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A knowledge-based democratic and self-reliant society

Mission

To empower citizens for a just and knowledge-based society that is anchored on sustainable and balanced development using ICT, Capacity Development, Advocacy, Research and Partnership

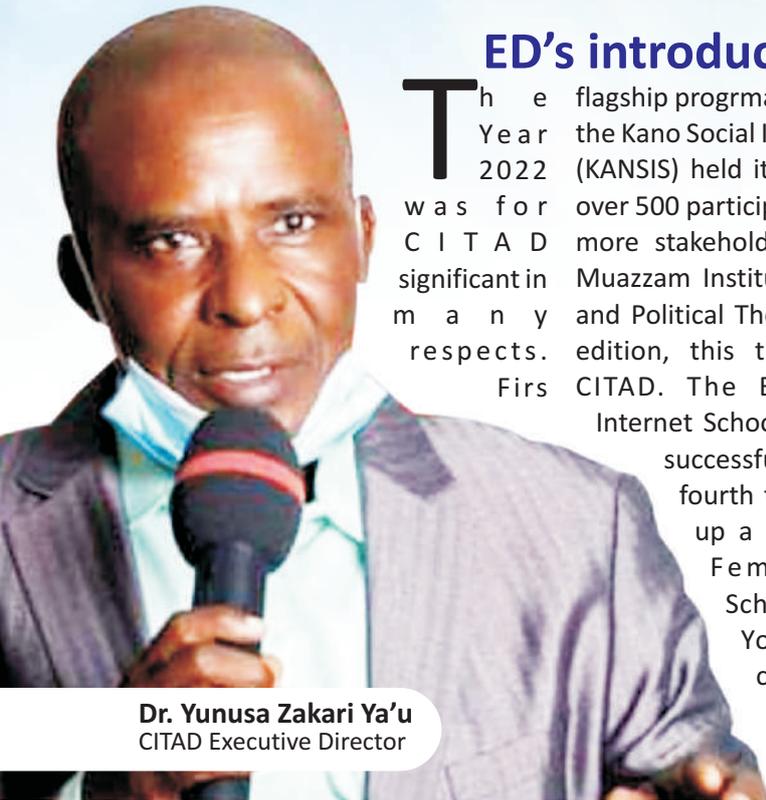
Core Values

CITAD's core values are built on the following principles:

- **Responsibility:** we take responsibility for all engagements with our stakeholders.
- **Responsiveness:** CITAD listens and responds to the needs of its stakeholders
 - **Reliability:** we live by our words.
- **Integrity:** our conduct is governed by the highest ethical standards.
- **Transparency:** we are open to public scrutiny in all our conduct.
- **Accountability:** we hold that every resource and action must be subjected to the test of accountability to our constituents, partners and supporters

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Dr. Yunusa Zakari Ya'u
CITAD Executive Director

ED's introductory remarks for the year

The Year 2022 was for C I T A D significant in many respects. First

flagship programmes. For instance, the Kano Social Influencers Summit (KANSIS) held its 3rd edition with over 500 participants and involving more stakeholders. Similarly, the Muazzam Institute for Philosophy and Political Theory held the fifth edition, this time physically in CITAD. The Bauchi Feminist Internet School (BAFIS) not only successfully held for the fourth time but also gave up a spin up, the Yobe Feminist Internet School (YOFIS). The Yobe outing was consolidated by holding a Digital Rights Workshop for civil society leaders and

while stimulating the interest and engagement of other stakeholders. For instance, during the year, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) partnered CITAD in the replicating of the 2nd School of Community Networks for 10 of its community digital centers through a training of trainers for which CITAD coordinated the step down to over 200 more people.

During the year, CITAD gotten full accreditation as a training center by the Industrial Training Fund (ITF). It also was admitted into the membership of the Global Waste Cleaning Network. CITAD has also received capacity training enhancement and other support as one of the eight capacity building providers for the European Union-ACT project.

In the year we hosted many visitors and partners. Of most endearing in our memory was the visit by the President of MacArthur Foundation in April during which he took part in a number of consultations and panel discussions on some of the projects that CITAD was implementing with support from the Foundation.

Certainly, the year saw CITAD both growing and consolidating on its strengths. This was only possible with the support, dedication, commitment and sacrifice of our staff, the support and solidarity of our donors and partners and the commitment and quality of leadership given by our board members. We are ever grateful to each and every one of them. CITAD values the spirit of volunteerism from our staff associates and numerous volunteers across the country. Together we would continue to grow and make CITAD a leading organization.

t, it makes a clear transition on to more technology-oriented programming. Whereas in the past we had tried to make sure that all projects have clear signet deployment of technology content, for the year 2022, more than 80% of the projects done by CITAD were technology-based. Second, the year also saw the establishment of a physical office in Gombe, Gombe State. Third, the flagship youth mentoring programme, ILERIS has moved from Kano to other places, especially Jama'are and Gombe where each edition drew large participation of young people. Fourth, thanks to Lenovo Foundation, we have extended our gender digital skills training to outside Kano and also launched our technology incubation program coded named aHub. Two cohorts have been enrolled, one consisting of only female technology builders and the second a mixed set resulting from the Transforming Tech Ideas Workshop. But the year also saw the consolidation of many of our

female journalists in Damaturu during the year in which most of the participants of the YOFIS also participated, which gave them further opportunity to deepen their knowledge on digital rights issues.

The 22nd round of the Kano ICT Quiz for Secondary schools, held at the Yusuf Maitama University (for the first time, after years of holding at the Kano University of Science of Technology, Wudil) could not have been better and are grateful for the support of our partners.

In addition to the Muazzam Institute for Philosophy and Political Theory in 2022, CITAD instituted another support to the academia and launched a series of Statistics Data Analysis Using Starter for Academics and three sessions held in the year. The training is aimed at enhancing the capacity of young academics and researchers to analyze data for their research work.

The community networks project continued to impact communities

CITAD host MacArthur Foundation's President

The Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD), in the year under review hosted John Palfrey, the President, MacArthur Foundation, at its Corporate Office, in the ancient city of Kano, northwest Nigeria.

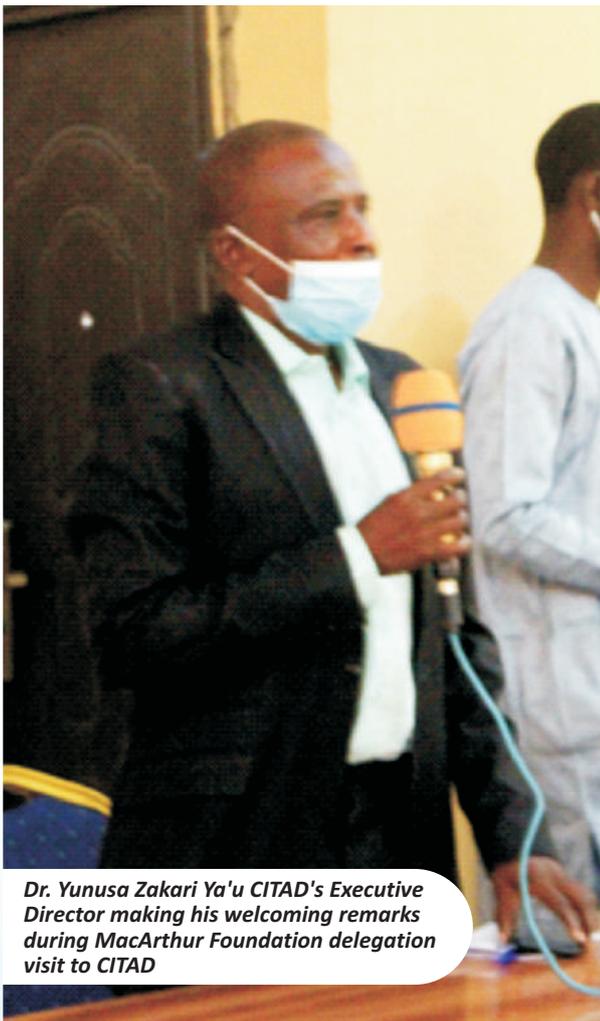
The MacArthur Foundation delegation includes, Stephanie Platz, Africa Director of the Foundation, Dr. Kole Ahmed Shettima, Dayo Olaide, Deputy Africa Director of the Foundation, Amina Salihu, Senior Program Officer, and, Hauwa Kazeem, was received on the March 23, 2022.

Palfrey was in Kano to engage grantees of the Foundation in various sectors. The Foundation has for years supported CITAD to implement various life-touching



John Palfrey, President, MacArthur Foundation, making his speech during his visit to CITAD in Kano

projects, at present CITAD receives public education on COVID19 support of the Foundation on vaccine. anticorruption campaign and



Dr. Yunusa Zakari Ya'u CITAD's Executive Director making his welcoming remarks during MacArthur Foundation delegation visit to CITAD



Dr. Kole Ahmed Shettima, Africa Director of MacArthur Foundation making his remarks during the Foundation's President visit to CITAD



Nasiba Babale, a partner to CITAD's Public Education on COVID19 Vaccine Project giving a brief on her intervention in Kano state



Participants at the Digital Livelihood Creativity and Innovation training held for young Women and Girl in Bauchi state

Digital Livelihood:

CITAD empowers young women in Kano, Bauchi with ICT skills required to accessing entrepreneurship, employments, and business opportunities

As a way of assisting more young women in Nigeria to access the growing opportunities available on the internet, CITAD, in the year under review, organized training programs on 'Digital Livelihood, Creativity, and Innovation for selected young women and girls in Kano, and Bauchi states.

The two- day training which focused on how to deploy information communication technology (ICT) to access entrepreneurship, employment, and business opportunities, was held on the 11th and 12th of December, 2022.

The training was designed to bridge gender digital divide, as well as a special intervention by CITAD to address the rising number of unemployment among young women and girls in the targeted states.

The training was also designed to serve as a platform for empowering targeted beneficiaries with ICT-based entrepreneurship skills to enable them set up small scale ICT-based businesses, was facilitated by the 'Job Placement Information Service (JOPIS)', an employment

information advisory arm of CITAD.

The Kano edition of the training was conducted at the CITAD's corporate office, while, the Bauchi edition was carried out at the organization's training facilities in Jama'are, and Itas Local Government Areas of the state.

About hundred young women and girls drawn from the two states in northwest state, and northeast geo-political zones of Nigeria, were provided basic skills on how to secure jobs, and source entrepreneurship as well as business support.

The training workshops introduced the participants to sites that they could visit to secure soft loans and grants from government initiatives, Bank of Industries (BOI), Bank of Agriculture (BOA) and foundations so that they can be self-reliant and even employ others as an entrepreneur cannot work alone.

One of the practical ICT skills learnt by the participants during the training workshop was how to respond to a public advertisements calling for volunteers. Participants were instructed by the facilitators on

how to respond to a call for volunteers by an international NGO-'Save the Children'.

Other opportunities introduced to the participants included Women Startup Challenge, Tech Startup Grant, 2023, 'Open Minds – Young Voices' Youth Activists Program, the 3rd Cohort for iHatch free intensive incubation program and the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI).

It would be recalled that CITAD floated the JOPIS scheme to assist young Nigerians looking for employment and entrepreneurship opportunities by bringing information about job opportunities to their door steps.

The core function of JOPIS Unit is identifying job opportunities which are re-advertised online, and offline, particularly, in newspapers, for prospective applicants, to access them.

All job vacancies, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities are posted time to time on CITAD's Facebook groups "friends of CITAD", "CITAD ALMUNI", "Peace now" and pages, platforms for prospective applicants to access.



Cross-section of Journalists, civil society leaders during a two-day capacity building on Digital Rights in Nigeria organized by CITAD

CITAD empowers campaigners for Digital Rights in Nigeria ... 45 female Journalists, civil society leaders' benefitted

In the year under-review, CITAD with the support of Association for Progressive Communications (APC), organized a Two-Day capacity building workshop for female journalists and civil society leaders, geared at strengthening the ongoing campaign for Digital Rights in Nigeria.

The workshop which was held on the 10th to 11th of October, 2022 in Damaturu, capital of Yobe state, had in attendance 45 participants drawn from Kano, Kaduna, Bauchi, Yobe, Plateau, Gombe, Adamawa and Jigawa states, respectively.

The breakdown of the participants revealed that 38 females and 7 males participated in the training which was designed to build the capacity of journalists on the issues around digital rights, and to motivate them to join the campaign to protect and promote digital rights in the country.

The workshop was held against the background of increased efforts by government to control access to the digital space as exemplified by the six month ban on

twitter as well as the several bills that government tabled at the National Assembly aimed at controlling the use of social media. Declaring the workshop open, Ali Sabo, CITAD's program officer, Digital Rights, disclosed that the objectives of the program was to enhance the capacity of Female Journalists and CSOs Leaders on the Digital Rights Issues in Nigeria.

Sabo explained that the program was also designed as avenue to create Digital Rights Champions who will champion the cause of Digital Rights in Nigeria and advocate for the passage of digital Rights Bill in the country.

He hinted that the training was in addition designed to equip participants with all the necessary knowledge and information that would assist them to engage relevant stakeholders to advocate for the passage of the digital rights and freedom Bill in the country, as well as improve the knowledge of participants so as to assist them in stepping down the training in their respective communities.

According to him, at the end of the

workshop, participants are expected to step down the training to at least 20 people in their communities, hold Monthly Dialogue sessions on Digital Rights Issues for six months, engage in advocacy to the relevant stakeholders for the passage of the Digital Rights Bill in Nigeria and public awareness campaigns on digital rights.

A total of ten (10) presentations were delivered at the workshop. The presentations focused on topical issues such as: 'Link between Access, Use and Rights to Digital Rights Concept; Privacy as Special Digital Rights; African Declaration on Internet Freedom and Rights; Feminist Internet Principles. Also, discussions on Internet Safety Clinic (Hands-On); State Derogation of Digital Rights; Gender Violence as Digital Rights Abuse; Policies and Laws that have Implications on Digital Rights in the Country and Legal Perspective on Digital Rights'.

Day one of the Workshop:

In the day one of the workshop, Yunusa Zakari Ya'u, Executive

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Director (ED), CITAD delivered a lead presentation on the Link between Access, Use and Rights, noting that access and use of the internet are part and parcel of the fundamental rights of citizens when it comes to the issue of digital rights and accessing the internet.

In the course of the presentation, Ya'u revealed that available statistics indicates that a large number of Nigerians do not have access to the internet which is denying them the right to access the internet.

Using the shutdown of twitter operations by the Nigerian Government in 2021 as an illustration, the ED observed that the development was a clear indication of how the state could trampled on the rights of individuals of accessing the internet.

Ya'u concluded the presentation by noting that just as education was a right, digital rights should also be mandatory, adding that internet access and use have a strong relationship.

His second presentation which focused on 'Privacy as Special Digital Rights', the ED provided insights on why individuals privacy was a right that must be protected, noting that people's data, conversations and their interest to remain anonymous should be respected by government, and that social media companies should not connive with government in releasing users' data or conversation.

He also noted that even in a situation where such individual was deemed a threat to national security or breached any law, due process should be followed in releasing his data.

The second presentation of the day, entitled 'Digital Rights Concept' which was presented by Ali Sabo, CITAD's digital rights program officer, the participants were taken through tips and issues dealing with access, freedom to choose from information sources, right to privacy, right to freedom of expression online, borderless enjoyment of the internet, internet as a tool for change, digital citizens and challenges to the freedom online.

Explaining the meaning of the digital rights, Sabo described Digital rights, as those human rights and legal rights that allow individuals to access, use, create and publish digital media or to access and use computers, other electronic devices, and telecommunications networks.

He provided insights deduced from African Declaration on Internet Freedom and Rights, and took the participants through the 13 key principles of digital rights, such as: Openness, Internet Access and Affordability, Freedom of Expression, Right to Information, Freedom of Assembly and Association on the Internet, Cultural and Linguistic Diversity.

In the same vein, he also x-rayed the meaning of issues, such as: the Right to Development and Access to Knowledge, Privacy and Personal Data, Protection, Security, Stability and Resilience of the Internet, Marginalized Groups and Groups at Risk, Right to Due Process, Democratic Multistakeholder Internet Governance and Gender Equality.

The third presentation of the day, delivered by Zainab Aminu, CITAD, gender technical officer, the participants were taken through

various Feminist Internet Principles, and the reasons why the Principles of the Internet are important; as well as the evolution of the Principles, the Key Goal of the Principles, and History of the Development of the Principles, were also discussed.

Zainab further took the participants through the 17 Principles of Feminist Internet, and delve on issues of, 'Access to Information, Use of Technology, Resistance, Movement Building, Internet Governance, Alternative Economies, Free and Open Source, Amplifying Internet Discourse, Freedom of Expression, Pornography and Harmful Content, Consent Privacy and Data Protection, Memory, Anonymity, Children and Youth, and finally Online Violence

The last activity conducted on the first day event, was a practical Internet Safety Clinic, in which Suhail Abdullahi, CITAD, technical officer, and Zainab Aminu instructed the participants on how to protect themselves online and secure their devices, as well as issues, such as, methods for creating strong passwords, how to avoid been hacked online, and how to identify surveillance software were also discussed at the session.

Day two of the Workshop:

In the second day of the workshop, four (4) presentations were made by different presenters, and the first presentation of the day, entitled 'State Derogation of Digital Rights' was delivered by Yunusa Zakari Ya'u, CITAD, ED, provided insights on how government and its agencies could make access to internet by the citizens very difficult, through

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CITAD Strengthen Citizens Participation in Governance, Budgetary, Procurement Process' project



Isah Garba, senior programs officer, CITAD delivering a presentation at the Quarterly Budget performance review meeting organized at Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Hall in Bauchi

CITAD in the year under review implemented the 'Strengthen Citizens Participation in Governance through Active Participation in Budgetary and Procurement Process' project.

The project which has a time line of one- year was executed through the support provided by USAID under the 'state2state project'.

The project was designed with the primary aim of strengthening citizens` participation in governance through active participation in the Budgetary and Procurement Processes in the benefitting state.

Six local government areas of Bauchi state, namely: Katagum, Jama'are, Ningi, Darazo, Bauchi, Misau, and Dass were the selected LGAs, where the project was executed.

The designed objectives of the project are to enhance the capacity of forty (40) Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to engage both government and citizens in the budget process as means of improving citizens' participation in budget processes, as well as to enhance the skills of forty (40) government officials on interface

citizens to collect, collate and use citizens input in budget process.

Other objectives, was to facilitate the monitoring of procurement processes in the focal areas of education, health and youth and women development, in addition to enhancing the capacity of the appropriation committee on the state house of assembly to be able to analyze budget (Appropriation bill) submitted by the executive arm.

The activities spelled out for execution under the is, Advocacy Visits which will involve paying visits to, the ministries of Budget and Economic Planning, Education, Bureau for Due Process, SUBEB to introduced the project and solicits their support for the key focus agencies of the project.

Trainings was also conducted on Budgetary and Processes for Civil Society and Community Based Organizations (CSOs), which was held in Bauchi and Misau, and a 'Town Hall Meeting' was also conducted on public procurement laws of the state which participants were drawn from the CSOs/CBOs, and procurement officers of the ministries of

Budget, Education and was facilitated by a Director Bauchi Bureau for public procurement.

In the same vein, a 'Citizens Legislators Dialogue' was also conducted to provide a forum for the citizens to interact with the legislators, understand the clear responsibilities and ob descriptions of the legislators and also for the legislators to understand citizens' perception on them and dispel any misconceptions around that.

Also, a 'Quarterly Budget Performance Review Meeting' was conducted to analysis the first and second quarter of the Bauchi state budget implementations. Participants were drawn from the ministry of budget, ministry of education, and SUBEB, NAD Due Process officer plus community based organizations and Civil.

An 'Open Budget Discussions' was conducted for the citizens and the public officers to freely discuss on issues round budget preparations and implementations with the view of saying the truth on issues that either limit citizens engagement, free flow of information and implantation of the budget.

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adopting various means such as, the government increase of Value Added Tax (VAT) from 5% to 12.5% on telecommunications services. The government tax policy, he argued when it becomes effective has the potential of depopulating the number of internet users in the country.

The ED, also cited another example which was the Federal Government shutdown of telecommunication operations in Zamfara and Kaduna state, in the height of the counter –terrorist operations launched in the two state, which according to him, denied internet users in the affected state access to the internet, noting that the development coupled with the ban on Twitter in the country, were some of the examples of how the government was infringing on the rights of the citizens to internet access.

Delving on the issues of Policies and Laws, and its implications on Digital Rights in Nigeria, the ED disclosed that, there are instances that Cybercriminal Act could be deployed against journalists and

CSOs leaders. He citing instances, where the Laws establishing agencies, such as, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and others, are justified.

In the second presentation of the day, Dr. Sana Abdullahi Mu'az, of the Faculty of Software Engineering, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), shared his knowledge on critical issues, such as, Gender Violence, and Digital Rights Abuse. While Barrister Hussain, who is a managing counsel at Eastward Legal Services in Abuja took the participants through the topic entitled 'Legal Perspectives of Digital Rights'.

Feedback from participants:

At the end of the two-day workshop, some of the participants shared their experiences about how knowledge and competencies gained during the training had impacted.

One of the participants, Lola Raji, a journalist from Plateau State

revealed that the training was one of the best she had ever attended as regard Digital Rights, noting that one of her takeaways from the training was the exposure she had about the African Declaration on Internet Freedoms and Rights.

