

## Second Quarter 2021 Follow The Money Report



*Follow The Money Champions during a visit to Ekpena Community in River State*

## Executive Summary

In the first half, We recorded significant results from hosting an audacious COVID Transparency and Accountability Conference to kicking off the tracking of N1.1Bn Kaduna Constituency Projects, to advocating better living standards for residents in Oil-producing states, and working with State Governments to demand an end to GBV. We began this second half of the year on the bedrock of enhancing citizens' engagement, building partnerships and collaborating with institutions who share in our vision to accelerate timely intervention for marginalised groups.

Within the quarter, CODE with support from Oxfam kickstarted the implementation of a project on Power of Voices fair for All within 6 Crude Oil States in Nigeria. This project seeks to promote transparency and efficient management of State budgets for the extractive sector. Through this campaign, CODE is strengthening community voices and increasing awareness on the socio-economic costs of challenges within the Nigerian extractives sector pertaining to the marginalisation of host communities. We are advocating for improved corporate governance in operations and the management of human rights in these communities.

On collaborating with institutions, we organised a high-level retreat that hosted the Honourable Minister state Budget and National Planning; Kaduna State Legislators led by the Deputy Speaker Kaduna state House of Assembly; Senators and House of Representatives members representing Kaduna state in the National Assembly; Federal and state MDAs; and community monitoring teams on tracking N1.1 billion constituency projects implementation in Kaduna state. During this workshop, The Minister, Prince Clem Agba revealed that a citizens' Eye Mark app will be unveiled to ensure citizens track government projects. We also conducted community outreaches across 7 focus communities in 7 LGAs in Kaduna state and another 16 communities in the 3 senatorial zones in Kaduna state. We enlighten the members of the community about the various projects being nominated and budgeted in the National Budget yearly. This campaign is supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and seeks to ensure that governments are responsive to public service delivery.

Interestingly, to ensure access to adequate and reliable information, we launched the COVID-19 Fund Africa website that serves as a one-stop-shop for all those seeking to get more information on COVID-19 fund utilization either for personal consumption or for corporate use.

Furthermore, our drive for transparency and accountability never relapses as we keep the candle burning to expose all form of discrepancies in the utilization of COVID-19 funds across the 7 focus countries where this project is being implemented while pursuing for appropriate sanctions on all those found wanting in the mismanagement of public funds. We also began the assessment of Nigeria Primary Health Care centers to determine its level of preparedness in the storage and distribution of vaccines during this pandemic in which the country is said to expect a third wave of the pandemic. Report from the research revealed that the state of PHCs in Nigeria is commatic and a death trap thus requires urgent attention to meet up to standard for effective health service delivery especially during health emergencies such as the pandemic.

Also within this quarter, Follow The Money strategically decentralized its operational structures to allow zonal champions to own the vision and encourage massive volunteer recruitments at the community level. We organized a one-day "zonal convening" for state leads across the 6 geo-political

zones in Nigeria. The sessions critically assessed accountability challenges, revealed successes, reviewed lessons and developed strategic plans for the work year. The purpose of these was to strengthen the capacity of regional and state leads to be able to drive the vision of the initiative and make impacts.

And as part of our achievement in this quarter, the Honorable Commissioner, Hafsat Mohammed committed to providing Miss Florence Simon with School Uniforms, books while ensuring she returns back to school as well link her up to counselling centers for rehabilitations for increased emotional stability and quick adaptation back into the community. This she made known during a webinar session tagged 'Insecurity; A threat to girl child education organised by CODE with support from MALALA Fund. Miss Florence Simon is a young girl who lost her parents and was forced to drop out of school as a result of the insurgency in Kaduna State.

Lastly, In a bid to support local leaders in grassroots villages in Rivers State to demand greater accountability for resources allocated to them, CODE visited 19 project sites in 10 communities to gather more facts about the plights of the people who have suffered severe environmental damage, health set-backs and terminated livelihoods as a result of negligence caused by oil exploration. Our community champions are advocating for government intervention in Ekpena Community in Ahoada East LGA, Ahoada West, Akuku-Toru, Bonny, Etche, Emohua, Eleme Onne, Gokana, Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni (One), Oyigbo local government areas of Rivers state. Our team has now begun community outreaches to further empower rural dwellers to hold their elected representatives to account.

