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FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Presented in these pages are significant strides by our organisation in 2018 towards achieving our vision of a democratic order in which communities of conscious citizens contribute to and benefit from the building of just societies and environments adequate for production and sustenance of life.

Our achievements in 2018 were not without challenges in a year when Nigeria, and our organisation, confronted enormous problems.

In 2018, a flooding disaster affected many parts of the country and devastated the livelihoods of millions. The floods brought to focus the reality of climate change. Social Action needed to reinforce our advocacy for climate change adaptation measures as severe weather conditions become more frequent.

One area that has been hit hard by climate change is the Lake Chad Basin where periods of droughts and human activity, particularly state and multilaterally supported dam and irrigation projects, adversely altered the ecosystem and wrought massive displacements of human populations – years before the advent of the Boko Haram insurgency in northeast Nigeria. In 2018, Social Action and our partners sought ways to support those in need while also working to address the underlying conditions for the conflict and humanitarian disaster.

2018 was the year before the highly contested 2019 General Elections and pre-election related insecurity affected the Niger Delta states where Social Action is most active. In northeastern Nigeria, there was an upsurge of attacks by the Boko Haram insurgents against Nigerian state's military formations and civilian communities, resulting in hundreds of deaths. These and other attacks caused renewed displacement and an influx of refugees into Maiduguri, Borno State. The situation of uncertainty over the security situation affected some of Social Action's planned activities, including a workshop that was postponed. Despite these challenges, we are satisfied that in 2018 we were able to make advancements towards achieving our strategic goals through our core programmes, Resource Justice, Climate Justice, Popular Education, Economic Justice, and Development Research. During the year we consolidated our presence in northeast Nigeria through research and exchanges in collaboration with partner NGOs, academics, government agencies and community leaders. Institutionally, we improved on our funding even though we did not meet our own target. Together with our partners, we are positioned to continue contributing to advancing democracy, human rights, environmental sustainability and livelihoods into the future.

Dr. Lemmuel Owugah
Chair, Governing Board

THE ORGANIZATION

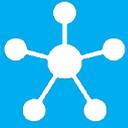
Social Development Integrated Centre (Social Action) is a Nigerian organisation that works to promote resource democracy, social justice and human rights with a focus on the sectors of petroleum, mining, the environment and climate change, trade and debt, and public budgets. From our offices in Port Harcourt, Abuja and Warri, we engage in research and monitoring, popular education and advocacy in solidarity with communities, activists, and scholars working to promote social change in Nigeria and other countries in the Gulf of Guinea region of Africa. Social Action supports community-led alternatives and initiatives through our Community Advocacy Centres (CACs) in the Niger Delta states of Rivers, Bayelsa and Delta. We work in these states, and in Abia, Imo, Akwa Ibom and Cross River and Imo to promote resource justice

and accountability of public budgets. Social Action also works in Borno State to promote awareness of climate change impacts in the Lake Chad Basin and to encourage accountability in the management of humanitarian and development spending in northeast Nigeria.

From inception in 2007, our work has been driven by our belief that grassroots democracy, as expressed in the informed participation of citizens and communities in setting forth their development agenda, is essential for the attainment of societies where poverty is eradicated and people's full potentials can be realised. In the past years, we have made our mark in supporting the voice of marginalised communities that are concerned about policies and practices in the extractives sectors.

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OUR STRATEGIC GOALS



Building networks of solidarity and action among citizens groups

We work to create networks and platforms for solidarity and collaboration among citizens groups to promote human rights and accountability in the areas of natural resource extraction, public revenues, public debt and trade.



Supporting community participation in development

We support marginalised communities to organise and take direct actions to protect their rights to resources and livelihoods, seek participation in development processes and defend democracy. Working through our Community Advocacy Centres, Civil Rights Councils (CRCs), networks and outreaches, we encourage participation in advancing solutions to environmental and social problems, including corruption in the management of public revenues.



Investing in popular education to create alternative visions for social change

Working with communities and other citizens' groups via our popular education platforms, we forge peoples' alternatives to failed development models while widening the spaces for civil society solidarity. At our study centres and the Annual Social Action Camp, we focus on the analysis of issues around specific policies and practices and how these interconnect and affect citizen's rights and livelihoods.



Monitoring for impact on policies and practices

We monitor and document the environmental and social practices of the three tiers of government, oil companies, international financial institutions and communities for use by local and international citizens groups involved in advocating for accountability and people focused development.



