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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As we moved from one part of the World to the other in 2019, to share experience on the MANTRA model, one thing was clear in our minds, to advance the interest of the poor. Our work around improving transparency and accountability mechanisms on the use of recovered asset for National Cash Transfer Programme (NCTP) and the strong partnership that ensued, greatly raised the confidence level on government initiatives in this part of the World. Our desire was to see that the resources get to the intended poor beneficiaries thereby preventing re-looting of recovered asset.

It was a lesson for other countries in similar development challenge, but one thing we realised was that, a lot still needs to be done to rescue Nigeria and the entire African continent from poverty and under development. Even within our existing work, the scope needs to be expanded. Beyond the NCTP, other aspects of the National Social Investment Programme (NSIP) are being implemented in Nigeria. Independent monitoring of the entire programme is a sure way of ensuring that the poor and victims of corruption are not being deprived of the intended benefits.

Our initiative around resource governance holds great potential to influence the level of governance in the Niger Delta region and the country at large. The Niger Delta Governance Index has been piloted and will be scaled up in the coming years. New partnerships are springing up which will expand ANEEJ work beyond existing traditional programme areas. Migration and development remain under-explored by our organization and we would deepen our work in this area in the years ahead. Advocacy around the passage of specific bills to support anti-corruption and governance reforms remain relevant in the coming years.

These and other areas are part of what will dominate ANEEJ work in 2020 and beyond. It is all about collaborating with government to deliver on their responsibilities to the people and empowering citizens (including marginalised groups) to demand for their rights, raise their voice on issues that affects them, build local synergies and solutions for them to own their future.

We will sustain the partnerships that contributed to our successes last year and build on it to achieve more impact.

Respectfully,

Rev David Ugolor
Executive Director



It was a great opportunity to showcase the MANTRA model which is currently gaining traction around the World. New products are in the pipeline that will advance ANEEJ work.

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, advocacy and partnership with key stakeholders. 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
- ★ Reliability
- ★ Equity
- ★ Empowerment

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Prof. Ben E. Aibgokhan-Chairman
- Rev. David Ugolor- Secretary
- Prof. Milton lyoha
- 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



Monitoring of Recovered Assets in Nigeria through Transparency and Accountability (MANTRA) project



Through the Rule of Law and Anti-corruption Programme supported the Civil Society Advocacy to Support Anti-corruption and Rule of Law in Nigeria (CASARN) project.



ANEEJ to assess the performance of Nigeria's first National Action Plan of the Open Government Partnership (OGP)

SOME KEY RESULTS



Official Gazette of Regulation on tracing, Recovery and managing Asset published by the Federal Government owing the ANEEJ partnership with the Federal Ministry of Justice



Over 2000 direct beneficiaries reached via 60 different interventions with over 142 media reports



Knowledge products are now being referenced globally



Increased CSOs involvement & voices in asset recovery debate & negotiations



ANEEJ now host Edo State OGP Secretariat and supported the development of the State Action Plan



About 41,372 households who benefited from the May/June 2019 disbursement of \$322.5 recovered loot on NCTP were confirmed by over 700 monitors who worked across 64 LGAs in 19 States & Abuja



Increased capacity of citizens/CSOs to monitor the use of recovered assets across 19 State and the FCT