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## 1. Activities - Output Matrix

Activities	Outputs	Remarks
<p>Activities on MacArthur project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy visits to community leaders and government stakeholders</li> <li>• Sent out FOI to the ministry of budget and national planning.</li> <li>• On-site visits to project sites for project monitoring across beneficiary communities using the gender-responsive FTM tracking toolkit</li> <li>• Community outreach in 23 communities</li> <li>• Sent out invitation letter for stakeholders retreat</li> <li>• A One-day Retreat on Implementation of Constituency Project</li> <li>• Follow The Money Radio Show and social media advocacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 key stakeholders were visited. Find advocacy reports <a href="#">here</a>, <a href="#">here</a>, <a href="#">here</a>, <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Acknowledgement copy of FOI <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Baseline data collected from project sites during preliminary visits. Find a research document <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Conducted community outreach. See report <a href="#">here</a>. See campaign live document <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Find a link to copies of retreat invitation letters <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Conducted a one-day retreat on constituency projects in Kaduna State with 48 participants(13-female, 35-male).Find a report on retreat <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Held 5 radio episodes of FTM in kaduna States. Find links to radio episodes <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>	<p>Find details in the appropriate section below</p>
<p>Activities on Ford Foundation project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community outreaches and projects monitoring</li> <li>• FTM radio show initiated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 community outreaches were conducted. See campaign live document <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• 10 episodes of the Follow The Money Radio. Find link <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>	<p>Find details in the appropriate section below</p>

<p><b>Malala Fund project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insecurity; A threat to Girl-child School re-enrollment</li> <li>• Production of a video documentary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One major commitment from a stakeholder to re-enrol an indigent girl back to school. See report <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Captured voices from the grass root concerning the rising insecurity and school re-enrolment.</li> </ul>	<p>Find details in the appropriate section below</p>
<p><b>CTAP project activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data curation and desk research</li> <li>• Design and lunch of PAN-African COVID-19 fund accountability website</li> <li>• Country level COVID-19 analysis and review on Government response.</li> <li>• Country level tracking of COVID-19 fund through PHC assessment.</li> <li>• Advocacy/press release</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTAP Nigeria desk research and analysis. Find full report <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Developed CTAP website find link <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Held CTAP coalition building event which featured COVID-19 response analysis across focus countries. 4 reports from focus countries on COVID-19 analysis. <a href="#">Nigeria</a>, <a href="#">Cameroon</a>, <a href="#">Malawi</a> and <a href="#">Kenya</a></li> <li>• Conducted assessment of PHCs in Nigeria. See campaign live document <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Held a press conference in Nigeria demanding accountability from the government of the focus country. See <a href="#">link</a> to press release.</li> </ul>	<p>Find details in the appropriate section below</p>
<p>Activities on ActionAid project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted an inception meeting with CODE team and State chapters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team inception meeting report <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	<p>Find details in the appropriate section below</p>
<p>OXFAM PVP-F4A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted an inception/onboarding meeting with CODE team</li> <li>• Conducted capacity building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held an inception meeting with 9 participants(6 Male, 3 Female) present. Find a report <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	<p>Find details in the appropriate section below</p>

with corp members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Abuja team held a capacity building meeting for corp members. See report <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>	



## 1. Advocacy visit to the Minister Budget and National Planning and Kaduna State Lawmakers in the National Assembly



*Team of CODE lead by COED-CEO Hamzat Lawal during Advocacy visit to Hon Ibrahim Lawal*

Institutionalisation of our work is part of the strategy we deploy at CODE to ensure sustainability and to explore this on the Deepening Citizens Interest in Government Spending And Accompanying Corrupt Practices (DeSPAAC) project, we sent out letters to key stakeholders representing Kaduna State in the National Assembly and Ministries, Departments and Agencies(MDAs) for advocacy visits to establish and strengthen existing partnerships Those visits were aimed at improving stakeholders' understanding of the project and their expected roles in their various capacities. We received a response from the office of the Kaduna state representative in the National Assembly Hon. CHAWAI ZAKARI MUKHTAR representing Kauru Federal Constituency, Hon. Hamza represented Soba Federal Constituency. These visits were carried out successfully with strong commitment from them to partner with CODE on the DeSPAAC project.

