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Report

Connected Development | Follow The Money

About CODE

A world where everyone—even in the remote areas can hold their government to account.

In a country where citizens' engagement & governmental accountability is reprehensible and corruption thrives, with intervention funds for local communities being mostly siphoned, deepening poverty and increasing inequality, our work of demanding social accountability through Follow The Money becomes increasingly significant.

Connected Development (CODE) is Africa's leading civil society organisation that empowers grassroots and vulnerable communities to hold government accountable regarding public resources and services by creating platforms for informed debate and to amplify the collective voices of these communities.

Founded in 2012, CODE has been on a *Mission* to *empower marginalized grassroots communities in Africa by improving access to information on holding their elected representatives accountable for constituency development projects.*

To enhance effective democratic governance and accountability, CODE creates platforms (mobile and web technologies) that close the feedback loop between citizens and the government. Our focus is to advocate for fair government policies and practices that bring about timely social economic development in Africa especially in remote grassroots communities.

CODE is committed to improving inclusive and participatory governance, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation as well as ensuring our programmes are sustainable even within the most challenging environments. Our key drivers are transparency and accountability in public service and making sure government money works for the people.



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An Impactful Work Year Round Up!

At CODE, we believe that empowering marginalised communities with access to information to help them hold their elected representative accountable is a crucial step to ending poverty. For the past 10 years, we have held public officials to account and demanded that they fulfil their promises to their constituents by accelerating timely interventions. 2021 was no exception.

Our team of 36 State Leads and 7 Country Representatives have boldly demanded that elected representatives in their localities be held to transparency standards so that citizens can enjoy the benefits of democracy. While the world continued to battle with the effects of the COVID pandemic, we girded ourselves towards innovative solutions to tackle injustices, opacity in government and lack of responsiveness to urgent national issues. The #FollowCOVIDMoney campaign in partnership with BudgIT and Global Integrity, upturned the existing culture of corruption and negligence of African government agencies. Our call for open budgeting resulted in the dismissal of a Liberian public official for syphoning public funds.

Some of our efforts included leveraging strategic partnerships for inclusive governance, citizens empowerment so that they could access unbiased information needed to hold their elected representatives to account. In accessing the State of Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) and Vaccine Distribution in Nigeria, we discovered the poor conditions of public health, despite claims of billions invested in the sector. As a girls' rights and women's advocate, we petitioned State governments to prioritise women's needs, girls' education and an end to gender-based violence.

In the extractives sector, we implored regulators to end injustices, advocated for improved governance and fairness to host communities. As a youth-centred organisation, CODE also had the mission to galvanise mass action for young people to be included and involved in governance and prepare them for future responsibility. From strengthening strategic partnerships and collaborations to petitioning the Nigerian government on the shrinking civic space to tracking a billion naira worth of constituency projects and accelerating the approval of the child rights protection bill in Kano State, there was no limit to the results that we envisioned and were able to achieve in 2021.

We welcome you to explore the breadth of our work in 2021 through our newly published Annual Report, including how:

- CODE clinched the United Nations ECOSOC status.
- Follow The Money tracked N1.1billion worth of constituency projects in Kaduna State.
- The Ekiti State Government took action as a result of our urgent call to prioritise Primary Healthcare Centres.
- CODE and BudgIT exposed the government's procurement gaps and corrupt practices by tracking COVID funds in 7 African countries.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the encouragement of you, our incredible community, and your commitment to end social injustices. While we recorded tremendous progress, we also dealt with a painful loss of a valuable colleague. The memories of Alfred Oji will continue to have a special place in our hearts.

My gratitude to all changemakers and national citizens that have continued to support our work; donors that have invested in our growth and development and the Follow The Money Champions and my CODE colleagues for believing in the vision of a more just world where people can hold the government accountable.

Thank you.



Hamzat B. Lawal

Chief Executive, CODE

Founder, Follow The Money International





Our 2021 In Numbers

 **132** Campaigns
Activated & Completed
Across **130** Communities

 **69** Community
Outreach

 **12,983**
People Trained

 **36** Town Hall
Meetings

3,060,165
Lives Reached

 **111** Courtesy Calls
To implement MDA's



Voices From The Grassroots

I have benefitted tremendously from the training on ending Sexual and Gender-based violence. This challenge was heightened in Kano during the pandemic and it was quite worrisome. I have learnt advocacy and policy influencing skills. I also joined the team that visited high-level public officials who have committed to policy reforms to end GBV.

- **Salim Wada Usman | Kano State**

CODE brought to the government's notice the suffering and distress the people of Ekpena Community have had to endure as a result of a lack of a primary health care center. We usually travel miles to access some semblance of quality healthcare. With CODE's intervention, we will not have to go so far as the government has assured it will build a PHC for the community.

- **The Paramount Ruler; (Eze) Gabriel Udesi | Rivers State**

We want to thank CODE and the Malala Fund for educating us about the importance of Girl's education in our community.

- **Halima Yunusa's Parent | Adamawa State**

We ask that you help us tell the government to provide potable water for us, because the few boreholes in our community are not functional and we have to travel far to get clean water. We also need qualified staff at the healthcare centres and even schools for our children.

- **Mr. John Laah, District Head in Tum Community, | Kaduna State**

It's indeed a privilege for me being part of the project and it's also a great achievement to the people of Kano in general, because violence against girls and women in Nigeria/Kano is a shadow pandemic. The Radio sessions and the courtesy visits were enlightening. Some of the knowledge I acquired during the training include using my voice and digital platforms to create awareness and educate others on the consequences of GBV, the safety of GBV survivors, getting authorities involved and ensuring confidentiality of survivors. More incredible is the fact that Kano State passed the Child Rights within a short time! We hope the State Government will also prioritise the establishment of additional well-resourced Sexual Assaults Referral Center's (SARC's), as promised.

- **Khadija A. Ammani | Kano State**

Community Mobilization to #Revamp Grassroots Regions in NIGER-DELTA

In collaboration with Ford Foundation, CODE supported local leaders in Rivers State's grassroots villages to demand greater accountability for resources allocated to them.

The campaign was borne out of a need to combat pervasive corruption, poor accountability and the negligence of community development all of which have amounted to years of under-development, exposure to hazardous health risks due to oil substance leakages into water supplies and sheer impact of these on livelihoods and the quality of life.