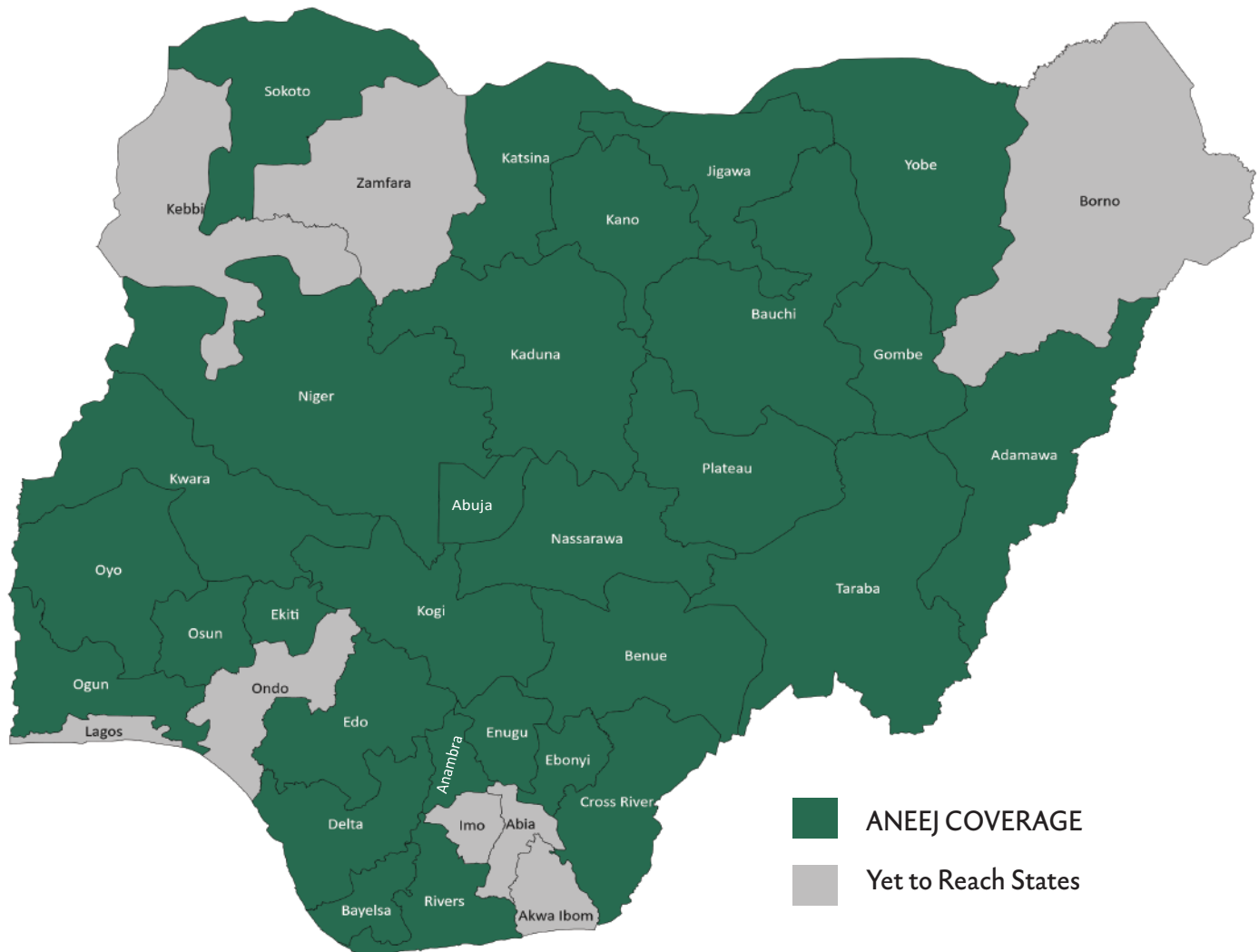


Robust partnership with key government institutions at the highest level to deliver on different initiatives including policy reforms and monitoring the use of recovered loot



Reduced corruption in the use of \$322.5M recovered Abacha loot as a result of ANEEJ-led CSOs monitoring of the process

GEOAPHICAL FOCUS IN 2019



Map of Nigeria showing 29 States in Nigeria ANEEJ worked in 2019

In 2019, ANEEJ project activities covered 29 States including Abuja. Beyond Nigeria, ANEEJ held side events during the following international meetings

- Open Government Partnership Global Summit in Ottawa, Canada, May 29 – 31, 2019.
- World Bank/IMF Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA, October 15 – 18, 2019.
- Eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC/COSP8) will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 16 to 20 December 2019.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



ANEEJ CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CORRUPTION PUBLIC LECTURE



From left: Chief of Staff to Edo State governor represented by Mr. Iyalomhe Felix, ANEEJ Deputy Executive Director, Leo Atakpu, Chief Raphael Oronsaye, Representative of FIDA, Edo State Mrs. Odiase Philomena, ANEEJ Board member, Comrade Nowinta Igbotako

The second public lecture of the centre was held in December 2019 and the focus was Behavioral insights and Gaps in Anti-corruption Policy Development and Implementation in Nigeria. The guest Lecturer was Dr. Oscar Ubhenin and over 80 persons participated including the high-profile government officials like the Speaker, Edo State House of Assembly and Chief of Staff to Edo State governor; delegation from Palace of the Oba of Benin, CSOs including media, students and market women.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



ANEEJ SIDE EVENT AT THE 8th SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, ABU DHABI, UAE - DECEMBER, 2019



Panelists at
ANEEJ side event

THE CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES (COSP) IS THE MAIN POLICY- MAKING BODY FOR UNCAC. IT SUPPORTS STATES PARTIES AND SIGNIATIRIES IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND GIVES POLICY GUIDANCE TO UNODC TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTIVITIES

As part of opportunity to show case MANTRA Model at the global event, ANEEJ organized a side event as part of the special event at the CoSP8. The event had various participants from different countries including delegates from Nigeria in attendance. The objectives include to challenge the removal of bottlenecks facing asset recovery and return efforts; to promote peer learning in asset recovery and utilization of asset for sustainable development and poverty reduction and to channel assets towards Agenda 2030. The

side event featured a panel session chaired by Ms. Gillian Dell Coordinator UNCAC Coalition. Other panel member includes; Ms. Greta Fenner Managing Director Basel Institute for Governance; Mrs. Maryam Uwais Special Adviser to the Nigeria President on Social Investment; Ms. Fatima Kanji Research and Policy Manger International State Crime International, Queen Mary University of London and Rev. David Ugolor the Executive Director ANEEJ.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



FIELD MONITORING OF NATIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME IN NIGERIA (UTILISATION OF N322.5M RECOVERED LOOT)

The second round of the monitoring exercise occurred in October 2017 in conjunction with 6 regional CSOs partners and 110 CSOs spanning across 19 States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) in the 6 geopolitical zones in Nigeria. Over 700 monitors were used to reach over 41,000 beneficiaries paid during May/June 2019 payment round.



Training of monitors in Nasarawa State



CSO monitor interviewing a beneficiary of NCTP in Nasarawa State

There was a training of Trainers workshop in Abuja, Nigeria where the supervisors and deputy supervisors were trained, who now undertook step-down training for monitors across the entire locations. Immediately after the step down training, monitors were deployed to 19 State and the FCT. The exercise also featured data verification with a total of 93 Officials from the National level, 20 States, and 55 L.G.As who are working on the National Cash Transfer Programme.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



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

BRIEF ON INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION & HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EVENTS

The anti-corruption day event was used to interact with beneficiaries of National Cash Transfer Programme at Chibiri Primary School, Kuje, Abuja during payment. This activity was supported by DFID as part of the ACORN programme



DFID ACORN Programme SRO Sonia Warner interacting with beneficiaries of National Cash Transfer Programme at Chibiri in Kuje LGA, Abuja

ANEEJ mobilized stakeholders to mark human rights day 2019 in Benin City. The global theme was Youth Standing Up for Human Rights. Locally, the focus was on Restitution of African Cultural Heritage and a paper was presented on the topic by the president of African Bar Association. This activity was supported by Bread for the World under the Open Niger Delta project



Group photograph by participants at the International Human Rights Day Event in Benin City, Edo State

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



ZONAL TOWN HALL MEETING FOR LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS AND TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS



Group photograph of participants shortly after the South East town hall meeting held in Enugu, Enugu State



Group photograph of participants shortly after the South West town hall meeting held in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State

Both Town hall meetings took place in November and December 2019 and focused on the role of traditional and religious institutions in changing social norms and behaviors that promote corruption.

The events also discussed alternative approaches and stakeholders who included leaders of religious and traditional institutions made commitments to use their platforms to advance behavioural approach to tackling corruption.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



THE NIGER DELTA GOVERNANCE INDEX

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An online Evaluation System for governments in the Niger Delta.

The Niger Delta Governance Index is built to process feedback regarding governance in the Niger Delta in key areas and to provide insight into the performance of government in these key areas

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Click a state on the map

The online platform where the Niger Delta Governance Index will be published

ANEEJ has developed the Niger Delta Governance Index to measure the performance of States in the region of key governance issues. The initial pilot report will be officially released in the first quarter of 2010 and supported by Bread for the World. The index aggregates available secondary data already public by different organisations including that of the Nigerian Bureau of Statistics and the World Bank.

Subsequent reports will combine both primary and secondary data to arrive at the index and over time, the exercise will be scaled up to cover the entire States in Nigeria. Already, an online platform has been designed where the index will be hosted annually and at some point the respective state government will be able to evaluate themselves based of agreed indicators.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



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

	2019	2018
	₦	₦
Income	545,382,708	384,228,532
Less: Expenditure	<u>397,487,499</u>	<u>268,673,329</u>
Excess/ Deficit	147,895,209	155,555,203
Less: Purchase of Non-Current Asset	<u>3,907,000</u>	<u>35,036,138</u>
Unexpended grant	<u>143,988,209</u>	<u>80,519,065</u>

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