While, Rebecca Maina, another journalist from Adamawa State said she actually did not know that her privacy on the internet was a right until she attended the training, adding that the concept of Feminist Internet Principles fascinated her and promised to step down the training to her journalists' colleagues in the office.

In the same vein, Sani Ibrahim, a Civil Society Leader from Jigawa State said the training had exposed him to his digital rights, adding that he will be deploying the knowledge garnered to engage with stakeholders in his state, especially members of his State House of Assembly to push for the passage of the Digital Rights and Freedom Bill in the country.

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CITAD Strengthen Citizens Participation in Governance through Active Participation in Budgetary and Procurement Process' project

'Public Sensitizations on Freedom of Information' was conducted Radio Programme in Albarka FM Radio, Bauchi and BRC FM Azare on Freedom of Information and Public Procurement Law, and the programme also involved a call-in programmes that ran weekly.

Similarly, a Translation of 2022 Education Budget was carried out to translate the 2022 budget of the ministry of education into Hausa Language for easy understanding by the people at the grassroots, also, a 'Development of Office of the Citizens' and an Android App

to serve as interface platform between the citizens and the state for inclusive decision making and citizens participation in the governance Process.

An 'Android Play Store' with the name "office of the citizens" and can be downloaded and used by every citizen in the state to send reports on project implementations in their communities, and where the response of the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning is needed, there is an interface through chatting that any user can ask

questions and responses will be provided either instantly or when the responses are available.

Additionally the state budget documents released by the ministry of budget and economic planning was uploaded on the app that enable users can easily access the documents from the app. alternatively, the users can access the platform using any browser through <https://bauchibudgettracker.com.ng/>

CITAD hosts 'Inspiring Leadership Reflection Interactive Series in Kano, Jigawa, Bauchi, Gombe states

One of the flagship programme hosted by CITAD in the year, was the 'Inspiring Leadership Reflection Interactive Series (ILERIS)' introduced as a way of enriching the lives of young Nigerians through mentorship and inspiration.

The innovative leadership training programme which was conceived six (6) years ago, was designed to be an interactive exercise that brings accomplished personalities drawn from various backgrounds and professions to engage with the participants on a monthly basis.

During the event, the invited guests usually share their life experience (s)-challenges and obstacles encountered in their journey to success as well as careers history, among others with the participants, with a view to assist them navigate their path to professional successes.

The participants are groomed to deploy the insights, knowledge, as well as social skills gained, in their quest for a distinguished life of professional and leadership excellency in private and public endeavors.

The programme which started small in 2016 in Kano, has since

matured, and spread to Jigawa, and Bauchi states, and in the year, also expanded to Gombe state, which play host to two sessions.

The two sessions held in Gombe, featured two reputable individuals, namely: Ambassador. Habu Gwani Ibrahim, former

several books and former Head, Department of English and Literary Studies, Bayero University, Kano, who featured in the July edition.

Professor Yusuf Adamu, a poet, writer and geographer by profession, he teaches medical geography in the Faculty of Earth and Environment Studies, Bayero University, Kano, featured in the August edition.

While, Hajiya Rabi Adamu, former Commissioner, Jigawa State Ministry of Education, featured in the April edition, and Professor. Adamu Idris Tanko, Vice-Chancellor, Baba - Ahmed University, Kano, in the September edition.

In the same vein, Professor Habu Muhammed Fagge, Director, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies (Mambayya House Kano), featured in

the March edition, and Baba Halilu Dantiye mni MON, former President, Nigerian Guild of Editors, in the October edition.

And, Hafsat Abdullahi Mustafa, Senior Consultant, British Council Nigeria, featured in the November edition of the programme, which is one of the non- funded programme of CITAD.

Nigerian Ambassador to Switzerland, who was a guest of programme in the month of March, Professor Sale Abdu of Federal University Kashere, Gombe State, was a guest in the June edition of the event.

Some of the personalities that featured in the Kano version of the programme in the year are: Professor. Aliyu Kamal, author of

“designed to be an interactive exercise that brings accomplished personalities drawn from various backgrounds and professions to engage with the participants on a monthly basis”

- Stages national meeting on Digital Rights, Freedom Bill

In a move aimed at scaling up public awareness on the import of entrenching a Digital Rights culture, as well as quick passage of Freedom Act in Nigeria, CITAD in the year, organized a national stakeholders meeting on the need to fast-track actions on the two proposed legislations, before the National Assembly. The One-Day event which took place in Abuja, was organized with the support of Association for Progressive Communications (APC), provides opportunity for the stakeholders to dialogue, and rally voices for the speedy passage of the pending legislation.

The participants at the meeting were drawn from the Nigerian Government Agencies, and Departments, as well as, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Media, and educational Institutions.

Declaring the meeting open, Malam Yunusa Zakari Ya`u, CITAD's executive director, who was represented by the Program Officer, digital rights, highlighted the need for the quick passage of

the Digital Rights and Freedom Bill in Nigeria, noting that the passage is imperative to checkmating the rising digital rights abuse in the country.

Ya'u recalled that in 2020, Nigerians were denied access to the Twitter platform for more than six months, and noted that of recent there seems to be a renewed harassment of citizens online, a development described as worrisome.

He further noted that one of the only ways that the observed trend could be tackled was for government to enact a legislation that would regulate the excessive use of force by the security agencies in the country.

Speaking further on the objectives of the meeting, Ya'u said that the meeting was organized in order to provide avenue for the stakeholders to finalize the strategy that should be adopted to speed up the assent to the Digital Rights and Freedom Bill by the president, when it is eventually passed.

Noting that the meeting was also

designed to serve as avenue for galvanizing voices to sustain the advocacy for the President to assent to the Bills, and to also deepen stakeholders' understanding of the importance and the need for Digital Rights in the country

Delivering her organization's Goodwill Message, Mrs. Angela Uzoma-Iwuchukwu, Country Director, Avocats Sans Frontieres, France, noted that technology was evolving and affecting everyday lives of Nigerians in a very unique way and called on the human rights community to adapt to the evolving context of digital technologies.

Uzoma-Iwuchukwu further noted that the growing digital culture in the country has scale up the impact which technology is having on everyday lives of the citizens, in a way that was not envisaged at the time of the process of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adding that these rights must extend from fundamental human rights, to digital rights.

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A cross-section of participants in a group picture, at a two-day national stakeholders meeting on Digital Rights in Nigeria, held in Abuja, in the year

on the data issue of protection in Nigeria, she stated that protection of online users, their data usage, are all part of freedom of expression online since communities have now moved from offline to online.

Commenting on the need for accountability for digital rights abuse, the Country Director, Avocats Sans Frontiers, argued that there was need for accountability in the case of violations of the rights of Nigerians in the digital context, adding that it was the duty of the government to deliver to the citizens a legal framework that will ensure a demand for and respect of these rights.

On the issue of how Digital Rights is affecting the lives of the citizens, Uzoma-Iwuchukwu said whatever way digital rights violation is affecting the citizens, be it in areas of public and private engagements.

Delivering the second presentation entitled 'Situation of Digital Rights Abuse in Nigeria: A Report by Space for Change', at the meeting, Mr. Patrick Terhide Allam, Legal Officer, Spaces for Change revealed that recent study conducted by his organization indicates that a lot of financial resources, equipment and technologies originally procured in the name of counterterrorism, and curbing insecurity are being diverted to tracking and monitoring of civic actors online by the Nigerian government.

Allam also stated that there are evidences that such devices are also being deployed to intercept private communications, restrict online civic space, and limit the ability of civic actors to organize, associate and freely assemble.

He said such unwarranted surveillance, are illegal and a derogation of the right to privacy, adding that the report also noted that state actors are recording considerable successes in their restrictive adventures due to cooperation of telecommunication companies, internet service providers (ISP), private companies and foreign suppliers of intrusive technologies as well as state regulatory agencies.

He decried the current legal regime in the country that are encouraging what is described to be gross digital repression, without adequate safeguards.

In conclusion, Allan suggested that there was need for intensification of the drive for judicial review of laws— s.1 (3) CFRN; and to create an independent oversight body to review data collection and use by state actors and private business; import and export controls of surveillance technology.

He further suggested that civil society organizations should intensify digital literacy campaigns and to scale up awareness among the citizens about the importance of digital rights in the country; adding that the media, as well as tech companies also need to explore collaborations that would ensure an increase in the preservation of digital rights and tech spaces.

In her presentation entitled 'Protecting the Digital Rights of the Citizens: The Role of the Media' Adenike Aloba, managing editor, Dataphyte, dissected role that the media could play in protecting the digital rights of the citizens, arguing that it ranges from; Agenda setting, analysis, reporting and investigation, among others.

Aloba stated that in order to thrive in a digital world, civil society organizations, and media must play an active role in responding to the various opportunities, and challenges which technology poses, noting that doing this implies deploying technology for social good, and as a tool for influencing future direction, in addition to developing new local digital infrastructure, and supporting this work with responsible funding and philanthropy.

Presenting her own paper entitled 'Civil Society, And Advocacy for Actualization of Digital Rights and Freedom Bill', Adeboye Adegoke, Senior Manager, Strategy at Paradigm Initiative, noted that a lot of efforts have been made in the past by civil society actors and the media in creating awareness among the general populace on the importance and the need for a safer digital space in Nigeria.

To buttress his claim, he stated that many Civil Society actors have been engaging extensively with policy makers, and government agencies as a way of ensuring that the bill was passed, and assented to.

At the end of the paper presentations, two panels of discussions event were held to dissect the following topics. The first session of the discussion panel focused on 'How to Push for Digital Rights and Freedom Bill', while, the second session discussed 'How to Address the Growing Concerns about Digital Rights Abuse in Nigeria'.

The experts that participated in panel discussions includes: Fansum Foundation, Lola Raji, Fansum Foundation, who is one of the CITAD's

CITAD marks International Day for PWDs

In a move geared at promoting an understanding of disability issues, as well as mobilizing support for the dignity, rights and well-being of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), CITAD in the year under review, organised the annual International Day for PWDs.

This year edition of the event which was held on the 4th of December, 2022, at the Ground Floor of the CITAD's Corporate Office in Kano, brought together persons with special needs, and various other stakeholders from within and outside Kano state.

The celebration of the day with the theme: "Kano State Disability Law: Prospects and Challenges" provided avenue for the participants to join members of the global community to commemorate the international event.

The high point of the celebration was the various presentations made on the recent legislation tagged 'Kano State Disability Law' passed by the Kano State House of Assembly, which was assented by the Executive Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje.

Declaring the event open, Yunusa Zakari Ya'u, ED, CITAD, who was represented by Isyaku Garba, CITAD's Programs Coordinator, stated that the objective of the program was to provide opportunity for right activists, development workers, and other stakeholders to engage with public policy, and decision makers.

According to him, the event was also an avenue designed for stakeholders to deliberate on strategy to be adopted in the demand for inclusion and accountability on issues that affect



Prof. Biso of Bayero University Kano BUK, one of PWDs participants facilitating a session during an event organised by CITAD to mark the 2022 International Day for PWDs

PWDs.

He noted that CITAD has put in place mechanism geared at establishing a Center that would be dedicated to the promotion of inclusion, access, participation, disability rights, and mainstreaming of issues of critical concern to PWDs.

In his address, earlier, Sagiru Ado Abubakar, CITAD's Team Lead, for PWDs, recalled discussion held during last year edition of 'Kano Social Influencers Summit (KANSIS 2022)' which focused on the arrangements being conceived by INEC for PWDs that would ensure their effective participation in the 2023 general elections.

Sagiru noted that the breakout session where the topic 'Technology, Disability and Election', was discussed during the KANSIS 2022, was adjudged the best in term of attendance and the momentum it generated among the dignitaries that participated in the programme.

Also, making presentations, Bilkisu Ibrahim Mahmoud, a lecturer at College of Arts Science

and Remedial Studies, (CAS) Kano, who chaired the occasion, in her opening remarks, she acknowledged the work of CITAD in helping the PWDs in Kano to understand the law, and making sure that the law is properly implemented.

In the same vein, Saifullahi Mukhtar Sadiq, Program Officer, Kanawa Educational Foundation for the Disabled and Secretary Visually Impaired Educational Forum, Tudun Maliki, Kano, in his presentation, noted that the bill which was approved November 22, pave a way for the inclusion and development of PLWDs in the state

He observed that the law provided for the establishment of a board to oversee the affairs of PWDs, pointing out that when established, the board is designed to give all the necessary assistance to the targeted beneficiaries in line with international best practice.

According to him, other content of the law maintained that no person with disability shall be discriminated against on the

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ground of his or her disability by any person or institution in any manner of circumstances.

Similarly, he said that the law stipulated that no person with disability shall be subjected to prejudice or negative segregation, including those based on gender, work, education, health, age, tradition and any other area of life. Saifullahi stated that the law stipulated that the State, and Local Governments, as well as, members of the Organized Private Sectors (OPSs) should give special considerations to PWDs in areas of social needs in line with international best practice.

Also making presentation, Barrister Nura Ahmad Muhammad, Executive Director MUFARKA Youth Development Association provided insights about the prospects and challenges that the new law could confront.

He observed that the implementation of the Law would depend largely on the establishment of the Commission that will be responsible for its implementation, pointing out that the law gives protection for the rights and dignity of PWDs.

According to him, the law also provides Legal framework, adding that as a legal document it would help in protecting the rights of



A female participant, making contributions during an event organised by CITAD in the year, to mark the International Day for People With Disabilities (PWDs)

PWDs, and also provide sustainability of Policy, noting that since it passed into law, it is anticipated that the document would provide avenue for continuity in policies and programs related to People with Disabilities.

Other challenges, he disclosed would have to do with the funding of the Commission, adding that for the Commission to function properly it has to be funded adequately, and all the fund meant for the commission must be released promptly.

In conclusion, he said that awareness also needed to be

created about the new law for members of the public to be fully sensitized about it, for its successful implementation.

During the Question and Answer session of the program, the following participants, Hamza Isa Baffa, from Kanawa Educational Foundation, Yahaya A. Yahaya, chairman, National Association of Physically Challenge Peoples, Kano State Chapter, Amina Abubakar Haruna, Malama Fatima Aminu, and Safina Sani, made several comments bothering on how the law could be deployed to enhance the well-being of PWDs.

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CITAD inaugurates Inclusive Forum for an Accountable Society Program

According to her, the initiative was designed to promote the culture of tracking of money allocated for project execution, and increase oversight, as well as supervision of budget allocated to the communities.

The key actors in the project, are

community people, CSOs, Media and MDAs, and the objective of the forum are to; increase effectiveness, accountability and transparency of government at local and state level, to create opportunity for sharing, learning best practices in participatory

governance.

In addition to increasing citizens participation in governance processes and increase partnership, as well as collaboration between government, community members and CSOs.

CITAD empowers Deaf Community with Digital Skills

CITAD in the year, organized a one-day training workshop on digital skills and use of social media for advocacy for people with hearing impairment and speech difficulties training in Kano state. Declaring the training open, Yunusa Zakari Ya`u, Executive Director of CITAD, who was represented by Senior Programmes Officer, noted that the training was designed to address the issue of exclusion of people with special needs as it involved access to digital skills, and the deployment of social media for advocacy, as a way of engaging members of the targeted group to lend their voice to the issue of governance.

“We consider the training as a way to bridge the digital gap affecting particularly people with special needs and we want to ensure inclusion and representation of the deaf community in the digital spectrum”

“People with special needs have suffered exclusion in many respects and that has denied them many opportunities, this training

is aimed at bringing them on board and equipping them with digital skills and use of social media for advocacy”

“When they learn to use social media effectively they can be able to echo their own issues and contribute in demanding accountability which will in the long run help in societal growth”, Ya`u observed

He called on the participants to feel free, learn and engage the facilitators on any issue that is not clear to them.

Commenting on the objectives and the background of the training, Sagiru Ado Abubakar, CITAD's Coordinator for Persons with Disabilities Programmes stated that CITAD has designed series of training for various groups of persons living with disability and will implement them in order to address the digital skills gap present within people with special needs.

According to Sagiru people with hearing impairment and speech difficulties will be the first set to benefit from the training.

He added “we will also train other

categories of people with special needs on digital skills and use of social media for advocacy”.

“We have made plans to ensure that they are trained in a manner and condition they will best grasp what they will be taught, as you can see today we are targeting the deaf community and we have made provision for sign language experts to ensure effective communication between them and the facilitators”, he added.

Earlier, in his remarks, Mustapha Hashim Bichi, the Chairman, Kano State Association of Deaf People said the training is very vital to the entire members of his body and it will ease their various activities as well as allow them to voice the concerns.

The participants' capacity was enhanced by different facilitators, as topics such as, Introduction to Social Media, Social Media for Accountability, Digital Marketing, Social Media Tools, Social Media Content Development, were deliberated upon during the programme.

Participants at an event organised by CITAD for Deaf Community in Kano, been taking through one of sessions by facilitators



CITAD intensifies campaigns against Gender - Based Violence in Kano

CITAD, in the year under review, intensified the advocacy campaigns it mounted against the rising incidences of sexual and gender-based violence in the northern state of Kano.

The advocacy program tagged 'Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection Against Gender Based Violence in Kano state' which was executed with the support from Ford Foundation involved paying visits to Stakeholders, in order to improve access to safe education/schools for the girl child in various communities in the state.

The advocacy program was also designed to assist in improving awareness creation, and sensitization of the general public, as well as provide knowledge on gender – based violence, improving citizen's responsiveness, and protection of survivors, increasing public awareness of justice system, in addition to ensuring penalties for perpetrators.

The overall goal of the advocacy was to create awareness on the dangers of violence against



Participants in a group picture during a 'Road Walk Against GBV' organized by CITAD as part of 16 activism on GBV in Kano state

women and girls, child rights and legal protection, and to invite the stakeholders to the official inauguration of two (2) ICT Centers at Government Girls Secondary School Aisami, and Government Girls Secondary School, Janbulo.

The ICT Centers were equipped to help the students report cases of gender – based violence in the state, general, as well as in learning environment, and to serve as a channel for training students on basic ICT skills, use of

computer and internet utilization. In the year, staff of CITAD, visited the following establishments for advocacy purposes: Kano State House of Assembly, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), National Orientation Agency (NOA), as well as, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), and Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC).

Other establishments visited are: Kano State Ministry of Education,

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Types of Approach	Aims	Target Groups
Community mobilization	Raise awareness, empower community, build community capacity to address the problem of violence against girls and women	General public, specific group of youth (girls and boys)
BCC/TEC	Raise awareness, change behaviour	General public, specific groups of people
Advocacy	Raise awareness, use decision-and policy-making to change the social environment	Specific groups of influential people

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Kano State Ministry of Health, Kano State Primary Board (SUBEB), Kano State Ministry of Justice, Kano State Secondary Board, Kano State Polytechnic, and Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, Kano.

Rano Emirate, Gaya Emirate, Karaye Emirate, Kano State Chief Imam, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Arewa Radio, Express Radio, Aminchi Radio, Guarantee Radio, Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE), Enlightenment and Empowerment of Northern Women Initiative (EENWI), Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso College of Arts and Remedial Studies Tudun Wada, Motion Pictures Practitioners Association of Nigeria (MOPPAN), and, Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), were also visited.

The major outcome of the ongoing advocacy, was that over 50 religious' leaders were trained on GBV issues, and how to respond to diverse situation, as well as provided information on GBV issues, which were based on religious scriptures and teachings. Public lectures were also



Participants in a group picture during a 'Road Walk Against GBV' organized by CITAD as part of 16 activism on GBV in Kano state

organized to sensitize members of the public at: Yakasai, Kankarofi, Durumin Zungura, Rimi Kira and Shahuci communities in Kano Municipal local government on dangers of GBV and the position of Islam on the issue.

As a result of the advocacy campaigns, the National Orientation Agency (NOA) had increased its awareness and sensitization campaign to counter the menace in the state by using NOA Volunteers in all the political wards of the state.