Leveraging its expertise on community empowerment and grassroots engagement, CODE visited 19 project sites in 10 communities in the following Local Government Areas; Ogoni, Ahoada East, Ahoada West, Onelga, Oyigbo, Eleme, Gokana, Etche and Emohua.

CODE mobilized community governance structures in these communities through the Community Monitoring Teams (CMTs) vehicle and empowered them to provide effective public oversight on government spending in their communities for better service delivery in the education, health and WASH sectors.

Despite countless Freedom of Information Letters (FOI) and requests to see the Executive Governor without avail and response, we deployed social media and active citizens engagement which triggered the government's response on the status of 3 projects that have been revived.



Success Stories For The FORD Project Updates In Rivers State

Odagwa Community, Etche LGA

The FTM team paid an advocacy visit to Odagwa Community within Etche Local Government Area of River state. The Community members have been demanding for the improvement of their road networks for quite some time. Thankfully, on the 15th of June, the Rivers State government commissioned and completed the construction project of a 21.3km road in Odufor Umuoye Community within Etche LGA.



Before



After

#Educateldama

FTM Team during a site visit (during the community outreach) on 03/05/2021 to Idama Community. They found out that contractors returned to site and the abandoned Government Secondary school classrooms and toilet project in Idama Community has been renovated to completion and handed over to the school authority. Students now have desks and are learning in the classrooms.



Before



After

#EducateBonny

FTM Advocacy impact on the tracking of Bonny Model Grammar School (BMGS) got a very Swift response from the government as our Site visit on the 29th of April and 11th of May 2021 recorded huge successes.



Before



After

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Tracking **N1.1Bn** Worth of Constituency Projects In Kaduna

Following the successful completion of tracking the implementation of N569 million Naira Universal Basic Education fund in Kaduna State over the course of three years, Follow The Money was, again, supported by John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to strengthen grassroots communities' ability to demand improved public services and hold their elected representatives to account.



12 projects were tracked from the 2020 ZIP Budget and 11 projects from the 2021 ZIP Budget.

FTM trained community dwellers on budget monitoring tools and processes of engaging with elected representatives. The three-year project strengthened community governance structures and the Follow The Money Champions to identify and follow the status of constituency projects.

On collaborating with institutions, Follow The Money organised a high-level retreat that hosted the State Minister for Budget and National Planning, Clem Agba, the Kaduna State Legislators, agencies and community monitoring teams on tracking N1.1 billion constituency projects in education and healthcare in Kaduna.

At a time, Follow The Money visited the North-West Zonal Director of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) in Kaduna to address hiccups in constituency project implementation in the Education sector and seek access to the bills of quantity that community members needed for better monitoring.

27 Freedom of Information letters were sent to inquire on details of 2020 and 2021 constituency projects. 6 were directed to the implementing MDAs, 19 to legislators representing Kaduna State in the National Assembly and 1 to the Federal Ministry of Finance and

the Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning respectively. The responses revealed that over 6 billion naira was budgeted for Constituency projects for Kaduna state in 2020 and 2021. So far, over 2.4 billion naira has been released for the 2020 constituency projects based on the March 2021 FOI response from the Federal Ministry of Finance.

The tracking of community projects were carried out in Agala, Sabon Gari, Tashan Yari, Dan Ayamaka, Zaria Federal Constituency, Danguzuri, Sakadadi, Chikaji, Igabi Federal Constituency, Sabon Gari (Kaduna South), Unguwar Rimi, Unguwar Shan, Kaduna Central Senatorial District, Maraban Jos, Kawo, Kaduna North Federal Constituency, Ungwan Jatau, Ungwan Pah, Ungwan Tsabta, Adwan 3, Nimbia, Afana - Gidan Kagoma, Tum, Kpak, Manchok, Zankan, Kaura, Zangon Kataf and Gidan Jata.

One success recorded from this project was increased citizens participation in government spending after the State launched the Kaduna Citizens (Eyes and Ears) App so citizens could easily input the status of community projects around them. Also, the State's Universal Basic Education Board launched an open dashboard where citizens could view and track the status of projects

Power Of Voices Partnership-Fair For All Project In Oil Regions.

The extent of environmental and human rights abuses has reached an alarming rate in Nigeria, creating an urgency to demand institutional commitments to reduce inequality through purposeful efforts by government, the private sector and the civil society in the management of public finance.

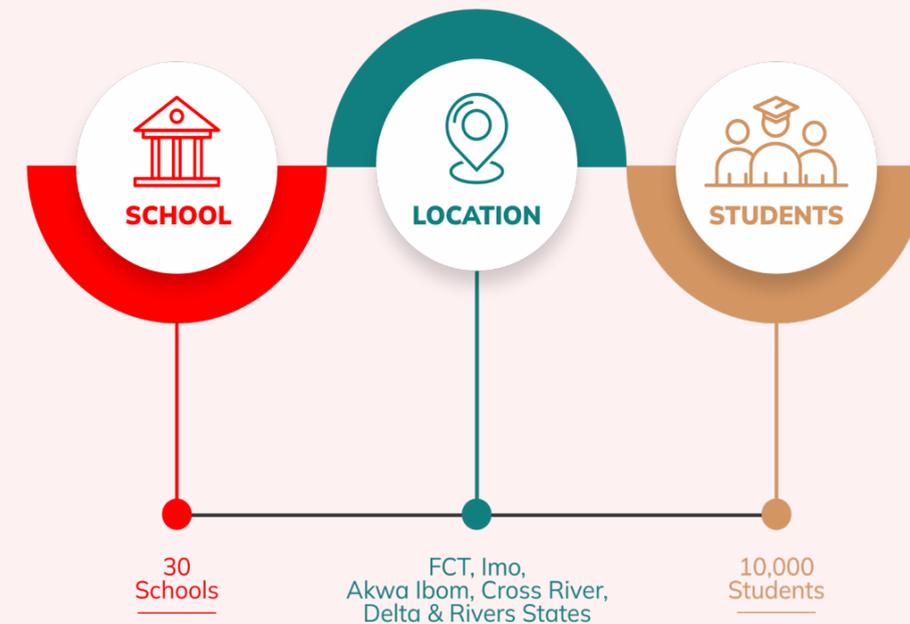
The Power of Voices Partnership (PVP)- Fair for All (F4A) program aimed to broaden citizens' participation in the implementation of Nigeria extractives industry transparency initiative -NEITI and the open Governance Partnership - OGP process. It also aimed to Track and monitor sector reform performance and impacts on the welfare of the citizens especially at the community level.

