



Staff and partners in front of Oxfam's booth at the 2024 Gender and Inclusion Summit in Abuja.  
Photo credit: Maxwell Osarenkhoe/Oxfam

# NAIJA TORI

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER EDITION



**OXFAM**

## In This Edition

- Welcome Address
- Stories, Activities & Events
- Get Involved
- Contact Us



Recently published report on Income and Wealth Disparity in Nigeria and Taxing the Rich. Click image or [here](#) to download

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



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

**Dear Readers,**

Compliments of the season and welcome to the third issue of [Naija Tori](#)—our quarterly newsletter that keeps you updated on our work in Nigeria! This edition is particularly special as we highlight new partnerships, impactful projects, and important initiatives that address critical issues affecting communities across the country.

Naija Tori, which means "Stories from Nigeria," reflects the resilience, creativity, and collaborative spirit of the people we engage with every day. Through these stories, we aim to share the progress we're making, the challenges we are overcoming, and the valuable lessons we are learning along the way.

In this issue, we are focusing on pressing climate issues and their impact on women, the launch of Nigeria's Inequality Report, and the exciting new partnerships, events and projects shaping our work. We hope these updates will inspire and encourage you to join us in building a fairer and more just future for all.

Let's keep up the momentum, amplify voices, and work together towards a more equal future.



# STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Oxfam at the Gender & Inclusion Summit

At the Gender and Inclusion Summit 2024 (#GS24), organized by the Policy Innovation Centre (PIC) and the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), Oxfam proudly showcased its commitment to building a Nigeria free from inequality and poverty.

### Highlights at Our Booth:

- **Gender Equality Programs:** Empowering women through education, training, and leadership.
- **Poverty Alleviation Projects:** Community solutions addressing poverty via sustainable agriculture and clean water access.
- **Advocacy & Policy Reform:** Promoting policies for social justice and systemic equity.

Visitors explored how Oxfam's programs improve household incomes and resilience to economic and climate shocks. Led by Country Director John Makina, our team engaged policymakers and stakeholders to share insights and foster collaboration for sustainable poverty solutions. Aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Gender Equality, Zero Hunger, and Climate Action, Oxfam remains dedicated to driving meaningful change.



Photo credit: Oxfam



## Strengthening Communities to Curb Illicit Financial Flows!



The Fair Finance Nigeria (#FFNG) coalition, funded by Sida, hosted a 2-day workshop to engage Host Communities on tackling illicit financial flows.

We focused on:

- Raising awareness on human rights
- Promoting sustainable investments

Read more: [bit.ly/FFNG\\_Workshop](https://bit.ly/FFNG_Workshop)

Photo credit: FFNG



## STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Advocating for Climate Justice

Under the African Activists for Climate Justice (AACJ) consortium, we conducted a Year 4 project cycle review meeting, celebrating key successes and developing a forward-looking advocacy strategy for 2025. During this period, we visited the coastal line between Nigeria and Cameroon, engaging with residents to hear firsthand accounts of their experiences with climate change. These conversations provided valuable insights into the impact of climate events and community-driven mitigation measures for last year's floods.



Photo credit: Oluwatosin/Education as a Vaccine



Photo credit: HEDA Resource Centre

### Tackling Illicit Financial Flows for a Fairer Economy

Illicit financial flows (IFFs) cost Africa about \$90 billion annually, with Nigeria losing 17% to 45% of its GDP to IFFs. This impacts the country's economy, exacerbating poverty and inequality.

To address this, the Fair Finance Nigeria (FFNG) campaign, led by CISLAC and Oxfam in Nigeria with support from Sida, hosted a policy roundtable with key stakeholders. The event highlighted challenges like weak regulations, corruption in financial institutions, and loopholes exploited by IFF perpetrators.

Recommendations included:

- Strengthening regulatory frameworks and anti-IFF laws.
- Promoting financial transparency.
- Encouraging responsible, ESG-focused investments.
- Enhancing collaboration among government, the private sector, and civil society.
- Training agencies on anti-money laundering practices.

FFNG aims to drive change, creating a more transparent and fair financial system for Nigeria's future.

The Nigerian Fair Finance coalition includes Oxfam in Nigeria, Connected Development Initiative (CODE), BudgIT, the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Policy Alert, Support for Training and Entrepreneurial Program (STEP)



Photo credit: Maxwell Osarenkhoe/Oxfam



# STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Promoting Civic Engagement and Transparency

In partnership with Connected Development, we are advocating for the domestication of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) in Cross River and Akwa Ibom states under the #PowerOfVoices Project. To amplify efforts, we trained legislators, journalists and CSOs on:

Photo credit: Connected Development

- The importance of FOI domestication.
- Engaging stakeholders and following up.
- Using FOI to hold government accountable.