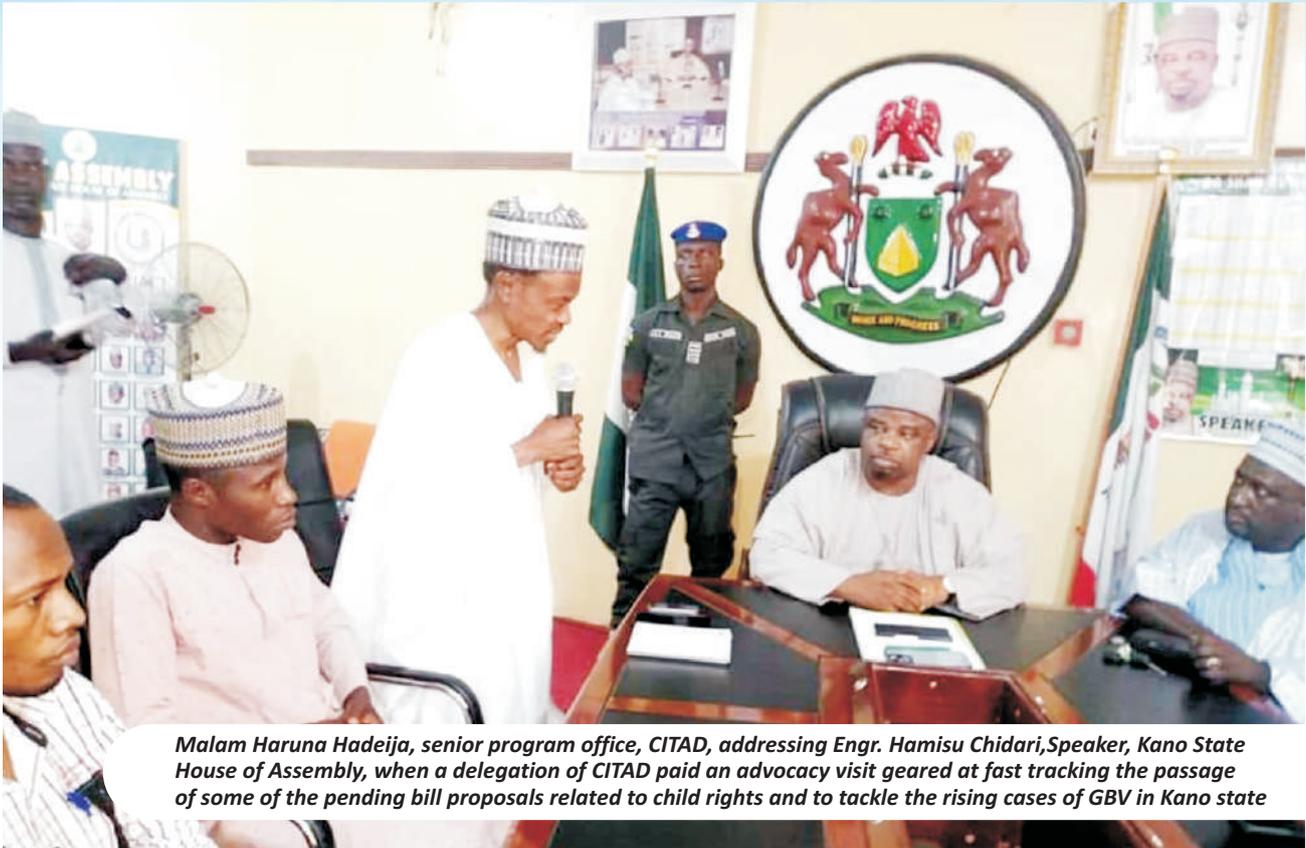
In the same vein, gender unit in the 44 local government offices of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Kano state

command become more active and are sensitizing general public on how to use mobile app, N-alert in tackling gender based violence in the state after a training facilitated by CITAD's technical unit.

Another positive outcome of the advocacy was that the Emir of Gaya, one of the emirates in Kano state, took ownership of the fight against gender-based violence by organizing a one-day sensitization lecture with his district heads and ward heads in his palace, a development geared at multiply the voices in campaign against GBV violence in Kano state.



Participants in a group picture during a 'Road Walk Against GBV' organized by CITAD as part of 16 activism on GBV in Kano state



Malam Haruna Hadeija, senior program office, CITAD, addressing Engr. Hamisu Chidari, Speaker, Kano State House of Assembly, when a delegation of CITAD paid an advocacy visit geared at fast tracking the passage of some of the pending bill proposals related to child rights and to tackle the rising cases of GBV in Kano state

...As Stakeholders task Kano Government on speedy passage of VAPP, Child protection bills

A study conducted by Centre for Information Communication Technology (CITAD) in the year, has revealed an increase in the incidences of rape, domestic violence, sexual abuse, as well as, online harassment of women in Kano state. Over 800 incidences of rape, as well as, 11 cases of domestic violence, sexual abuse, online harassment, were recorded

between January and November, last year, in the state, the report indicated.

Zainab Aminu, CITAD's Gender Officer, made this disclosure, while, addressing participants, during a road walk activity organized by the Centre to commemorate the 2022's 16 Days Activism Against GBV in Kano.

The Gender officer hinted that the road show which was organized in partnership with the National

Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), a federal government agency, was conceived as one of the avenue of drawing the attention of the public to the growing number of GBV incidence in Nigeria.

Zainab noted that the chief reason why the GBV incidence was on the rise in Kano state, in particular, was the non- passage of the draft legislation on Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act (VAPP),

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Engineer Hamisu Chidari, Speaker, Kano State House of Assembly, in a group picture with a delegation of CITAD during an advocacy visit paid to his office in Kano

100 teachers get CITAD's capacity enhancing training in Kano

As part of its support to the development of public school system in the Northwest state of Kano, CITAD, in the year, organized a two-day capacity building workshop for some selected teachers in public secondary schools in the state.

The teachers were drawn from the Guidance and Counselling (G & C) Office, Kano State Science and Technical Schools Board (KSSTSB), as well as, Kano State Secondary Schools Management Board (KSSSMB).

A total of 100 teachers benefitted from the training. In the first leg of the training which was held on the

19th of April, 2022, 50 teachers drawn from KSSTSB were trained, while, in the second leg of the training which was conducted on the 10th of May, 2022, another 50 set of teachers drawn from KSSSMB, were trained.

The trainings which were facilitated by internal resource persons in CITAD, was designed to expose the participants to the dynamics of global complexity, and aimed at providing counsel on career prospects and trajectory.

The workshop provided insights on why approach to career counseling has to change, and become more heuristic taking into

cognizance of the change in work itself as well as the dynamics of the labor market at both micro and macro levels.

The objectives of the workshop is to introduce Guiding and Counseling (G&C) Officers to new developments in the area of guidance and counseling, and to update their skills and enhance their capacity in advising young students.

Other objective, of the workshop was to expose the participants to the use of technology for guidance and counseling in a way that would assist them to carry out their task of guiding students better.

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CITAD flags-off Local Rights Program for rural communities in Abuja

The program which was facilitated by Celestine Okwudili, Action Aid, Governance Manager, the participants were exposed to the election observation procedure, and code of conduct of understanding the key principles of electoral guidelines in line with the electoral framework.

The training facilitator, further disclosed that was designed to empower the participants' with skills required for incident reporting & escalation of issues; procedures for communicating issues from the field to the situation room and understanding the observation checklist.

According to him, the training was conceived to prepare voters to observe the dos and don'ts of election generally, especially at the Abuja Area Council election, while learning from the experiences of past elections, which were characterized by political thuggery, vote buying, failure of voting machines, hijacking of ballot boxes, and other sundry issues.



Celestine, added that training was packaged to be interactive, participatory and inclusive in nature, in which participants asked questions and shared experiences. At the end of the training a social media platform was created to allow all participants engage and raise their concerns after the

training; information (report) as regards the election monitoring was shared on the platform. An election toolkit was presented to every participant in order to learn, requested of community school teachers in the benefitting communities.

CITAD establishes anti-corruption clubs in public secondary schools

As part of its social intervention geared at scaling up public awareness about the danger of corruption, and need for the entrenchment of the culture of accountability in Nigeria, CITAD, in the year, floated Anti-Corruption Clubs (ACCs) in some public secondary schools in Kano state. Eighteen (18) of the ACCs clubs were established in 18 secondary schools by CITAD, in partnership with the management of the Kano State Science and Technical Schools Board, as well as, that of the Kano State Secondary Schools Management Board (KSSSMB).

The clubs were conceived and lunched under a project entitled 'Engaging Students of Secondary Schools for Awareness about Corruption and Accountability', currently being executed by CITAD, across many states in northern Nigeria.

Some of the secondary schools that benefitted from the ACCs clubs which started on February 28, 2022 and end on March 24, 2022 are: Government Science and Technical Secondary School,



Malam Ahmed Tijjani, executive secretary, Kano State Science, and Technical Management Board, exchanging view with a delegation of CITAD, during an advocacy to his office

Governors College, Kano, New Girls Science and Technical College, Kano, Professor Hafsat Umar Ganduje Girls Science College, and Government Girls Secondary School Mairo Tijjani.

Other are: Government Technical College, Government Secondary School Unguwa Uku, Government Girls Secondary School Hausawa, Government Girls Secondary School Dorayi karama, Government Secondary School

Dorayi Karama, Government Girls Secondary School Unguwa Uku, Government Girls Secondary School Fatima Muhammad, Government Girls Secondary School Yakasai, and, Government Girls Secondary School Dorayi Babba.

In the same vein, the ACCs Clubs were also established in Government Secondary School Kofar Nasarawa, School for Arabic Studies, Kano, Government Secondary School Gandun Albasa, and, Government Secondary School Sharada.

Also, as part of the move to amplify the 'Engaging Students of Secondary Schools to Raise Awareness about Corruption and Accountability' project, an advocacy visit was paid to the office of the Executive Secretary of Science and Technical Schools Management Board, Malam Ahmed Tijjani, in order to get the buy- in of his management for the Anti-Corruption Clubs in the schools were they are floated.



Malam Ahmed Tijjani, ES, KSSTMB, receiving a collection of books published by CITAD, during an advocacy visit to his office



One of the members of the delegation of CITAD making remarks during an Empowerment Training conducted for In-Mates of Goron-Dutse, Remand Home, in Kano

CITAD Provides Hands-On -Training for In-Mates of Goron-Dutse Remand Home

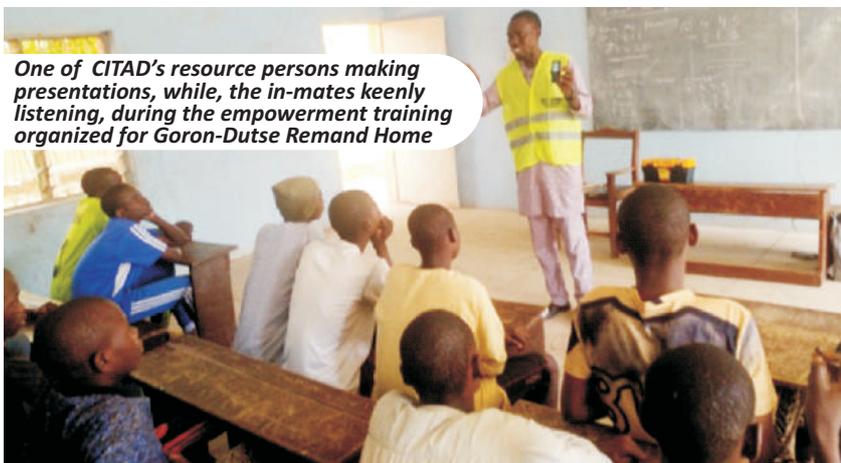
In its effort to the development of Information and Communication Technology among people of different background in the society, CITAD, in the year, trained about 20 inmates of Goron-Dutse Remand Home, in Kano, with various skills

for repairing computers, and GSM. The training was designed to help the benefitting in-mates gain ICT skills, and capability to repair GSM, that would enable them to be self-reliant after they might have completed their terms in the Remand Home.

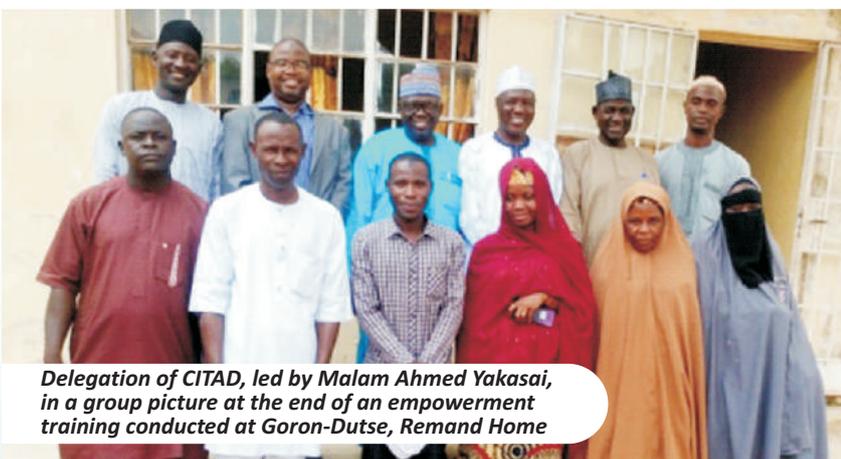
The objectives of the training started on 7th of September, 2022, at the correctional facility, includes also to prepare the inmates with relevant skills that are useful to the large society, and the participants were taken through various phases of computer training which lasted for a period of six weeks.

In the first phase of the training, participants were exposed to basic ICT skills which include Computer Appreciation, Microsoft Word, Excel and Power point, while the second phase of the training covers ICT entrepreneurship skills that ranges from Corel Draw package, and other packages, as well as taught the methodology for designing Posters, Banners, Logos and other graphic design using the same software this phase lasted for three weeks.

In the third phase of the training lasted for three weeks as well, the inmates were taught on how to opened GSM both Java and Android phones and how to fixed problem of faulty phones. At the training the inmates were able to fix a phone which has faulty issues.



One of CITAD's resource persons making presentations, while, the in-mates keenly listening, during the empowerment training organized for Goron-Dutse Remand Home



Delegation of CITAD, led by Malam Ahmed Yakasai, in a group picture at the end of an empowerment training conducted at Goron-Dutse, Remand Home



Participating students, and CITAD's staff, showcasing their individual gift items, won during the 21st edition of the annual ICT Quiz Competition

CITAD holds 21st edition of ICT Quiz Competition for Schools

As part of its mandate towards deepening the awareness of ICT among young students in schools in Nigeria, CITAD, in the year in focus, organized the 21st edition of its annual ICT Quiz Competition for students of Secondary Schools in Kano state.

About 50 public secondary schools

within the state, participated in event, specially designed to explore the major issues which teachers and students usually encounter in ICT and computing education at school.

This year edition of the programme was also said to have been designed to stimulate the students and teachers to think

more deeply about taking careers in IT sector of the economy, and the need for them to fully develop interest in the sector.

The annual ICT also provides avenue to apprise the various ICTs policies in operation in the country, particularly, in Kano state, as well assess the state of ICT infrastructures in secondary schools.

Activities marking the event took place at the Main Auditorium of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, City Campus, with participants drawn from 50 senior secondary schools invited for the programme in attendance.

Some of the schools that featured in this year event are: Science & Technical College, GGSS Aisami, Dawakin Tofa Science College, S.A.S Kano, GSTC Dala, GTC Sani Abacha, GSS Kofar Nasarawa, GTC Kano, GGSS Sumaila, GDSS Kundum Sumaila, GGSS Janbulo, Prof. Hafsat Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, Mukhtar Adnan DSK, and Governors College, Kano.

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Cross-section of CITAD's staff, and officiating team that presided over the 21st Annual ICT Quiz Competition organized by CITAD for Secondary Schools in Kano state, in a group picture

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CITAD holds 21st edition of ICT Quiz Competition for Schools

Others, are: GGSS Kabo, GGSS Dorayi Karama, GGASS Bichi, GSS Dantube, First Ladies College, Kano, GSCS Commercial, MTGSTC, GSS Dala, GSS Unguwar Gano, GGSS Jogana, GGSS Maryam Abacha, Sani Bello Science College DKD, GTC Warawa, GGSS Bulukiya, KUST Staff Secondary School Wudil, GSS Yada Kwari, GTC

Ungogo, GSS Ganduje, GGSS Dorayi Babba, GGSS Zakirai, GGSS Bichi, and GSS Shekara.

Prizes which ranges from, Laptop computer, printer, wall clock, 2 dozen of exercise books, bags were presented to the schools that excel in the competition, while, the teachers in the teaching of ICT were presented with Plasma Television

Some of the participating schools that came tops during the tournament are: Sani Bello Kano Science College, that won the overall best position of 21st ICT quiz competition, followed by Maryam Abacha Government Girls Secondary Schools which came second, while, the third position of the tournament when to School of Arabic Studies, Kano



Student participants during the 21st edition of the annual ICT Quiz Competition

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...As Stakeholders task Kano Government on speedy passage of VAPP, Child protection bills

and the Kano State Child Protection Bill, by the Kano State House of Assembly.

According to her, the two bill when passed into law, would go a long way in scaling up the fight against sexual and gender based violence, noting that the road show was also designed primarily to create needed awareness on GBV, in addition to advocating for speedy domestication of the two legislations.

“Gender-based violence must be put to a stop because it is an evil act carried out in form of rapes, battery and child molestation, among others”, Zainab highlighted Also addressing the event, Rasheda Aminu, who is the Head of Department, sexual and gender based violence, NAPTIP, Kano zonal command, expressed dismay that the over lack of

enabling legislations to prosecute SGBV offenders in the state.

She expressed the determination of the Kano zonal command of NAPTIP, covering: Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, Kaduna and Bauchi states, to bring down the incidences of sexual and gender based violence, child labour and molestation, human trafficking, among other crimes in the zone.

In his remarks at the occasion, Ali Sabo, CITAD Program Officer, Digital Rights, observed that the refusal by the current administration of President Muhammadu Buhari to assent to the national legislation on the violation of the digital rights of Nigerians by the Nigerian state, and security agencies, is also another factor driving the worsening cases of GBVs in the country.

He noted that assenting to the bill would pave the way for more development in the country and drive the country's digital space to a better level, adding that when the legislation is assented to, it would strengthen the citizens' right to internet and its free use without undue monitoring Sabo said that the legislation would also help in identifying the true owners of personal data, and also encourage due process to followed before access can be granted to government agencies and others, to access personal data of citizens

Nigeria, remains one of the countries in Africa, that is yet to assent to the Digital Rights and Freedom Bill, despite the fact that the nation's legislative assembly has passed a legislation towards that effect since 2018.



A cross-section of Community Activists trained during the event listening with rapt attention

Abuja Reports: **CITAD flags-off Local Rights Program for rural communities in Abuja**

CITAD in the year, with support from Action Aid Nigeria (AAN), commenced the implementation of Local Rights Program (LRP), geared at amplifying the voices of underserved and marginalized people in rural communities in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

Over 45 participants drawn from rural communities in FCT, took part in the program, which was held on the 1st of February, 2022, of the Abuja office of CITAD, to Dutse Alhaji area of the FCT.

A breakdown of the participants revealed that 35 of the beneficiaries of the training were both males and females, whose age ranges from between 15-35 years, while, another set of 10 males and females, above 36

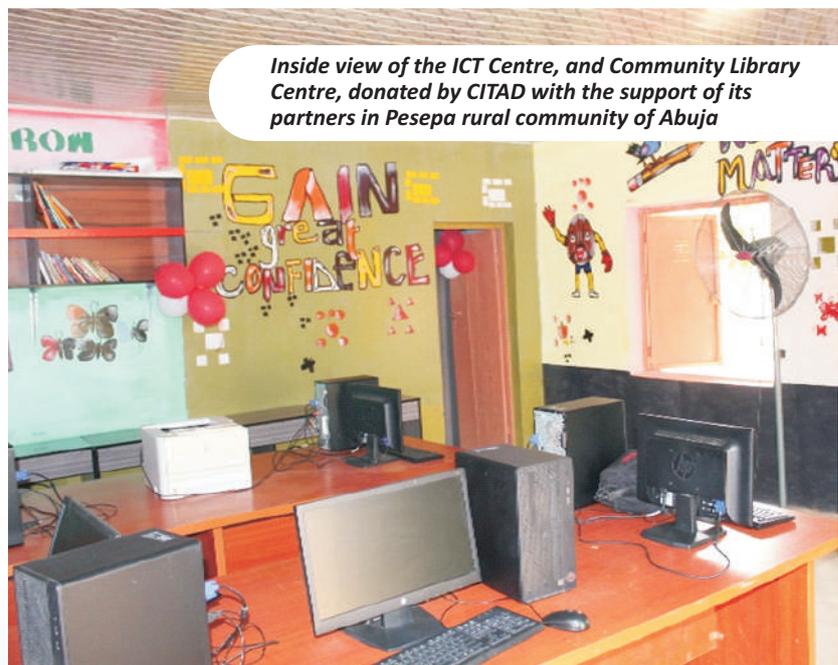
years, also participated.

The participants were equipped to become Community Activists that will observe the 2023 general elections in their respective rural communities in the FCT, with specific objective of improving accountability and transparency in the electoral processes, and to strengthen citizen's voices in other to amplify actions in pursuing specific policy change proposals in Nigeria.

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One of the facilitators of the Local Rights Program making presentations



Inside view of the ICT Centre, and Community Library Centre, donated by CITAD with the support of its partners in Pesepa rural community of Abuja

Child Message Collection Program in focus

CITAD, in the year, with the support of Action Aid Nigeria (AAN), implemented a Child Message Collection (CMC) program, conceived to boost the communication skills of youths in the FCT.

The program which are usually held twice a year, took place on the 3rd of February 2022, was executed in line with AAN child sponsorship policy.

In the year in view, CMCs which consists of photos and messages of linked children that participated in the program were collected in 11 communities of the FCT, to add to a total number of 407 CMC collected in UK communities.

The CMC designed to process the photos and messages of linked children to develop educational materials that are incorporates child focus enlightenment campaign in the 11 communities about personal hygiene, and how important it is, especially during the post Covid period.

During this event, most of the children that participated promised to keep their body and

environment clean always, the children afterward made colourful and beautiful drawings as messages to their sponsors,

“The aim of CMC is to ensure smooth photos and messages of linked children are collected and the children are provided with educational materials”

children, as well as sent collected writing to other the children.

At the end of the event, the various CMCs collected were

uploaded on the SK link. Child message forms part of communication that supporters receive twice a year, and is an important obligation which must be fulfilled in line with AAN child sponsorship policy. CMC was collected in 15 communities of the FCT for period 2 2022, a total number of 568 CMC were collected in Italy and UK communities.

The aim of CMC is to ensure smooth photos and messages of linked children are collected and the children are provided with educational materials, incorporate child focus programme in CMC. Children in the 15 communities were enlightened about child abuse, and how important it is, and most of the children promised to adhere to the protocols as measure to curtail child abuse.

The children afterwards made colourful and beautiful drawings as messages to their sponsors, children

comments were collected by writing for the child. CMC collected uploaded on the SK link.