Supporting movements for social change

We participate in and support communities and social movements involved in resistance to the negative impacts of resource extraction, trade policy and climate change through the provision of information, media outlet and capacity building through community exchanges. In so doing, we are working to build a national citizens movement that is active in the global movement for social change.

OUTCOMES IN 2018



Social Action meeting with local NGOs in Borno State on ecological and immediate humanitarian problems in northeastern Nigeria.

Strengthening Civil Society Capacity in Northeast Nigeria

Social Action continued to engage with local NGOs in northeast Nigeria to identify constraints and opportunities for working to address ecological and immediate humanitarian problems in northeastern Nigeria. Social Action organised workshops and meetings with collaborators in Maiduguri, Borno State to assess the role of groups and identify options for collaboration to promote accountability, human rights and in contributing to providing humanitarian assistance to victims of the conflict in northeastern Nigeria.

Strengthened community structures for improved participation and action

Social Action strengthened Community Advocacy Centres (CACs) in Rivers (Diobu, Bori) Mbiama),

Bayelsa (Brass), Delta State (Warri) and Borno (Maiduguri) through the recruitment and training of Community Officers. Members of beneficiary communities received training on advocacy roles, environmental and human rights monitoring and participated in actions to address environmental/human rights problems in sites of petroleum production in the Niger Delta.

Marginalised Communities Speak out on petroleum legislations

In 2018, Social Action reviewed the Petroleum Industrial Governance Bill (PIGB) and mobilised host communities that raised critical concerns on provisions of the bill through a briefing paper and town hall meetings. Our work on the PIGB in collaboration with host communities exposed significant flaws of the bill which would, if signed to law

by the President of Nigeria, result in worsening pollution, human rights conditions and corruption in the petroleum industry. Following national advocacy by Social Action and partners, the President has refused to accede to the PIGB.

Improved citizens' access to justice in sites of natural resources extraction

Social Action supported the Umuechem community in Rivers State to achieve better access to justice through training, community-led advocacy and public impact litigation. Social Action continued to work with members of Umuechem community and lawyers a case against Shell in the Netherlands for the killings of Umuechem Community members and the destruction of the community in 1990, and ongoing environmental pollution.

Also, in preparation for litigation, Social Action continued the collection of evidence and data from members of the Bue-Leh community in Ogoniland that were forced to flee their homes following damaging oil spills in 2008.

Project beneficiaries, national and international institutions are more aware of citizens' concerns and agendas on natural resources exploitation and accountability in Nigeria

Social Action responded to policy advocacy opportunities at national and international levels and participated in local, national and international networks and meetings. Social Action will organised media outreach through briefings, press conferences and social media campaigns in support of the rights and livelihoods of community members.

Confronting Corruption and bad governance through FoI

Through advocacy and engagements, Social Action and her network partners actively challenged corruption and incidences of maladministration that infringe on the rights and wellbeing of citizens, through the Freedom of Information Act. Social Action supported network members in Edo and Bayelsa have filed series of FoI requests to specific public departments, agencies and officials requesting information/documents on certain projects that did not appear to be in tandem with due process including in their executions. Social Action supported FoI litigations in the states to challenge perceived corruption and also press for accountability.

Open Budgets at the sub-national levels of government promoted

The Social Action-led Open Budget Cluster carried out advocacy and engagements in the Niger Delta States for inclusive, transparent and accountable governance. Consequent upon these activities, in 2018, some states in the Niger Delta region, such as Delta and Edo, have made their annual budgets and other fiscal documents proactively available at no cost to the citizens by publishing them on their official websites. In other states, like Bayelsa, budget documents are now available in designated government offices with the payments of stipulated fees.

In 2018, Social Action and partners launched the Niger Delta Open Government Observatory (NOGO) with members drawn from active CSOs across the region. The NOGO's mandate is the deepening and spiralling of Nigeria's Open Government Partnership (OGP) implementation in the region, to make governments more open and responsive to millions of citizens.

Increased youth and women participation in defending human rights in Nigeria

In 2018 up to ten units of local Civil Rights Councils (CRCs), a grassroots and membership-based organisation supported by Social Action were created in Rivers, Delta, Imo, Enugu, Akwa, Ibom, Cross River and the Federal Capital Territory. Members of the CRCs benefited from monthly popular education meetings and the Nigeria Social Action Camp, 2018, which focused on human rights tools and strategies.