Photo credit: Connected Development



## Strengthening Civic Clubs for Sustainable Engagement

To sustain the #CivicClub initiative under the #PowerOfVoices project, we hosted a teachers retreat in Calabar, Cross River State. The retreat focused on:

- Improving teaching techniques and classroom engagement.
- Promoting gender equality in education.
- Instilling the core club value: Integrity.

These efforts ensure vibrant clubs that foster civic responsibility among young minds.

## Empowering Gender Champions in the Northeast

In Michika LGA, Oxfam and CEPAD-Nigeria organised a 3-day training to equip Gender Champions with the tools to tackle Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs). This effort comes as part of a broader strategy to address the persistent challenges faced by vulnerable groups in the region.

The sessions focus on understanding the root causes and impact of GBV and HTPs, alongside practical steps for reporting cases and ensuring survivors access appropriate support through referral pathways.



Photo credit: CEPAD-Nigeria

## STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Teachers can be innovative too!

Nigeria's education system is in need of transformation, with outdated teaching methods and curricula hindering student engagement and learning. Connected Development (CODE), in partnership with Oxfam, is working to change that. Through the #PowerOfVoices Project, a retreat and training program has brought together teachers from 18 schools in six states—Imo, Abuja, Rivers, Cross River, Delta, and Akwa Ibom.

This initiative equips educators with new approaches to inspire students and create more dynamic, engaging classrooms. The focus is on empowering teachers to move away from traditional methods and toward innovative, student-centered learning.

By enhancing teaching practices, this initiative aims to create a ripple effect in classrooms across Nigeria, ensuring that education is an active and enriching experience.



Photo credit: Connected Development

### Strengthening Early Warning and Response Mechanisms in Adamawa and Katsina states

Oxfam, in partnership with CRUDAN and Welthungerhilfe, hosted a series of 4-day workshops to develop Early Action Protocols (EAP) in Numan LGA, Adamawa (Northeast) and Baure LGA, Katsina (Northwest).

The methodology involved a mix of local residents and scientists from the hydrological and meteorological agencies to track patterns, develop coping mechanisms, understand thresholds. This collaborative approach encourages the creation of locally-led action plans that address flood and drought hazards, strengthening the region's preparedness and response to climate-related challenges.



Photo credit: Aaron/CRUDAN



## STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Oil Revenue, Community Welfare, and the Way Forward Naija dey chop oil money, but wetin happen to the people wey dey live for oil-rich areas? Nigeria makes huge revenue from Fossil Fuel exploration and sales, but what happens to the residents of these oil-rich communities? English Translation

For years, host communities and oil exploration companies in Nigeria have disagreed on the use of oil revenue to protect these communities. The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), in partnership with Oxfam, organized a 3-day Stakeholder Dialogue in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, to address host community benefits under the Petroleum Industry Act.

During the dialogue, host communities voiced concerns about the negative impact of oil exploration on their livelihoods, while oil companies acknowledged the ineffectiveness of their efforts to assist these communities. In response, several Global Memoranda of Understanding (GMOUs) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives have been introduced to tackle these challenges.

Section 240 (2) of the Petroleum Industry Act was identified as a crucial provision for balancing and safeguarding community interests.

Through these dialogues, we are paving way for stronger partnerships between oil companies and host communities.



Photo credit: CISLAC

### Empowered Women, Thriving Communities

In Guyuk LGA, Northeast, Gender Champions and project participants gather for a women-led community platform, fostering discussions on gender equality, social inclusion, and sustainable development.

The platform empowers women to voice concerns, build leadership skills, and advocate for rights, addressing issues like economic empowerment, education, healthcare, and gender-based violence. Supported by local leaders, these champions are creating an inclusive environment for women.

In partnership with CRUDAN and funded by Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), this initiative amplifies women's voices and leadership, driving progress and building stronger, more equitable communities.



Photo credit: CRUDAN





# STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Report Launch: Taxing the Rich, Income and Wealth Disparity in Nigeria: Trends & Drivers

Oxfam, the [Tax Justice Network Africa](#), and the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), unveiled two critical reports—"Income and Wealth Inequality in Nigeria: Trends and Drivers" and "Taxing the Rich: Fair Tax Monitor"—that dissect the structural causes of inequality in Nigeria. These studies reveal a grim reality where income, wealth, gender, and regional disparities are widening, fueled by systemic imbalances.