Additionally, our drive to create more awareness on the Open Government Partnership(OGP) in Kaduna and also track constituency projects in the state prompted the team to pay an advocacy visit to the Commissioner, Planning and Budget Commission, Hon Thomas Gyang who committed to input all the Constituency Projects in the state on the Kaduna State Citizens Feedback (Eyes and Ears) Application, an App that citizens can use in tracking Kaduna state government projects across the state developed by the state government. This development means that citizens can now at a glance see the constituency project closest to them and also give feedback on its implementation using the same Citizens Feedback App. Similar visit was paid to the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba, who is also the co-chair of the Open Government Partnership in Nigeria, noted



that tracking of constituency projects will deploy the use of the "Eye Mark" web app, which citizens can use to appraise projects by MDAs. He committed to partnering with CODE on constituency project tracking and subnational OGP. He immediately assigned the Director, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) department, Dr Zakari Lawal to assist CODE team with constituency project information relevant to our work. In the same vein, the team's visit to the zonal head, Universal Basic Education Commission(UBEC) in Kaduna state, Mustapha Abubakar recorded huge success as we got commitment from the office on constituency project information sharing. The Ministry of Finance in response to CODE teams FOI shared information on the releases on constituency projects and infographics were developed with this information and disseminated.

## 2. CODE conducts Community Outreaches across 7 Local Government Areas in Kaduna State



*A group photograph of the Community Monitoring Team with Follow The Money champions*

For an enhanced citizens engagement, we conducted community outreaches across 7 focus communities in 7 LGAs in Kaduna state and another 16 communities in the 3 senatorial zones in Kaduna state summing it up to 23 projects visited in 11 LGAs of Ungwan Rimi, Maraban Jos-Igabi, Danguzuri Makarfi, Kaura, Sabon Gari South, Kaduna North, Zaria, Zango Kataf/Jaba, Ikara, Jema'a/Sanga, Gidan Jatau Zango Kataf, the State to enlighten the members of the community about the various projects being nominated and budgeted in the National Budget yearly. The reports for this outreach were collated and analysed using a digitized community outreach reporting template. Find report [here](#)

### 3. A One-day retreat with Minister Budget and National Planning and Kaduna State Stakeholders on Constituency project Implementation in Kaduna State



*Hon. Zakari Mukhtar Chawai, Member Representing Kaura Federal Constituency giving his short remark*

On the 24th of June, 2021 the team of CODE hosted Kaduna State Legislators, Federal Legislators, Senate Representatives from Kaduna, LGA Chairmen and selected MDAs on a one day retreat on Constituency Project.

The event was a success with the presence of 22 participants from Kaduna state. Some of the participants at the Federal level include the following; The Hon Minister, State Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba, representatives from the Secretariat to the Government of the Federation(SGF), participants from the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission(ICPC), some MDAs and members of the House of Representatives. The stakeholders for the retreat were mobilised through a series of advocacies to the Senator representing Kaduna Central Zone in the National Assembly Sen. Uba Sani, the office of the Director Public Account Committee, Mr Umar Salisu. D and Hon Amos Magaji representing Zagon Kataf/Jaba Federal constituency who committed to support the mobilization of their colleagues for the retreat. Interestingly, The Hon. Member representing Sabo-Gari Federal constituency, committed to conducting a community sensitization project in his respective constituency, The Executive Chairman, Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (KADSUBEB), Tijjani Abdullahi committed to ensuring that the project monitoring and nomination tool which CODE developed for KAD-SUBEB during ON Nigeria 1.0 is used in the 2020/2021 project cycle and even beyond. Also, The Commissioner, Ministry for Local Government Affairs, Ja'afaru Ibrahim Sani committed to partnering with CODE in ensuring that Constituency Projects are tracked across the 23 LGAs in Kaduna state.



At the Federal level, the Hon. Hamza Ibrahim representing Soba Federal Constituency, Kaduna state in the National Assembly, Hon. Mukhtar Zakari Chawai representing Kauru Federal Constituency in the National Assembly and Hon. Amos Magaji Gwamna representing Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency in the National Assembly committed to a joint meeting/workshop with members representing Kaduna state in the National Assembly to adopt a clear constituency project nomination and tracking model/tool with which community members can influence/monitor constituency projects. This we hope could be adopted and replicated across Nigeria's grassroots by the National Assembly using Kaduna state as a successful case-study.

#### 4. Country level COVID-19 response analysis in Nigeria



*Cross section of participants during CTAP conference at Transcorp Hilton*

On 22nd of April, 2021 Follow The Money (FTM) & BudgIT organised an audacious COVID-19 Transparency and Accountability Conference with over 150 in-hall participants and 5000+ virtual audience. The event that hosted Government Representatives, Civil Society Organisations and Citizens, discussed grey areas in the COVID-19 intervention spending by the Nigerian government. The Minister of State for Budget & National Planning, Prince Clem Agba, acknowledged delay in disbursement but assured that funds were being used to cushion economic effects and healthcare gaps.

