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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second issue of [Naija Tori](#), our newsletter that keeps you up to date with our work Nigeria! In this edition, we continue to shine a light on the impactful work being done across our projects and the communities we serve.

Naija Tori—meaning “Stories from Nigeria”— is a reflection of the resilience, innovation, and collaborative spirit of the people we work with every day. Through these stories, we aim to share the progress we are making, the challenges we face, and the lessons we learn along the way.

As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all our partners, team members, and community leaders who are the backbone of this work. Your dedication continues to drive meaningful change in the lives of so many.

I hope you find this issue both informative and inspiring. Let’s keep building momentum, amplifying voices, and working towards a better and more just future for all.



**John Makina, Country Director,
Oxfam in Nigeria**

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

World Environment Day 2024: Generation Restoration

On World Environment Day, we focused on turning awareness into impactful action for a more inclusive and just climate movement. Our key initiatives included advocating for effective climate solutions, supporting vulnerable nations through the [Loss & Damage Fund](#), and [amplifying the voices of African leaders at the forefront of climate change](#).

The campaign also saw the inauguration of the [Climate Justice Youth Ambassadors Network](#) and the [Annual Environment Day Quiz Competition \(Ministers Cup\)](#), both launched by the Minister of Environment in Abuja. These initiatives aim to engage and empower youth and school children in the fight for climate justice, furthering our mission to hold rich polluters accountable and build a healthier, equitable future for all.

Read more about the [African Activists for Climate Justice](#) project.



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Visit to the Emir of Daura, Katsina State

The Strengthening Early Warning & Response Mechanism (SEWaRM) project team, led by Oxfam and Christian Rural and Urban Development Association of Nigeria (CRUDAN), paid a courtesy visit to His Royal Highness, Alhaji Umar Faruk Umar, to brief him on the new Anticipatory Humanitarian Action project, which focuses on addressing drought in Baure LGA.



The monarch expressed his support for the initiative, noting that Oxfam's past contributions have significantly enhanced reforestation efforts in the region.



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Facilitating Change: Capacity-Building Workshop for Women in Michika

The training for women platform facilitators from Michika LGA, North East Nigeria, was conducted from June 19th to 20th, 2024, at the Civic Centre Hall in Michika, Adamawa State. This two-day workshop, organized by The Centre for Public Education and Mobilization for Development in Nigeria (CEPAD - Nigeria), saw the participation of 16 facilitators and was led by project officers.

The primary objective of the training was to enhance the facilitators' capacity to effectively disseminate key topics to women platform members within their communities. The workshop focused on critical areas, including Women, Peace, and Security, Advocacy and Communication, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Women's Livelihood Empowerment, and Basic Hygiene.



West Africa Regional Knowledge Exchange

The [Voice](#) project team in Nigeria took part in the West Africa Regional Knowledge Exchange, which focused on reflecting on the evolving political landscape within the ECOWAS region and its impact on civil society and the inclusion of marginalized groups. The workshop served as both a platform for critical reflection and a celebration of the region's rich cultural diversity. Participants explored innovative strategies to enhance collaboration across language barriers, promoting collective action throughout the region. Watch the insights from the [knowledge exchange](#).



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Celebrating Women in Nigerian Agriculture

Celebrating the vital contributions of women in agriculture at this year's "[Female Food Hero](#)" event, featuring a policy dialogue and an award ceremony. The event recognized three outstanding women farmers: Ogbonge Grace Okwor (1st Place), Ogbonge Abdullahi Altine Lucy (2nd Place), and Ogbonge Folashade Olaniyan Josephine (3rd Place). It also urged stakeholders to enhance support and implement policies empowering women farmers.

For more details, [read more](#).



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#MakeRichPollutersPay Campaign

The world's most vulnerable, who contribute least to greenhouse gas emissions, are suffering the worst impacts of climate change, while major polluters profit at the planet's expense. This injustice calls for holding the wealthiest individuals, corporations, and countries accountable. It's time for them to #PayUp and take responsibility for the environmental damage they've caused, helping to create a sustainable future for all.

[Take Action Today!](#)



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Reducing Dependency: A New Approach to Seed Distribution in West Africa.