In Nigeria, over 133 million people—nearly 70% of the population—live in severe poverty, with women and girls disproportionately affected. Limited access to education and healthcare compounds the issue; rural areas remain particularly underserved, with fewer than 40% of households having electricity. Literacy rates starkly contrast, with 35% for women compared to 59.5% for men, while millions face hunger, malnutrition, and inadequate healthcare.

For a deeper dive into these pressing issues, download the [reports and factsheet](#) today.



Photo credit: Jide Ojideran



## Unity for Sustainable Agriculture

At #20CAADP and #15ADFNS, we joined a side event co-sponsored by Oxfam, ActionAid, GIZ, and CARE, focusing on the power of non-state actors in promoting resilient agriculture. Smallholder farmers and stakeholders shared insights on building sustainable systems.

The key message: Africa must unite to advance sustainable agriculture and ensure food security.



Photo credit: Action Aid



# STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Nigeria's Climate Caravan: Amplifying Africa's Call for Climate Financing

The Nigerian Climate Caravan launched its pre-COP campaign in Abuja with a meeting at the House of Representatives. Discussions with Hon. Terseer Ugbor, Deputy Chairman of the House Committee on Environment, centered on strengthening Africa's voice in global climate talks, particularly in securing equitable and accessible climate financing.

The campaign highlights the injustice of climate change: while Africa contributes minimally to global emissions, it suffers disproportionately from its devastating effects. The Caravan aims to hold wealthier nations accountable, urging them to fund solutions that safeguard vulnerable African communities.

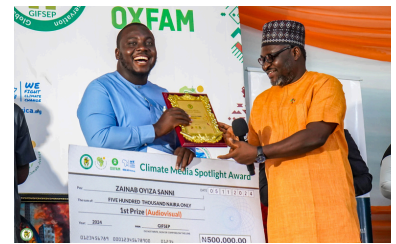


Photo credit: GIFSEP

## Bringing Government Closer to the People

Leaders from Adamawa, Kaduna, and Taraba States gathered for an inspiring dialogue on Open Government Partnership (OGP) and Community Development Planning (CDP), hosted by Oxfam.

Highlights included Kaduna's citizen-driven budgeting process, Adamawa's digital project monitoring platform, and Gombi's grassroots development efforts like borehole repairs and women's skills training.

As Dr. Mary B. Paninga noted, "Citizen engagement is the backbone of sustainable development."

This exchange reaffirmed the power of collaboration and citizen-led solutions in advancing Nigeria's open governance goals.

For more insights, read the [communique](#).



Photo credit: Oxfam



# STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

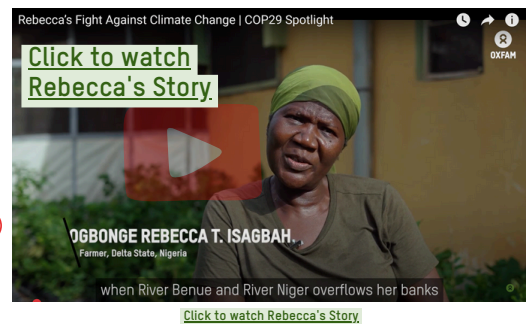
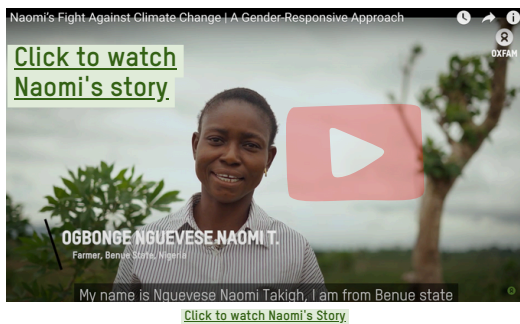
## The Climate Crisis and the Women Who Feed Nigeria

The reality of climate change is undeniable, with [2024 marking the hottest year on record](#). This worsening crisis disproportionately impacts developing countries, especially women. In Nigeria's agriculture sector, smallholder women farmers are among those bearing the heaviest burden.

Through our Together Against Poverty project, we launched an initiative to recognize the efforts of these women, forming the group Ogbonge Woman. In Nigerian terms, "Ogbonge" means strong, resilient, tough, and authentic—a perfect reflection of these women's spirit.

We engaged with several Ogbonge Women and climate activists across the country, and their stories reveal a common thread: resilience in the face of mounting climate challenges.