Support for victims of climate changew

Social Action adjusted project implementation in 2018 in response to flood disaster that had a devastating impact on target communities in the Niger Delta and northern Nigeria.

Social Action mobilised humanitarian assistance to some of the severely affected communities in Rivers State. Social Action also used public advocacy, including sponsored radio shows and a public rally and procession in Port Harcourt by affected communities to demand better government response in support of victims and to draw attention to the flood's links to climate change.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2018



RESOURCE JUSTICE

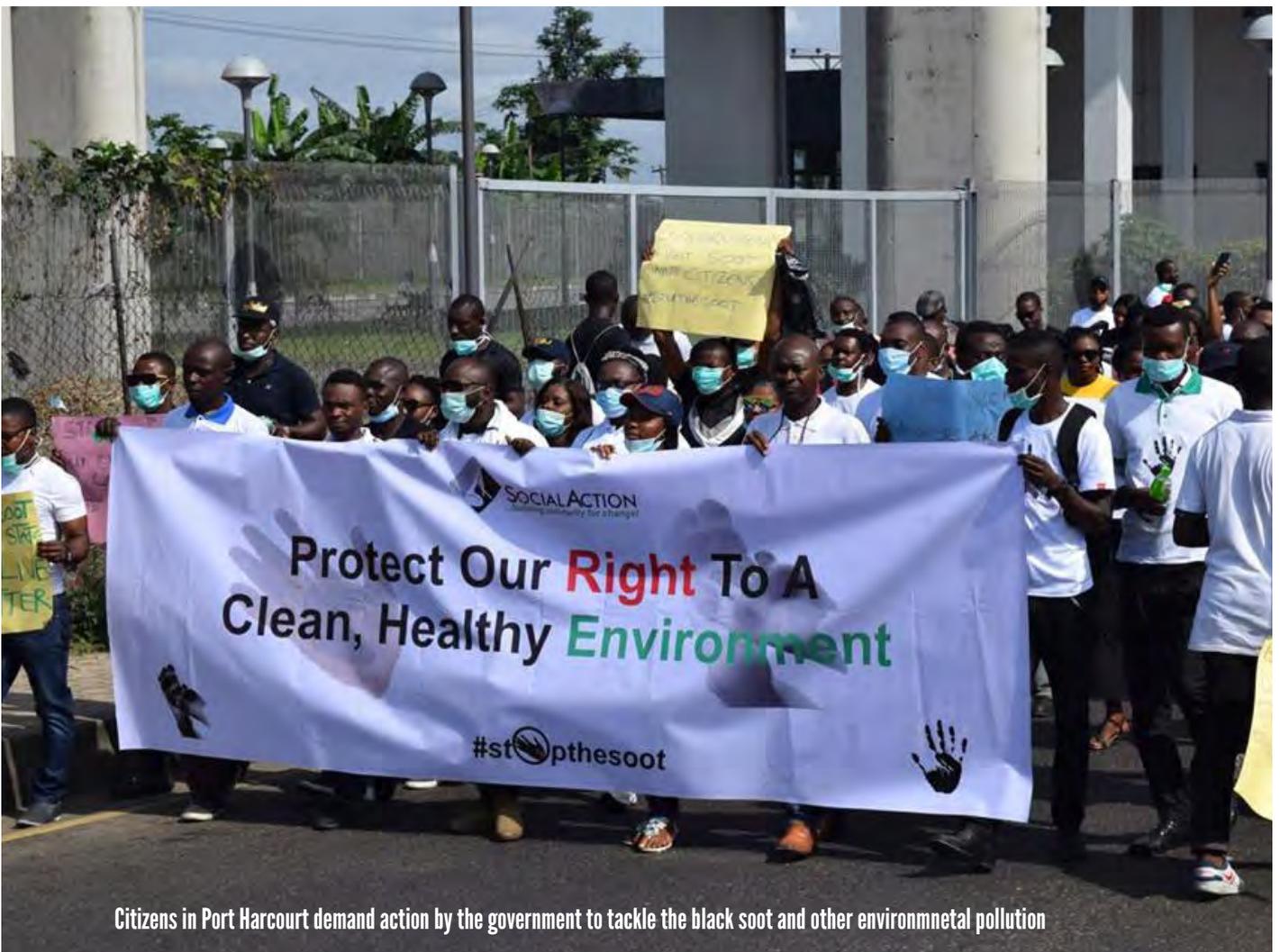
Town Hall Meeting on the New “Petroleum Industry Governance Bill (PIGB)”