FTM and BudgIT urged that procurement data for these disbursements must be made public if the government wants to ensure transparency. These conferences also happened across the partner countries of Malawi, Kenya, Cameroon, Sierra-leone, Ghana and Liberia.

## **Follow the Money Begins tracking the state of Primary Health Care in Nigeria**

As part of planned activities for the project, CODE through its social accountability initiative, Follow The Money, commenced the tracking of vaccine distribution, assessing the preparedness as well as the quality of Primary Healthcare Centres across the country to receive and administer the vaccines at the community level. Follow The Money champions across the 6 geopolitical zones (North central, North East, North West, South South, South East, South West) of Nigeria in 15 states – Cross River, Yobe, Bauchi, Gombe, Taraba, Abia, Anambra, Imo, Ebonyi, Benue, Kogi, Nasarawa, Plateau, Kebbi and Osun assessed the readiness of 90 PHCs to receive, store and effectively administer vaccines with the purpose to equally drive quality standardisation of PHCs in Nigeria.

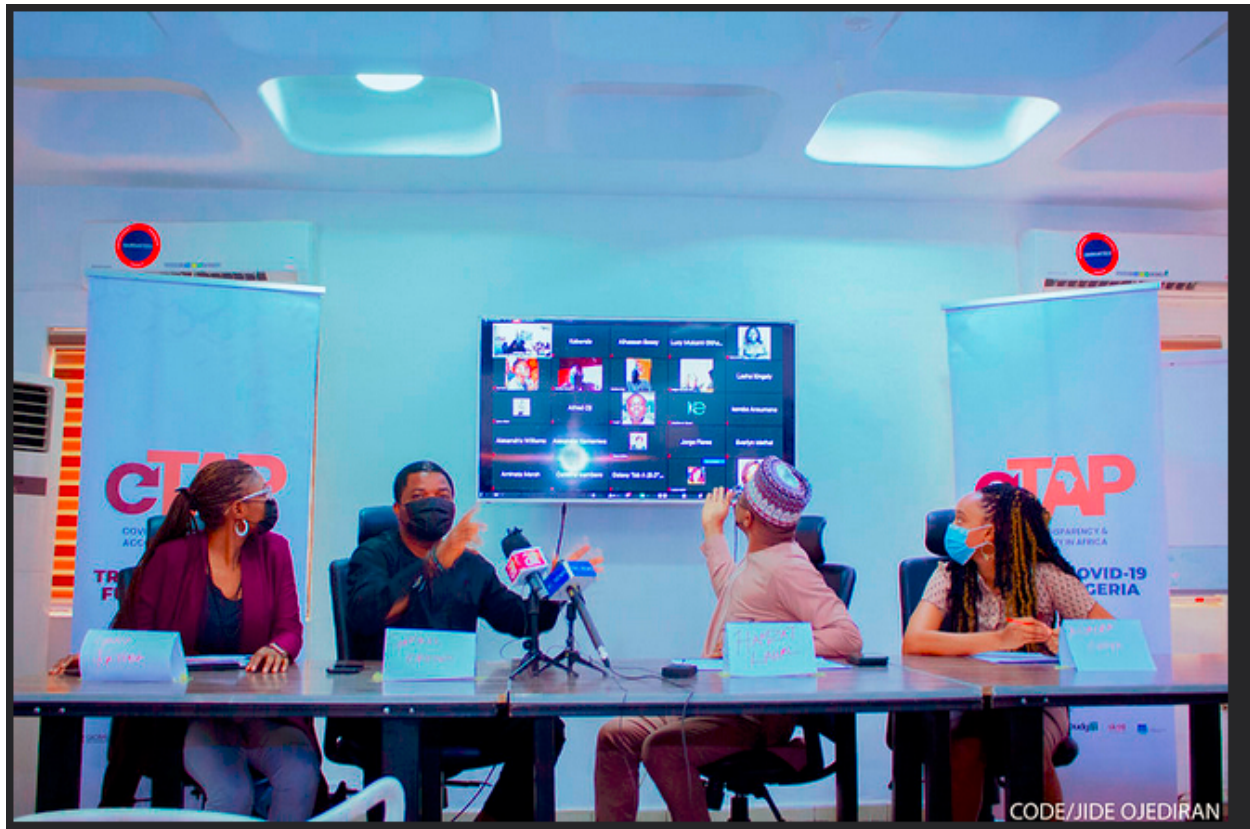


*Wapan Nghanku Primary Health Care, Taraba South*

To conduct research on the state of Primary HealthCare Centers (PHCs) to house and distribute vaccines, the team commenced the dispatch of advocacy visit letters to State Primary Health Care Development Agencies across the 15 project states to gain collaboration and easy access to data in the facilities. We successfully completed the collection of data from 90 PHCs across the States. On the 14th of May, 2021 CODE team held a meeting with the State leads to strategize and have an elaborate discussion on the key deliverables and expectation from the community outreach. The community outreach happened successfully and a campaign live document was developed as a tool to support our advocacy agenda.

From our international partners on the CTAP project we received and collated country level research and financial reports and documented all reports as a single document. See document [here](#).

## 5. Advocating for a better accountability in the COVID-19 fund utilization



*L-R: Iyanu-Budgit Program officer, Oluseun-Budget CEO, Hamzat-CODE CEO, Adaora-CODE program associate during the CTAP press release conference*

CODE and Budgit held a press conference which featured the launch of the CTAP website to serve as a one-stop-shop for everyone requiring information on Government response during the pandemic. The tracking site provides accurate data on COVID funds, vaccines distributions and government's responsiveness as well as provides opportunity for people to share their experiences during the pandemic which is subject to verification before making it accessible for public consumption.



## 6. Community outreach to Oil rich communities in Rivers State



*Picture of Odienmerenyi Primary School Old Structure in Odienmerenyi Community, Ahoada East, Rivers State currently in use*

CODE is particularly keen on the use of data in policy influencing, this we have continued to do even with the project 'Empowering Oil-rich Community' with support from Ford Foundation. We were able to carry-out an analysis of the Rivers state budget from 2018-2020. The budget trend in the Education, Health, WASH and Environment sectors in the state within this period was also analysed, extracting the total amount budgeted for the mentioned sectors in 3 years.

