



# AFRICA NETWORK FOR ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE (ANEEJ)

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Report

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2018 was quite eventful for ANEEJ as it offered the organisation the opportunity to deepen her desire and passion to fulfil its commitments for an African society free from poverty and injustice, where equity, equality, rule of law, respect for human rights, transparency and accountability reigns supreme. It was also about supporting government to deliver on their responsibilities to the people and empowering citizens to demand their rights and air their voices, build local solutions and own their own future.

This was what informed critical interventions which the organisation undertook. We took advantage of government (OGP) commitments especially on the Open Government Partnership platform and we are currently championing sub national government adoption of OGP. In the process, we were able to get Edo State government to sign on to OGP while sustaining the advocacy in other States.

ANEEJ adopted collaborative approach to achieve some level of results working with a number of MDAs and CSOs including journalist

ANEEJ, through the MANTRA project commenced monitoring of the use of the \$322.5m recovered loot, which the FG is currently using to support the National Cash Transfer programme. In the first instance, the exercise took place in 11 States and reached over 30,000 households who benefited from the programme. We were also active in the advocacy for passage of bills to support anti-corruption effort in Nigeria, working closely with the Federal Ministry of Justice, OGP national secretariat, Asset Recovery and Management Unit and Advocacy Working Group on anti-corruption. This enormous work and others will shape ANEEJ work in 2019 and beyond.

In all of these, ANEEJ adopted collaborative approach to achieve some level of results working with a number of government Ministries, Departments and Agencies including the anti-corruption agencies, development partners and other local/national civil society groups, local communities and the media. A number of knowledge products were published in the process.

The bulk of our work will continue in 2019 and hopefully, fresh impetus will be put into the work and new grounds will be cultivated. We hope to get the needed support and partnership from all those who worked with us in 2018.

Respectfully,  
Rev David Ugolor  
Executive Director

## ABOUT THE AFRICAN NETWORK FOR ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC JUSTICE (ANEEJ)

The African Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) is a non-governmental organization aiming at promoting sustainable development through research, policy dialogues, capacity building and advocacy. The goal of ANEEJ is to amplify the voice of the weak and the marginalized, in order to bring about their participation in democratic decision-making process. As its basis, ANEEJ believes in a democratic system for managing human interest.

Over the years, ANEEJ has focused on a number of issues, including Debts and Structural Adjustments, Monitoring of the International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and their missions, Public Expenditure Management, Revenue Transparency, Budget Monitoring and Tracking, Environmental issues, including Climate Change, water and sanitation among others.

This has led to activities such as Public Eye on oil Revenue, a secretariat for the following platform - Publish What You Pay Campaign

and End Impunity Now Campaign; the publication of Oil of Poverty in the Niger Delta and the formation of the Niger Delta Budget Monitoring and Transparency Network (NDBMTN) and the formation of Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), a coalition of over 120 organisations spread across the six geo-political zones of Nigeria. ANEEJ has consultative status with the UN and accredited by BPP to observe public procurement processes in Nigeria.

ANEEJ advocates the support of the Nigerian national and state governments in delivering equitable economic development for all citizens. ANEEJ is currently working with state governments in the Niger Delta to support building the capacity of government officials as well as enforcement of legislations.



# ANEEJ VISION, MISSION, OBJECTIVES AND CORE VALUES

## VISION – Africa without Poverty

**MISSION** - To contribute to the emergence of a just and equitable African society through socio-economic and environmental rights protection, institutional strengthening and people's empowerment.

## OBJECTIVES

The fundamental objectives of ANEEJ are to:

- ★ Create platforms where civil society voices connect into critical masses on key national issues and where/when necessary, advance civil society interest on socioeconomic and environmental rights protection.
- ★ Build the capacity of civil society actors to better appreciate local, national and international economic governance issues and their connection to poverty incidence, resource conflict and the overarching people's economic rights
- ★ Mobilize civil society groups for social action to demand socio-economic rights and good governance at all levels of society.
- ★ Conduct research on key economic governance and environmental issue and to publicize same to inform guided interventions and actions by relevant stakeholders and public agencies.
- ★ Undertake public interest litigation within and outside Nigeria in its core focal areas.