At a town hall meeting organised by Social Action, citizen groups and representatives of petroleum-bearing community raised concerns about the inherent gaps and dangers of the Petroleum Industry Governance Bill (PIGB), which was passed by both houses of the National Assembly. As the Bill is fraught with defects in the areas of environmental protection, industry-standard regulation and preservation of the rights, health and liveli-

hoods of local community members, the groups urged President Muhammed Buhari not to sign the PIGB, until the problem areas were addressed. In a 17-Point Position unanimously adopted by the civil societies and community groups from Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Edo and Rivers States at a Town Hall Meeting on the PIGB, the groups and communities noted the absence of a definite date for the stoppage of routine gas flaring. This omission is not only a major setback for the environment but also a big blow to the people of the Niger Delta who have been unjustly subjected to pollu-



Participants at the Town Hall Meeting In Port Harcourt



Citizens in Port Harcourt demand action by the government to tackle the black soot and other environmental pollution

tion through mindless flaring of associated gas since the commencement of petroleum exploitation in Nigeria in the 1950s.

Mobilising Citizens against Pollution

Social Action joined other citizens groups in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on 19th April 2018 in peaceful Streets Walk Campaign against soot pollution in the city and other areas of the state. The black soot which has since 2016 polluted the city, the capital of Nigeria's petroleum industry, is believed to result from incomplete combustion of hydrocarbon and related materials. While government agencies have failed to act against the pollution, residents believe that the pollution originates from asphalt companies, refineries and illegal artisanal refinery operators. In particular, the indiscriminate burning of confiscated vessels of crude oil thieves and destruction of illicit refineries by soldiers in the military Joint Task Force (JTF) contribute to air and water pollution. The protesters called for increased and transparent action by the authorities to stop the pollution.

Solidarity with Ogoni communities against petroleum pollution

As part of activities to mark the 23rd anniversary of the killing of nine Ogoni leaders, Social Action's Community Advocacy Centre in Bori on 10th November 2018 organised a lecture and sensitisation program on oil pollution in Ogoniland. The program was used to sensitise community people about the current situation as it concerns the cleanup of the Ogoniland. The event culminated in the release of a press statement calling on the authorities to commence the Ogoni cleanup without further delays.

Supporting Rights and Livelihoods of Forest-Dependent Communities in Cross River State

in continuation of work with forest-dependent communities to strengthen their capacities, improve community rights and protect their livelihoods from being eroded by REDD+ implementation and Super-Highway project



Some participants at Social Action's Ogoni Day event in Bori, Rivers State

Social Action organised a consultative meeting with community representatives and partners on REDD and Cross River Super Highway project in September 2018. The meeting with stakeholders was attended by partners, civil society and community representatives from Peace Point Action (PPA), Green Concern for Development (GREEN-CODE), Rainforest Resource Development Centre (RRDC), Ekuri Initiative, Mangrove Forest Watch and Conservation Association of Mbe Mountain (CAMM).

Social Action organised town hall meeting with partners, alliances and community-based organisations on 1st November 2018 to discuss the latest development issues on REDD+ and the super highway project in Cross River State. Community people from Okuni in Ikom Local Government also affected by the Super-Highway project were part of the town hall meeting to share experiences and updates on their ongoing litigation against the Cross River State government over rights abuses and destructions on the super highway project. Issues relating to government adherence to the 23

Conditions concerning community rights on the super highway as directed by the Federal Ministry of Environment were also x-rayed. The meeting examined the involvement of Cross River State Government in the California Tropical Forest Standard Program and a letter from the State Government. Participants resolved to submit a letter of complaint to Ombudsman in Cross River State expressing their concerns about the inclusion of their forests in the 'California REDD' program without their consent.

A letter of complaints was also sent to the Air Resource Board of the State of California, USA. The communities complained about the lack of free, prior and informed consent in the Tropical Forest Standard program in Cross River communities. The complaint letter was submitted on behalf of the Cross River communities and Coalition partners by the Executive Director of Social Action during the public hearing by the California Air Resources Board on the Standard in Sacramento in November 2018.

ANTI-CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC FINANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

Strengthening Citizens Advocacy Against Corruption In The Niger Delta

Fierce political contestation, socio-economic upheavals and continuing environmental degradation served as background to our work to track and question infractions and improprieties in public service delivery and finances, and to galvanise civic groups and citizens to demand and take action towards good governance and accountability by duty-bearers in the region.