CODE visited 19 project sites in 10 communities to gather more facts about the plights of the people who have suffered severe environmental damage, health set-backs and terminated livelihoods as a result of negligence caused by oil exploration while harvesting the state of Education, Health, WASH and Environment sectors in these communities

On the 26th April, 2021 the Community Monitoring Team (CMTs) in Rivers state initiated community outreach at the following communities; Ekpena Community in Ahoada East, Odiemerenyi community in Ahoada East, Odawu Joinkrama3 community in Ahoada West LGA, Osusu Joinkrama1 community in Ahoada West, Idame community in Akuku-Toru LGA, Odagwa community, Etche LGA, Elele-Alimini Community in Emohua LGA, Rumuekpe Community in Emohua LGA, Alesa-Elеме Community in Elеме LGA, Goi community in Gokana LGA, Omoku Community in Onelga LGA, and Oyigbo Urban



Community in Oyigbo LGA using the data from the budget analysis as a supporting tool to engage community members in the identified 19 projects across 10 oil producing LGAs in the state. The Community Engagement department activated the 19 campaigns which were amplified by CODE-communications team leveraging on our social accountability platforms to drive conversations around these 19 identified projects in the states targeted at stimulating government action for good governance and effective service delivery on those projects. See campaign live document [here](#)

All effort to secure a meeting with the River State Governor, His Excellency Wike proved abortive as all avenues explored including discussion with his aides and letters to communicate our intention did not receive feedback.

So far, due to our intervention through the implementation of this project, a positive action by the government has been seen as workers are cited working on 7 projects which were initially abandoned in the state. Three (3) of these projects have been completed while massive work is still on-going and at various levels of completion as at the time of last visit.

**Feedback from campaigns that were followed up on from the 28th April - 14th May, 2021** (the details of the campaigns can be accessed by clicking on each of them with further details of the findings)

SN	Campaign Name	Summary of Findings	Actions
1	<a href="#">#ConstructEkpenaPHC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lady Joyce E. Ene said villagers have to travel about 1.5km to Ahoada Town to be able to access medical care, and this has heightened the mortality rate of mothers, infants and even the aged</li> <li>The community suffers from the aftermath of oil spillage and annual flooding and Government presence is not felt. In a discussion with the woman Leader of the Community,</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platforms to invite the public to get involved in the campaign for instantaneous Governmental intervention
2	<a href="#">#RenovateUPECSSEkpena</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The School was built by Nigerian Liquified Natural Gas Company(NLNG) in the year 2015-2017 and handed over to the Rivers State Government.</li> <li>Teachers spent their personal money for some basic maintenance</li> <li>The ceilings are leaking and students cannot stay in class when it rains.</li> <li>The schools lack basic amenities like desks for students and tables and chairs for teachers</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate for a conducive learning environment for the students and pupils of Universal Primary School and Community Secondary School in Ekpena Community.

