u>	<u>5,388,418.99</u>
Net Cash flow from operating activities	(18,361,813.35)	67,812,741.87
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(1,120,000.00)	-
Investments	-	-
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	<u>(1,120,000.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalent	(19,481,813.35)	67,812,741.87
Cash and Cash Equivalent		
Cash and Cash Equivalent as at 31/12/2019	<u>162,521,604.22</u>	<u>94,708,862.35</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalent as at 31/12/2020	<u>143,039,790.87</u>	<u>162,521,604.22</u>

Notes on the Accounts (Continued)

	2020	2019
6. Investments		
Deposit for Shares	1,039,000.00	<u>1,039,000.00</u>
7. Debtors and Prepayments		
Debtors	-	235,000.00
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>235,000.00</u>
All Debtors are due within one year		
8. Bank and Cash Balance		
Cash at Bank	143,039,790.87	162,521,604.22
Cash in Hand	-	-
	<u>143,039,790.87</u>	<u>162,521,604.22</u>
9. Creditors & Deferred Income		
Creditors	-	-
Other Creditors	-	-
Accrued Charges	350,000.00	350,000.00
	<u>350,000.00</u>	<u>350,000.00</u>

5 Year Financial Summary

	2020 N	2019 N	2018 N	2017 N	2016 N
Income: Grants / Donations	82,983,994.80	260,118,809.70	143,118,587.04	179,386,735.87	56,824,562.85
Less Deferred	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenses	<u>102,655,164.02</u>	<u>198,809,007.69</u>	<u>142,028,412.36</u>	<u>100,913,863.21</u>	<u>66,327,057.29</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	(19,671,169.22)	61,309,802.01	1,090,174.68	78,472,872.66	(9,502,494.44)
Accumulated Fund B/F	<u>174,557,011.79</u>	<u>113,247,209.78</u>	<u>110,072,035.10</u>	<u>31,599,162.44</u>	<u>41,101,656.88</u>
Accumulated Fund C/F	54,885,842.57	174,557,011.79	111,162,209.78	110,072,035.10	31,599,162.44
Represented By					
Fixed Assets	11,157,051.70	11,111,407.57	12,225,928.44	13,340,449.31	14,090,295.18
Current Assets	144,078,790.87	163,795,604.22	99,737,862.35	97,081,585.79	17,858,867.26
Current Liabilities	<u>350,000.00</u>	<u>350,000.00</u>	<u>801,581.01</u>	<u>350,000.00</u>	<u>350,000.00</u>
	<u>154,885,842.57</u>	<u>174,557,011.79</u>	<u>111,162,209.78</u>	<u>110,072,035.10</u>	<u>31,599,162.44</u>

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