Project Milestones in 2018:

† Anti-Corruption Network: The project created the AcoNet network for civic groups and that robustly carried out anti-corruption and accountability campaign in the states of the region

via a series of varied and targeted strategies. The Anti-Corruption Network is domiciled in each of the five projects states of the region; Bayelsa, Rivers, Edo, Delta and Akwa Ibom states.

† The emerging platform, CSO/EFCC forum engaged with the anti-graft body to investigate and prosecute all culpable in project abandonment in the region including particularly abandonment of some identified schools and monorail projects in Rivers State, monitored by the Anti-Corruption Network.

† The project has also achieved some success with proactive disclosure of budgetary document and information. States like Delta and Akwa Ibom are proactively disclosing its annual budgets electronically. Rivers State pledged to make budgets accessible to citizens.



Social Action led CSOs in Ondo State to meet with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Bunmi Alade on Open Budget and citizens' participation in the budget process

† AcoNet Akwa Ibom has escalated two key investigative reports by Premium Times on education-related (public schools, feeding, science park) projects in Akwa Ibom State as well as Primary Healthcare projects monitored in the state budget.

Challenges:

† The culture of official secrecy and fiscal opacity which has persisted amongst governments in the region continues to suppress the work at anti-corruption.

† The political dynamics of the region which has since recently further polarised the citizenry and their psyche also creates some considerable challenge to project smooth implementation.

† Is FoIA a federal law? This perhaps is one of the gravest difficulties anti-corruption actors have in the region as state governments consider the FoIA as federal legislation that does not apply to states.

Deepening and Sustaining Transparency and Accountability in Nigeria

The project aimed at increasing and sustaining accountability and transparency; focused on engaging political parties and aspiring political office holders with the citizens before, during and after the 2019 General Elections. The purpose was to leverage on the elections to extract and document critical promises and the policy trust on good governance from them while they canvass for votes.

In 2018, Social Action, in collaboration with her network partners, organised a Stakeholder Mapping, Capacity Building in Edo and Rivers States. The aim was to equip stakeholders, which included the CBOs, CSO community and the Media with the tools to engage the political parties and their candidates to amplify and deepen good governance, transparency and accountability, gender inclusion and security issues via the 2019 general election and thereafter.

Advocacy visits were made to five political parties, selected based on the outcome of a survey carried

out by partner CSOs in Edo and Rivers States. The visits were to engage political parties and community leaders in Rivers and Edo States to raise awareness about the objectives the project seeks to pursue and to share information on citizens' expectations with respect to accountability, transparency, Health, Education, Gender, Security and Environment themes.

Strengthening Advocacy for Citizens' Engagement

In 2018, Social Action, working with other citizens groups and development partners through the Open Budget Cluster in the Niger Delta, achieved significant improvements in open budgets at the sub-national levels of government. Between April and September 2018, significant events included the Niger Delta Open Budget Co-Learning Summit in Asaba, direct engagement of budgeting and planning officials of the focal states, and processes to enhance participation of community groups were part of a conscious effort to institutionalize an open budget system in the states and local government areas in the Niger Delta.

Strengthening Youth Participation Against Corruption

Social Action's Y-PAC partnership seeks to strengthen youths' participation in the fight against corruption through the engagements of youths to become effective and active advocates in the fight against corruption.

Ward to Ward Sensitization Campaigns, Capacity Building Training Workshop on non-violence and

malpractice free elections, Media and CSOs Round Tables on the Role of the media in the fight against Corruption, electoral violence and Malpractice were some of the activities carried out in 2018. In June 2018 Social Action organised a capacity building training workshop for youths and youth leaders to equip them with necessary skills set to advocate and engage various stakeholders on the fight against corruption. An Advocacy Visit was also made to the management of Rivers State University by a team of Social action's anticorruption Project Officers. The purpose of the engagement was to present findings of the research carried out by the project, which revealed that youths are victims and perpetrators of corruption, and the higher institutions are one of the places where this corruption thrives. The aim was to rouse the interest of the youth to participate in the campaign, provide the requisite information and knowledge and build the capacity of the youth to advocate for good governance and engage the government in the process.

The movement against corruption in tertiary institutions (MACTI) was launched and campus coordinators inaugurated as well. Since corruption in higher institutions has reduced the quality of products from our schools, it became necessary to put in place movements in tertiary institutions to report acts of corruption between lecturers and students within the university environment.