To promote citizen's participation in contracting data disclosure vis-a-vis improving transparency in public procurement processes, CODE and OXFAM strengthened community voices in Akwa Ibom, Imo, Cross River, Rivers, Delta and FCT, through the following initiatives;

Civic Education for School-Age Youths to Establish Civic Space Clubs

Using the concept of Integrity clubs, CODE trained 53 students on Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability, The Civic Space: Citizens Responsibilities, Citizens' Rights, Responsibility and patriotism, Leadership and Governance (Advocacy, community engagement, team building).

Establishment of Integrity Clubs



Over half of the students pledged their integrity and assured of promoting **Accountability and Transparency** through the anti-corruption club starting from next term.



Follow The Money Begins Tracking The State Of Primary Health Care In Nigeria



Concerned by the condition of the Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) where average citizens receive treatment, and where COVID vaccines would be stored and administered, Connected Development (CODE) through its social accountability initiative, Follow The Money, commenced tracking the distribution of these vaccines and assessed the preparedness as well as the quality of PHCs across the country to receive and administer the vaccines at the community level.

This research was birthed as part of the objectives of the COVID-19 Transparency and Accountability project supported by Conrad Hilton Foundation and Skoll Foundation, currently being implemented by Follow The Money, BudgIT Foundation and Global Integrity across 7 African countries to assess government's transparency & accountability in the management of COVID intervention funds and support to citizens.



Across the 6 geopolitical zones of Nigeria, assessed the readiness of 90 PHCs to receive, store and effectively administer vaccines with the purpose to equally drive quality standardization of PHCs in Nigeria.



Our Findings

After three months of fieldwork and data analysis, CODE found that at least 80 percent of the 90 health centres fell below the minimum PHC standard set by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), with their grossly dilapidated infrastructure, poor and inadequate staffing, and incapacity to administer vaccines.

Two of every ten facilities did not have any form of electricity; they supplemented natural light with lanterns or torchlights. 30% had no access to clean water, thus relying on water from sources like wells and rain water, stored in tanks. With regards to vaccines' storage and administration, only 56 out of the 90 PHCs assessed have the recommended pharmaceutical fridge to host vaccines. A number of the PHCs received less than 10 vials of COVID19 vaccine, which brought to question the checklist that informed such numbers for a facility that serves a community of nothing less than one thousand (1000) people.

However, some PHCs provided minimum standard health services. CODE found that the common service denominator amongst all the PHCs is that 90 percent of the facilities provide ante-natal and maternity care, although the absence of sufficient personnel brings into question the quality of care mother's and babies receive.



We Are Tracking COVID-19 Funds In 7 African Countries

Having launched the COVID-19 Transparency & Accountability Project (CTAP) in 2021, CODE and BudgIT in Nigeria are supporting citizens of 76 African countries to track government spending to combat the pandemic. The CTAP team assessed the effectiveness of government's responses, citizens' engagement and the management of intervention funds in Liberia, Nigeria, Kenya, Cameroon, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Gambia.

Following a public audit triggered by Follow The Money's tracking in Malawi, the President discharged the Labor Minister of his role and arrested 19 officials for alleged #COVID19 corruption exposed by our #FollowCOVIDMoney advocacy

Phase 1 Focus Countries



CTAP Kenya



CTAP Malawi



CTAP Cameroun



CTAP Nigeria

Strengthening a Youth-Focused Public Service Delivery Phase 3

With support from ActionAid, CODE through the Youth Organizing and leadership project mobilized 2000 young people across 6 Focal States (FCT, Lagos, Enugu, Kaduna, Akwa Ibom and Borno) were we strengthened the capacity of 235 young people across the project states on budget analysis as a means of evidentially demanding for improved service delivery. Focused on harvesting the impacts of the previous years and monitoring the implementation of youth-focused projects and programs of the State and Federal Government in the aforementioned states. To effectively deliver on the project outcomes

Akwa Ibom

Through the training of **1300** primary healthcare personnels, health care services were improved for over **100,000** community members

Our intervention and tracking of renovation and equipping of the special Education Center in Mbiabong Etoi, Uyo has led to the completion and improved for **1000 students**.

Borno

Our tracking of projects in the education sector, will ensure improved quality and gender responsive public services for **15,000 People** in the old Maiduguri district.

20,000 People are in need of water and the boreholes are stretched and far from their location. But due to our intervention, the boreholes are now fully functional.

Abuja

The borehole impacted the lives of over **1000 boys and girls** in the school, promoting WASH practices and preventing waterborne diseases among students.

The completed 1 block of 3 classrooms have improved the learning conditions of over **100 students** in the Karu Community of AMAC Area council.

The equipped healthcare centre facility in Bwari Area council has led to improved healthcare services for over **21,000 community** members especially women and girls leading to reduced mortality rate.

Lagos

15,000 lives will benefit from the quality health and gender responsive public services after the project completion Ibeju Lekki LGA

The comprehensive primary healthcare center project worth **NGN 125 million** tracked and monitored in Alaba Oro community will benefit over **41,000 members**.

Enugu

Through our intervention the Enugu youth hub got an increased budget of **10 million** in 2022 budget which will enable the hub to train 900 youth from enugu, **500 female** and **400 male** respectively.

Kaduna

The series of engagement with the Kaduna State Vigilante(KADVS) Service with the team led to re-deployment of KADVS personnels to tertiary institutions and its environs in Kaduna.conducted by the team.

Assessing COVID-19 Survival Fund, 774,000 Jobs & TETFUND Programmes Of The Federal Government

The covid 19 survival fund programme is an initiative of the federal government to support Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). During the covid-19 a huge amount of youths were affected which includes business owners, and staff who got their salaries slashed, lost their jobs or had to close down their businesses due to the economic crises created by the pandemic. Our research showed that the Jobs of most youths surveyed (72%) were impacted by COVID-19. Despite this huge proportion of youths affected by the COVID19 pandemic, our research showed that only 53% of youths were aware of the COVID19 survival fund programme of the Federal government

This initiative is to assist youths who were affected during Covid-19. According to the survey carried out,

Youth Beneficiaries



Respondents



Institutions & Partnerships



CODE recognises the importance of collaborations and partnerships to drive solutions as we continue to bridge the gap between public services and trust in institutions. We met with government agencies and collaborated on a variety of projects;

The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development:

Sequel to CODE's presentation of the National Action Plan on ending gender-based violence (NAP-GBV) in Nigeria, the Ministry of Women Affairs invited the team to collaborate on the implementation and review of the 2006 National Gender Policy to address all forms of discrimination against women and the girl-child in Nigeria.

