



Amplifying Voices from the Grassroots...

— 2018 ANNUAL REPORT —



Empowering Africa, One Community at a Time

Grassroots communities in Nigeria are constantly deprived of access to basic human needs like health care, water, education, despite the fact that billions of naira are appropriated for the provision of health facilities, teaching aid, water and clean energy infrastructure in these regions. Most times, these funds do not reach the communities.

Disturbed by this anomaly, Connected Development (CODE) is providing marginalised communities in Africa with the resources to amplify their voices by creating platforms for dialogue, enabling informed debate, and building the capacity of citizens on how to hold their government accountable through Follow The Money. To enhance effective democratic governance and accountability, CODE creates platforms [mobile and web technologies] that close the feedback loop between citizens and the government. With global expertise and reach, we empower communities, influence policies and build capacities.

CODE carries out its mission with independence and integrity with the sole purpose of engineering social and economic progress. Our commitment towards participatory capacity & community building and monitoring and evaluation creates effective and sustainable programs even within the most challenging environments.

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Abbreviations

BCDA - Border Communities Development Agency C&F - Conflict and Fragility

CBA - Community Based Associations

CBO - Community Based Organizations

CISLAC - Civil Society and Legislative Advocacy Center

CODE - Connected Development

CSO - Civil Society Organizations

ECP PERL - Engaged Citizens Pillar - Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn

EiE - Enough is Enough

FMH - Federal Ministry of Health

FOI - Freedom of Information

FTM - Follow the Money

ICPC - Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offenses Commission

Kad-SUBEB - Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board

LGA - Local Government Area

MDAs - Ministries, Department and Agencies

NCTP - National Cash Transfer Programme

NDDC - Niger Delta Development Commission

NEITI - Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

NPHCDA - National Primary Healthcare Development Agency

NRGI - National Resource Governance Institute

NUT - Nigerian Union of Teachers

OGP - Open Government Partnership

OSIWA - Open Society Initiative for West Africa

PHC - Primary Healthcare Centre

PPDC - Public and Private Development Centre

PTA - Parents Teachers Association

RUWASSA - Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency

SBMC - School Based Monitoring Committee

SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals

SIDAREC - Slums Information Development and Resource Centers

SMT - School Monitoring Teams

SOML - Saving One Million Lives Program

SPHDA - State Primary Healthcare Development Agency

SUBEB - State Universal Basic Education Board

TOC - Theory of Change

UBE - Universal Basic Education

UBEC - Universal Basic Education Commission

UNGPBHR - United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

UNESCO - United Nations Economic and Social Council

WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Screening of OSIWA funded documentary, Perspective, in Bagega, Zamfara State.



Executive Summary



In line with CODE's mission to empower marginalised communities through our Follow The Money movement, we recorded remarkable achievements in year 2018. Follow The Money tracked an estimate of USD 3.6 million budgeted for projects in grassroots communities across the water, sanitation and hygiene [WASH], primary healthcare and education sectors.

We delved into the extractive industry and mobilized several actors in a bid to ensure transparency and accountability in the sector. We were particular about mitigating human rights and conflicts issues as a way to improve the livelihoods of grassroots communities in the Niger-Delta region. Our team further engaged policy makers, stakeholders and beneficiaries, on the effects of artisanal mining activities in Nigeria, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.

To promote sustainability and ingrain ownership of the FTM model, we trained community champions, religious leaders and individuals to organise community engagement activities in Yobe, Adamawa, Borno, Plateau and Kano States. Our first-ever Follow The Money Convening, for all community reporters and chapter leads from across Nigeria, held to inclusively review Follow The Money model for more effective service delivery.

We recorded remarkable progress in monitoring the utilization of education funds administered by Lagos, Yobe, Kaduna and Kano State Universal Basic Education Boards [SUBEB], collaborating with Kano State, Kaduna and Akwa Ibom Healthcare ministries and departments in a bid to foster public data accessibility and collaborations on social accountability.

We unveiled Follow The Money Kenya, in partnership with Slums Information Development and Resource Centers [SIDAREC], and Follow The Money, the Gambia in partnership with Gambia Participates. It has been interesting to watch our team make remarkable impressions in improving accountability and transparency in the development space across Africa.

It was heart-warming to see our efforts being rewarded by the international community, again. I emerged one of the 100 most influential people in digital government by Apolitical, a global network that helps government and public servants find ideas, people and partners they need to solve the hardest challenges facing societies. CODE played a critical role in the NotTooYoungToRun campaign where

the Nigerian President signed into law, an act for young people to run for political offices. In hindsight, it can be said that CODE has experienced yet another year of growth and influence. This is evident in the fact that Follow The Money is now the largest citizen-led socio-digital accountability movement in Africa, driving grassroots participation in mainstream issues and nudging critical stakeholders to hold governments accountable. Still, we aim for greater heights and envision a larger scope of influence.