Access to quality seeds is fundamental for producing nutritious and climate-resilient crops. Hence, the need for a dialogue surrounding sustainable seed solutions is crucial for enhancing food security and nutrition. In Abuja, Nigeria, Oxfam hosted a roundtable dialogue with humanitarian actors and stakeholders to discuss strategies for improving local seed systems in West Africa. This conversation emphasizes the need for innovative seed systems that not only improve agricultural productivity but also support smallholder farmers, who are often the most vulnerable to food insecurity.

Read more about the [local seeds system](#) dialogue.



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Nigeria: A Financial Powerhouse Battling Illicit Outflows

Nigeria's economic potential is immense yet hindered by significant illicit financial flows. To address this, the [Fair Finance](#) Nigeria coalition, led by Oxfam and the [Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre \(CISLAC\)](#) have begun strategic engagements with the banking sector regulators; Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria - CIBN and the Banker Directors Association of Nigeria (BDAN) to foster collaboration on combating illicit financial flows and promoting sustainable banking practices.

Read more about our [engagements](#).



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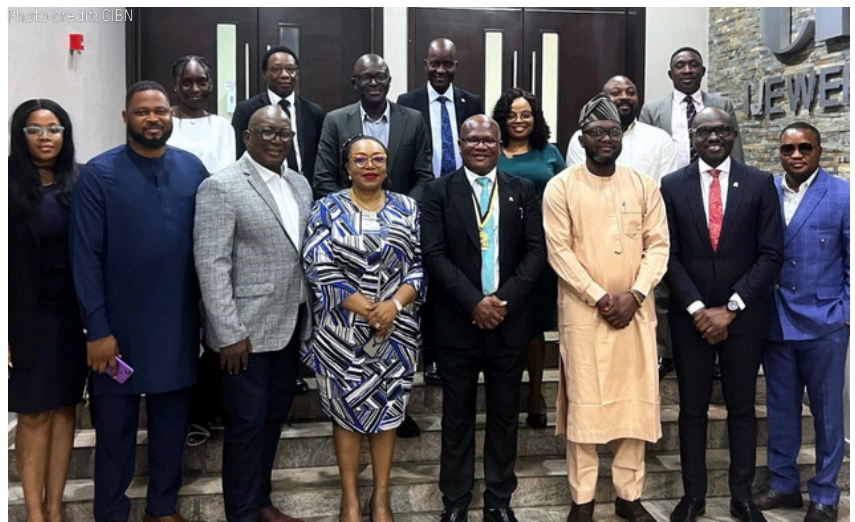


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Women's Rights Spotlight: A New Radio Show in Adamawa State

We are excited to announce the launch of a new radio show dedicated to promoting women's rights in Adamawa State. This initiative is part of our broader Promoting Women's Rights project, in collaboration with our partners CRUDAN and CEPAD - Nigeria.

The essence of this project lies in addressing the critical issues faced by women in Adamawa, including gender-based violence, child marriage, and limited access to education and healthcare. By creating a platform for dialogue and awareness, we aim to empower women and girls, giving them a voice to advocate for their rights and well-being.

The radio show will serve as a vital resource for sharing information, inspiring stories, and practical advice to help women navigate the challenges they encounter.

The radio show airs every Wednesdays at 4 pm GMT +1. Listen via radio garden, [NAZ FM Mubi 105.5](#) and [NAZ FM Yola 89.9](#).



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Sustaining Impact: Asset Redistribution for Lasting Change in Taraba State

In a bid to strengthen community resilience and support local development, we have distributed essential assets from our concluded [PROSELL](#) project, including pick-up trucks, motorcycles, generators, office equipment, laptops, and tablets. These resources have been allocated to various communities, civil society organizations, and government institutions across Taraba State. By providing these tools, we aim to empower local stakeholders to take charge of their development and enhance their capacity to address challenges effectively.

This redistribution not only signifies our dedication to ensuring that the benefits of the project continue to resonate within the communities but also reflects our belief in the potential of local actors to drive sustainable change.