The Independent Corrupt Practices Commission:

CODE and Oxfam in Nigeria through a consolidated partnership with the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in Nigeria, organised sensitisation programs in six National Youth Orientation Camps (NYSC), geared towards erasing wrong perceptions and increasing knowledge of good governance. In the year, CODE also partnered with the ICPC in tracking Constituency Projects in Kaduna state with support from John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA):

Concerned by the deplorable condition of most primary healthcare facilities in the country, CODE sought to work with the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, (NPHCDA), to drive grassroots change, especially with the distribution of COVID vaccine and ensuring the average rural dweller is able to access healthcare.

The Executive Director of the Agency, Faisal Shuaib, who received our research findings on the poor state of primary health care, committed to partner with CODE, to enhance its capacity in improving the state of primary healthcare service and infrastructure in every ward across the country.



Capacity Building & Knowledge Sharing

A core part of our work is tied towards empowering citizens at all levels to take actions and lead the process of influencing accountability and reinforcing social inclusion.

- Persons trained: 12,983
- Groups: Women/ Men / Youths
- 5 State civil coalitions
- 211 People Living With Disabilities
- 4 MDAs
- 30 SGBV Survivors
- 15 Community Governance Structures at the Grassroots level
- 8 States
- 30 integrity clubs
- 39 State Universal Basic Education Funds



Open Parly Boot Camp



SGBV Training In Abuja.



Project Sabi Inception



A Female Education Ambassador In Adamawa State.

Ms. Kate Mamuno, Honourable member of the Adamawa State House of Assembly representing Demsa constituency, emerged CODE's education ambassador following her expressed commitment to promoting gender equality and girl-child education in the State.

Ms Mamuno will promote girls' education campaigns and support plans for several policy reforms in girl-child basic and secondary education in Adamawa State. This will also include the mainstreaming of SBMCs in Adamawa State Universal Basic Education Board/Universal Basic Education (UBE) annual action plan process and budget/project monitoring; and ultimately, a commitment from Adamawa state government and key stakeholders to ensure the provision of infrastructure for a conducive learning environment for the girl-child and a free and compulsory 12 years education.



Research And In-Depth Analyses



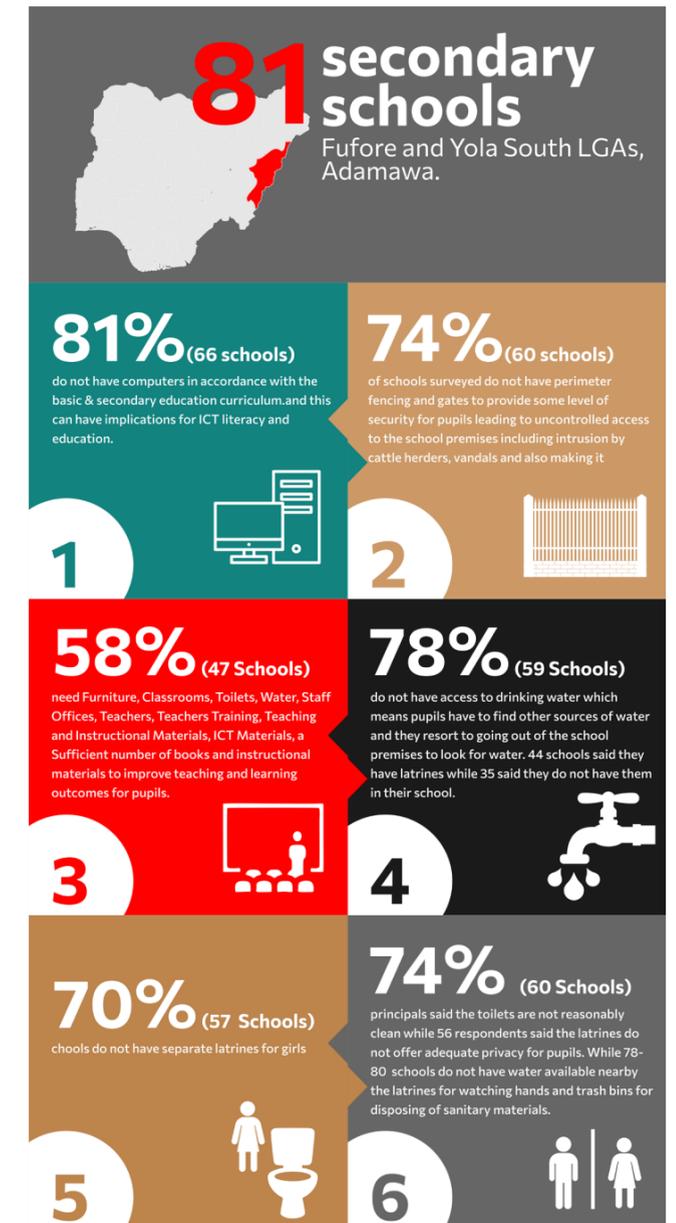
Study on examining COVID-19 curtailment plans, responses and policies for economic recovery and resilience-building.

Specifically, we delved into the decision-making structures among formal and informal actors on COVID-19 in Kaduna State; transparency in the utilisation of COVID-19 funds; dynamics of gender-based violence in Kaduna State and gender-responsiveness to public policy in the state as governments and citizens battle to contain the spread of the virus. Analyses covered social and economic policies implemented by the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development (FMHDSD), CBN, Like Food Assistance, cash transfers, Stimulus Package and Pharmaceutical Fund to Support Healthcare Sector, Power relations in response to COVID-19 in Kaduna State, Public Health Policy Measures (Contact tracing, travel Bans and Lockdown Orders Public awareness campaign and Mandatory Use of Face Masks and Social Distancing), Dynamics of Gender-Based Violence during COVID-19 in Kaduna State and Gender Responsive budgeting.

Baseline Research on socio-economic analysis in 18 communities in Kaduna state

Lack of Electricity was the most predominant challenge faced by the community. Other predominant challenges include: Lack of access to water, insecurity, lack of access to health care facilities, uncompleted projects, erosion and so on. Also in the assessment report, "Access to potable water" was the most prevalent expectation from the community members. Other expectations indicated include: Security,

Access to secondary education, Conducive learning environment, Access to basic health facility, etc. The report also revealed that Constituency Projects in communities are not needs-driven as the community members do not participate in the process of nominating projects in their respective communities through needs assessment.