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CITAD organizes public dialogue on Covid -19 Vaccine project

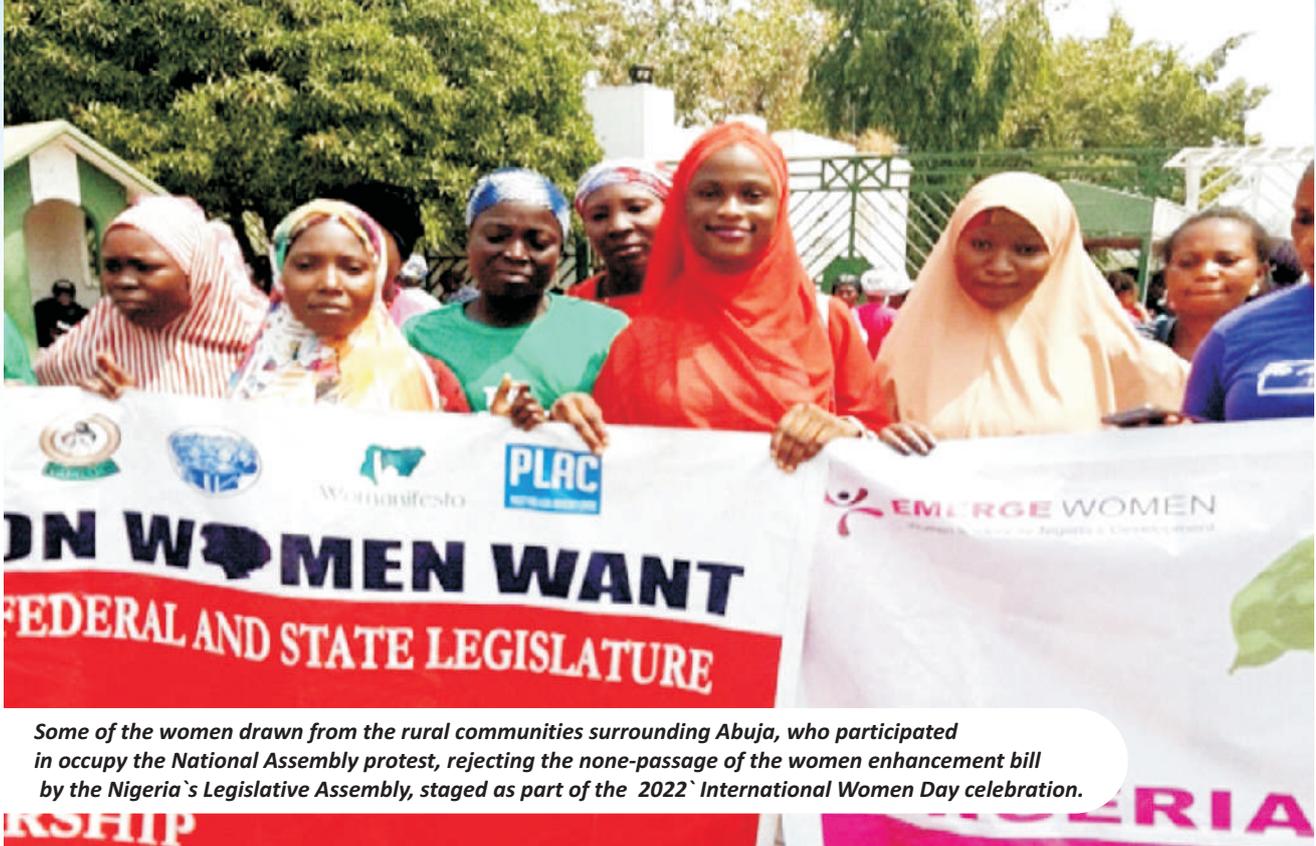
develop information dissemination and communication strategy to constantly engage the public on the vaccine, and it was further recommended that live phone-in radio Programmes should consistently be aired to provide detailed and sufficient information to listeners in local languages.

In responses to the questions that

came up during the session, it was also recommended that programme to re-strategize the information and communication chain be developed, and that there was the need to have a national and state policy on vaccination, in place in the country.

In addition to having in place, a policy that should take into cognizance the contexts and

peculiarities of different communities, and that vaccination authorities should leverage mass gatherings-social, religious, traditional, etc. with COVID19 vaccine, as well as the need to amplify positive testimonies on the vaccine particularly testimonies of people the public will believe and trust.



Some of the women drawn from the rural communities surrounding Abuja, who participated in occupy the National Assembly protest, rejecting the none-passage of the women enhancement bill by the Nigeria's Legislative Assembly, staged as part of the 2022` International Women Day celebration.

... Observes International Women Day in grand style

In line with its annual practices, CITAD, in the year, celebrated the annual International Women's Day (IWD), in grand style in Abuja, Nigeria's federal capital. This year edition of the program took place on the 1st of March, 2022, came up on the heels of the recent constitutional amendment embarked upon by the Nigerian National Assembly that rejected the women enhancement Bill, a situation that triggered a nationwide protest by women across the country. The celebration of the day tagged #Breakthebias, brought together women drawn from the rural communities of Kuje, Kwali, Bwari, and AMAC, in a public action directed at

occupying the national assembly to demand for the passage of the bill. The group of women, who participated in the public action also used the occasion to demand for indigene-ship, as well as affirmative action that will ensure that women occupy at least 35 percent of political party and appointive positions at both the

federal and state levels. Some of the women, who address the gathering noted the negative consequences which the non-passage of the bill was having on their children and themselves in their respective communities, and called on the members of the national assembly, to fast track the passage of the bill.



Some of the women who participated in occupy the National Assembly protest rejecting the none-passage of the women enhancement bill, staged as part of the 2022` International Women Day celebration in picture

- holds Gift Fund Activity, International Children Day Celebration

Also in the year, CITAD, organized the annual Gift Fund Activity, designed to be a get together event in which children are provided opportunity to participate in variety of entertainment and funs.

This year activity which took place in Kayache Community in Kuje Area Council, on 21st March 2022, was very unique as children in the rural community were provided opportunity to engage in some form of physical activity.

Over 100 children drawn from community were provided a safe space to play, and socialized with one another outside their school environment, which enable them build the spirit of sportsmanship.

As usual, the community facilitators, as well as, the participating children decided the various mode of activities embarked upon during the event, and they ranges from: dancing competition, running, skipping, eating competition, egg race, sack race, water competition and sharing of refreshments and gifts.

In the same vein, CITAD, in the year, joined the global community to mark the annual International



Participants in the 'Gift Fund Activity', and the 'International Children's Day Celebration', having fun during one of the sporting activities, as well as planting trees to mark the occasions

Children Day (ICD), a special event designed to awaken the conscience of the society towards issues relating to children in the respective countries of the world.

This year event, which was held on the 27th of May, 2022, in Bwari Area Council of Abuja, was observed with a Tree Planting Program in Kuchibuyi, and Guto communities, in the area council.

The objectives of the day's celebration, CITAD noted was geared at promoting and celebration of children's rights, and, to reflect on the importance of children's education, as well as to created awareness among

parents, in addition to asking the parents to create enabling environment for their children to thrive, and to discourage differentiation between girl-child and boy –child, that is a known trend in the Nigerian society.

About 100 economic trees were planted in Kuchibuyi and Guto communities by the children during the program, and the children were also instructed on the need to like trees, and to protect them wherever they are found, because of their societal benefits.

A break -down of the planted by the children revealed that 25 seedling of mangoes, 25 seedling of oranges, 25 seedling of cashews, and 25 seedlings of guavas were planted together by over 100 children in response to climate change, and their contribution to protecting Nigeria's forest cover.

The children were also instructed on how to make tree planting a hobby, and the need to protect trees various communities, and as a mean of engagement and empowerment, and as a tool for improving the quality of life of the people in the neighborhood.



Participants in the 'Gift Fund Activity', and the 'International Children's Day Celebration', having fun during one of the sporting activities, as well as planting trees to mark the occasions

80 farmers benefits from CITAD's agro-ecology training



Some of the smallholder farmers that benefitted from Agro-Ecology Training organized by CITAD going through practical session of the training

CITAD, in the year, organized a training program for 80 small holder farmers on Agro-ecology in the AMAC and Kwali Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), respectively.

The training which was conducted with the support of Acton Aid Nigeria (AAN) exposes the benefitting farmers to the best agro ecological practices that is targeted at boosting their yielding outputs.

The training which covers four days was segmented into two seasons, 40 males and 40 females, whose ages ranges from 15years to 30 years participated in the first training which was held between 20th to 22 of June, 2022, while, second training took place on the 27th to 29th of June, 2022

The first of the training program which was conducted at TunganNasara community of the AMAC area council, hosted other four communities which includes:

TunganAshere, Dakwa, Gwalada and Gofidna.

Each of the communities had eight (8) participants, while, the second training for farmers from Kwali Area Council was conducted at Kilankwa II, hosted three other communities, namely: Pai, LeleyiGwari and LeleyiBassa, with 10 participants drawn from each of the communities.

The training provided opportunity for the benefitting farmers to

examine farming operations as it affects livelihood, soil conservation and processing of farm produce, among others issues.

In course of the program, the farmers examines agro ecology practices that could assist them to scale up their productions, and they were to the Agricultural Development Programme (ADP) under the ministry of Nigeria (SWOFON).



Participants in the Agro-Ecology Training organized by CITAD listening with rapt attention during the training



A cross-section of participants listening to presentations during the flag-off of the Forum

CITAD inaugurates Inclusive Forum for an Accountable Society Program

CITAD, in the year, in focus, launched an Inclusive Forum for an Accountable Society (IFAS) program in Abuja, with the support of Action Aid Nigeria (AAN).

The program which was held on the 5th and 6th July, 2022, respectively, had 42 participants in attendance, one of the participants was from the People Living With Disabilities (PLWDs) community.

The breakdown of the participants revealed that a large percentage of them were from persons within the ages of 15 to 29years, who

were drawn mostly from the Media, Civil Society Organizations, National Human Rights Commission, Nigeria Police Force, MDAs, and from communities in Kwali, and Bwari area councils.

Some of the specific participants at the flag-off program are representatives of : Blueprint Newspaper, Radio Nigeria, Ray power FM/AIT), and eight (8) MDAs, namely: Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Water Resources, Department of Mass Education, FCT Agricultural Development Programme (ADP), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural

development, and, 11 community members (Kayache and Gaube in Kuje Area Council.

Also, representatives of Gwallada and Gofidna communities in AMAC, Pasepa and Guto in Bwari Area Council, and Pai, LeleyiBassa and LeleyiGwari in Kwali Area Council), also participated.

The flag off ceremony was also attended by Mrs. Ene Obi, Country Director, Action Aid, and, Hajiya Suwaiba Damkwabo, Director of Programmes.

Addressing the occasion, Suwaiba Damkwabo, spoke on the importance of the forum which according to her, was to cultivate the culture of inclusive governance at the grass root.

She disclosed that IFAS forum was launched in response to the poor state of educational infrastructure in most of the communities surrounding the FCT, in which teachers are underpaid, and health and educational facilities are inaccessibility and affordability, resulting in low standard of living of the people in those communities.

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Participants at the Inclusive Forum for An Accountable Society inaugurated by CITAD, in Abuja, in a group picture at the end of the program.



One of the female participants making presentations during the International Youth Day held in the year, in Abuja



CITAD holds 2022 International Youth Day

As part of its yearly practice, CITAD, with the support of Action Aid Nigeria (AAN), joined the rest of the global community to mark the annual International Youth Day (IYD). This year edition of the event, was held on the 12th of August, 2022, at Gofidna Community in a unique manner that brought together sixty-two participants drawn from Bwari, Kwali, and Kuje Area Councils of the FCT, respectively. The event was conducted with a

panel discussion involving four community members representing each of the Area Councils, in which the participants deliberated on a “How Age affect political participation, education, agricultural and economic opportunities for youths in rural communities of the FCT” The panelists discussed the barriers to intergenerational solidarity in excluded communities, which had representatives of participating

communities, Media, as well as representative from the Ministry of Youths & Sports, in attendance. The Action Aid team led by the Program manager Local right programs was also present, and at the end of the discussions, participants made deliberate commitment to advance their course of solidarity action in the respective communities. The theme of this year's IYD is "Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages"



A cross-section of participants in a group picture, during the International Youth Day held in the year, in Abuja

CITAD stages Peer Education Training for Women in Rural Communities

One of the events, held in the year by CITAD, was a Peer Education (PE) for Women in the rural community of Abuja.

The Peer Education program was designed to strengthen the capacity of 20 women selected across the four (4) communities in Bwari Area Council, on how to address issues that affect their lives politically, socially and economically, as a way of establishing a committee for the women to mobilize and organize for collective action to ensure women rights development and discourage Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) in their communities.

The program which was facilitated by Hajara Adamu, and Martha Yusuf of the Abuja office of CITAD, was held on the 9th to 11th November 2022, in Pasepa community center at Bwari Area Council.

Participants at the 3 day training were drawn from the ranks of women leaders in the four

benefitting communities who were empowered to further step-down the training to fellow

The Peer Education program was designed to strengthen the capacity of women selected across communities on how to address issues that affect their lives politically, socially and economically

women in their respective communities.

The training was carried out using a manual approach to passing the information to the participants, and each community got 2 copies of the training manual.

The training process was inclusive, interactive and participatory as questions, observations and comments were entertained during the training process, and in between the training process, and

there were group dance, claps and other methods to make the exercisefully.

The terms in the manual were simplified to aid their understanding of the manual which has 6 modules, and instructional pictures that were self-explanatory in nature.

Two (2) modules in the training manual were selected for treatment per day during the three days, also the training was simulated for the participants, where each community selected a topic and facilitated to other participants, this helped to build their self-confidence and also to observe the weak points of each community for further corrections. After the training group photographs were taken.

The participants were treated to refreshments in each of the three days of the training, and it is worth noting that the preparation of the refreshments was contracted indigenes of the benefitting communities, as a strategy to empower them.

-Carrier Talk, Covid-19 Campaign, JAMB orientation activities in Itas:

As a support for the advancement of public education on issues of social development, CITAD, in the year, organized a one-day Carrier Talk, and Covid Vaccine Awareness Campaign, for students of the Government Girls Day Secondary School (GGDSS), in Itas.

The program which was held on the 10th of February, 2022, was also designed to sensitize students and general public in the community hosting the school to the danger which Covid-19 posed to the health of the society, and

educate them also about safety measures, and ways to fight the pandemic.

Resource persons, drawn from CITAD office in Itas, provided insights concerning the pandemic, and encouraged the participants to always observe personal safety measures in order not to contact the disease.

The students were also educate about the various carriers that they can choose from in digital driven global environment, and prizes, ranging from books, pens, and cash gifts were presented to

six students that responded to questions during the carrier talk.

In the same vein, in the year, CITAD also organized a one-day JAMB orientation programme for secondary students in the community.

During the orientation programme, a new software developed by the organization, similar to the one being used by JAMB management was used to instruct the participants, as a way of preparing them for the annual public examination.

CITAD renovates Leleyi Bassa Primary School

In the year, CITAD embarked on the renovation of Leleyi Bassa Primary School which is situated in Kwali Area Council of Abuja, a move geared at boosting the learning environment in the benefitting school, as well as encourage more enrollment. The primary work done under the project was the re-construction of the collapse portion of the school, which was destroyed three years



Leleyi Bassa Primary School, in pictures before, and after the project was initiated by CITAD



and toilets destroyed during the rainfall were rebuild with the support of Action Aid Nigeria (AAN).

have since resumed, and pupils of the school, happy to be back to learning.

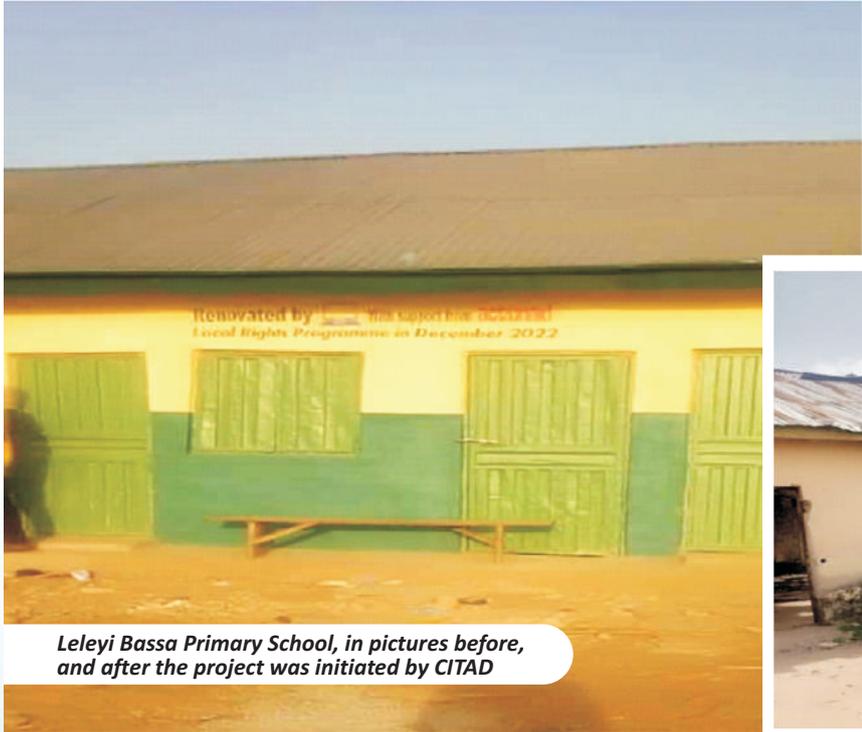
ago, after a heavy rainfall in the community. Under the project which was executed in December, 2022, two classrooms, and two staff offices,

Facts made available by the Abuja office of CITAD, indicates that teaching and other learning activities which were suspended after the collapse of the buildings,

The repair of the building, was designed to enhance learning environment for the students, the statement, stated.

“Where we live and work has an effect on our lives, and this is even more important to help give our children the best start in life, not just in terms of mental health but also academic improvement.

“Incorporating good classroom and school design through school renovation has multiple benefits”, the statement concluded.



Leleyi Bassa Primary School, in pictures before, and after the project was initiated by CITAD



Analytical Report of CITAD’s Media Engagements in 2022:

Social Media Analytics Report

Social Media Analytics reports include data based on the post visibility settings of our Facebook social accounts. This displays data from the past year (i.e. Date of commencement of the project).

From our analysis, the audience report shows the current number of engagements for our activities, ranging from Radio Program Banner, Advocacies, Press Conference, Monthly Online Dialogue, and other awareness in the community for gender-based violence.

However, the graph shows total

number comments, share, likes and reach. Therefore, from the above graphics radio banners posting reached 34610, and share of 116, with 218 comments, and 710 likes. While Advocacies reach 19366, and share of 30, also with 12 comments and 421 likes.

Press conference reach 9141, and share of 26, with 25 comments and 413 likes. Monthly Online dialogue of the Activity reach 3672, and share of 9, with 2 comments and 84 likes.

Other activities including Awareness, campaign trainings, and sensitization lectures and it

also reach 36367, and share of 83, with 32 comments and 924 likes.

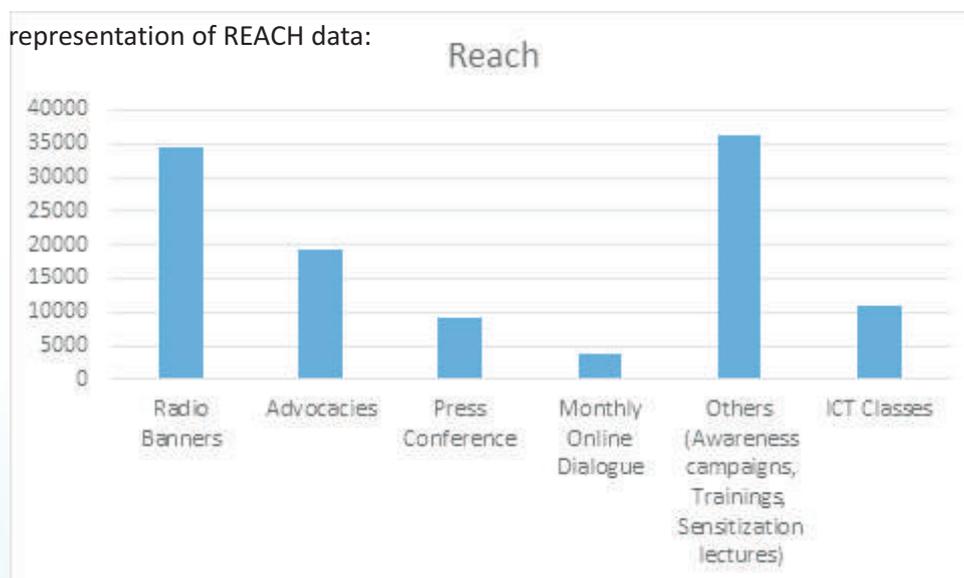
Posts on ICT classes' reach 10923, and share of 52, with 15 comments and 297 likes.

In all, we have a total reach of 114079, and total share of 316, and total comments of 304, and total likes of 2849 for online posts and visibility for all activities from the inception of the project to date.