With incredible support from Luminate, MacArthur Foundation, OSIWA, Oxfam Nigeria, Indigo Trust, You, and many other key stakeholders, we are forging significant partnerships, innovating better ways to hold government accountable and advocating best policies in favour of marginalised communities.

We could not have achieved these feats without the immense work put in by the CODE team. They expressed unwavering commitment to the goal, led campaigns in fragile communities and were resilient even in the face of opposition. With each effort, we get closer to our goal of empowering Africa, one community at a time.

We look forward to working with you throughout 2019; where we will focus on expanding our reach, inaugurating more chapters across Nigeria and training new international chapters on the FTM model. We remain relentless in responding to the needs of our society, achieving the SDGs and catalyzing a positive change in the world.

Thank you.



Hamzat B. Lawal
Chief Executive

“ We reached **1,292,848** people through **71** campaigns across **69** grassroots communities in **21** states, tracking an estimate of **NGN 1,289,579,737 (USD 3.6 million)**. ”

2018

January

- Flagged off Follow The Money, Gambia in partnership with Gambia Participates.

February

- Flagged off Follow The Money Kenya in partnership with Slums Information Development and Resource Centers (SIDAREC).

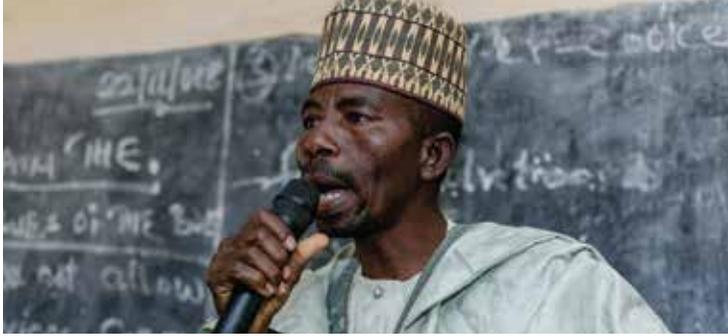
April

- Partnered with the National Resource Governance Institute [NRGI] to organize a convening on “Oil and Gas Payments to the Government of Nigeria.”
- Partnered with Malala Fund for the #AmendUBEAct campaign.

May

- Partnered with the Open Society Initiative for West Africa [OSIWA] and Refined Creative to screen the documentary, *Perspective*.





July

- High-level meeting with the Executive Chairman of Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (Kad-SUBEB) and Capacity Strengthening for School-Based Management Committees.

September

- Organized Follow The Money Convening for community reporters from across the country.
- Partnered with Civil Society and Legislative Advocacy Center [CISLAC] and Oxfam Nigeria on the Conflict and Fragility project.
- Organized Capacity Strengthening for School-Based Management Committees in Ondo.

October

- Attended 2018 GOV Summit in Taipei, Taiwan sharing exciting impact of our Follow The Money Initiative.
- Attended 2018 African Union Regional Youth Consultations on Anti-Corruption in Dakar, Senegal and Gaborone, Botswana.
- Attended SDGs Global Festival in Germany.
- Organized Capacity Strengthening for School-Based Management Committees in Borno.

November

- Organised community gatherings in Yobe, Adamawa, Borno, Plateau and Kano States
- Collaborated with the Engaged Citizens Pillar - Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (ECP PERL) to supervise a civil society-led field monitoring exercises on the National Cash Transfer Programme (NCTP) across the country, visiting over 10 states and monitoring the social programme's effectiveness.
- Flagged off Follow The Money Kenya, Follow The Money the Gambia. It has been interesting to see the localized and regional nuanced opportunities and challenges in improving accountability and transparency across Africa.

December

- Partnered with Enough is Enough (EIE) to organize the documentary "Human Cost of Corruption".

Testimonies from Communities



From communities in Kano, Yobe, Kaduna, Delta to Lagos States, amongst others, community dwellers and benefactors testify of FTM's input in empowering them to hold their elected representatives accountable.



We are now conversant with the process to follow in tracking funds for abandoned projects, thank you FTM

Aisha Mustapha,
(Representative of a CSO group Global Environmental initiative)



I knew how to drive priority needs in my community but I did not know how to track projects. I learnt this process from the community gathering organised by FTM.

Maikudi Magaji,
Representative of Almagda Community Development, Yobe State.



I had no knowledge of the project only for me to discover that a land was purchased by the member representing JERE. We were told that the school project was a philanthropic work by our representative. Thank you for revealing to us that this is a constituency project by the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Lawan Mohammed,
(Community Head of Mairi Kuwait)





I wish to commend CODE for bringing information about this project implementation to our notice,” the village head of Ninte community

Hassan Jatau.
(The village head of Ninte community)

I wish to commend the effort of CODE and also hope that the water project will be completed and I am calling on the government to please come to our aide and finish work, because it is our source of livelihood. The borehole project, when completed, will make a huge impact to our community

The village head of Ganitsuru.
(#WaterGanitsuru Campaign)

#Educatelraye-Oke - “Our community is not aware of the project and we want to express our appreciation to CODE for their interest in the development of the community.