3	<a href="#">#WaterOdiemerenyi</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Development Commission (NDDC) project is abandoned.</li> <li>No functional water project in the community</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate and track the rehabilitation of Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) abandoned water Project
4	<a href="#">#BuildOdiemerenyiPHC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lack of a functional health Care Center</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate and track the abandoned Health Care Center Project in Odiemerenyi Community
5	<a href="#">EducateOdiemerenyi</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incomplete new Odiemerenyi Primary school in the community</li> <li>As a result Odiemerenyi Primary School Old Structure which is in a very deplorable state still in use</li> <li>Hoodlums in the society use the school as hideouts and also take advantage of students and other residents around</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate and track the abandoned, incompletely built Model Primary School in Odiemerenyi community
6	<a href="#">#ConstructOdawuJK3PHC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make-shift health facility that lacks qualified medical personnel and standard equipment</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate to the government to construct and equip a Primary Health Care Center for the people of OdawuJK3
7	<a href="#">#ReconstructOsusuJK1</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community has an abandoned general hospital, an abandoned and non-functional water project and dilapidated School structures</li> <li>Community member priorities the need of water project</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate to the Rivers State Government and all major stakeholders to reconstruct the abandoned non-functional water facility in this Community
8	<a href="#">#WaterIdame</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate access to potable drinking water in the community</li> <li>Abandoned water project by the Belema Oil Company in Partnership with NNPC and Rivers State Government</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platforms and tracking abandoned water projects in the Idame community in Akuku-Toru LGA
9	<a href="#">#EducateIdame</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovered an abandoned uncompleted renovation project of a block of classroom and toilet in Idame Community</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate for the completion of Government Secondary School

10	<a href="#">#EducateBonny</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to Bonny National Grammar School revealed that the model building project for the senior secondary section has been left uncompleted and abandoned since 2018.</li> <li>The entire school lacks ICT infrastructure and has a deficiency in portable water supply.</li> </ul>	Tracking the Construction of Bonny Grammar School abandoned project
11	<a href="#">#RehabilitateOdagwa</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The classrooms in Odagwa community school lack adequate chairs for pupils forcing pupils to sit on bare floors to learn; school structures (buildings) are in a dilapidated state not fit to keep animals.</li> <li>The school has just four teachers in the entire school with a population of about 400 Pupils.</li> </ul>	Advocating for the construction and rehabilitation of Odagwa state school in Odagwa community, Etche LGA
12	<a href="#">#ConstructOdagwa</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Odagwa community dwellers have to travel miles to Abia State where they share common boundaries to access medical health care.</li> </ul>	Advocating for the urgent construction and equipping of a Standard Primary Health Care Center in oil-rich Odagwa community
13	<a href="#">#CompleteEleleAliminiPHC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovered an abandoned Health Center Project which community members said it was initiated by the Emohua LGC and has been abandoned since 2020</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platform to advocate the need to complete the abandoned health project in this community
14	<a href="#">#BuildEkwutchePHC</a>	Discovered that there is an abandoned health project in the community that needs urgent attention of the contractor, Odazu Enterprise Nigand the donor Company, Total E&P in Rumuekpe Community, Emohua LGA	Leveraging our social platform to advocate and call on Total E&P and the contractor (Odazu Enterprise Nig.) of the project to return to site as soon as possible for the onward completion of this project
15	<a href="#">#CompleteAlesaPHC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovered urgent need for a Primary Health Care facility in the Community</li> </ul>	Advocate to the Rivers state government to complete the abandoned PHC project in Allesa-Elleme Community
16	<a href="#">#ConstructGoiOgoniPHC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contaminated soil and water bodies.</li> <li>lack of potable water facilities, school and health care facility</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platforms and advocating for the urgent construction of a Standard PHC in Goi community in Gokana LGA, Ogoni Land