[Stay tuned](#) on our [YouTube channel](#) as we share more of their voices and the innovative ways they are navigating the climate crisis.



## Strengthening Partnerships for Climate Resilience in Katsina and Adamawa

In partnership with CRUDAN and Welthungerhilfe (WHH), we hosted a learning workshop on Strengthening Early Warning Systems (SEWARM) in Katsina and Adamawa states, focused on preparing communities for climate challenges like drought and flooding. Through this process, we helped empower locals to create Early Action Plans (EAPs) for better preparedness.

Key achievements:

- Documented lessons learned from Early Action Plans.
- Identified successful strategies and areas for improvement.
- Strengthened partnerships to boost future resilience efforts.

Together, we are taking proactive steps to protect these communities from climate impacts.



Photo credit: Maxwell Osarenkhoe/Oxfam



# STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## #16DaysOfActivism

We launched our commemoration of #16DaysOfActivism with a spirited football match alongside PLAN Nigeria, promoting unity and awareness through sports. Collaborating with Catholic Relief Services, PLAN Nigeria and Beyond Walls, we marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, emphasizing inclusivity and advocacy for persons with disabilities.

At the Niger Delta Women Conference, we hosted a panel session spotlighting the critical role of CareWork, highlighting its importance in achieving gender equity and sustainable development.

Photo credit: Maxwell Osarenkhoe/Oxfam, PLAN Nigeria



## Towards Equitable Tax Reforms at the National Tax Conference in Nigeria

The Tax Justice & Governance Platform hosted the National Tax Conference 2024, bringing together distinguished guests from the Ministry of Finance, West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF), Federal Inland Revenue Service, Nigerian Labour Congress, International Budget Partnership, Civil Society Legislative and Advocacy Centre, Christian Aid, ActionAid, and Oxfam.

A highlight of the event was the presentation by Mr. Taiwo Oyedele, Chairman of the Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform Committee, who shared insights on advancing tax reforms for equity and growth.

Discussions centered on "Economic Stabilization for Equity: Ensuring Fairness in Fiscal Reforms," sparking impactful dialogue on creating a fairer tax system that benefits all Nigerians.

Download the [communiqué](#).



Photo credit: Maxwell Osarenkhoe/Oxfam



## STORIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Supporting Flood-Affected Communities in Maiduguri

Oxfam, in collaboration with Center for Advocacy, Transparency and Accountability Initiative (CATAI), CRUDAN, and the Borno State government, is supporting flood-affected populations in Maiduguri. Through our hygiene kit distribution initiative, we have reached 1,500 households, providing essential items to improve their well-being.

Additionally, we launched Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) for our Multipurpose Cash Assistance program and Non-Food Items, benefiting over 4,000 households. Our Country Director, John Makina, joined the response team on the ground to connect directly with beneficiaries and hear their stories firsthand.

One such story is from Fatima (52), a single mother of three, who shared how the cash transfer allowed her to repair her home, buy food, and pay for her child's school fees at just the right time.



Photo credit: Solomon/CRUDAN, Daniel/CATAI, Maxwell/Oxfam

## DONORS





## GET INVOLVED

We partner with civil society, women's rights, youth, faith & community groups, state, private sector, foundations & NGOs. We also work in partnership with like-minded organizations.

Committed to accountability, we seek it from partners and those they serve.

Relationships are built on mutual respect, shared vision, and clear roles.

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

To explore an opportunity for partnership, send a mail to [ngapartnership@oxfam.org](mailto:ngapartnership@oxfam.org)

## EDITORIAL TEAM

### Editors:

John Makina  
Regina Afiemo  
Maxwell Osarenkhoe

### Content Design and Layout:

Maxwell Osarenkhoe

### Content Contributors:

Akom Ita  
Henry Ushie  
Moses Alago  
Cedric Owuru  
Daniel Habila  
Milcah Gaman  
Kenneth Akpan  
Ifeoluwa Gbolahan  
Tabwassah Tafuko  
Precious Igboanugo

## FEEDBACK

Do you have a comment or an inquiry about this quarter issue, send a mail to [maxwell.osarenkhoe@oxfam.org](mailto:maxwell.osarenkhoe@oxfam.org).



Photo credit: Maxwell Osarenkhoe/Oxfam



**OXFAM**

Tel: +234 708 662 5290

Email: [infonigeria@oxfam.org](mailto:infonigeria@oxfam.org)

Web: [www.nigeria.oxfam.org](http://www.nigeria.oxfam.org)



Oxfam in Nigeria