Advocacy Visits In Pictures

Leveraging stakeholders mobilization strategies to promote its mission, CODE's team visited 111 stakeholders within the year.



CODE Visit to Commissioner of Education Kaduna State Dr. Shehu Usman Muhammad



Advocacy Visit to the Deputy Governor Kwara State



Lagos State Visit



Visit to "Daily Trust" news paper



Courtesy Visit to Ministry of Budget and National Planning



Advocacy Visit Okene King's Palace



Courtesy Visit To Niger State



Visit to ministry of public works and infrastructure



Sensitization Program in Fufore and Yola South, Adamawa



Advocacy visit with the Chairman, Senate Committee on Public Accounts, Edo State, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide.



CODE visit to Public Complaint Commission



Hamzy's visit to Youth Leadership Parliament Nigeria



Visit to Zagodangi, Kogi State



GMAA-K Advocacy visit to the Legal Aid Council



visit to senate public accounts committee department



OXFAM Follow COVID 19 Advocacy Visit to Ondo State



CODE Calls for the Domestication of the VAPP Act in Kano State



Canadian high commission visits CODE



Spreading **The Good News** Through Sensitization In Various States



With support from The MacArthur Foundation, we conducted a campus tour in collaboration with CLP-Community Life Project in Ekiti Federal University Oye on the 18th of November, 2021. The tour had the attendance of the Vice Chancellor represented, Dean faculty of law and lecturer Guidance and counselor and others. The key objectives of the Campus tour was to engage millennials in tertiary institutions in Ekiti state on social accountability, governance, transparency, and accountability like the OGP and tools to track project implementation like the TETFund, to get them to take action in collaboration with Community Life Project in tracking constituency projects and to get students to sign up on www.ifollowthemoney.org

Campus Tour Participants



Convening across the Six Geo-Political Zones in Nigeria: Follow The Money is strategically decentralizing its operational structures to allow zonal champions to own the vision and encourage massive volunteer recruitments at the community level. To achieve this, FTM 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 impact.

Fight To End Sexual And Gender Based Violence (**They You Sabi?**)

CODE is committed to shattering the glass ceiling of Sexual and Gender Based Violence. We believe that teaching girls about morality will not stop sexual harassment. Tell men and teach boys!

And so, CODE in partnership with Boys Quater Africa with support from OXFAM Voice is deliberately and actively re-educated and mobilised men and boys as allies in ending Violence against Women and Girls through her campaign project SABI. We are adopting a grass-root engagement approach with Men & Boys, on the "Project SABI" to directly impact and empower victims, and especially young people across the project states, with necessary information on their roles as responders using diverse reporting channels to mobilise mass voices.

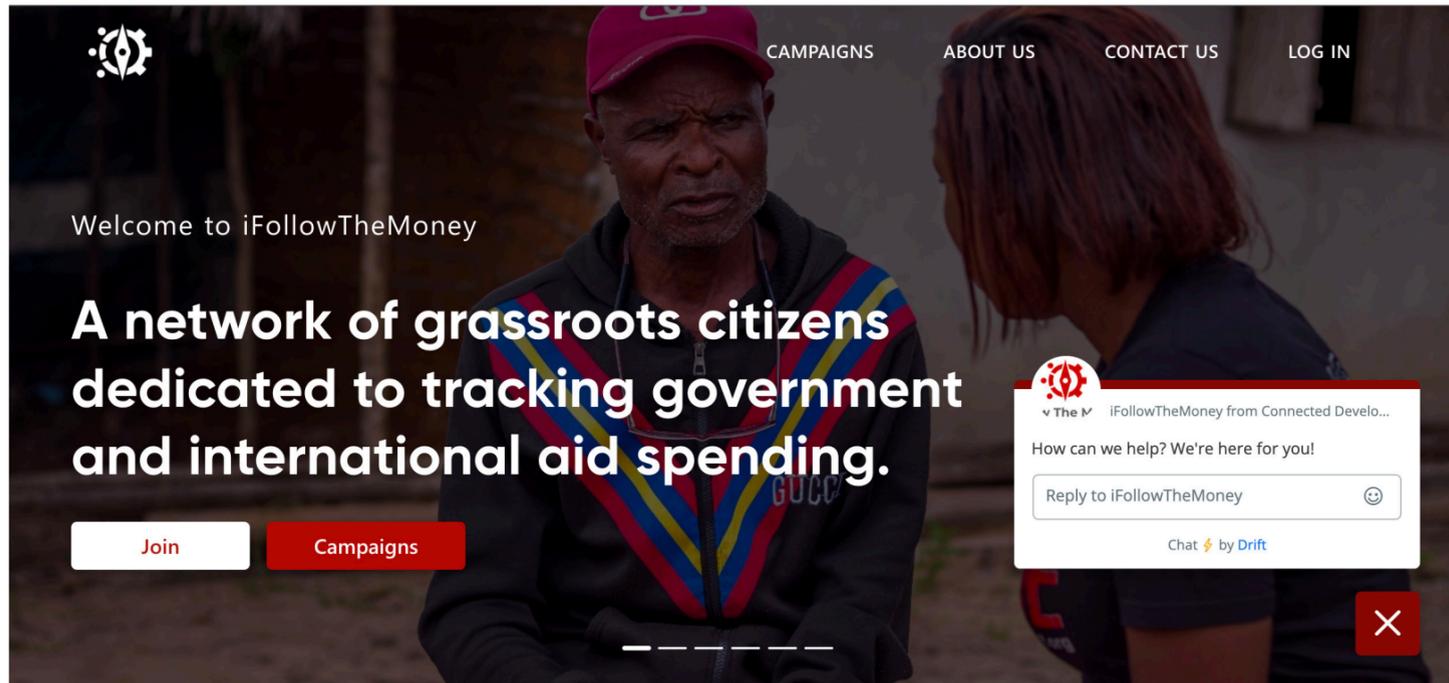
Through this campaign, we have led strategic advocacy and multi-dimensional stakeholders engagement against gender-based violence to **Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency Lagos state, Ministry of Gender Affairs and Social Development Enugu, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Chairman Enugu, Enugu State Transport Management and National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Lagos, Abuja and Enugu State**. We organized these high-level advocacy visits to these MDAs to gain their buy-in in terms of institutional support in all the states that will enable us to access project implementation data for effective project delivery and collaboration with the respective stakeholders.