Mr Tunde Anwoju
(Chief of Staff to the Oba-elect)

Follow The Money has brought a lot of development to our community. They have sensitized us on how we can track project on our own to ensure value for money. We are pleased that the health facility which FTM informed us about and empowered us to track its implementation has been completed.

Sadiq Abatcha.
(Youth Leader, Makera community.)



FTM Education Campaigns



Results of Our Campaigns



Our priority in 2018 was to track subnational budgets and ensure that Federal allocations to States and Local Governments reached grassroots communities for socio-economic development.

We activated #FollowTheMoney for 9 Local Government projects and 41 State Government projects. FTM championed 5 advocacy campaigns for improved first-mile health infrastructure and services, 60 advocacy campaigns for improved education infrastructures for children to learn in schools, and 6 advocacy campaigns for communities to access safe clean water.

Collaborating with Borno Ministry of Health, Adamawa SUBEB, Ondo SUBEB and UBEC State Office in Plateau State and Zamfara SUBEB made our campaigns in these communities more successful.

Many of our campaigns were possible because the government agencies in the host states collaborated and shared relevant data for tracking funds and organising community engagements. However, we experienced certain setbacks in reaching LGA Councils in Oyo State Ministry of Health, whose management withheld information and were unwilling to provide relevant data needed to activate our advocacy campaigns.

1st Quarter.



34 campaigns



Kano, Kogi, Kaduna, Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Plateau, Adamawa, Yobe and Katsina.



495,977.

2nd Quarter.



9 Campaigns



Kano, Lagos, Yobe and Zamfara States



420,475

3rd Quarter.



21 campaigns



Borno, Delta, Oyo, Kano, Ondo, Bauchi and Adamawa States



251,097

4th Quarter.