## CORE VALUES

Integrity & Consistency

Transparency

Reliability

Integrity

Justice

Equity

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prof. Ben E. Aibgokhan-Chairman

Rev. David Ugolor- Secretary

Prof. Milton Iyoha

Comrade Nowinta Igbotako

Prof. Yinka Omorogbe

# DONORS

ANEEJ has maintained good relationship with a number of funding agencies, and received funding from the following organisations in the period under review.

Open Niger Delta (OPENED) project is supported by:



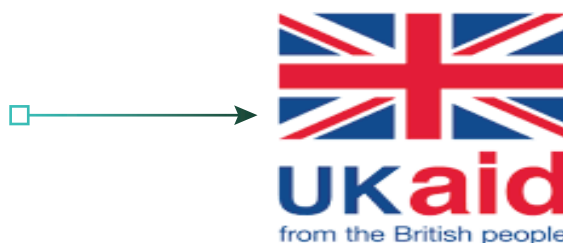
Improving the capacity of media practitioners on asset recovery – Project by:



USAID and PIND Foundation supported ANEEJ under the SACE Project



Monitoring of Recovered Assets through Transparency and Accountability (MANTRA) Project – supported by:



Support for the passage of Petroleum Industry Bills was done by:



## SOME KEY RESULTS OF ANEEJ WORK IN 2018



Edo State government joined the OGP following ANEEJ advocacy and engagement effort



Boosts OGP Implementation in Nigeria through our contribution to the implementation of NAP



Robust partnership with key government institutions at the highest level to deliver on different initiatives including monitoring the use of recovered loot



Several knowledge products generated are now being referenced globally



Increased CSOs involvement & voices in asset recovery debate & negotiations



Reduced opportunity for reloot recovered asset



Increased capacity of citizens/CSOs to monitor the use of recovered assets



Pioneered notable technology based interventions



About 24,549 households that benefit from the disbursement of \$322.5 recovered loot, on CCTP in 43 LGAs across 11 States were verified while over 500 monitors were deployed