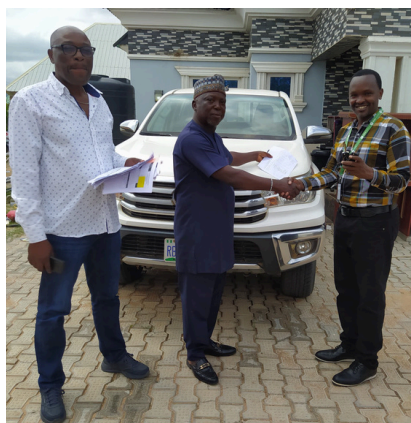


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Advancing Fair Taxation: Two-Day Review Meeting on Governance Frameworks

The Tax Justice and Governance Platform (TJ&GP) has made substantial progress in promoting tax rights and fostering accountability among citizens and the government. Through its efforts, awareness of tax obligations has increased, particularly within the informal economic sector, empowering individuals to demand accountability and contribute to the review of tax policy frameworks. This has led to the abolition of detrimental practices in tax administration and enhanced stakeholder consultations during planning and decision-making processes.

Recently, the TJ&GP held a two-day review and reflection meeting, supported by key partners including Oxfam, Centre for Legislative SLAC, Christian Aid, Action Aid, the International Budget Partnership, the Nigeria Labour Congress, and the Centre for Democratic Development. The meeting aimed to refine the platform's foundational documents, governance frameworks, and operational procedures at both national and sub-national levels. This process is vital for clarifying roles, responsibilities, and decision-making channels, ensuring the platform's effectiveness.



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Strengthening Partnerships and Driving Impact: Asalama Sidi visits Nigeria

We were honoured to host the Deputy Director of Oxfam in Africa during her recent visit to our Nigeria Country Office. Her visit highlights our commitment to building stronger partnerships and driving impactful change across the region.

During her stay, she engaged in productive discussions with key government stakeholders, staff, and our dedicated partners. These conversations focused on our shared goals of alleviating poverty and empowering communities.

A highlight of her visit was the field trip to one of our project sites in Nasarawa State, accompanied by our Country Director. Together, they launched the distribution of 1,500 improved oil palm seedlings in Lafia, Obi, Akwanga, Nass. Egon, and Kokona Local Government Areas. This initiative is a significant step towards boosting agricultural productivity and enhancing the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in the region.



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Advancing Women's Rights and Leadership: Outcomes from Michika's Women Platform

The Community Women Platform meetings were held across eight wards in Michika LGA. These meetings brought together women and young girls from various groups within the community. The primary aim was to create safe, community-based spaces for women to engage in dialogues on topics such as empowerment, leadership, women's rights, gender-based violence (GBV), advocacy, and communication.

Key objectives included:

- Building women's capacity for participation in socio-economic and political activities.
- Amplifying women's voices in decision-making and community development.
- Strengthening women's roles in combating rights violations and harmful gender norms.
- Encouraging women's participation in preventing and responding to security threats and violent extremism.

These platforms empower women to challenge inequalities and drive positive change in their communities.



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International Youth Day: From Awareness to Action

On International Youth Day, we successfully hosted a two-day event in partnership with the [Network of Youth for Sustainable Initiative \(NGYouthSDGs\)](#) and the [Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation](#). The event aimed to enhance Nigeria's commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and foster intergenerational collaboration among youth and stakeholders.

Attracting 650 in-person and 1,800 virtual participants, the event brought together young people, civil society organizations, government officials, international development partners, media and private sector representatives. Discussions emphasized the urgent need for accelerated actions towards achieving the SDGs in Nigeria and highlighted the pivotal role of youth in this endeavor.

For further details, you can download the full [event report](#).



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Building Financial Futures: Oxfam Equips Communities with VSLA Skills for Growth

Recently, Oxfam conducted multiple [Village Savings and Loan Association \(VSLA\)](#) training sessions in Taraba, Adamawa, and Rivers states, Nigeria. These trainings aimed to empower local communities by enhancing their financial literacy and self-management skills, which are crucial for fostering economic resilience.

The sessions brought together community members eager to learn about effective savings practices and loan management, enabling them to better support their livelihoods. Participants were equipped with the tools necessary to create sustainable savings groups that can provide financial services in areas with limited access to formal banking.

By strengthening these community-based financial mechanisms, Oxfam aims to enhance the economic stability of vulnerable populations and promote self-sufficiency. The initiative underscores the importance of local ownership in driving sustainable development.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact of these trainings on the communities involved!



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We value partner autonomy, joint learning, and continuous improvement.

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