7 Advocacy campaigns



Borno, Kano, Yobe, Adamawa and Plateau States



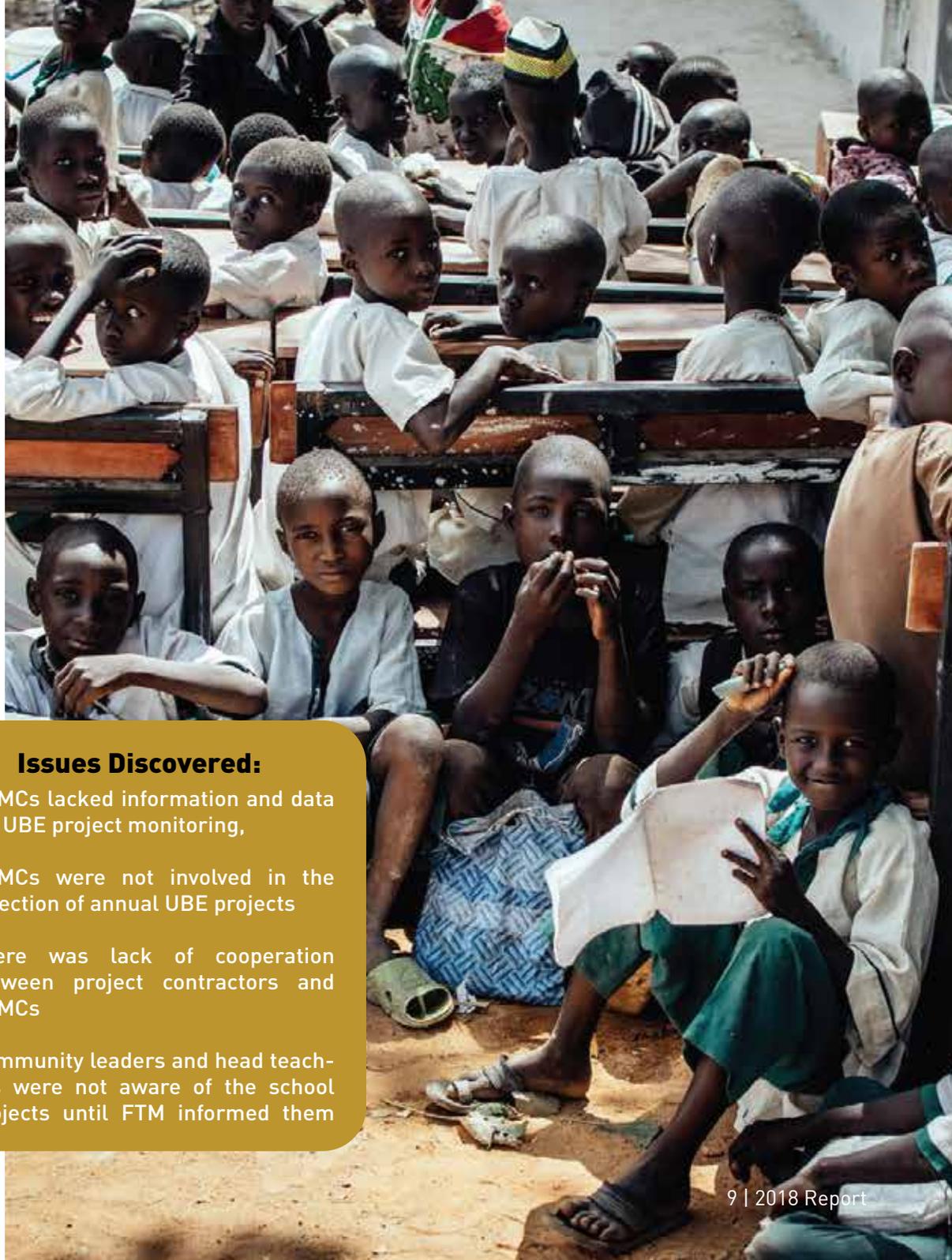
125,299

Tracking UBE Spending in Kaduna State (Year 1)

We successfully delivered the MacArthur Foundation sponsored “Tracking UBE Spending Project in Kaduna State”; which amongst other budgets tracking activities, included capacity strengthening for School Monitoring Teams (SMTs) comprising CBAs, CBOs, PTA, NUT and the SBMCs to conduct high quality tracking of the UBEC spending in 70 schools in Kaduna State for a span of 3 years.

In the first year, FTM tracked 23 primary school projects across 22 communities in Jema’a, Kudan, Kajuru and Zango Kataf Local Government Areas (LGA), amounting to **NGN 569,579,737.83 (USD 1.5 million)**. We also published project implementation findings and presented them to Kaduna SUBEB for redress. Our work was greatly enhanced by civic engagement through our Follow The Money Radio programme and town hall meetings.

To address the issues discovered, FTM met with the Management Board of Kaduna SUBEB in July 2018, to launch the first year report and present the outcomes and policy implications. Kaduna SUBEB assured FTM it will integrate SBMC in their project implementation value-chain and ensure FTM's presence whenever contracts are being signed with private contractors.



Issues Discovered:

- SBMCs lacked information and data for UBE project monitoring,
- SBMCs were not involved in the selection of annual UBE projects
- There was lack of cooperation
- between project contractors and SBMCs
- Community leaders and head teachers were not aware of the school projects until FTM informed them

Hope of Education Restored at Gangtiya Bumso

A-disproportionate number of out-of-school children live in vulnerable areas, characterised by instability, conflict and extreme poverty. These children face severe barriers to education, partly caused by inadequate funding of the rural communities by Government Officials in charge of providing infrastructures and improving the people's standard of living.

One of those communities is Gangtiya Bumso in Gamu Ganye Local Government of Adamawa State in Northern Nigeria. Gangtiya Bumso has an estimated population of 6,000 people; yet access to basic education was a far cry.

A 2-classroom community school was established in Gangtiya Bumso in 1974 with barely any renovation since then. Study centre to over a thousand children from 5 neighbouring villages, broken windows and leaking roofs during the rainy season often discouraged children from going to school. On several occasions, villagers tried to salvage the building with water and cement, their efforts were often overshadowed with the hopeless state of dilapidation.

In 2017, hope began to rise when, the Universal Basic Education Commission in Northern Nigeria advertised for bids to build 3 blocks of classroom for Gangtiya Bumso community. The implementation phase slowed and, according to the community leader, Mr Hamman-Adama Hamza, efforts to reach the local government chairman became futile.

Follow The Money, passionate about ensuring every child gets an education in the fairest of environment with basic learning materials and infrastructure, discovered that children in Gangtiya Bumso were not able to go to school due to overcrowding and poor conditions of the classrooms. FTM Adamawa Team, visited the community to assess conditions of the school and engaged with residents and children.



Ongoing school building construction at Gangtiya Bumso

Through #EducateGangtiyaBumso campaign, FTM organised a town-hall meeting with key stakeholders including the school headmaster, UBEC, Adamawa SUBEB, village head, local government chairman, children and residents of the community. FTM tracked, monitored and facilitated the implementation of the building of standard classrooms for the children of Gangtiya Bumso community.

The journey to #EducateGangtiyabumso campaign began on 23 February 2018 and by September 2018, the project was completed and commissioned by the Senator representing the local government, Honourable Abdulrazaq Sa'ad Namdas.

To promote sustainability, FTM trained the community members on how to better hold government at the local government accountable.

#RebuildOwo Mega Campaign

In August, we learnt that Ondo SUBEB had fulfilled the conditions involved in accessing its bulk UBE counterpart funding for 2013 - 2016. The projects numbering about 597 cut across renovations, construction, rehabilitation of classrooms, staff rooms, toilet and water facilities, supply of tables, chairs, lockers and desks at various locations.