# GEOAPHICAL FOCUS IN 2018

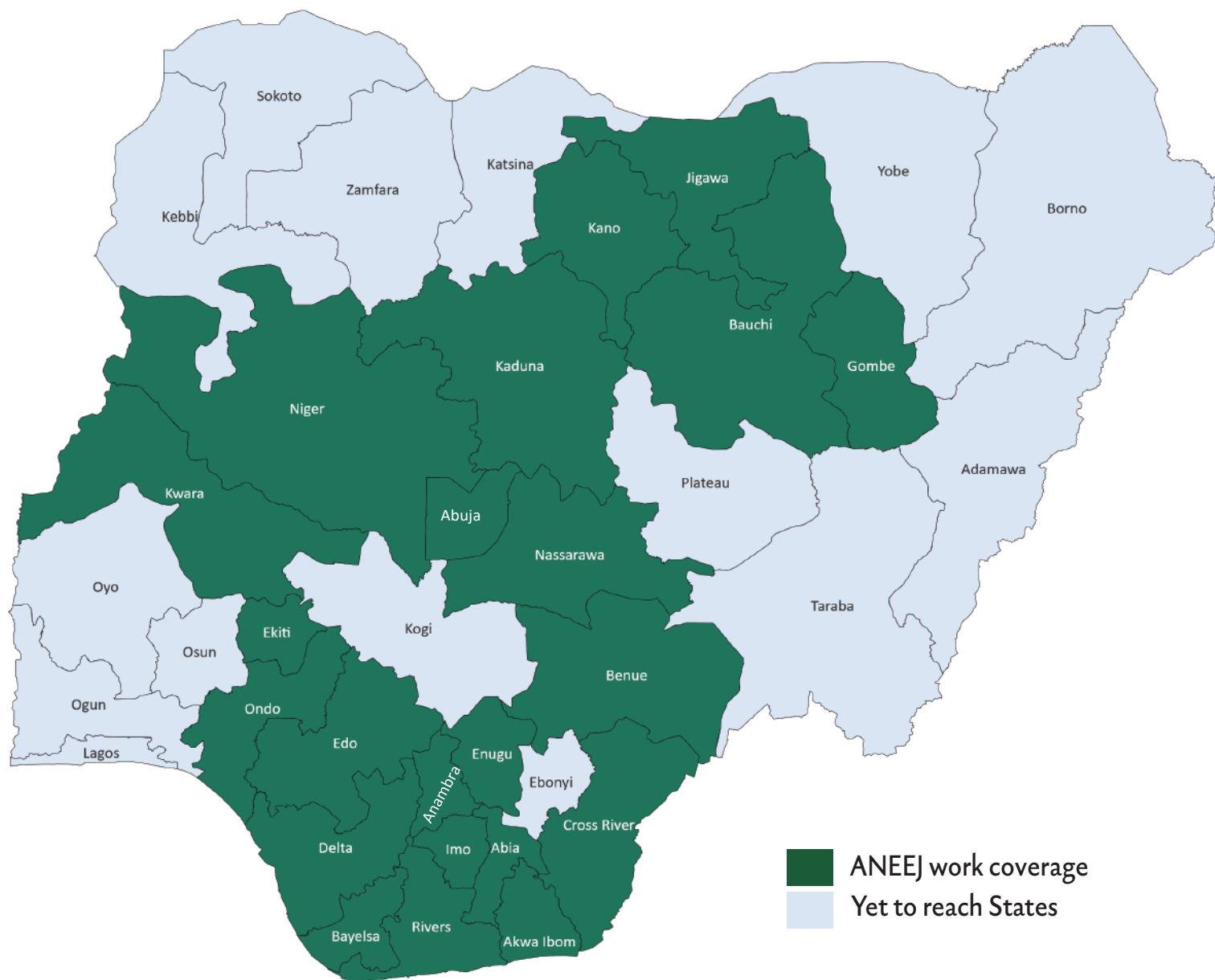


Fig 1: Map of Nigeria showing 21 States and the FCT ANEEJ worked in 2018

In 2018, ANEEJ project activities covered 21 States including the FCT (Abuja)

# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## ANTI-CORRUPTION CENTRE PUBLIC LECTURE

The inaugural ANEEJ Anti-corruption Centre public lecture was held on Wednesday 19th September 2018 in Benin City, Edo State. The purpose of the lecture was to provide opportunity for the public to set a clear agenda for political parties and candidates to mainstream anti-corruption issues into their campaigns. The event became important as the 2019 general election in Nigeria was fast approaching. About 80 participants attended drawn from ANEEJ project partners in the Niger Delta, Conference of NGOs, (CONGOs) Edo State, Journalists ANEEJ board, faith based organization and other CSOs. The guest lecturer, Professor Eddy Erhagbe spoke on “Mainstreaming Anti-Corruption Campaign into 2019 general Elections – The Role of Stakeholders” where he expressed delight to be invited as the resource person to deliver such sensitive and very important lecture which is considered by many as

the greatest obstacle to the development of Nigeria. Prof. Erhagbe identifies some of the socio-economic and political implications of corruption as:

- Corruption affects the quality of governance and social structure in Nigeria
- Corruption has eroded government’s ability to provide the needed social amenities like water, sanitation, healthcare, education, etc.
- Compromises the security of the country
- Retards economic developments and precipitate deterioration of public infrastructure and amenities, including roads, refineries, dams, telecommunication network etc



From left: Comrade Kola Giwa, Senior Technical Adviser to ANEEJ Executive Director, Barr. Innocent Adjenughure – ED, Institute for Dispute Resolution; Professor Eddy Erhagbe, Daisy Abiola Ifueko, President Conference of NGOs, Edo State



## LAUNCHING OF THE OPEN NIGER DELTA (OPENED) PROJECT

The ANEEJ/Bread for the World project launch was hosted by Edo State government on Thursday 26th September, 2018. The aim of the ceremony was to formally launch the Open Niger Delta Campaign Project and increase its visibility; mobilize citizens' participation in governance of the region; encourage states within the region and beyond to adopt far reaching measures that will improve transparency and accountability and overall governance of the region.