17	<a href="#">#CompleteOmoku General Hospital</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovered abandoned general hospital which was built since November 2016</li> </ul>	leveraging our social platform to advocate to the Rivers State Government and all other major stakeholders to treat as urgent the completion and equipping of the abandoned general hospital project
18	<a href="#">#ReconstructOmoku Drainage Project</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovered abandoned drainage project which has led to annual flooding disaster</li> </ul>	Tracking the abandoned Drainage Project of the Orashi River in Omoku Community in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni (One) LGA
19	<a href="#">#WaterOyigboUrban</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water project in the community by NDDC was abandoned since 2014</li> </ul>	Leveraging our social platforms to the government of Rivers state and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to come to the aid of the people of Oyigbo Urban and provide them with access to potable drinking water.

## 7. Stakeholders dialogue on Insecurity; a threat to Girl- Child Education in Kaduna State



Cross section of on-ground participants at the viewing center during a virtual presentation by the Hon. Commissioner, Samuel Aruwan (on screen above)



Following the increasing abductions of children in Nigeria's NorthEast, On Tuesday the 18th of May 2021, CODE & Malala Fund organised a forum to elaborately discuss the harrowing impact of insecurity on children's education.

The webinar-styled conversations deliberated on the root causes of insecurity in Kaduna State as it affects girl-child enrolment in schools, its effects on the country, and proffer/ suggest ways out. Panelists were a blend of government representatives and child-rights advocates. This webinar had in attendance Hafsat Muhammad Baba, Commissioner Ministry of Human Services and Social Development, Samuel Aruwan Commissioner, Internal Security and Home Affairs as panelist and Miss Florence Simon( a girl who has been affected by the insecurity in Kaduna State) together with her guidian and 260 zoom virtual participants. As part of success recorded by this activity, the Honorable Commissioner, Hafsat Mohammed committed to providing Miss Florence Simon with School Uniforms, books while ensuring she returns back to school as well link her up to counselling centers for rehabilitations for increased emotional stability and quick adaptation back into the community.

## **8. CODE COMMENCES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROJECT SUPPORTED BY OXFAM**



*CODE-program associate; Dr Onyekachi Onuoha doing a presentation during PVP-inception meeting*

The project 'Power of Voices Partnership(PVP)- Fair for All' is a 5years project implemented by CODE with support from Oxfam. The project aims to influence national to sub-national policy-making debates and initiatives to ensure sustained and prudent management of tax revenue (Tax justice) and other revenues from the extractive sector as well as to institutionalize and implement a legal framework across the country that will promote accountability in the extractive sector through some existing structures. The project also hopes to broaden citizens' participation in the implementation

of Nigeria extractives industry transparency initiative -NEITI and the open Governance Partnership - OGP process. In light of this, the team of CODE conducted an inception meeting to kick-start the project and improve the knowledge of all state leads across the 6 focus states of Imo, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Rivers, Cross River and FCT of project deliverables. As part of the project deliverables, we sent freedom of information letters to key stakeholders requesting for information from the Economic and Financial Crime Commission(EFCC) chairman seeking the commissions' collaboration on the project. We also sent out letters to NYSC coordinators, School principals in the designated schools and NYSC-EFCC CD- groups across 6 project states to establish collaboration in lieu of the sensitization in schools and the creation of civic space clubs.

#### **10. Team of CODE set-out to build the capacity of corps members to champion civic space awareness creation**



*Cross-section of corp members with CODE-team during an on-boarding meeting on the PVP-project in Abuja*

Also, we held an inception meeting with 6 selected corps members of the EFCC-Community Development Service group at Community Park and built their capacity to establish, coordinate and provide oversight on integrity clubs in schools. During the engagement, an action plan was developed as a tool to guide the team's activities and meet deliverables within deadlines. We developed Synopsis for radio engagement for the project states and also drafted the snippet of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) from which a graphics representation of CODEs position was illustrated.



## 12. Strengthening Youth Participation in Youth Focused Project - ActionAid



*Murktar Modibbo-Communication Officer taking a session during Project inception meeting*

After the successful implementation of the first phase of the Action Aid project, CODE began gearing up for the implementation of the second phase with a strategic meeting to harmonise the proposal and finalised all plans for a smooth implementation of the project. During the two days capacity building workshop for FCT YOL champions the team presented CODEs research findings on Budget. An inception meeting with 9 participants (6-Male and 3-Female) was held at the Community Park to build the capacity of team members on the project. The project aims at strengthening the capacity and knowledge of young people regarding issues of public service delivery, and initiates a platform for young people to voice out concerns and issues, share ideas and chart a path to tackling these challenges.