We replicated the Kad-SUBEB experience in Ondo State by strengthening the capacity of community champions in monitoring projects so they could channel their project implementation findings to Ondo SUBEB for redress. FTM enhanced citizens' engagement in basic education spending through an LGA-level town hall meeting. In addition, we foresaw that just like in Kaduna, the Ondo UBE tracking experience will birth high-level policy recommendations.

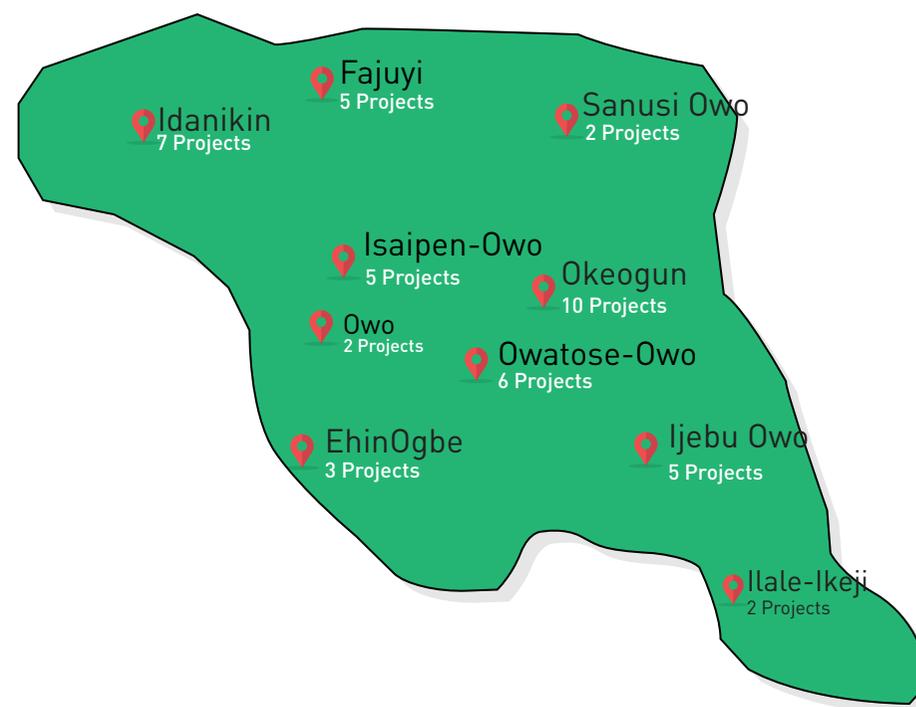
FTM trained Ondo SUBEB officials on data management as a way to incentivize post procurement data access which will aid the citizen engagement programming on UBE spending.

Follow The Money focused on projects in just one local government as a pilot and subsequently commenced tracking of 70 projects in Owo LGA across 10 communities. In September 1, 2018, FTM trained community champions who would monitor the school projects. The training focused on the FTM model, UBE - SUBEB intervention value chain, their Terms of Reference for the project monitoring and reporting templates.

On November 9 2018, Follow The Money organized a 1-Day training for Ondo SUBEB officials on Data Management and M&E, enlightening the team on the mission of FTM. This training served as leverage for establishing a relationship with Ondo SUBEB and ensured easy access to data.

A town hall meeting was organised in Owo, for Ondo SUBEB, the LGA Executive Secretary, head-teachers, traditional rulers/chiefs, CBOs,

religious heads, women and youth groups from the different communities. The meeting noted a satisfactory implementation regime regarding project quality and timeline. Community heads reported no project was abandoned or delayed for lack of funds. Ondo-SUBEB confirmed that the board, and more importantly, the Governor, was committed to rebuilding public schools in the State.