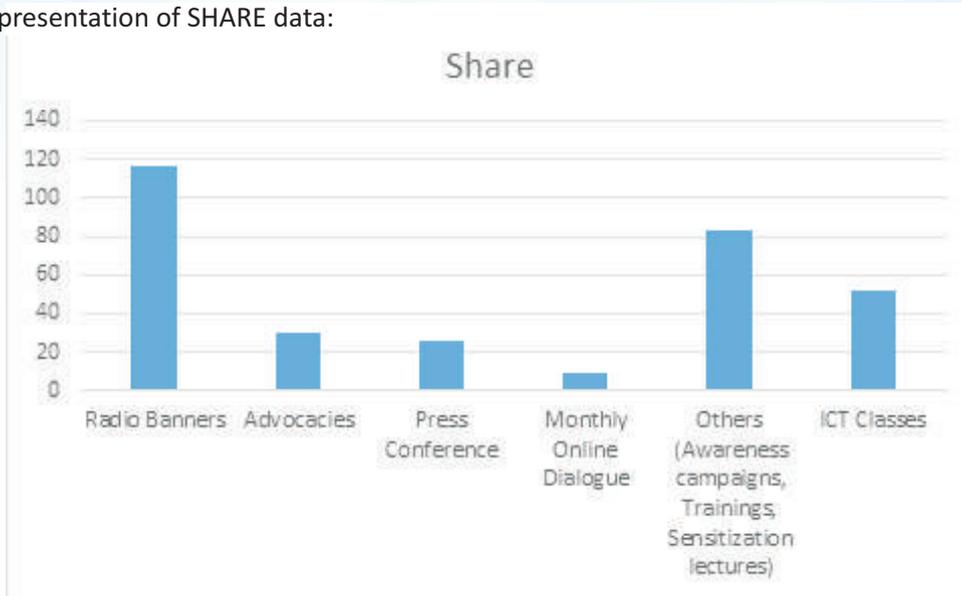
The below table depicts the social media analysis for the corresponding activity

S/No	Activity	Reach	Share	Comments	Likes
1.	Radio Banners	34610	116	218	710
2.	Advocacies	19366	30	12	421
3.	Press Conference	9141	26	25	413
4.	Monthly Online Dialogue	3672	9	2	84
5.	Others (Awareness campaigns, Trainings, Sensitization lectures)	36367	83	32	924
6.	ICT Classes	10923	52	15	297
	TOTAL	114079	316	304	2849

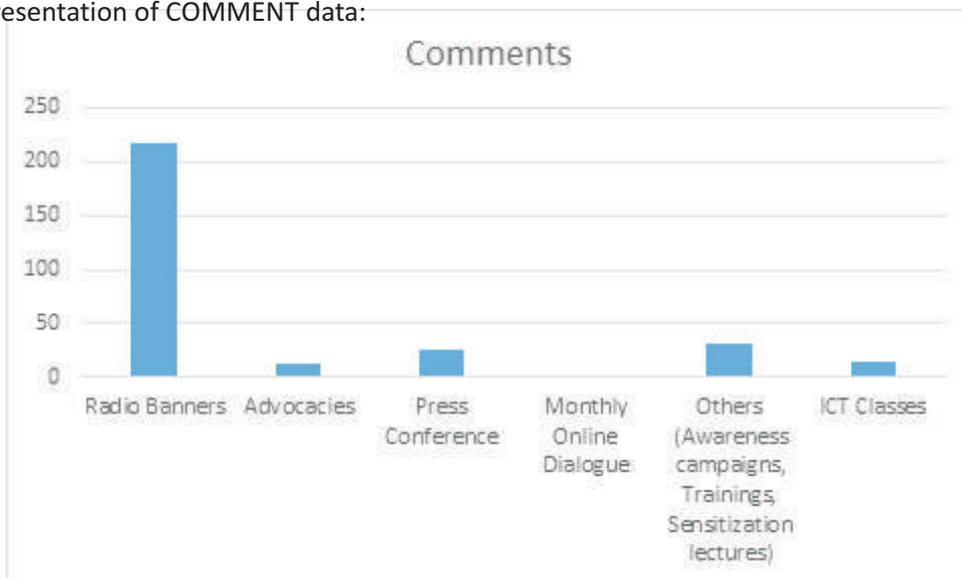
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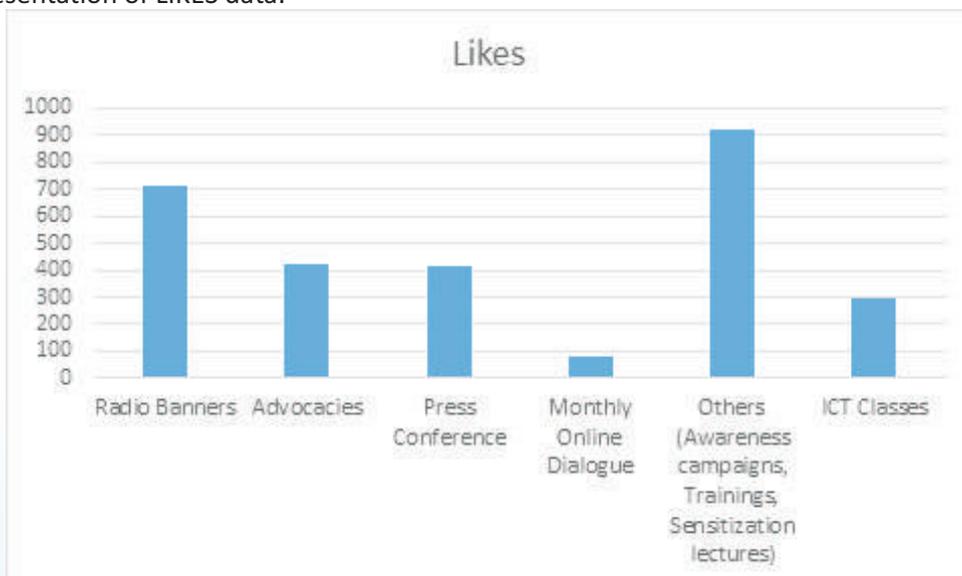
Graphical representation of SHARE data:



Graphical representation of COMMENT data:



Graphical representation of LIKES data:



Radio programmes:

The radio Programme was designed to raise awareness and to advocate for concerted action to reach out to influential people, so that they can speak out on violence against the girl child. CITAD in the year engaged Arewa Radio on Sundays by 11:00am to 12:00pm and Guarantee Radio on Thursdays by 11:00am to 12:00pm



Inside view of CITAD `s Online Radio Station

Links of Media Reports from media outlets

- <https://nigeriantracker.com/2022/01/12/ngo-decries-the-rise-of-online-gender-based-violence/>
- <https://kanofocus.com/2022/01/13/citad-condemns-rise-in-gender-base-violence-cases-in-kano/>
- <https://www.thecampuswatch.com/2022/01/12/citad-bemoans-high-rate-of-gender-based-violence-in-kano/>
- <https://www.solacebase.com/2022/01/14/cso-advocates-passage-of-child-rights-act-to-check-gbv-in-kano/>
- <https://fb.watch/azDBxbOrJE/>
- <https://www.thecampuswatch.com/2022/01/29/citad-flag-open-ggss-aisami-ict-centre/>
- <https://hotpen.net/2022/02/10/centre-seeks-strong-collaboration-to-de-escalate-gender-violence>
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- <https://dailytrust.com/nscd-set-to-fight-gender-based-violence-in-kano>
- <https://hotpen.net/2022/03/08/citad-canvasses-stakeholders-support-to-end-gender-violence-in-kano/>
- <https://www.thecampuswatch.com/2022/03/13/citad-urges-stakeholders-involvement-in-fighting-gbv/>
- <https://www.thecampuswatch.com/2022/03/13/citad-bemoans-increase-in-gender-based-violence-in-kano/>
- CITAD calls for action on gender based violence
- <https://dailynews24.ng/citad-calls-for-action-on-gender-based-violence/>
- NGO Expresses Concern over Increased Gender-Violence in Kano
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- <https://hotpen.net/2022/02/03/citad-canvasses-death-penalty-for-hanifas-killer>
- <https://hotpen.net/2022/01/12/citad-worries-over-rising-cases-of-gender-based-violence/>
- <https://newstunnelng.com/2021/10/13/citad-calls-for-the-establishment-of-referral-centers/>
- <https://infomedia.ng/citad-calls-establishment/>
- <https://infomedia.ng/citad-sensitizes-students-on-gbv/>
- <https://infomedia.ng/citad-launches-mobile-app-against-gender/>
- <https://timeexpressnigeria.com/ctad-calls-for-death-penalty-on-the-barbarians-that-kidnapped-and-killed-hanifa/>

GBV: CITAD establishes mentoring system in selected public schools

As part of its continuing effort geared at curbing Gender Based Violence in Kano State and northern Nigeria as a whole, CITAD, in the year, with support of Ford Foundation established a mentoring system in some selected public secondary schools in the state.

The mentorship was designed to inspire young girls and guide them, through engaging with the mentors. The core aim of the event include how they could protect themselves against potential violence.

The program was borne out of the realization that every child deserves to be safe in school, as research has revealed across the globe that students are experiencing high rates of school-related physical, sexual and psychological violence.

The nature of violence includes those of teacher-perpetrated abuses, such as corporal punishment or sexual coercion, as well as peer-perpetrated abuse, like bullying or discrimination.

There is also the realization that school environments could enable violence, as it has a critical role to play in violence prevention and response, knowing that schools could also serve as protective spaces for children, and acting as an important arena for broader social change to end violence both in and out of the classroom.

The mentorship training was one of the essential activities planned in the implementation of 'Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection Against Gender Based Violence in Kano state' project.

The main objective of the

mentorship training was to achieve a safe society for women and girls, free from gender violence and discrimination to bridge gender gap in girl child education, allowing for the attainment of gender parity in educational accomplishments.

The long term expected result of this mentorship training is enhanced good mentorship to students in Gender Based Violence Protection and awareness, entrepreneurship skills, career talks, online safety trainings, guidance and counselling.

During the mentorship training, 11 public secondary schools were selected were trained on mentorship. The training consisted of topics such as; GBV Protection, Online Safety, Digital Skills, and Entrepreneurship skills.

The mentorship program core aims are, to raise awareness of teachers' verbal, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of girls' students, and, to challenge mainstream messages about gender, sex, and violence, as well as to create a safe learning environment for dialogue between students and teachers, so that students may share their opinions and experiences.

Other core aims of the program are, to inspire leadership by empowering participants with concrete options to effect change in their respective communities and their own lives, and to equip young girls with digital and entrepreneurship skills.

Activity of Mentors

Each mentor was programmed to visit different schools each month

to enable inclusion and distribution of knowledge, also this enable the students have access to diverse mentorship.

The mentors do in-depth discussions on GBV Protection and awareness, entrepreneurship skills, career talks, online safety trainings, guidance and counselling. Each session last for two (2) hours on-site mentorship and 2 hours off site (via phone or WhatsApp messaging).

In total each of the mentors visited all the 11 selected public secondary schools for mentorship training, during the session the mentor selected 75 students from S.S I, S.S II and S.S III classes, and also the mentors take four (4) sessions.

During the mentorship sessions the participating students were exposed to various lessons on GBV protection skills, Graphics Design, online digital skills and entrepreneurship skills.

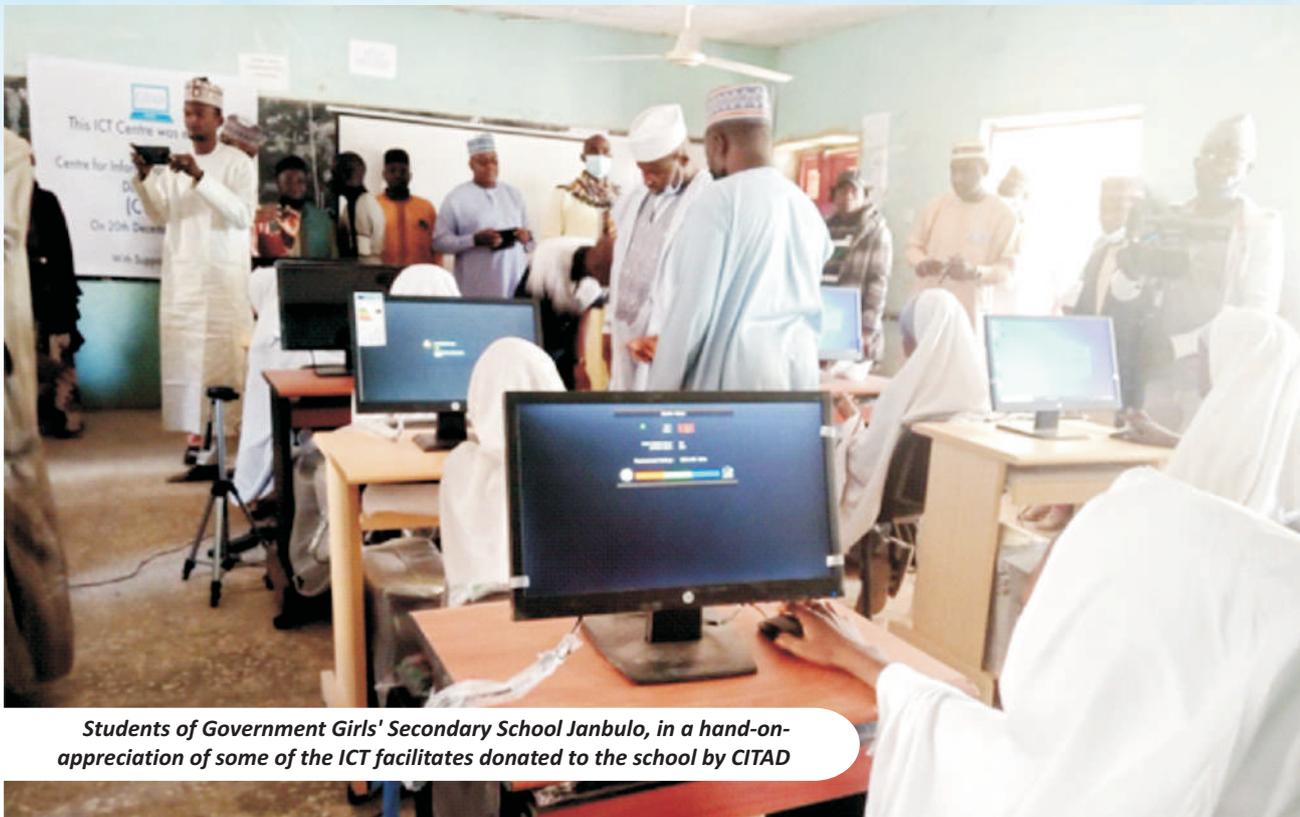
Mentorship Period:

The initial mentorship period was six (6) months i.e. February to July, but due to the interest which the mentorship program generated among the students, CITAD decided to extent it to a period of first year which implies that the program ended in the month of December 2022.

Observation and Suggestions:

During the program, it was observed that there, was a change of mindset among the students, as many of them saw reasons why they should engage in entrepreneurship as a way of protecting themselves from violence.

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Students of Government Girls' Secondary School Janbulo, in a hand-on-appreciation of some of the ICT facilitates donated to the school by CITAD

CITAD donates 2 ICT centers under 'Strengthening Citizens Response, Protection Against Gender Based Violence Project'

As part of the initiative aimed at bridging the wide gender gap between male and girl child education in northern Nigeria, CITAD in the year, under its project titled 'Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection Against Gender Based Violence' donated two ICT centers to secondary schools in Kano State.

The ICT centers are to be deployed to reporting cases of gender based violence in the state, and in learning environment, in particular.

The project which was executed with support from Ford Foundation was designed towards achieving a safe society for women and girls, free from gender violence and discrimination to bridge gender gap in girl child education, allowing for the attainment of gender parity in educational accomplishments.

As a continuation of the project, CITAD, on the 20th of December, 2022, donated two set up ICT Centers to two (2) Public Girls

Secondary Schools in Kano State, namely: Government Girls' Secondary School, Janbulo, and Government Girls' Secondary School Aisami.

The donated Centers, are to serve a cluster of schools, in a safe, fun and transformative way that would stimulate creative, and innovative learning environment for students in the benefiting schools to learn about ICT, once a week.

Giving insights into the methodology adopted for selection the benefitting schools, the Executive Director of CITAD, who was represented by Kamaluddeen Umar, technical officer of the organization, hinted that selection was done after an advertisement, was sent out to the Kano Senior Secondary Schools Management Board, and all schools within the state to enable interested and qualified schools that have interest to send in an application.

He explained that Twenty-two (22) schools sent in their applications

within the time-frame of the advert, adding that the project team made a review of the applications, and selected 6 secondary schools out of the applicants.

According to him, the selection was done based on the information provided by the applicants in respect to the requirements stated in the advert, adding that the project team visited the schools for assessment and sent in their evaluation to KSSSMB for review which resulted in the final selection of Government Girls Secondary School, Janbulo and Government Girls Secondary Schools, Aisami as the two schools that met the requirements.

Kamaluddeen further disclosed that the objective of the ICT Centre was to inspire young girls, to and guide them on how they could protect themselves against potential violence whilst training them on ICT skills and knowledge.

The donation centers, containing the ICT accessories, was presided

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Students of Government Girls Secondary School, Aisami, inside the ICT center donated by CITAD under the 'Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection Against Gender Based Violence' project .

over by the Deputy Director (Schools) of KSSSMB, who represented the director of the Agency, and representatives, of the State Ministry of Education, School Base Management Committee (SBMC Members), CBOs, and Gender Champions alongside the staff, PTA chair and students of the benefitting schools.

The event was widely reported in media houses in Nigeria, television, newspaper and radio stations.

The Centers are equipped to receive information in a confidentiality - driven reporting system that protect the identity of the victims and their relatives.

The new Centers are each equipped with 13 desktop computers, 13 Chairs, 13 Computer Tables, 13 UPS, 1 projector, 1 printer, a white board and projector screen, and is powered by a solar set, with a backup inverter to ensure stable

and reliable power supply.

Also, under the project, CITAD will also be providing mentors to these public secondary schools, who will teach the students all about gender-based violence and entrepreneurship skills for livelihood.

In her remarks, at the occasion, Zainab Aminu, who is the project officer, and Gender technical officer of CITAD, said that establishment of the centers would go a long way in assisting in reporting gender-based violence in learning environment, as well as assist the students of the benefitting schools to improve their knowledge of ICT.

Zainab noted that Gender-Based Violence remains a threat in the society due to failure to break the social norms against women and girls, adding that with the ICT centers in place students can now easily report any related violence. She urged the benefitting Schools to make maximum utilization of

the equipment to achieve the set Objectives, while, the representative of Kano State Senior Secondary Schools Management Board, Tasiu Dahiru commended CITAD for the gesture.

He urged the staff and students of the benefitting schools to ensure judicious utilization of the Computers while encouraging them to protect the properties as it is an initiative that is worthy of emulation.

The cluster schools that are expected to use the ICT center at Government Girls Secondary School, Aisami are: Government Girls Secondary School, SANI MAINAGGE, Government Girls Secondary School, GORON DUTSE, Government Girls Secondary School, SABON SARA, Government Girls Secondary School, HAJARA BUHARI, Government Girls Junior Secondary School, YALWA MODEL, and, Government Girls Junior Secondary School, KANSAKALI.

While, the schools to benefit from the ICT center at Government Girls Secondary School are: Government Girls Secondary School, D/KARAMA, Government Girls Secondary School, D/BABBA, Government Girls Secondary School, RIMIN GATA, and Government Girls Secondary School, TUDUNYOLA

All the cluster schools would also be benefitting from the mentorship programme that will consist of Career Talks, Guidance and Counselling, Entrepreneurship and GBV Protection skills.

A MoU was signed by benefitting schools, KSSSMB and CITAD on the sustainability of the centers.



A participant making contributions during a one-day virtual dialogue on slow uptake of Covid 19 vaccine in Nigeria

CITAD organizes public dialogue on Covid-19 Vaccine project

As part of its public education engagement, CITAD in the year, organized a one-day virtual dialogue which zero on issues around the observed slow uptake of Covid-19 vaccine in Nigeria.

The virtual event which was held on the 1st of March, 2022 via Zoom platform featured two public health experts-Dr. Hassan Shuaibu Musa, Principal Medical Officer and Lecturer at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi and Dr. Ma'awuya Aliu, Mallam Jafar Mohammed Zuru, Commissioner, Kebbi State Ministry of Health, gave a keynote address, while, Dr. Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi, the Head, Department of Mass Communications, Bayero University Kano served as the moderator.

The one hour thirty minutes programme entitled 'Discussing Covid-19 Vaccine Uptakes Series2.0' began with a goodwill message from Jafar Muhammed Zuru, who was represented by Haruna Abdullahi, Director Immunization and Disease Control in the Ministry.

In the message, he commended CITAD for organizing the dialogue adding that it was a timely effort as

it brought qualified stakeholders to deliberate on the vaccination issue, urging participants, who were drawn from various states to listen to the speakers with interest and make use of the strategies and know-hows which the platform was meant to share.

In the course of the presentations, factors responsible for slow uptake of the vaccine, such as, hesitancy, as well as non - acceptance of the vaccine were identified by the speakers.

The following specific reasons, namely: Fear of side of adverse effect of the vaccine, and healthcare workers vaccine hesitancy, and Lack of national policy on vaccine administration, in addition to lack of well –defined targeted communication strategy, were mentioned.

In the same vein, factors such as: Lack of risk communication assessment mechanism and response strategy, Unavailability of vaccines in some locations, Lack of sufficient credible information on vaccine efficacy, societal perception on the virus and vaccine, and circulation of false narratives on the vaccine on social media, were also identified

Similarly, issues, such as: cultural and traditional beliefs on the

vaccine, Poor vaccine administration and delivery, and Poor public knowledge COVID19 asymptomatic patients, were also highlighted

It noted was during the dialogue that hesitancy of the vaccine by healthcare workers was heavily and negatively impacting the vaccination exercise, and it was observed that in Bauchi state only 11 per cent of the state's healthcare workers took the vaccine.