Project Sabi



www.sabimovement.org

Leveraging Technology In Our Work



Websites...

2021 was an immersive experience for our technology team, starting with the enhancement and redesign of our Follow the Money website www.ifollowthemoney.org which now boasts a better user interface design and functionality. We also launched a COVID-19 Transparency and Accountability Pan-African web site www.covidfund.africa/ that will serve as a tool to engage the government. This website is 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.

A year for building websites indeed, we also designed The Open Parly Nigeria nigeria.openparly.com/ which has been fully developed and is currently in use, with daily updates shared from state congresses to empower citizens with information and enable public engagement.

How misogynistic are you?...

As part of our SABI Project, we are curating a social construct platform, a digital engaging and educative platform where Men and Boys can unpack their misogynist level and tendencies, hence, galvanizing them as major allies and change agents in reporting and speaking up against sexual and gender-based violence, which in turn drastically reduces the rate of violence against women and girls. This platform will not only educate boys and men but the Social Construct Platform will also provide women with a one-stop reporting database of cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence.



A virtual mentorship...

Session which was held on the 26th of March, 2021 which had 100 attendees comprising 85 females and 15 males. The speakers, women who have built formidable careers in their respective careers, led attendees through their personal and professional journeys in overcoming gender bias. The speakers were: Gill Atkinson, The Deputy British High Commissioner; Victoria Ibiwoye: Founder of One African Child; and Trish Hakata: Founder of Gogetter. Participants were inspired to aspire for leadership roles, use their platforms, no matter how small, to speak up against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and kick-start campaigns and initiatives that promote gender.

Vox Pop (video capturing reactions of people on COVID-19 issues)...

was carried out within the six focal states to assess the level of citizens' trust in the government spendings regarding COVID-19 funds. The questions asked were centred around COVID-19 palliatives received, funds and myths surrounding COVID-19 vaccines.

YOL Project States Raise Concerns On Various Youth Centred Issues...

Our FollowTheMoney State Leads across the 6 geopolitical zones, held insightful Facebook live sessions on various youth-focused issues as it relates to their States. In Akwa Ibom State, we bemoaned the 200 million naira lost by the Akwa Ibom State government over the failure to implement demands of Basic Health Care Provision Funds (BHCPF). Through our advocacy, however, the State government through the Primary Healthcare Development Agency after three years of the programme's operations, commenced the process of her counterpart role in the second quarter of 2021. We visited the training centres to be sure the process had commenced and the State would start benefiting from the funds.

Documentary...

At Connected Development, we apprehend that interviews are a main staple in most documentary films. It is a powerful alternative to a more impersonal narration and we often utilize them to communicate vital information about a story. We interviewed Jummai Monday Bako (Director Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Planning and Budget Commission, Dr. Amina Mohammed Baloni (Commissioner Ministry of Health), Fausat Adebola Ibikunle (Commissioner Ministry of Housing and Urban Development), Dr. Shehu Usman Muhammad (Commissioner Ministry of Education), DSP Maryam Zakari (Head of Gender Unit Kaduna State Police Command), Saude Amina Atoyebi Deputy Chief of Staff (Admin) Kaduna State Government House, Hajiya Halima Idris (Special Adviser to the Governor of Kaduna on Creative Arts and Development), Hauwa Shehu (E-learning English Teacher), Prof. Salamatu Isah (Executive Secretary Kaduna State Pension Bureau), Halima Lawal (Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry) to tell stories of their involvement in the decision-making process of the state.

As part of activities to achieve the PVP objectives, we organised a TV documentary across Abuja, Akwa Ibom and Delta to capture the outcomes of CODE/OXFAM roles in the extractive sector relative to; our previous institutions/agency support to agencies like NOSDRA and many others, Community Development Committee actions on gender Inclusion, institutionalizing integrity in the creation of civic clubs, work in improving regulation in the oil and gas industry (PIA), outcomes of radio engagement, actions in mitigating conflict and fragility in oil host communities.





Strengthening Conversations Through Conferences, Town Hall Meetings & Consortiums

A Retreat...

Our work is linked to deepening conversations with policymakers on issues that impact the public treasury. This year, we created platforms for conversations on our various campaigns.

We hosted the State Minister for Budget and National Planning, Kaduna State Legislators, agencies and community monitoring teams on tracking N1.1 billion constituency projects in education and healthcare in Kaduna. The Minister, Clem Agba revealed that a citizens' Eyes & Ears app will be unveiled to ensure citizens' track government projects. After much deliberation, the retreat led to the adoption of a constituency project nomination and monitoring tools developed CODE by the participants. The campaign, which is supported by John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, seeks to ensure that governments are responsive to public service delivery.

GET-Africa Conference...

CODE submitted an abstract titled "State of PHCs and Vaccine Distribution in Nigeria Research" to Global Emerging Pathogens Treatment Consortium (GET-Africa) for presentation at the 7th annual conference on One-health and Biosecurity. The abstract was accepted into the three-day conference slated for 27th-29th October, 2021 at Civic Centre, Lagos. In attendance were The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), The Lagos State Ministry of Health, NPHCDA, and many others.

CODE is just not pointing out the issues in Nigeria's basic health care, but also charting a course of action that would remediate the issues.

Audacious Conference...

Follow The Money & BudgetIT organised an audacious COVID 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 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 BudgetIT urged that procurement data for these disbursements must be made public if the government claims it is transparent.



FollowTheMoney Chapters Are Now On The SDGs 'Global Heat Map!



In line with the Sustainable Development Goals Global Week of Action from 17th to 28th of September 2021, FollowTheMoney local and International Chapters carried out activities within the week to activate, communicate, advocate and #ACT4SDGs in various communities around Africa. We sensitized schools on the SDGs, hosted debate forums, held radio enlightenment conversations on the SDGs, engaged market users on their knowledge of the SDGs, organised a public lectures in several States and county's to raise awareness on the SDGs, paid courtesy visits to government officials to advanced conversations on co-creating SDGs hubs in many communities. In Cross River State, Through our school outreach we were able to reach a total of 182 students (both boys and girls) ranging from primary 3-6, JSS1-3 and SS1-3.