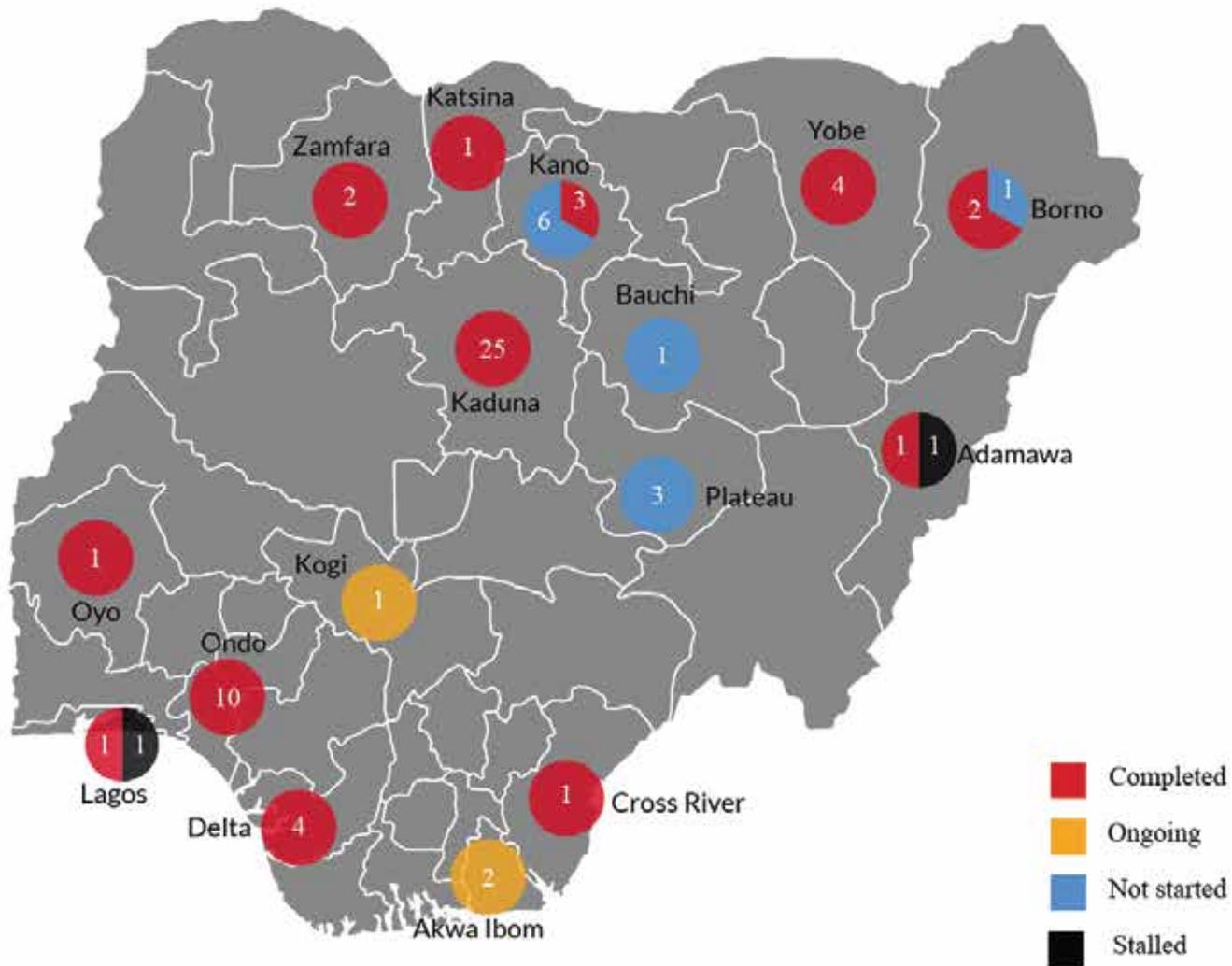
Read more here:- <https://bit.ly/RebuildOwo>



FTM Water Campaigns



The results of Follow The Money's 2018 Campaigns



Note: No project had started as at the time we began campaigning for implementation.

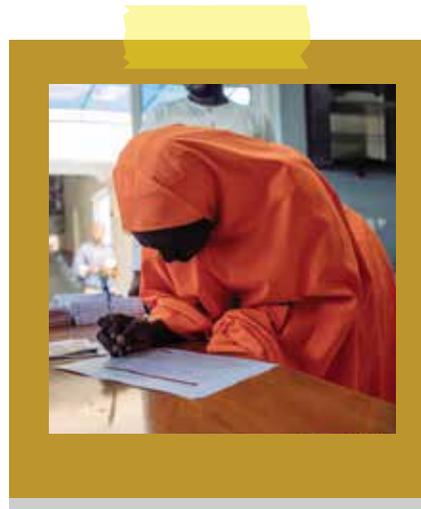
Community Gatherings



In line with our vision to promote FTM sustainability, where community citizens take ownership of the Follow The Money model, we organized community gatherings across 5 northern states, Yobe, Adamawa, Borno, Plateau and Kano States. We built local capacities on budget tracking mechanisms and social accountability. Participants were community leaders, Community Based Organizations, religious leaders, SBMC and Parents Teachers Association members, women leaders, youth leaders and groups, and local media organizations from an estimate of 40 communities in the highlighted states.

Adamawa

Predicated on the issues of insurgency plaguing rural communities in the North-East, our first community gathering in 2018 held in Yola, the capital of Adamawa, We met with leaders from 7 communities including youth, women and religious group. The gathering highlighted the critical role of community mobilization and engagement in ensuring government at all levels are held accountable. Grassroots representatives, individuals, and press men committed to action plans highlighted and assured FTM of implementation for continuous improvements in their communities.