Another issue raised during the dialogue was that many people COVID19 patients are asymptomatic and the public justify their misconception on the virus, for example again in Bauchi state 78 per cent of COVID19 patients were noted to be asymptomatic.

After intense deliberations of the above mentioned issues, questions and comments which came up from participants, the speakers recommended the under –listed ways of addressing the challenge, one, that taking the vaccine should be made mandatory for all healthcare workers in order to boost confidence of the public on the vaccine.

Secondly, that states should

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Malam Abdullahi, Zonal Head, NHRC, making remarks when a delegation of CITAD, paid an advocacy visit to his office, in Kano

...takes Anti-GBV Campaign to Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education in Kano

CITAD in the year, joined the rest of the world to celebrate the International Women's Day (IWD), as a way of creating awareness on issues bordering on the welfare of women across the globe.

This year event was marked on the 8th of March, 2022, with a special one-day sensitization lecture on 'Gender-based Violence' held at

Kano State College of Education (Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education), which brought together players within the public and private spaces to x-ray issues impeding the social, political and economic advancement of women in the country.

The general theme for the year's International Women's Day was: "Gender equality today for a

sustainable tomorrow", and the campaign was represented by the #Breakthebias hashtag, with call on Nigerians to work towards a world that is equitable, inclusive, and free from bias and discrimination against women. Presenting a paper, titled 'Concepts of Gender –Based Violence', Zainab Aminu who is Gender Officer of CITAD,

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CITAD's delegation, and some top management staff of Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education (University),Kano, in a group picture, after an advocacy visit paid to the school

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congratulated women all over the world on the day, and reminded them of the need to use the occasion to create awareness on sexual and gender based violence issues with the aim of finding a lasting solution. According to her, the sensitization lecture was a call to action for all stakeholders on the mission, to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence in Kano state. She noted that it was important to raise awareness, and to sensitize, as well as to prioritize access to safe learning environment, and to change negative norms and harmful beliefs about gender roles that reinforce the ugly practice, Zainab said. She added that Gender-based violence was a universal problem, and the solution to the problem requires awareness, sensitization and all stakeholders to work together in addressing the problem. Zainab went further to say the scale of sexual gender-based violence, violence against women and girls and discrimination was alarming.

In his remarks, Mallam Abdullahi, who is the zonal head, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Kano office, noted that people who experienced gender violence suffered from different human rights violations—like right to life, freedom from torture and degrading treatment, freedom from discrimination and the right to safety and security. He added that NHRC is using a range of innovative measures to defend the rights of women and girls in its campaign to end sexual and gender based violence in Nigeria.



Zainab Aminu, CITAD's Gender Officer, presenting copies of the organisation's publications to Mallam Abdullahi, Kano Zonal Head, NHRC, during an advocacy visit to his office!

Abdullahi added that in promoting awareness, the NHRC was supporting the production of 'State of Human Rights', a weekly television programme that covers key human rights issues and progress made so far in Nigeria, as well as increasing their presence on social media. View clips from 'State of Human Rights' on Twitter. He also urged parents, religious institutions, community members and the media to encourage victims to speak out on cases of abuse or violence. Dr. Bashir Sani, Director, Guidance and Counseling of the college said that Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education had well-articulated and clear rules and regulations, and added that the rules and regulations provided an environment that was safe, non-discriminatory, non-exploitative and free from harassment and

sexual assault. He also urged the participants to use the knowledge learned during the session and give same to their communities. On his part, the Dean, students' affairs of the College, Malam Rabiu Muhammad noted that the college was ready to partner with CITAD to sensitize students on all matters pertaining to women and young girls. Muhammad, also commended CITAD for organizing the sensitization lecture, saying, it was timely and college management are committed to partnering with center for information technology and development towards achieving the common goal. Students from different departments of the college attended the sensitization lecture, asking questions and making contributions to the presentation.



Participants in a Street March event organized by CITAD to mark the 2022 International Youth Day, in Kano

... Flag-off monthly 'We-You Pro-Influencers Meeting'

Also, in the year, CITAD kick-started a monthly 'We-You Pro Influencers' Meeting', an activity design to bring together social influencers, and appraise their contributions to the society.

The meeting was presided over by Isah Garba, CITAD `s senior program Officer, who represented the Executive Director of the organization.

He disclosed that the objectives of the meeting are to, formally introduce the ambassadors/ Influencers to the meeting, and to get them know each other, and to introduce the project, as well as it's designed objectives.

Also, he said that the meeting was also conceived to be an avenue for participants to design and agree on a work plan for the ambassadors/influencers, as well as to agree on the activities and methodology for conducting their activities in their various localities.

Also, making presentations during the meeting, John Otar, one of the CITAD `s focal point at the meeting, explained the new slogan for the campaign for inclusion of Women and Youth in

party leadership and elected positions in Kano state, to the gathering.

According to him, the new slogan which contained the words such as: Hope, Action, Progress, which has the symbol of traffic light as its logo, and urged the participants to hence the campaign with the symbols.

The slogan and the logo of the project, he stated was geared at contributing to an inclusive and responsive democratic process and outcomes through citizens' led actions towards 2023 general elections in Nigeria.

He added that the Strategic Objectives was to enhance peoples' power in democratic and inclusive governance, and to enhance democratic choices for citizens, in addition to mobilize a critical mass of young people and women leading disruptive campaigns towards translating citizens' demands into policy actions in Kano State.

Otar further disclosed that the campaign would also ensure that Citizens' capacity are strengthened to demand accountability, and to enhance

capacity of government and its institutions for gender responsive service delivery to strengthen the capacities of young people and women on campaign strategies, policy, and influencing towards taking leadership positions to drive positive change.

Other objective of the campaign he noted was to engender an inclusive decision-making political process that reflects the priorities of the young people and women in K a n o s t a t e .

“The project will be working in the following Local government areas in Kano including: including Bichi, Dala, Fagge, Gwale, Kano Municipal, Nasarawa, Sumaila, and Tarauni”, he explained. During the meeting, the Youth and women political charter of demand was shared to the influencers which each gave his personal and organizational commitment to amplify the demand of the women and youth and their messages towards 2023 g e n e r a l e l e c t i o n s . During the meeting participants collectively agreed and came up with a charter of demand that will remove political blockages for the

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effective participation of youth and women in politics in Kano State. Therefore, and to submit the charter which contains the demands of youth and women in Kano State ahead of the 2023 general elections.

In the charter, the citizens demand at least the allocation of 35 percent of all positions in political party leadership and elective positions to youth and women. Political Parties should subsidize /offer free forms for youth and women aspirants respectively, and that Media houses should support youth and Women aspirants and contestants in amplifying their manifestations in their P r o g r a m m e s .

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Participants in the Street March marking the International Youth Day in a group picture

come out with the roles youth and women played in the history of religions and societal development Media, Civil Society Organizations and community Based Organizations should sensitize the public on the need for women and youth participation in politics, and that security agencies should stick to the rules of engagements and non-partisanship in all their engagements with political parties and politicians while, Community Influencers should support young and female

politicians to gain positions in political parties and win elective positions, and that religious and traditional leaders should engage in voter education to help in providing safer political space that will encourage youth and women participations, while the business communities and individuals should support credible candidates among youth and women, lacking the financial capabilities to contest elections The next meeting was scheduled for third week of February 2022

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GBV: CITAD establishes mentoring system in selected public schools

It was also noted during the program that the participants developed confidence in the Mentor, and as they opened up to discuss their problems which they have not discuss before with their parents to their mentors.

Lastly, as an indication to the impact which the program had on the mentees, many of them requested for the phone numbers

of their mentor, willingly, showed that, the mentorship was really of benefit to them.

In conclusion, to achieve a safe society for women and girls, free from gender violence and discrimination to bridge gender gap in girl child education, it was noted that there was the need to allow the attainment of gender parity in educational

accomplishments, and the students understanding that gender was different from sex, and the different kinds of violence against women and girls.

Also, the Mentorship served as an avenue of educating the students, refreshing their minds, reset their brains, relearn and unlearn some things that they have been taught.

CITAD's Monthly Twitter Space in Focus:

In the year under review, CITAD, organized four twitter space activity which brought together different resource persons and experts to discuss issues involving the deployment of twitter technological device in Nigeria.

The first edition of the programme was held on the 17TH November, 2022, and it focused on the 'Situation of Digital Rights in Nigeria; What the Citizens Need Know' which was facilitated by Sani Suleiman Sani, Program officer, Paradigm Initiative.

Dr. Sana Mu'azu, Lecturer, Department of Software Engineering, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), served as the moderator of the Discussant session at the event.

The second edition of the monthly space took place on the 29th of December, and the topic of discussion was 'Digital Rights in Nigeria and the Need for Collective Advocacy by the Citizens'.

The edition was facilitated by Ali Isa Musa, Fellow, Policy and Good Governance Initiative, and Olarewaju Ayodeji, Multiple Awards Winning Investigative Data Journalist, moderated the programme.

The monthly event attracted several young participants, who actively engaged in insightful contributions to the various topics discussed, and many of them went home educated about their digital rights and how to protect it.

One of the unique discussions held, was the 'Online Data Breaches and its Implications to Electoral Process', in which after the session, some government officials reached out to the moderator of the discussion to express their willingness to participate in future discussions on the topic in view of the importance of the topics.

There were also several panel discussions held on specific topics relating to digital rights as well as the advocacy for the promoting and protection of digital rights.

Prior to the activity, CITAD conducted three public forums on different topics relating to digital rights, and particularly, on the 25th of October, 2022, a Panel of Discussion on Digital Rights in Nigeria was held which was facilitated by Amina Ibrahim, Programs, Partnership and Engagement Officer, Paradigm Initiative.

While, Barrister Abdurrahman Yusuf Muhd, Solicitor, Dikko and

Mahmoud, Ali Sabo, Digital Rights Officer, also participated, and it was chaired by Salisu M. Indabawa, a Human Rights Activist.

In the same vein, another discussion activity was conducted via zoom with topic 'Digital Rights and the Online Platforms Compliance in Nigeria' which was facilitated by Abubakar Zubairu Lawan, Co-Founder, Yobe Tech Forum, and Ahmad Muhammad, Lecturer, Kano State Institute for Information Technology, Kura, and was chaired by Barrister Huwaila Muhammad Ibrahim, Partner, Green Edge.

This event was held on the 24th of November, 2022, and on the 22nd December, 2022, another online discussion via zoom entitled 'Internet Access: A Right or a Privilege', was held which was facilitated by Barrister Aisha Mahdi, Counsel, Green Edge Attorney and Lecture, Aminu Kano College of Legal and Islamic Studies, and Salisu M. Indabawa, Human Rights activist and CITAD Digital Rights Champion, and the discussion session was chaired by Abubakar Mu'azu, Executive Director, CATAI

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- holds national meeting on Digital Rights, Freedom Bill

Champion, Olarewaju Oyedeji, a Reporter with Dataphyte, Dr. Abdulhamid Abdullahi, Lecturer, ABU Zaria, and Danlami Nmodu, Publisher, News Diary Online.

Osai Ojigho, who is he executive director, Amnesty International, served as the moderator of the discussions.

After the presentations, and elaborate discussions of issues generated in the presentations, a

communique drafting committee assembled for the meeting presented it report, which generated serious discussion among the participants, before it was adopted. A copy was later circulated to the participants, and the media representatives that covered the meeting.

Some of the notable participants at the meeting are: Mr. Auwal Musa Rafsanjani, CISLAC, Mr.

Yusuf Ozi-Usman, Publisher Greenbarga Reporters, Mr. Osai Ojigho, Executive Director, Amnesty International, Mrs. Angela Uzoma-Iwuchukwu, Country Director, Avocats Sans Frontieres France, and, representatives of the National Human Rights Commission, among others.

List of Sub-Grantees and the Nature of the Activities

Name	Organization /Project Name	Activity(ies)
Adeola Fayehun	Keep it Real with Adeola	Organizes and present a weekly TV programme to create awareness for Nigerians to demand for accountability and anti-corruption. Uses online videos to sensitize viewers to hold elected and appointed leaders accountable and encourage active engagement of citizens in the context of elections
Abubakar Sadiq Mu'azu	Centre for Advocacy Transparency and Accountability (CATAI)	CATAI is implementing Increasing Citizens Action on Accountability project in Maiduguri, Jere and Biu local Government area with the focal aim of enhancing accountability and transparency of governance through enhancing Citizen's participation in fiscal governance and strengthening of government systems and processes in the selected Local Governments areas. This project is target at existing community structures; youth groups, women groups, Faith-Based organizations, Community based organizations, traditional institutions and PWD groups in rural communities to engage them in multiple dimensions to form a Community Governance Forum and social audit platform to take ownership of these processes and sustained the process beyond project timeline
Ayo Obe	IDEAs Radio	Produces series of radio broadcasts on Nigeria Info FM which will bring the 'IDEAs component' to discussion of issues in the news in Nigeria and examination of the campaign for the 2023 general elections. The live radio audience will be expanded by online content.
Danlami Nmodu	Newsdiary Online	Newsdiary in partnership with CITAD will track, investigate and report issues such as anti-corruption or corruption cases, events bordering on election and electoral reforms ,gender issues and youth matter. And also focus will also be on INEC and other issues

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Deji Badmous	Tv360	Produces at least 3 TV documentary programmes in each quarter on corruption, anti-corruption and accountability and have it aired on TVC and TV360.links
Diego Odoh Okenyedo	Splendor Dawn	Is building on the success of the previous edition of the monthly literary competition on accountability and anticorruption among social media users in Nigeria which held from 2018-2020, Splendors of Dawn Poetry Foundation seeks to push awareness messaging on accountability and anticorruption among young people and social media users as key stakeholders in Nigeria's good governance drive.
Efe Paul Azino	Creative Africa	Organizes special 6-month digital writing and performance fellowship, showcase and anthology, invoking the power of narrative/storytelling to shift perceptions and facilitate accountability. The fellowship is designed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inspire a culture of accountability through storytelling; ● Generate conversations, in the lead up to the 2023 general elections on the imperative of citizen engagement in pushing for more transparent and accountable leadership. ● Re-frame the narrative around education, social development and economic progress in Northern Nigeria.
Mu'azu Alhaji Modu	Spotlight for Transparency and Accountability	Uses multidimensional citizen engagement approach to strengthen accountability on basic healthcare provision fund (BHCPF) to reduce corruption, improve service delivery and empower citizen to demand and hold duty-bearers to account. The project has multiple interrelated components designed to generate critical mass of citizen active engagement with issues of accountability and anti-corruption to improve service delivery which include empowering youth to demand

Name	Organization /Project Name	Activity(ies)
		<p>accountability on implementation of BHCPF in Yobe state, town hall meeting to bring together relevant stakeholders to discuss on accountability and election, high level dialogue on BHCPF and intensive digital media engagement on accountability.</p>
Jack Vincent Fidelis	Radio and TV Programme	<p>Produces weekly interactive TV as well as radio programmes called “Corruption and Society” the broadcast programme explores discussions with relevant stakeholders, documentaries and jingles aimed at combating the corruption scourge and sparking the desired conversation around the subject.</p> <p>Also make weekly jingles in three difference language; Kanuri, Hausa and English. He also prepare podcast for online posting on twitter and facebook podcast on twitter.</p>
Jerry Adesewo	Aroja Theatre	<p>This project is designed to create awareness, with a view to help change the attitudes of Nigerians. Through the various activities of this project, it would re-inforce the knowledge of the Nigerian populace, as to the many corrupt tendencies in the system, while also empowering them to learn how to demand accountability from their various public office holders</p>
Jide Ojo	Independent Researcher and Journalist	<p>Writes articles weekly on the punch newspaper and appears on TV and radio programmes to talk on anti-corruption and accountability. Also shares articles on facebook, twitter and blog</p>
Joshua Alabi	Kininso Koncepts	<p>Engages youth on anti-corruption, organizes stage drama titled Sorry to show effect of corruption on the people. Upload videos on YouTube and share on facebook and twitter.</p>

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Obono-Martins	Tap Initiative For Citizen Development	Using evidence-based data from the previous surveys conducted and focused group discussions to identify incidences of denial of access and or exclusion due to corruption in the 62 primary healthcare centres in Abuja that the government has disbursed money for facilities and effective service delivery and to use the findings to advocate for better services in a way that it will influence electoral decisions of citizens in the next elections.
Olumide Olaniyan		Promoting genuine participation of the often neglected clusters of citizens (youth, women, persons with disabilities [PWD]) in influencing socioeconomic and political decisions that affect their wellbeing. It also uses drama skits, poetry, playlet as tools for citizens' enlightenment, dialogue and advocacy on good governance. Channels for this include physical and virtual engagements, while the locations is nationwide, with more focus on hard-to-reach communities in FCT and Nasarawa states, Nigeria.
Richard Akinnola	Corruption Cases Index	Publication of CORRUPTION CASES JOURNAL- a Quarterly Journal reporting corruption cases and related issues. Publishing on a quarterly basis on magazine. The magazine focuses on various corruption cases and related issues. It also assists lawyers who would benefit from the various judgments of corruption cases published in the magazine.
Tawa Momoh	Innovative Ideas	Organizes and coordinates a bimonthly competition on anti-corruption titled "Student Essay." This competition asks applicants to write innovative ideas on how to fight corruption in Nigeria and the winners are awarded with monetary prizes. Towards the end of the projects, all written essays will be selected and compiled them into a book. The link to her website is www.reportaproject.ng

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Toyosi Akerele	Rise Network	<p>The Design, Development and Deployment of a Data Driven AI Enabled Information Authentication & Verification Mobile App to mobilise and catalyse Citizens' action and tackle Corruption and other related Practices for Accountable Election and Governance in Nigeria</p> <p>The Run AM Mobile App is built with focus on tracking the activities of public office holders and politicians in the discharge of their duties and report fact-based and authentic information to the citizens to engage in conversation and action that demand accountability in electoral processes and governance in Nigeria</p>
Tunde M Akanni	Lagos State University (LASU)	<p>This project seeks to ascertain students' perception of corruption across different faculties and academic programmes using research. It would also share the findings of the perception study not only among all students but the generality of the Lagos State University (LASU) community. To address the issues arising, no fewer than two patriotic experts will be commissioned to come and deliver lectures focusing on anti-corruption and transparency issues as manifest on the campus and possibly in relation to the larger society. To take the solutionist intervention of the lectures further will be the broadcasting of a dedicated weekly programme on LASU Radio.</p>
Rudolf Okonkwo	Irokopost Media Groups Inc	<p>Periodically, investigative reports and watchdog whitepaper on corruption in Nigeria's public and private sectors grace the front pages of newspapers for a day or two and disappear. These stories do not have a long enough shelf</p>

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		<p>life to sink in into the minds of readers. Most times, they lack the proper context to illustrate and personalize the real cost of this wastage so that the masses would understand it and buy into the need to go beyond being outraged to become part of the agents for change. "Damage Control" will highlight the different ramifications of maleficence in Nigerian society, emphasizing how lack of accountability impacts the country at large and practical ways individuals can help minimize corruption.</p>
Chioma Ogwuegbo	TechHerNG	<p>Creates spaces especially for women to curate digitally their expectations of government through the lenses of things that matter most to them. Per the Tech for Governance strand of TechHer's work, the two areas to focus on will be accountability around the elimination of SGBV, and participation in leadership/public life</p>
Mustapha Bulama	Daily Trust	<p>Creating awareness on accountability and corruption and reorient Nigerians on corruption and its negative impacts using cartons and Illustrations.</p>
Bikiya Graham-Douglas	BEETA Productions	<p>Produces 15minute film exploring the effects of corruption and lack of accountability in the society, particularly on women and people with disability. The film also explores poor investment in gender development, participation of people with disability, and how the ripple effect affects the society at large, in respect to areas like livelihood, education, security, health. It also offers messaging on what the people can do to resist corruption, and demand accountability from their Leaders.</p>

Explainer:

What Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection against Gender Based Violence Project is all about:

CITAD in the year, with support from Ford Foundation, inaugurated the Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection against Gender Based Violence (SCRPA GBV) Project, which was designed to achieve a safe society for women and girls, free from gender violence and discrimination to bridge gender gap in girl child education, allowing for the attainment of gender parity in educational accomplishments in Kano state. The project which has nine components engages critical stakeholders to speak out against violence against women and girls, consolidated tracking and monitoring of violence against women online and taking appropriate action, train a critical mass of people to become champions of the campaign against violence against women and girls and to not only amplify the campaign voice but also help in tracking and reporting violence against girls and women. The first component of the project was a Media Engagement in which a designed Radio Programme was



One of the CITAD's facilitators addressing a gathering of participants during an advocacy visit in Kano

deployed to raise awareness, and to advocate for concerted action to reach as well as call out influential people to speak out against violence against the girl child. Under this component of the project, a weekly interactive programme in which critical voices around ending violence against girls would be featured and audience would be allowed to ask questions as well as make their own comments, is being aired. The weekly radio programme is

being aired on 'Arewa Radio', and Express Radio, every Sundays and Tuesdays.

The second component of the project was 'Monitoring of Violence Online', under this phase CITAD is deploying its trained Community Monitors, using the GBV App it developed to monitor and report GBV anonymously, and information generated from the monitor are used to for the monthly press conference on GBV, in the state.