CODE's Management And Board Of Trustees' Retreat



We Are Live In Cape Verde



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Each year, Connected Development [CODE] takes a moment to reflect on its work, and review insights and strategies from engaging with marginalized communities, our learnings and accomplishments. The 2021 retreat was designed and organized to stimulate and enhance capacity and ability of CODE's Board members and Management Staff; to step back from day-to-day strenuous work/life demands and activities; bond, reflect, evaluate and strategize for an extended period of concentrated discussion, dialogue, and strategic thinking about the organization's future and vision, and other related issues. Major outcomes including the appointment of new board of trustees and series of presentations capturing the organisational programming, financial and governance processes formed an integral part of the retreat with the underlisted recommendations and next steps adopted by all participants

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Engaging In Strategic Digital/
Social Media Advocacy Using
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Monitoring Fund Implementation
at the State Level

COMFORT 95.1 FM, Uyo
Friday, 26 March 2021
10.00am

Mfon Gabriele
Program Manager
Policy Alert

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Empower Oil Rich Communities to demand for Improved Service Delivery

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Economical Actions taken by Key MDAs in Kaduna state in RESPONSE to COVID-19

500 Million Naira
set aside for COVID-19 palliatives and distribution during the lockdown

#GenderResponsiveness

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The traditional media has always played a massive role in transmitting our activities and our work especially in hard to reach rural communities, create awareness about funds going into communities, call on citizens to be active and provide public oversight, while publicising how citizens are holding the government to account. Follow The Money Radio has been a frontrunner programme that enhances citizen participation in governance spending.

Kaduna

FTM Radio Kaduna



Liberty 91.7FM

Episodes: Eleven (11)
Reach: 3.9 Million People

Discussing the implementation of over **NGN 6 Billion** worth of Constituency Projects across Kaduna state while sensitizing the public on how to participate in governance especially through the OGP Kaduna.

Invicta 98.9FM

Episodes: Six (6)
Reach: Over 500,000 people

Leveraging on existing relationships with media houses to discuss gender responsiveness in COVID-19 intervention and the effectiveness of the Emergency Operations Committee in addressing gender-responsiveness.

Kano

As part of CODE's project strategic plan on public sensitization and advocacy on women's rights, issues and gender mainstreaming using digital tools, Facebook Live sessions were organized with guests involved and championing women's rights and activism in Kano state to share valuable insights on issues and contexts surrounding and mitigating the promotion of women's rights in Kano state; analyzing bills, laws and policies, socio-cultural and religious practises, and proffering sustainable solutions - as a means of educating the populace, curbing GBV and entrenching gender sensitivity and equality.

Facebook Live

Sessions: Three (3)
Views: 805, 41 & 273 Respectively



12 Radio Advocacy's

Cool FM 96.9 (English)
Reach: 9 Million People

Arewa Radio 93.1 (Hausa)
Reach: 9.5 Million People

Rivers

Follow The Money radio Rivers with support from Ford foundation held five(19) episodes within this quarter.

Abuja

Utilizing Rhythm FM, a well-known and well-listened radio station in Abuja with an average reach of over **1,000,000 listeners**, CODE brought on guest speakers who dissected various angles that tackle GBV. The maiden episode of this six-episode advocacy introduced listeners to the present state of the problem in the six (6) focus states. Building on that foundation, hosts informed the public of the health services required for the rehabilitation of survivors, the need for gender responsive budgeting, the structure of the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence (NAP-GBV) as developed by CODE's team of gender advocates and the need for gender-sensitive reporting and finally, the role of the media in promoting gender equality.

Across 6 States (Kwara, Lagos, Niger, Ondo, Akwa Ibom and Enugu)



36

Radio Episodes

Reaching **31,305,686 People** across the **6 states**.

Adamawa



Pulako Radio

26

Radio Episodes

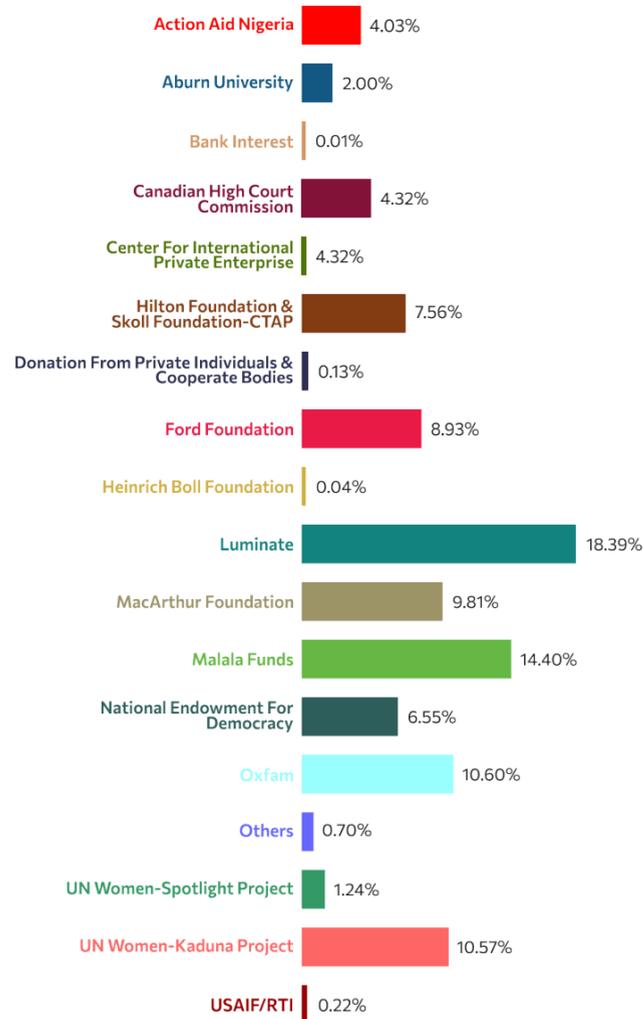
Discussing issues around girl-child education, the state of Adamawa basic and secondary education, and other SDGs are being discussed on the programme. The radio programme is open to any community change-driven individual, who can lend their voice to the state of education in Adamawa state and proffer solutions as wayforward.