Kano

The session in Kano revealed Jakata community to a new perspective on social contracts, human rights based approach (HRBA), duties and responsibilities as citizens. The engagement varied from discussions around the budgeting and procurement process of the country to the work processes of FTM. Women, youth, community leaders, governmental stakeholders and the media were in attendance. The communities were excited to join the Follow The Money movement of holding elected representatives accountable for project implementations.



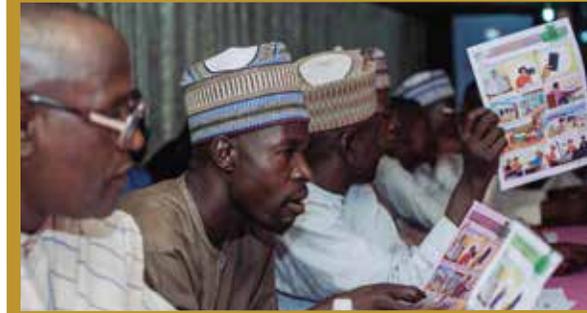
Yobe

In Damaturu, capital of Yobe State, community leaders, religious leaders, the media and volunteers from 6 communities were represented at the community gathering. Language of communication at the meeting was in Hausa, so participants would be more comfortable and willing to engage with the FTM team. The media's contribution helped to better engage with the people. The pressmen promised to document all tracking projects in the targeted communities.



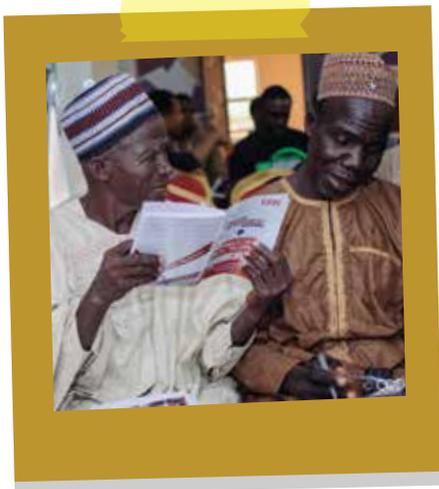
Borno

For security reasons in Borno state, we organised community gatherings in the State capital, Maiduguri. FTM met with civil society organizations, media, community leaders, women and youth groups from rural communities. Discussions bordered around social contracts between governments and the people, especially as communities in the state were susceptible to insurgencies. Participants expressed commitment to track government and international funds allocated to their communities.



Plateau

As we continued in our social mobilization mission across States, a town hall meeting was organised in Jos, a city that was still recovering from an insurgency that claimed many lives. The tension in Plateau state made it extremely difficult to assess any rural community. Despite this setback, we gathered community leaders and opinion influencers from 6 grassroots communities. Local media were invited to amplify deliberations and project development issues of these communities so the government can respond to their socio-economic needs.



Partnerships and Collaborations



Our strength lies in partnerships for the people and for good governance. In the course of the year, we collaborated with numerous partners including the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), the Public Private Development Centre (PPDC), Oxfam Nigeria, Enough is Enough Nigeria, Malala Fund and several government MDAs. We contributed to the implementation of the First National Action Plan of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), and driving the OGP sub-nationalisation quest of the Open Alliance across several states.



Government MDAs

Capacity Building for SUBEB

In a bid to broaden multi-stakeholder partnerships and information sharing collaborations in 2018; we organized a capacity strengthening workshop on data management, basics of M&E and social accountability for Borno SUBEB, in partnership with the board.

The 2-day capacity building was from 3 - 4 October 2018 and involved a review of UBEC/SUBEB spending in Borno State.

We also organized similar training sessions for Ondo and Kaduna SUBEB officials on data management to incentivise data access and build social accountability partnerships. In addition, we paid courtesy calls and held meetings with Yobe, Zamfara, Ondo, Lagos and Kano SUBEBs, Kano Primary Healthcare Management Board, Kaduna and Akwa Ibom State Commissioners of Health in order to foster collaboration for data access.

Natural Resources Governance Institute (NRGI)

Social Cost of Natural Resources Extraction

We partnered with the NRGI to host a meeting for CSOs working in the extractives sector. The meeting explored how data of payments to governments can be used to measure the social costs of natural resource extraction and impact of the work achieved by CSOs in the fiscal/extractive sector in Nigeria. Participants examined the government, companies and NDDC in relation to revenue generation and management.

The group agreed to use payments to government data as an accountability tool in Nigeria. The CSOs will also assist in supporting those that need to use payments to government data for their own research or activity.

Focus areas for CSOs

- Examine the activities, roles and responsibilities of government entities that have received government revenue from extractive companies and track how they use the resources.
- Explore how the fluctuation in the total amount companies pay to Nigerian government entities affects the country's national budget and spending.
- Explore how revenue from international oil companies is accounted for in NDDC's budget and
Explore how NDDC utilised funds provided by the international oil companies.
- Explore the influence or knowledge these companies have over the utilization of the funds.