Publication

Abandoned Projects: Citizens' Report on Budgets of Selected States in Nigeria, 2017 is the documentation of analyses and findings from the monitoring of the implementation of the 2017 annual budgets of six selected states of Nigeria, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Kano and Nasarawa. The report shows a continuing pattern of underwhelming spending on the social sector in 2017, even as budgeting in the states remained poor. Projects executed in previous years continued to appear in budgets as new projects while several projects

that gulped large budgetary funds over the years were either roundly abandoned or never got off the ground. Budget lines continued to be vague, ill-described or ambiguously defined in budget documents hindering accountability and good governance much to the detriment of the people whose lives the projects would have impacted positively. As an output from Social Action's anti-corruption efforts at the sub-national level of government in Nigeria during the year 2017, the findings of budget analyses and monitoring is a tool for further public advocacy by citizens and civil society organisations at the grassroots level.

POPULAR EDUCATION



Deep impartation in one the sessions at the Nigeria Social Action Camp, Aluu Port Harcourt

This programme aims at raising popular consciousness and participation through collaborative learning, mobilisation and solidarity for communities and activists working for environmental justice, democracy and social change in Nigeria.

The Nigeria Social Action Camp 2018

In October 2018, the weeklong Nigeria Social Action Camp held at the Citizens and Leadership Training Centre in Aluu Rivers State with the theme, Empowering Activists for Civil Rights and Anti-Corruption Movement in Nigeria. The event created an opportunity for alternative education, solidarity building and political actions for over 120 activists, students and youth groups, NGOs, labour groups and civil rights organisations. With

a particular focus on reviving the civil rights movement in Nigeria, and to support citizens' anti-corruption initiatives, activities contributed to training participants on basic skills of community mobilising, effective alliance building with the media and using public awareness to influence social change. Other objectives included increasing participants' knowledge on the basic principles of the rule of law, citizens' rights and human rights advocacy within communities; establishing local Civil Rights Councils with community ownership across the country; and setting up legal procedures, operational structures for such councils through the adoption of a constitution and other working principles.



Participants at Social Action Camp held at the Citizens and Leadership Training Centre in Aluu Rivers State



Social Action Training Workshop organised for selected police divisions in Port Harcourt

Building a Citizens Platform on Human Rights

The project continued to support the local Civil Rights Councils (CRCs) through training of members and police officers in Rivers State with the objective of strengthening the relationship between the police and citizens.

Training workshops in 2018 focused on preventing police brutality, unlawful detention and extra-judicial killings. Police divisions that benefited from Social Action training workshops in 2018 included Ozuoba, Agip, Kala, Rumuepirikom, Rumupakani, Rumuokoro special division and the Choba Area Command Headquarters. Resource persons encouraged police officers to follow due

legal procedures in their daily routine to avoid the numerous cases of human rights infraction.

Defending Housing Rights of the Urban Poor

Social Action supported Civil Rights Councils in Rivers State mobilised community people and other activists in Rivers State to protest against illegal demolition of houses at the Obidianso waterside in Rivers State. The exercise was carried out with the aid of the media to drive home the demands of the group on the need for the government to desist from illegal demolition of houses belonging to the urban poor at the Obidianso waterfront and other waterfronts in Port Harcourt without giving prior notice nor making any alternative provision for their accommodation.



Illegal demolition of houses belonging to the urban poor at the Obidianso waterfront and other waterfronts in Port Harcourt without prior notice nor any alternative provision for their accommodation.



Members of the Civil Rights Council (CRC) in a brain storming Session

The Pro-Democracy Conference: An Inter-Generational Dialogue On The Nigerian Pro-Democracy Movement And State Of The Nation

As part of the conscious effort to build a Nigerian nation that works for all its citizens, Social Development Integrated Centre (Social Action) in collaboration with Africa Centre for Information and Media Literacy (AFRICMIL) and the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) convened a conference of democracy activists to examine the state of the pro-democracy movement since the 1990s. The Conference which held at the National Press Centre, Abuja on 13th of December, 2018

brought together veterans of the pro-democracy movement and younger activists served as a platform for inter-generational dialogue on the movement for democracy and social change in Nigeria and the state of the nation.

Technical sessions focused on “Examining Multi-Party Democracy: Pitfalls and Opportunities” and “The Pro-Democracy Movement and Civil Society. The conference further emphasised the need to understand the changing context of the struggle for democracy and the need to create new movements and tools for future struggle.