The event drew the attention of Edo State government led by the governor, who was represented by Chief of Staff, Comrade Taiwo Akerele, Hon. Attorney General, Commissioner for Justice Edo State, Prof Yinka Omorogbe, SA to the Governor on Gender, Mrs Efosa Uwigwe; Mrs. Uyi, SSA to the Governor on Strategic Planning; the State Project Manager of Social Investment

Programme, Mrs. Iyuwa Aladeselu; SSA to the governor on Investment Promotion; the State Project Manager on SDGs, Barr. Ifueko Alufokai and other top government functionaries. Other participants were CSOs (including ANEEJ) project partners within the Niger Delta region, journalists, academic and the private sector members. In all, over 150 participants attended the OPENED project launching.

*FOCUS: The event was also used to launch the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and Edo State government committed to working with ANEEJ to implement the OPENED project and expressed delight to pilot the OGP in the South South region.*

*It was supported by Bread for the World and UK aid*



Chief of Staff to Edo State Governor, Chief Taiwo Akerele flanked by ANEEJ Executive Director, Rev David Ugolor (Right) and Special Adviser to the Edo State Governor on Gender Issues, Ms Efosa Uyigwe (Left) at the Launch of OPENED project at Festival Hall, Government House, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.

## ANEEJ MOBILISES CITIZENS TO MARK INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



Top: Group photo at the anti-corruption event. Bottom: From left - Martha Onose of CEDI, Comrade Lucky Orukpe – Traders Welfare Union, Comrade Leo Atakpu, ANEEJ Deputy Executive Director & Senior Chief Raphael E. Oronsaye, representative of the Oba of Benin



### BRIEF ON ANTI-CORRUPTION & HUMAN RIGHTS EVENTS

ANEEJ mobilized stakeholders to mark anti corruption and human rights day 2018. The event featured speeches on the themes and rally through some streets in Benin City. The theme for the anti-corruption and human rights day were “United against Corruption for Development, Peace and Security” and Stand up for Human Rights” respectively. The events drew participation from Edo State government, ICPC, National Youth Council, Edo Women’s Development Initiative, Benin Traditional Council, Traders Welfare Union, Girls Power Initiative, Journalists and citizens and ANEEJ project partners in the Niger Delta. Bread for the World and UK aid who supported the events were branded.



# POLICY DIALOGUE

In 2018, ANEEJ organized policy dialogue on a number of topics in Bayelsa, Abuja and Enugu. The issues include;

- Policy Dialogue on Institutionalizing Transparency and Accountability at Sub-National Level
- Taking OGP to Sub National levels, the Journey So far
- The framework for utilization of recovered asset in Nigeria



*ANEEJ Policy Dialogue in Enugu*



# PUBLICATIONS

ANEEJ publications for the year under review include;

Report on Niger  
Delta Institutions  
Transparency  
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Impact of  
Corruption in the  
Niger Delta

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Report on  
Independent CSOs  
Monitoring of NDIs  
Projects in 3  
Senatorial Districts in  
each of the Nine  
Niger Delta State

2

Policy paper on  
“Institutionalizing  
Transparency &  
Accountability at  
Sub-National Level.  
Lessons from Bayelsa  
State Experience from  
BEITI to OGP”

9

Implementation of  
Transparency and  
Accountability  
Framework in the  
Niger Delta Region

6

Assessment of  
Behavioural  
Change as an  
Option for tackling  
Corruption

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Implementation of  
2016 London  
Anti-Corruption  
Summit and GFAR  
Commitments in  
Nigeria

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Role of Citizens in  
the National Cash  
Transfer  
Programme

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Policy brief on  
“Taking OGP to  
Sub-National  
Level: The Journey  
So Far”

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# Financial Summary

The summary of financial cost of activities undertaken within the period are as follows:

## 2018

Income	384,228,532
Less: Expenditure	<u>268,673,329</u>

Excess / Deficit	115,555,203
Less: Purchase of Non-Current Asset	<u>35,036,138</u>

Unexpended Grant	<u>80,519,065</u>
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## 2017

Income	92,160,024
Less: Expenditure	<u>73,509,240</u>

Excess / Deficit	18,650,784
Less: Purchase of Non-Current Asset	<u>7,000,000</u>

Unexpended Grant	<u>11,650,784</u>
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