The third component of the project is the 'Stakeholder Engagement' which involves using key stakeholders including parents, traditional rulers, religious leaders, public officials, community influencers to not only speak out but also be committed to find solution to the problem. Advocacy visits were made to stakeholders so that they could support the cause and use their position the advocate against GBV. The fourth component of the project is 'Training GBV



An area view of participants during a GBV campaign mounted in one of the Secondary Schools in Kano

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What Strengthening Citizens Response and Protection against Gender Based Violence Project is all about:

Champions', under this phase of activity 40 young men and women were trained to campaign against and advocate for action against GBV. They would also serve as monitors.

The fifth component of the project is 'Step-down of Champions' Training', which was aimed at multiplication of voices, trained champions cascaded the training and serve as monitors of VAWG within their communities, and be willing to join the campaign by amplifying messages, especially through the use of social media and advocacy visits.

Each of the trained GBV champions are also trained at least 30 individuals within their community who as well cascaded the trainings to their community members, and a total of 780 individuals are to be trained under the project.

The sixth component of the project was to 'Establish Mentoring System' to inspire young girls and guide to them through engaging with the mentors, including how they could protect themselves against potential violence.

The mentors were recruited from



One of the facilitators taking participants through a session during GBV awareness campaign

a pool of successful women from different spheres of life such as teachers, lawyers, academics, professionals, civil society activists, journalists, community leaders and businesswomen which begins 31st January, 2022.

The seventh component of the project was 'Safe and Transformative School: (ICT Centre)', conceived to make school safe, fun and transformative, CITAD developed creativity and innovation classes within an ICT Centre that will hold once a week.

Two schools (GGSS Janbulo and GGSS Aisami) were selected and an ICT lab was constituted in which

the classes will hold till the end of the project.

The eighth component of the project was a 'Facebook analytics (reach)', under this phase of activity Facebook radio banners posting reached 34610, and share of 116, with 218 comments, and 710 likes. While Advocacies reach 19366, and share of 30, also with 12 comments and 421 likes.

Press conference reach 9141, and share of 26, with 25 comments and 413 likes. Monthly Online dialogue of the Activity reach 3672, and share of 9, with 2 comments and 84 likes, other activities including Awareness, campaign trainings, and sensitization lectures and it also reach 36367, and share of 83, with 32 comments and 924 likes, and the posts on ICT classes was 10923, and share of 52, with 15 comments and 297 likes.

In all, a total reach of 114079, and total share of 316, and total comments of 304, and total likes of 2849 for online posts and visibility for all activities from the inception of the project to date, since the implementation of the project started.



Participants displaying various forms of campaign materials during a GBV awareness campaign organised by CITAD

PROJECT ACTIVITY REPORT

Project Name	Strengthening Citizens' Response and Protection against Gender-Based Violence in Kano State
Organization	Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD)
Sponsor	Ford Foundation
Location	Kano
Activity Title 1	Training of Gender Champions
Activity Title 2	Stepdown Training
Reporting Period	September 2022 to October 2022
Report Compiled by	Zainab Aminu
Date	24th October 2022

Goals of the Activity

1. A positive change from harmful social and cultural norms and behaviours that expose women and girls to discrimination, poverty and gender-based violence.
2. Increased awareness on gender-based violence and its effects on women and girls.

Purpose/Objectives of the Activity

- a. Training of champions, both young men and women, to campaign against and advocate for action against GBV. They would also serve as monitors.
- b. Stepdown by trained champions: As part of the multiplication of voices, trained champions will also be expected to cascade the training and serve as monitors of VAWG within their communities, and be willing to join the campaign by amplifying messages, especially through the use of social media and advocacy visits.

Activities/Outputs

1. 2nd Batch - Training of champions:
Date: 5th and 6th September, 2022
40 Gender Champions have been trained to cascade trainings in their respective communities.
2. Stepdown by batch 2 Gender Champions: A total of 1069 individuals were trained by the champions within the period of 12th September, to 26th September, 2022.
3. 3rd Batch - Training of champions:
Date: 4th and 5th October, 2022
19 Gender Champions have been trained to cascade trainings in their respective communities.
4. Stepdown by batch 3 Gender Champions: A total of 512 individuals were trained by the champions within the period of 10th October to 22nd October, 2022.

The step-down trainings were conducted in Kano urban and rural areas respectively. The trained champions trained at least 20 people from their respective communities each. The overall objective of the step-down training is to respond to disclosures of gender-based violence in a way that is timely, appropriate and non-judgmental, and to do this with a clear understanding of the immediate needs of the survivor as well as protecting the survivor.

Narrative Report

Zainab Aminu, the Gender Officer of the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD), presented a paper titled "The Concept of GBV: its dimensions and manifestations, online and offline versions".

Dr. Adamu Kawu Sule of Sociology department-Bayero University, Kano, facilitated "Gender Based Violence, a contributory factor to marginalization of women in the nation's development".

Barr. Bilkisu Sulaiman Kano State FIDA Chairperson and Barr. Sani Maisamari Esq, individually, presented the paper titled “Understanding Gaps and Opportunities in using the Law against Gender Based Violence”.

SC Aisha Yakasai of Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps presented a paper on: “Combatting GVB: personal protection awareness, community and stakeholder voice and action, policy and laws, naming and shaming”.

Suwaiba Adamu Abdullahi of National Orientation Agency (NOA) presented a paper titled “Creating Safe Space for Victims of GBV”.

Dinatu Emmanuel Ishaku, gave her presentation on “Campaigning against GBV: Community action, media campaign and taking action”.

Shehu Abdullahi, State Zonal Coordinator of National Human Rights Commission and Mustapha Saeed Kano of the Centre for Legal Orientation and Humanitarian Aid (CELOHA) presented a paper titled “Monitoring and Reporting GBV – A way forward”.

The Technical Officer of CITAD, **Suhail Sani Abdullahi**, presented “GBV App – A Framework for monitoring GBV in communities”.

Pictures from 2nd Batch Training



2nd Batch Training in Pictures



Mrs. Dinatu Ishaku, Executive Director, Kasham Girls Women Youth and Community Development Network, facilitating (Campaigning against GBV: Community action, Media Campaign and Taking Action) alongside a cross-section of participants



Mr. Mustapha Saeed, Executive Director, CELOHA, facilitating a discussion titled (Monitoring and Reporting GBV – A way forward) alongside a cross-section of participants



S.C. Aisha Muhammad Yakasai, O.C Gender, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps facilitating a discussion titled "Combatting GVB: personal protection awareness, community and stakeholder voice and action, policy and laws, naming and shaming".





Kawu Sule Rano, Ph.D of Department of Sociology, Bayero University Kano, facilitating “GBV, a contributory factor to marginalization of women in the nation's development”



Barrister Bilkisu Sulaiman, Chairperson, Federation of Women Lawyers, Kano Chapter facilitating “Understanding Gaps and Opportunities in using the Law Against Gender Based Violence” and some participant during a group work presentation



Hajiya Suwaiba Adamu Salihu, Gender Officer, National Orientation Agency, Kano, making presentations entitled “Creating Safe Space for Victims/Survivors of GBV”.

Pictures from Stepdown Training 2nd Batch:



3rd Batch Training in Pictures



Dr. Shehu, Zonal Coordinator, National Human Rights Commission, Kano during his facilitation of "Monitoring and Reporting GBV – A way forward".



SC. Aisha Yakasai facilitating a session on "Combatting GVB: personal protection awareness, community and stakeholder voice and action, policy and laws, naming and shaming", during the step-down training



Mrs. Dinatu Ishaku, Executive Director, KGWYCND facilitating (Campaigning against GBV: community action, media campaign and taking action) and a cross-section of participants





Barr. Sani Maisamari, Esq. facilitating “Understanding Gaps and Opportunities in using the Law against Gender Based Violence”.



Dr. Sule Kawu, facilitating “GBV, a contributory factor to marginalization of women in the nation's development”.



Zainab Aminu, Gender Officer, CITAD facilitating “The Concept of GBV – its dimensions, online and offline manifestations”

Pictures from Stepdown Training 3rd Batch:



20 Journalists benefits from CITAD's Anti-Corruption Training

As part of its corporate support towards fighting corruption in Nigeria, CITAD in the year, with the support of MacArthur Foundation, organized a one-day training program for 20 journalists drawn from states in the northern part of the country.

The event which was held on the 23rd and 24th of May, 2022, was designed to equip Journalists with new Researching and Reporting Skills on Accountability and Anti-Corruption, as it concern Nigeria.

The essence of organizing the workshop was to deepen the understanding of the journalists on accountability and anti-corruption issues, in addition to shifting their attention to writing on the subject matter.

The workshop also aimed at enhancing the Understanding of the Dimensions of Accountability and Corruption, Sensitize the Journalists to Pay Attention to Issues of Accountability and Anticorruption in their Contents and Enlist Journalists to improve their Contribution in Exposing Corruption and Impunity through their Platforms.

Flagging up the workshop, the Executive Director of the Centre, Yunusa Zakari Ya'u noted the training was organized to improve the capacity of journalists to investigate and report corrupt practices at the grassroots level through a competitive process as a way of holding public officials to account.

He disclosed that his organization had for long been working with journalists to ensure transparency and accountability in the public sector and this particular workshop is unique looking at the nature of the participants who are

mostly young people with passion to make change in the society.

Ya`u opined that given how deep-seated corruption is in the country, the center deems it much more obliged to significantly contribute to the lives of citizens by supporting investigative journalists to report community-based anti-corruption cases in Nigeria.

The Executive Director noted that investigating corrupt practices both in public and private establishments will improve the quality of life, especially in the vulnerable communities that don't have the voice to fight the menace of the system.

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According to him, some of the specific objectives of the Workshop ranges from contributing to making corruption more visible at the community level, and empowering the benefitting some journalists to investigate, in addition to reporting corruption in way that it can serve as a basis for community mobilization against corruption.

In addition to help generate public engagement with anti-corruption campaign and promotion of accountability through the

outcomes of researching corruption at community level.

It would be recalled that on 25th May 2022, CITAD organized a three days training/competition for 20 selected journalists with the theme “Journalists Against Corruption”, during which the Coordinating officer of the competition, Journalists against Corruption, initiated by CITAD, Buhari Abba said, the Center has been working with journalists to ensure transparency and accountability in the public sector. He noted that investigating corrupt practices both in public and private establishments by journalists would improve quality of life, especially in the vulnerable communities that don't have voice to fight the menace of the system. The 20 selected journalists submitted proposals and underwent various investigations, after which a review was conducted by a team of Judges where 10 Journalists successfully emerged as the recipient of the grant.

According to Buhari, after selecting the best six reports out of ten, CITAD uploaded the six reports on a social media platform for public voting.

“After two weeks of public voting on the journalists' reports, Ismail Auwal Garba of Sahelian Times, Anibe Idajili from The Cable and Rabi'u Musa of Hot Pen were the emerged winners” Abba revealed. Buhari noted that, the award is an encouragement to improve the capacity of journalists to investigate and report corrupt practices at the grassroots level through a competitive process as a way of holding public officials to account.

CITAD scale-up anti-graft campaign with Annual Awards for Journalists

CITAD in the year under-review, has initiated Journalist Award for fight against corruption, as part of the efforts to promote transparency and accountability in public sectors in Nigeria.

The presentation of the award which was initiated with the support of MacArthur Foundation, was held on the 5th January 2022, to encourage and promote culture of reporting and exposing corruption from the community level.

The initiative was borne out of the realization that corruption, if allowed to fester has the potential to attack the foundation of democratic institutions through distorting electoral processes, and preventing the establishment of the rule of law.

By instituting this award, it is believed that it could help reduce corruption to minimal level which would impact poverty reduction, and enable the public to reap the rewards of healthy, safe and productive citizens.



Malam Ismail Anwal Garba of Sahelian Time, who came first in an Anti-Corruption Reporting Competition organized by CITAD, being presented his award by Malam Haruna Hadeija of CITAD

CITAD is in the know that the media – traditional mass media as well as new technologies, if properly deployed could play vital role in unveiling corruption, and helping to frame corruption as public problem, as well as suggest solutions, in addition to empowering citizens with knowledge and social skills for fighting corruption. Journalists are watchdogs, agenda setters, and gatekeepers that can monitor the quality of governance, frame the

discussion about corruption, and lend a voice to a wide range of perspectives and arguments.

The overall aim of the project was to enhance the understanding of the dimension of accountability and anti-corruption, sensitize the journalists to pay attention to issues of accountability and anti-corruption in their contents and enlist them to improve their contribution in exposing corruption and impunity through their platforms.

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The three winners of the Anti-Corruption Reporting Competition displaying their awards, in a group picture, taking with the some staff of CITAD, at the end of the event

CITAD's monthly dialogue on Anti-Corruption in focus

As part of its corporate initiative geared at fighting the scourge of corruption that is impeding socio-economic and political development of Nigeria, CITAD in the year in focus, initiated a monthly dialogue with key stakeholders in the society, on how to reduce the trend in the country.

The monthly dialogue which was implemented under the 'Mobilizing and Catalyzing Citizens Action for Accountable Election and Governance in Nigeria (MCCAAEGN)' project, was organized with the support of MacArthur Foundation.

Declaring the first edition of the dialogue which was held virtually opened, Yunusa Zakari Ya'u, executive director, CITAD, hinted that the monthly dialogue session was conceived as a way of providing the sub-grantees under the project an opportunity to regularly share their work with a wider audience, as a step towards scaling up the promotion of the culture of accountability, and the fight against corruption in Nigeria. Yau noted that the event was also aimed at providing the sub-grantees, avenue to engage with young Nigerians, who have interest in their activities to discuss and share ideas, adding that CITAD, as an organization has for many years been working on

programs geared at scaling up the culture of accountability, and the fight against corruption in the country, with the aim of empowering young people to demand for good governance.

While, emphasizing the essence of dialogue, the Executive Director revealed that it was also aimed at

January, 2022, with three sub-grantees under the project; Abubakar Sadiq Mu'azu, Executive Director, Center for Advocacy, Transparency and Accountability Initiative, Jide Ojo, Independent Researcher, Writer, Public Affairs Analyst and Journalist and Chioma Agwuegbo, Executive Director, TechHerNG, featured, and was chaired by Mukhtar Modibbo of Connected Development.

The second dialogue meeting featured, Mu'azu Alhaji Modu, Executive Director, Spotlight for Transparency and Accountability, Mustapha Bulama, Editorial Cartoonist with Daily Trust, and Joshua Alabi, Executive Director, KININSO KONCEPTS, and moderated by Kabiru Danladi, a Lecturer with Department of Mass Communications, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria.

The third dialogue which was held on the 15th of March, 2022, featured Bikiya Graham-Douglas, Singer, Actress and

Chief Executive Officer, Beeta productions, Dr. Tunde Akanni, lecturer, Department of Mass Communications, Lagos State University and Danlami Nmodu, journalist and publisher, News Diary Online Based in Abuja, while the webinar was moderated by Clement A. Oloyede, Bureau Chief, Daily Trust Newspaper, Kano.

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creating platform for the sub-grantees, and citizens, who have interest in the fight against the menace to engage regularly, to rub minds on how to tackle the social challenge that is impeding the growth and development of the country.

The first edition of dialogue series was flagged-off in the month of

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CITAD's monthly dialogue on Anti-Corruption Fight in focus

The fourth dialogue held on the 21st of April, 2022, featured Jack Fidelis Vincent, an Independent Journalist based in Maiduguri, Olumide Olaniyan of Lucidity of Absurdity (Poetry), and Fred Sam-Itepu, Head of Operation, Rise Networks while Dr. Kabiru Sufi Sa'id, Principal Lecturer, Kano State College of Education and Preliminary Studies chaired the Dialogue.

Making contributions in one of the program held in the year, Dayo Olaide, Deputy Director, Mac Arthur Foundation, Nigeria office, commended CITAD for coordinating the project, noting

that the initiative held mainstream accountability into the discussion around 2023 general election.

At the end of each of the dialogue sessions, several questions were asked by participants, in which the featured sub-grantees, provided answers.

One of the obvious outcomes of the project was that team of young Nigerians have been encouraged to create social media platforms, as well as using local radios, to engage and sensitive the citizens on the implications of corruption on the society.

CITAD on the 22nd of September, held a quarterly Experience

Sharing Meeting under the project, which was chaired by Dr. Kawu Adamu Sule, of Department of Sociology, Bayero University Kano (BUK), highlighted the need for accountable government in Nigeria.

In one of the dialogue session held in the year, Mr. Waziri Adio, who is the project adviser, encourage sub-grantees of the project take advantage of the election period in pushing the ideas and products being created under this project as people pay more attention during this period.

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CITAD scale-up anti-graft campaign with annual awards for Journalists

In engaging the journalists, CITAD envisioned that they will continue to play the very important role in; such as, reporting and advocating for relevant stakeholders to ratify, implement and report on compliance with Nigerians laws on preventing and combatting corruption from community levels.

That journalists will continue to raise awareness on the negative impact of corruption and able to share practical examples of the day-to-day effects of graft. And the same time, able to show the positive impact of combating corruption.

In the same vein, that many investigate journalists and would like to encourage other journalists to report cases of corruption to the relevant ant-corruption agencies, as well as promote anti-corruption champions and publicizing stories of success in fighting corruption.

The specific objectives why the award was instituted are, to encourage journalist to report



Anibe Idajile of Cable, who came second in the anti-corruption reporting competition organised by CITAD receiving her award of a Desk Top Computer

corruption at the community level, and to empower Journalists, as well as creates an open culture. Other specific objectives, are, to promote accountability through the outcome of reports, and encourage journalists to investigate and report corruption from community level

In a presentation ceremony held at the organization`s corporate office in Kano, on 5th of January, 2022,

Ismail Auwal Garba of Sahelian Times, emerged overall winner, and was presented a Brand New HP Laptop prize.

While, Anibe Idajili of The Cable, came second, and was presented with a prize of new set of Desktop computer, and Rabiu Musa, Hot Pen, clinched the third position, and presented with a brand new LG television set.

2022`s operational activities in Bauchi Office:-

...E - Trash to Cash

In line with its corporate commitment to a better climate and environmental management in Nigeria, CITAD, in the year, collaborated with eTrash2Cash, a social enterprise outfit, to conduct a two-day waste management master-class training for housewives drawn from the rural communities of Itas-Gadua Local Government Area of Bauchi state.

The training programme which was conducted on 23rd July, 2022, at the CITAD`s Training Centre in the LGA, was designed to expose the participants to basic social and managerial skills for recycling polythene waste into finished polythene bags.

The participants, numbering over

50 women, were empowered with functional skills, and capabilities geared at converting trash bottles into cups, and jugs, as well as stylish mugs.

The training programme was facilitated by Khadija Baba Adamu, and Hafsat Adamu, outsourced experts, who through hand-on-practical sessions taught the participants the basic skills for converting the waste products, notably polythene bags, waste rubber, and plastics, into vital household stuffs.

Also, Usman Abubakar, a program officer at eTrash2Cash revealed that the training would be followed up with other series of trainings where the participants will be provided skills for making bracket,

events decorations, and makeups, among others.

In his remarks, Sanusi Abubakar, CITAD`s program officer, said that the Centre is committed not only in bridging the digital gaps in Nigeria, good governance, accountability and transference, but also interested in providing skills required for personal and societal development.

He charged the beneficiaries of the program to make good use of the knowledge and skills gained during the program, noting that it was able to make them gainfully employed.

Over 50 participants drawn from within and outside the community took place in the two days training.

...holds Consultative Meeting on Community Network

CITAD in the year, organized a Community Consultative Meeting on Community Networks in some selected communities in the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja

The meeting which took place on 5th of July, 2022, was held in Leleyi Gwari, Dakwa, and Tungan Ashere communities, and was designed to examine the success of the previous meeting, and the challenges associated with the programme, as well as to design the next steps, and the way forward.

During the meeting community members, and leaders that participated in the meeting suggested various new approaches to be adopted that would assist in the implementation of the project in the designated locations.

Community Network is a project

of CITAD with support from Association for Progressive communication (APC).

In the same vein, on the 11th of October 2022, CITAD with support

“was designed to examine the success of the previous meeting, and the challenges associated with the programme, as well as to design the next steps, and the way forward”

from Association for Progressive Communications, started the Second Phase of the Online Nigerian School of Community Network.

The programme, was facilitated by Suhail Abdullahi, CITAD`s technical officer, who took the participants through the list of equipment required for the establishment of the Simple Community network.

The Online Nigerian School of Community Network was established in order to take the community members through the process of Community Network and its concept.

Also, in anticipation of a partnership with Infratel Africa, a leading telecommunication infrastructure service provider in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa, CITAD, in the year in focus, paid a site assessment visit to Arikya Community in Lafia Local Government Area in Nasarawa State, where Infratel Africa, recently installed a Network for the community.



Some of the participants in the Digital Creativity, Innovation Empowerment Training organised by CITAD in Itas LGA in Bauchi state, in group picture

-20 gets digital creativity, innovation empowerment

As part of the initiative aimed at advancing inclusive support for female gender in northern Nigeria, CITAD, in collaboration with Lenovo, empowered 20 young females drawn from communities within and outside of Itas/Gadau Local Government Area of Bauchi state, in the year under-review. The program which was one of the series of activities conceived to mainstream the targeted

beneficiaries into digital economy, focused on providing digital entrepreneurship training to support business creativity and innovation.