Radio House, Herbert Macaulay Way
National Conference Centre),
Garki, Abuja FCT



Isaac Osuoka, Auwal Musa Rafsanjani and Chido Onumah at the Pro-Democracy Conference in Abuja

CLIMATE JUSTICE AND EMERGENCIES

The situation in northeast Nigeria remains precarious with the majority of internally displaced people unable to return to their communities. In 2018, Social Action continued research on climate change and conflict in the Lake Chad Basin, and organised civil society exchange meetings in Borno State as part of engagement with local NGOs towards identifying constraints and opportunities for working to address ecologi-

cal and immediate humanitarian problems in northeastern Nigeria. Social Action also organised meeting with selected collaborators in Borno State to assess the role of groups and identify options for collaboration to promote accountability, human rights and in contributing to providing humanitarian assistance to victims of the conflict in northeastern Nigeria.



Social Action and partners in a group photograph with respondents during research in Borno State



Social Action team during a research mission at an IDP Camp in Maiduguri, Borno State

Monitoring, Advocacy and Intervention on Flooding Disaster in the Niger Delta

Following a flooding disaster in parts of Nigeria, Social Action deployed monitors to communities in Ahoada West, Ahoada East, Abua/Odual and Ogba Egbema Ndoni Local Government Areas of Rivers State. In Bayelsa State, Social Action monitors were deployed to communities in Yenagoa and Ogbia Local Government Areas to record impact on community members and government response to the crisis. In Rivers State, communities along the Orashi River were severely affected since the river, and other streams overflowed into the communities following continuous heavy rainfall from July 2018. Even though there were early forecasts of the rains and potentials of flooding, all tiers of government failed to support the victims. With homes and hospitals inundated for weeks and crops destroyed, the unbearable situation led the displaced persons to plead with the Govern-

ment of Rivers State government to come to their aid. After weeks without government response, they resolved to march into Port Harcourt, the capital city of Rivers State and centre of Nigeria's petroleum industry.

Social Action mobilised other civic groups in Rivers State to organise a rally in support of flood victims and to take a petition to the Governor of Rivers State. During the rally that held on 29 October 2018, flood victims protested the abysmal response by the federal, state and local governments to the plight of communities inundated during a period of two months. Women with empty cooking pots on their heads marched with other protesters and declared their intention to occupy the Government House in Port Harcourt, the official residence of the governor of Rivers State.

With limited help from the government of Rivers State, Social Action provided relief to some of the most affected communities in Ahoada West Local



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Woman displaced as a result of the conflict in North-Eastern Nigeria



Akinima, Head Quarters of Ahoada-West LGA, Rivers State, submerged in water during the 2018 flood

PARTNERSHIPS

Social Action is grateful to the following organisations that supported our activities in 2018:

- † MacArthur Foundation
- † The Canadian Catholic Organisation for Development and Peace
- † USAID – SACE
- † Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (RLF)
- † DFID
- † Oxford Policy Management (Foster)
- † Tide Foundation
- † Shehu Musa Yaradua Foundation
- † York University

CHALLENGES

While there was improved funding in 2018, the organisation did not meet its funding target. However, contacts and exchanges with potential new funders increased during the year, which should yield better results in 2019.

The organisation continued to seek the services of a competent Communications Manager and dedicated Monitoring and Evaluations Officer.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CHANGES

Changes in personnel

In the course of the year, some key officers joined the organisation:

- Mr. Green Imoh Isaac, Programmes Assistant
- Miss Ndidi Patience Annih, Communications Assistant
- Mr. Joshua Ghereje, Community Officer

Staff members that left the organisation include:

- Mr. Ken Henshaw - Programmes Manager and one-time Acting Executive Director left the organization after 10 years of meritorious service.

The total number of staff as at end of 2018 is 21. This number is made up of 12 professional staff and 9 support personnel.

DIVERSITY IN BOARD AND STAFF

Social Action's membership, including the Trustees/Governing Board and Staff, expresses the organisation's aim to promote ethnic diversity and to accommodate women in positions relevant to policy development and management of resources. Women are well represented in the Board and Professional staff.

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Town Hall Meeting on Petroleum Industry (Governance) Bill
Port Harcourt On 22 February, 2018





Social Action State Level Citizen's Sensitization and Awareness Forum/Workshop on Participation in the Budget Process in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, 23 March, 2018.





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