### 13. ZONAL CONVENING: Decentralization and expansion for independence operation of Follow The Money Initiative.



*A group photograph with the North West Leads and Hamzy*

In a bid to strategically decentralize the operational structure of Follow The Money to allow zonal champions own the vision and encourage massive volunteer recruitments while making impact at the community level the team of CODE led by the Chief Executive Hamzat Lawal embarked on a country tour across the six geopolitical zones to facilitate this year's one-day 'Zonal Convening' for its state leads in Nigeria. The sessions critically assessed accountability challenges, revealed successes, reviewed lessons and developed strategic plans for the work year.

#### ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS

On Twitter, in the month of April 2021, our twitter activity comprised 195 tweets, which got 867,000 impressions, 23,700 profile visits, 1,181 mentions and 843 new followers.

In May, we registered 175 tweets, with 1,106,000 impressions, and 30,100 profile visits and engagements yielding 1,236 mentions, and 654 new followers.

Then in June, we tweeted 142 times, yielding 843,000 impressions, including 24,200 profile visits, 654 mentions and 437 new followers.

On Facebook, in the month of April, we reached 13,578 specific audiences and had 12,523 page likes. In May, we reached 13,023 persons, and had 10,989 likes. In June we reached another 14,334 people and 14,157 likes on the platform.

On Instagram, in the month of April, we reached 1,175 and 415 likes. In May, we reached 1,169 people and had 478 likes, and In June, we reached 14,157 and 736 likes on the platform.

## **FOLLOW THE MONEY RADIO**

We are reaching citizens across Nigeria through the Follow The Money radio shows to inform them about government projects in their communities and how they can track the projects.

- Follow The Money Radio Rivers with support from Ford foundation held 13 episodes within this quarter. Find a [link](#) to all radio episodes.
- Kaduna Follow the money radio with support from MacArthur held 5 episodes of radio program within this second quarter. See link [here](#)

## **CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT**

- Getting access to some members of the National Assembly within this quarter was a challenge. However, we have been able to utilise our relationship/ partnerships with the House Committee on Public Accounts as well as exploring partnership with CSOs like PLAC.
- The rising spate of insecurity in Kaduna state poses threat to our work delivery. However, our courtesy visits to the Nigerian Police Force has made way for a solid relationship especially with the Commissioner of police in the State. The force has made commitments to ensure security personnels are provided for the team during trips to volatile communities.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- To hold a town hall meeting in August on the Deepening Citizen's Interest in Government Spending And Accompany Corrupt Practices (DeSPAAC) project
- To design a data collection tool (Kobo tool box) with which field enumerators would utilize for data collection on the project ' Enhancing Youth Participation in Governance'
- To hold a CSO coalition building to gather experiences and share learnings amongst various CSO who had been involved in the pandemic response.
- To work towards the sensitization and Integrity clubs creation in secondary schools across CODE-Power of Voices Partnership-Fair for All project focus state.

## **APPENDICES**

- ❑ Find link to campaign live document on DeSPAAC [here](#)
- ❑ Pictures from community outreach on the DeSPAAC project [here](#).
- ❑ UN Women donors report [here](#)
- ❑ Advocacy visit to senate and house of representatives committee on public account. See report [here](#)

- ❑ Advocacy visit to the Hon. Minister of state Budget and National Planning Prince Clem Agba. see report [here](#)
- ❑ Advocacy visit to Hon. Hamza Ibrahim representing Soba Federal Constituency, Kaduna state See report [here](#)
- ❑ Advocacy visit to Hon Mukhtar Zakari Chawai Representing Kauru Federal Constituency, kaduna state. See report [here](#)
- ❑ Advocacy visit to Hon. Amos Magaji Gwamna representing Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency, kaduna state. See report [here](#)
- ❑ Courtesy visit to governor and MDAs in kaduna. See report [here](#)
- ❑ Find link to UN women documentary [here](#)
- ❑ Report from the Zonal convening across the 6 geopolitical zones [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#).
- ❑ Find link to all reports from country partners on the CTAP project [here](#)
- ❑ Opening Remarks By The Secretary To The Government of The Federation (OSGF) At Connected Development's One-day Retreat on The Implementation of Constituency Projects in Kaduna State [here](#)
- ❑ CTAP press conference media publication [here](#).
- ❑ See link to CTAP website [here](#)