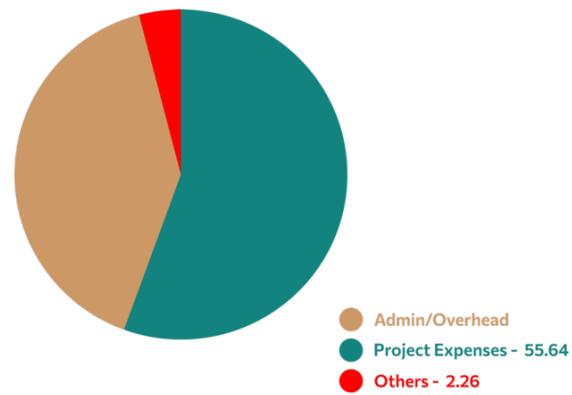
2021

Financial Summary

Income



Expenditure



SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT 2021

CODE SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

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- Instagram Reach: 900.8k Mentions: 20.5k
- Impressions: 2.4M Mentions: 4.6K New Followers: 1.8k Profile Visits: 135.3k Tweets: 1k
- Page Reach: 258.9k Profile Visits: 7.2k Likes: 1.6k

Follow The Money SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

followthemoney.org

- Instagram Reach: 4.5k
- Impressions: 2.5M Mentions: 2.9k New Followers: 2k Profile Visits: 7.5k Tweets: 559
- Page Reach: 72.2k Profile Visits: 2.4k Likes: 761

Twitter Highlights:

- Babajide Sanwo-Olu**: Thank you for your submissions. Clean water is a basic human need and one that should be easily accessible to all. Currently, Lagos has the capacity for about 220 million gallons of water per day - of which 30-40% is produced. 1/5
- Prince Clem Ikanade Agba**: As the co-chair of @ogpnigeria, I expressed my willingness to collaborate with @Connected_dev in making government more open and transparent and to press for more citizen engagement at all levels.
- Yusuf H. W.**: How where those money (COVID Funds) spend? @Connected_dev @BudgITng share there data here. #CTAP #Followthemoney
- Runcie C.W. Chidebe**: "Your constitutional role is to #FollowTheMoney, OVERSIGHT is a very significant constitutional role for legislators. You all make a huge difference in Nigeria" - @HamzyCODE Founder @Connected_dev Speaking at the #NotTooYoungToRun #TheConvergence
- Fateemah**: Yesterday, at the Capacity Building for #followthemoney Volunteers in Kaduna state. We were trained on how to track government expenditures using @4lowthemoney tools and methodologies. It was educative and I enjoyed every segment the training. Thank you @Connected_dev.

Instagram Highlights:

- Njikoka Of Njikoka**: Going on air, @NTANewsNow by 10.30 pm tonight discussing environmental issues across the country with high level ministerial stakeholders My submission'd be around #FollowTheMoney efforts & impacts in Shikira community, Niger state that was affected by lead poisoning outbreak! 10:08 pm · 29 Jan 19 from Abuja, Nigeria ·

Facebook Highlights:

- Prince Clem Ikanade Agba**: Today, I met with a team from @connected_dev to discuss potential collaboration in sharing information on constituency projects and deepening the OGP process at the sub-national level.

We Lost A Hero;
Alfred Oji
Our Digital Media Officer



Alfred Oji

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved colleague and friend, Alfred Anicho Oji, who until his death was CODE's Digital Media Officer who played an instrumental role in disseminating and amplifying our works via different social media platforms. Alfred was respected and admired for his enduring commitment and outstanding contributions to the development space and to CODE. He will never be forgotten by us.

A Glimpse Into 2022



We are launching our 10 years strategic plan



Look out for FTM in Ghana and Uganda



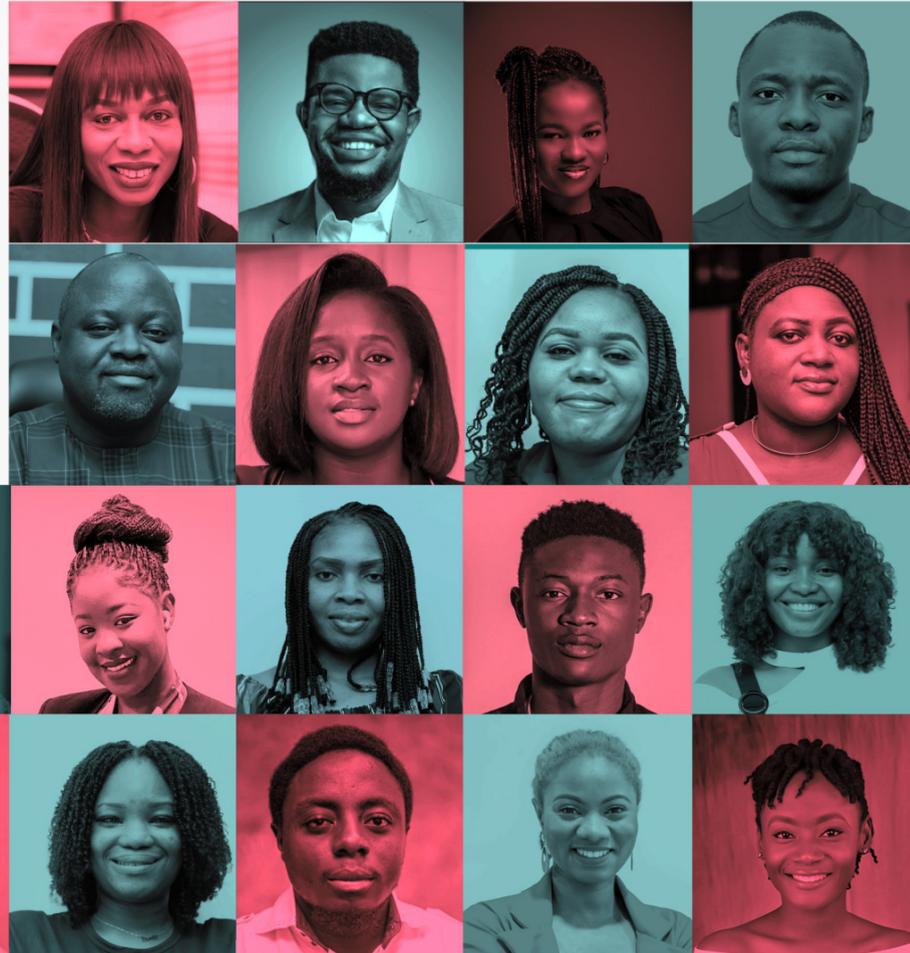
We are celebrating a decade of impact as CODE/FTM clocks 10



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