The training activity which spanned over 10 months, and was presided over by Muneeb Yusuf, was flagged off on the 20th July, 2022, during a brief ceremony held at the CITAD training facility located in Government Secondary School, in the LGA.

The training session went into a break on 10th September, after two months of being in session, and the training activity resumed on the 3rd October 2022.

At the end of the last phase of the program, there's a provision of training allowances to whoever scaled to the phase and a business support-opportunities which includes: legal registrations, patronizing, funding opportunities and many more.

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Participants in the Community Network Peers Meeting, held in Bauchi, in a group picture, with CITAD staff led Malam Yunusa Zakari Ya'ù, executive director of the organization

- Hosts community networks peers meetings, mentorship training:

In a strategic move designed to expand the operations of the Nigerian School of Community Networks (NSCNs), it established, CITAD, in the year, held a meeting of Community Networks Peers (CNPs), and a Mentorship Training for beneficiaries of the NSCNs, in Itas-Gadau Local Government Area of Bauchi state.

The meeting of the CNPs was presided over by Yunusa Zakari Ya'u, ED, CITAD, and Haruna Adamu, director, NSCN, was organized on the heels of a two month virtual training, earlier conducted for selected persons in the LGA.

The CNP's meeting which was held 7th of June, 2022, at CITAD's

training facilitate in the LGA, provided opportunity for participants to interact physically with the ED, and the director of the NSCNs, and the share information about the knowledge and the insights that they gained during the previous online training with the ED, and the director of NSCNs.

After the meeting session, participants at the meeting, visited a piece of land donated by Honourable Abdullahi Muhammadu Maigari, (Yangan-gida), former executive chairman, of Itas-Gadau LGA, for the construction of a community network center in the locality.

During the visit to the donated land, which is situated at

'Ungwar Nasarawa Area, besides Tafida Primary School in Itas, the CITAD 's ED, hinted that arrangements are being made for the commencement of the development of the NSCNs in the community.

However, during the Mentorship Training program held, Malam Muneeb AbdulNasir Yusuf, who is CITAD's program officer for the LGA, was assigned the role of mentoring the members of Jama'are community network which includes, three micro organizations (3), one (1) advisory member, one (1) female gender micro organization, and members of board of directors.

- Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme Program:

In the year, under-review, CITAD, offered opportunity for seven (7) students drawn from communities in Itas-Gadau LGA, to do their mandatory 'Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES)', program with the organization. The benefitting

students are: Usman Muhammad Lele, and Aminu Abdullahi, who are from Department of Information Technology, ATBU Bauchi, Yusuf Zailani Jama'are, from Department of Computer Sciences, Alkalam University, Katsina, Shehu Adamu, from

Department of Computer Science, Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic Bauchi (ATAP) affiliated to ATBU, and Ma'aruf Isah Adamu, Department of Information Technology, Jigawa State Polytechnic.

CITAD marks International Democracy Day in Bauchi:

As part of its core mandate designed to strengthen good governance, and democratic principles, values, and processes in Nigeria, CITAD, joined the global world community in celebrating the International Democracy Day (IDD), in Itas-Gadua LGA of Bauchi.

The IDD was initiated by the United Nations as an occasion to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will, and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity through deployment of democratic principles.

The year edition of the program which was held with a Public Lecture, at Itas office of CITAD, was said to have been organized to reawaken the conscious of people, and showcasing the importance of democracy as the best form of government.

Presiding over the event, Abdulnasir Yusuf Muneeb, CITAD's Program Officer, in the LGA, noted that the program, was particularly designed to review the state of democracy in the state, Nigeria and in the world at large.

Muneeb highlighted the imperative of democracy and good governance, and its positive impacts on the lives of the citizens, and national development, and global peace, and well-being.

Delivering a key-note address, entitled 'The Fate of Nigerian Youth' at the occasion, Professor Muhammad Hamisu, who is a former Vice Chancellor, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, provided insights into the roles that Nigerians youths could play in the sustenance of democracy in

the country. Hamisu dismay about the poor participation of the young Nigerians in political activities in the country, despite the fact that young people constituted 1/3 of the population country, and coupled with recently passed "Not Too Young To Run Bill", which empowered Nigerians youths to scale up their participation in politics.

He identified issues, such as; fight against corruption, increase transparency in running the affairs

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of the country, as some of the issues that could motivate young Nigerians in participating in politics, noting that Anti-grate agencies, such as, ICPC, EFCC must strengthen their operations, in order to boost the participation of young Nigerians in politics.

According to him, there is need for the introduction of a system that will reward both public and civil servants who exhibit good behavior at work places; as well as, the need for leadership training, succession plan, and mass

enlightenment on the functions of the different arms of government in the country, in order to encourage more youths in politics. Also, the second speaker at the occasion, Alhaji Gambo Idris Danmasani, who shared his views on the importance of Democracy with the participants, noted that democracy is a form of government in which the rights of the citizens are most valued.

He this implies that "democracy is a form of government where the people have the rights to vote for their leaders and be voted for, rather than being controlled by a government that they do not have a say and do not tolerate dissent voices, and have no right to protest'.

In his contribution, Alhaji Idris Abdullahi, Centre Manager, National Board for Technology Incubation, who stood in for Alhaji Muhammad Na'im Suleiman cautioned young people not to rely on government to provide jobs for them, instead, he advised the youth to embrace entrepreneurial skills.

Abdullahi in an age the world is in, computing and digitalization, if leverage upon could create more job opportunities, urging the youth turn their attention to ICT, and for them to grab the ample opportunities of the 21st century. On her part, Hajiya Amina Musa of PHC Department called on the young women to get involved in politics and play their part in developing the country, and appealed to the stakeholders in the communities to consider women in whatever they do and ensure they carry them along not take them as vulnerable.



Cross-section of participants at the Social Media for Accountability training organized by CITAD

...Scales - up Social Media for Accountability Project:

As an initiative designed towards promoting the culture of constructive deployments of social media in Nigeria, CITAD in the year, scale up the Social Media for Accountability (SM4A) training programme, it initiated in the country.

The training programme which was conceived to counter the rising negative deployment of social media in the country, in the recent times, provided avenue to educate senders, and consumers of social media contents about the potent and influence of the device.

This year edition of the training which was held on 13th to 14th of April, 2022, at CITAD `s training facilitate in Bauchi state, was facilitated by two senior in-house resource persons, Malam Ali Sabo, and Malam Suhail Sani, respectively.

In the first presentation of the day, delivered by Ali Sabo, highlighted some of the sources of information which many individuals are exposed on the

social media, and noted that because of an increased interest in new technologies, more people now obtain their information from the media.

The presentation argued that due to a growing number of social media users' irresponsibility, and the quickness in which information are deployed through the device, problems are now emerging which demands for caution in the usage and

consumption of social media content, as well as the need to hold senders of unconstructive social media content accountable. In his presentations, Malam Suhail Sani stated that there is the need for effective harnessing of the power of media and information, adding that users' responsibility must be demonstrated, while, information and media consumers should always act responsibly.

He argued that being accountable

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Participants in Researching and Reporting about Accountability and Anti-Corruption Issue organized by CITAD, in a group picture

- Digital Livelihood Training in Itas:

In a move geared at expanding the frontier of digital literacy at the grassroots in northern Nigeria, CITAD, with the support of Association for Progressive Communications (APC), conducted two Digital Livelihood Training activities in Itas, and Jama`are rural areas of Bauchi state, in the year.

The training which brought together 20 participants selected from the two communities, was a follow up to the digital creativity and innovation training held earlier in the year, in the benefitting communities.

The program which conducted at the CITAD `s training facilitate in the localities, and facilitated by Ali Sabo, and Suhail Sani, from the CITAD head-office in Kano, commenced on the 15th of August, 2022, covered a duration of four (4) months.

The participants were exposed to fundamentals of digital marketing by the facilitators, twice a week (Saturdays and Sundays) during the period of the training, after which they engaged in a practical interactive sessions with the



Participants in the Digital Livelihood Training organised by CITAD in Itas, listening to presentations

facilitators.

Also, the beneficiaries of the training were provided basic skills and insights on how they can leverage on the knowledge of

digital content creation, and digital marketing for the purpose of job creations, and for them to prosper in the blooming global knowledge economy.

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...Scales - up Social Media for Accountability Project:

makes whoever is using the device more conscious of his or her actions, and to see reason why one must exercise caution while uploading personal information in order to respect others' privacy, safeguard one own accounts, and keep ourselves safe.

Suhail noted that in order to avoid misunderstandings and miscommunications, there is the need for one not to disseminate untrue rumors or trivial issues, expressing dismay that the social media landscape is now characterized with false

information, hate speech, and other detrimental components.

In summary, he charged people trying to sway people's perspectives and ideas, adding that in recent times, laws geared at controlling the of influential social media corporations have been developed in a number of nations.

He also observed that the number of people using the internet and using social media has dramatically increased in many countries, especially in India, adding that figures have doubled

as more people use social media to connect with their friends and family as a result of the pandemic and the accompanying lockdown. Suhail concluded that it was worrisome that lack of transparency, accountability, and users' rights in relation to digital media have become a trend that are sparked by the explosion of the internet.

At the end of the two-day training, each of the participants were presented with a certificate of attendance.

...engages mentors for Anti-Corruption Clubs

Also, in order to ensure the effectiveness of the ACCs clubs, CITAD, has also floats Anti-Corruption Club Mentors, to provide students with knowledge and skills required to fight corruption, and instructions on how encourage young Nigerians shun corruption. The nominees of the Anti-

Corruption Club Mentors, were announced during a four steps Trainings Workshop originated for the 36 classroom teachers drawn from 18 senior secondary schools in the state, where the Clubs are in existence.

The workshops was designed to serve as Master Trainings to build the capacity of the selected

teachers which in return will step-down the training to other anti-corruption clubs to formed in other schools.

The first capacity training was held on 2nd of June, 2022, the second training on the 8th of June, 2022, the third 21st of June, 2022, while, the fourth one was conducted on the 7th of July, 22.

200 women gets digital creativity, innovation training

As a way of encouraging more young women in Nigeria, to leverage on the numerous opportunities which the internet offers, CITAD, with the support of LENOVO Foundation, in the year, kick-start a women –focused incubator training on Digital Creativity and Innovation for Young Women (DICI-YOW) in the rural communities of Itas-Gadau LGA in Bauchi state.

The overall goal of the training which officially kick –off on 20th of July, 2022, was to assist the targeted women and girls to be job creators, while, the specific objectives are, to provide digital skills training for 200 girls (100 per year), and to produce 80 digital entrepreneurs (40 per year), as well as, to create 160 new digital jobs for girls (80 per year)

The official launching of the programme was a follow up to a Round –Table Forum on the Challenges of Seeding and Nurturing Creativity and Innovation among Young Women, held on the 22nd of June, in the year.

The programme is broken down into five components:

The first phase covered a period of one month Basis Digital skills acquisition programme in which participants were given in a 20-

hour basic digital literacy training, consisting of Introduction to Windows, Microsoft word, Excel, PowerPoint and internet application which commenced on 20th July 2022 and ended on 15th August 2022.

“The overall goal of the training was to assist the targeted women and girls to be job creators”

The second phase of the programme consists of advanced Digital Skills and courses on graphics design, mobile app development, website design and some mobile and computer software (Mobile tools), the duration of training of one month and it took off on 29th August 2022, to end 4th October 2022.

And, the third phase of the training consists of business ideation segment ran for a duration of two (2) months, and spanned to 24th October 2022, participants were

instructed on Introduction to the business regulatory environment, Tech ideas: moving from concept to practice, conceptualizing the value chain of the business, Produce/service specification, Understanding the market and client base building, Digital Marketing, Labour and skills, Seeded for the business, Capital requirements and capital mobilizing strategies, Business, Sustainability issues, and ICTs in Business

The phase four of the programme consists of business development support services covered a duration of 6 months, in which enable cohort to register their business and meet all corporate requirements, Service/good packaging and branding, Developing Exit Plans

While, the phase five of the programme would entails transition to market and the duration is one month, and during this period the implementation of an exit plan, as well as getting the business out into the real world of business, is carried out.

As an incubator programme, its beneficiaries will in the end harvest some digital businesses providing goods or services to the public. The first batch of the training was expected to complete on February 2022.

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

We have audit of the Financial Statements of CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT as at 31st December, 2022, set out on pages 4 to 5 and the accompanying notes shown on pages 7 to 9 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies on page 3.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statement. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statement. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgment made by the Directors in the presentation of the Financial Statement, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to Company's circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed. .

We Planned and perform our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statement.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, no contravention of the productivity, prices and income board guidelines came to our notice in respect of the year covered by these accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the Company and the accounts and notes thereon are in agreement (therewith) in our opinion, the accounts comply with the requirements of the Companies and allied Matters Act, CAP C20, LFN 2004 and given a true and fair view of the Company's state of affairs as at 31st December, 2022 and the Profit and cash flow for the year ended on same date.

OLAYIWO ADESINA & CO

[Chartered Accountants]

No. A5 Abba Sumaila Plaza New Market Road, Tarauni, Kano



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CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

	NOTES	2022	2021
		₦	₦
NON CURRENT ASSETS	1	<u>12,995,908</u>	<u>7,019,803</u>
		<u>12,995,908</u>	<u>7,019,803</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Inventory	2	1,290,000	5,780
Receivables	3	-	-
Bank & Cash	4	<u>467,078,572</u>	<u>313,757,288</u>
		<u>468,368,572</u>	<u>313,763,068</u>
<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Trade Payables	5	<u>1,320,000</u>	<u>863</u>
		<u>1,320,000</u>	-
Net Current Assets		<u>467,048,572</u>	<u>313,763,068</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>480,044,480</u>	<u>320,782,871</u>
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>			
Accumulated Funds		246,303,940	315,691,068
Operating Surplus?Deficit		233,740,540	5,091,803
		<u>480,044,480</u>	<u>320,782,871</u>



DIRECTORS

Staff Movement:

During the year in view, there was a staff movement, as well as employment of new staff in the organization:

Mohammed Yahaya Bello, who before now was a Technical Officer in the Abuja office, was moved to the Head-Office in Kano, as Technical Officer in the Training

Department, while, Mathias Ojoma Nicodemus, was employed as an Accountant, in the Abuja Office.

In the same vein, the following individuals were employed newly in the organization: Abdulrahman, Babatunde, Technical Officer (Innovation), Kano Office, Hauwa Shettima,

Programmes Assistant, Bauchi Office, Zainab Usman Salihu, Programmes Assistant (Digital Rights), Kano Office, Salim S. Sani, Technical Assistant (Online Radio), Kano Office, and Usman Isah, Technical Officer, Abuja Office.

Also, in the year, Sanusi Abubakar, former Accountant in the Abuja Office, exited the organization



Salim S. Sani
Programme Assistant
CITAD Online Radio, Kano



Abdulrahman Babatunde
Technical Officer
(Innovation and Creativity)



Mathias Ojoma Nicodemus
Accountant,
Abuja Office



Zainab Usman Salihu
Programme Assistant
(Digital Rights), Kano Office



Fatima Abubakar Usman
Volunteer in Technical
& Training Units



Aisha Garba
Volunteer CITAD Online Radio,
Kano

Credits

CITAD would like to acknowledge with thanks the support and assistance of the following organizations:

1. Action Aid Nigeria
2. Arewa Radio, Kano.
3. Arewa Television, Kano
4. Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
5. Bayero University, Kano
6. Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja
7. Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House, Kano
8. Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Abuja
9. Digital Equity Analytics AG
10. European Union-ACT
11. Ford Foundation
12. Foreign, commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
13. Infratel Africa Limited
14. International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
15. Jama'are Local Government Council, Bauchi State
16. Kano State Science and Technical Schools Board
17. Kano State Senior Secondary Schools Management Board
18. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil
19. Lenovo Foundation
20. MacArthur Foundation
21. Maitama Sule University
22. National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)
23. Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC)
24. Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA)
25. Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF), Kano
26. Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL)-ECP
27. Printing Unit, Bayero University, Kano
28. Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Dakar, Senegal
29. University of California, Santa Cruz, USA
30. Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA), Abuja

It will also extend its appreciation and gratitude to the following individuals who have rendered various services, support and assistance to the organization during the year.

1. Alh. Abdullahi Nashe, MD Mediawit Computer Academy
2. Alh. Isah Ahmed, former Permanent Secretary, Kano
3. Alh. Muhammad Maharaz, Hakimin Rogo and Bauran Kano
4. Alhaji Nuhu Ahmad Wabi, Mni, Emir of Jamaare, Bauchi State
5. Alhaji Sagir Mohammed, Managing Director, Intersystem Institute of Information Technology, Kano
6. Auwal Ibrahim Rafsanjani, Executive Director, CISLAC, Abuja
7. Dr. Abdullahi Adamu, Sa'in Jamaare
8. Dr. Amina Salihu, MacArthur Foundation, Abuja
9. Dr. Bala Muhammad, Mass Comm. Dept., BUK and , CITAD Online Radio Advisory Committee
10. Dr. Chris Kwaja, Moddibo Adama University of Technology, Yola
11. Dr. Hussain Abdu, Country Director, PLAN International
12. Dr. Kole Shettima, Director, MacArthur Foundation, Abuja
13. Dr. Tunde Akanni, Lagos State University
14. Engr. O. C. Iromantu, Managing Director, NSL Consulting Lagos, and Chairman, Board of Trustees of CITAD
15. Hajiya Saa Ibrahim, MD, ARTV and Member, , CITAD Online Radio Advisory Committee
16. Hajiya Saudatu Mahdi, Secretary-General, Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA), Abuja
17. Halima Umar Gombe, Ministry of Education, Bauchi State
18. Hon. Isa Hassan, former member, National Assembly, Abuja
19. Ibrahim Sulaiman Jamaare, NAN, Abuja
20. Kenneth Okoineme, Action Aid International, Abuja
21. Mal. Umar Muhammed Yakasai (KSSSMB)
22. Malam Ibrahim Khalil, Kano
23. Malam Ibrahim Muazzam, formerly of the Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano
24. Malam M. M Yusuf, Department of Political Science, Bayero University Kano
25. Malama Jummai Bappah, Development Expert, Bauchi
26. Maryam Baba Yaro, member, CITAD Online Radio Advisory Committee
27. Maurice Guper, CAPP, Jos, Plateau
28. Mrs Angela Odah, RSF, Abuja
29. Mrs. Ene Obi, Action Aid Nigeria, Abuja

30. Mrs. Idayat Hassan, Director, Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja
31. Mustapha Ibrahim Deputy Registrar, BUK and , CITAD Online Radio Advisory Committee
32. Oladayo Olaide, MacArthur Foundation, Abuja
33. Prof. (Mrs.) Asabe Sadiya Mohd, Provost, Aminu Salah College of Education, Azare, Bauchi State
34. Prof. Aisha Ismail Abdul, Centre for Gender Studies, Bayero University Kano
35. Prof. Amina Kaidal, University of Maiduguri
36. Prof. Jibrin Ibrahim, former Director, Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), Abuja
37. Prof. Jibrin Isah Diso, Department of Special Education, Bayero University Kano
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39. Prof. M. Y. Bello, Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano
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41. Prof. Paul Lubeck, Director, SAIS, John Hopkins University, Washington, USA
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45. Y. Z. Ya'u, Executive Director, CITAD
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51. Hamza Ibrahim, Lead, Disinformation Tracking Programems, CITAD, Kano
52. Engr. Kamal Umar, Technical Officer, CITAD
53. Sagir Ado Abubakar, Programme Officer, CITAD
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55. Ali Sabo, Digital Rights Officer, CITAD, Kano
56. Zainab Usman Salihu, Programmes Assistant (Digital Rights), CITAD, Kano
57. Buhari Abba, Media Officer (Research)
58. Salim S. Sani, Technical Assistant (Online Radio), CITAD, Kano
59. Mukhtar S. Umar, Training Assistant, CITAD
60. Zainab Aminu, Gender and Tech Officer, CITAD
61. Yesmin Salako Programmes Officer, CITAD, Abuja
62. Mathias Ojoma Nicodemus, Accountant, CITAD, Abuja
63. Mohammad Hassan Chiroma, Programmes Associate, CITAD Bauchi
64. Ibrahim Nuhu, Acting Human Resource Officer, CITAD,
65. Suhail Sani, Technical Officer (web and online services), CITAD
66. Muhammed Yahaya Bello, Technical Officer (Training), CITAD, Kano
67. Abdulrahaman, Babatunde, Technical Officer (Innovation), CITAD, Kano
68. Kamilu Isa Ahmad, Programmes Assistant (Training), CITAD
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70. John Otaru, ME Officer, CITAD, Kano
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83. Sanusi Abubakar, Accounts Officer, CITAD, Bauchi
84. Muneeb Yusuf, Training Officer, CITAD, Itas, Bauchi State
85. Ismail Bichi , Programmes Associate, Kano
86. Mubarak M. Ekute, Child Sponsorship Officer, CITAD, Abuja
87. Usainat Aliyu, Monitor
88. Jamilu Musa, Transport Assistant
89. Sadiu Salisu, Volunteer, CITAD, Kano
90. Fatima Usman, Volunteer, CITAD, Kano
91. Mubarak Shehu Dayyab, Volunteer, CITAD, Kano
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95. John Jerry, Dakwa Community IT Centre. FCT

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Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) (www.citad.org) is a capacity building civil society organization whose activities cover research, advocacy, training and publicity in all the areas of ICTs. Its vision is; a knowledge-based democratic society free of hunger, while its mission is; using ICTs to empower citizens for a just and knowledge-based society that is anchored on sustainable and balanced development.

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