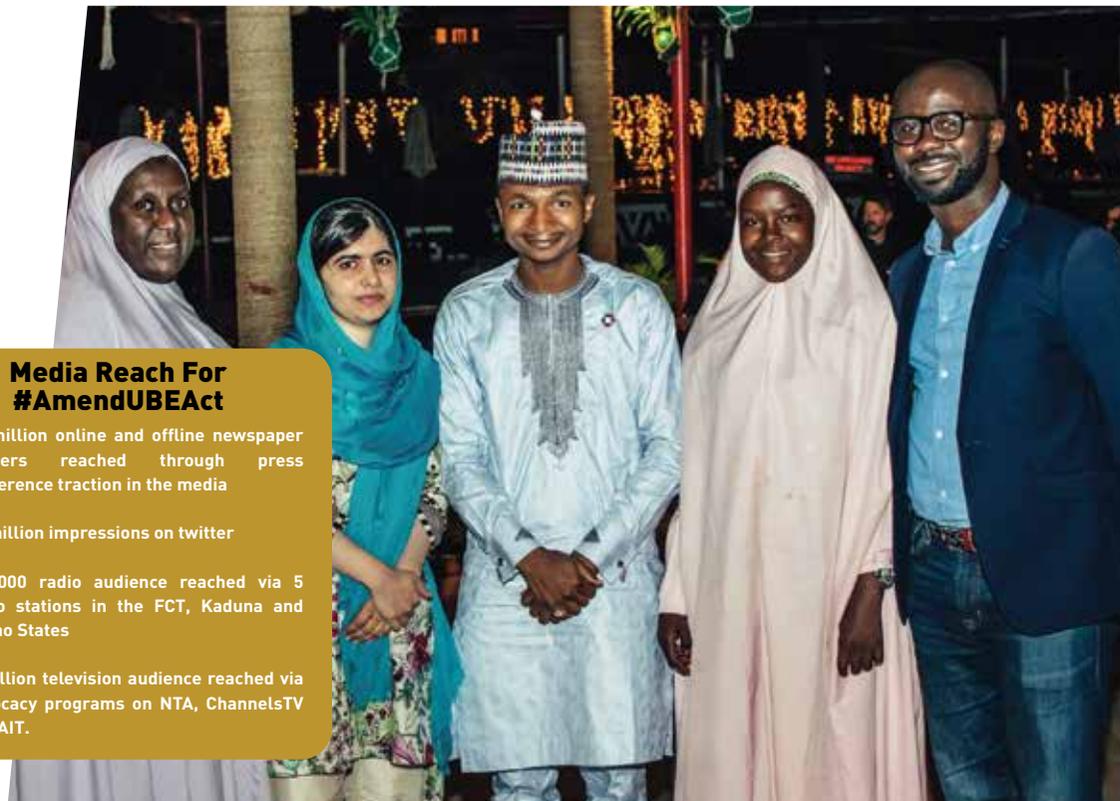


Malala Fund

Advocating for Amendment of Universal Basic Education Act

In collaboration with Malala Fund and other CSOs, we pushed for the Amendment of the Universal Basic Education Act, seeking the extension of free, quality and compulsory education from 9 years to 12 years, following the visit of Yousafzai Malala the founder of Malala Fund to Nigeria in July 2017.

In October 2018, the Federal government declared a 'state of emergency' in the educational sector. Despite this declaration, the number of out of school children continued to increase. We began an advocacy campaign to urge the National Assembly to expedite action on amending the bill to tackle the increasing number of children that were not in school.



Media Reach For #AmendUBEAct

- 40 million online and offline newspaper readers reached through press conference traction in the media
- 15 million impressions on twitter
- 500,000 radio audience reached via 5 radio stations in the FCT, Kaduna and Borno States
- 5 million television audience reached via advocacy programs on NTA, ChannelsTV and AIT.



Enough Is Enough (EIE)

Human Cost of Corruption in Machina Yobe State

On December 5, 2018, CODE in partnership with Enough is Enough (EIE), organized a screening of "Human Cost of Corruption," showcasing the story of a CODE campaign in Machina, Yobe State. This documentary x-rayed how Machina has been deprived of first-mile healthcare delivery services due to corruption at BCDA for its 2017 capital projects which were not implemented. The BCDA also failed to respond to our FOI requests during FTM's tracking of the funds meant for the project. The documentary strategically amplified what corruption is costing citizens and sensitized more citizens on how crucial it is to hold governments accountable for development projects.

Public Private Development Centre (PPDC)

Open Contracting: Tracking Constituency Projects

CODE's partnership with Public Private Development Centre (PPDC) focused on tracking UBEC 2017 constituency projects in Bauchi and Delta States. The procurement data for this tracking exercise was retrieved from budeshi.ng, PPDC's platform which hosts all procurement data in health and education, across the country.

Projects tracked in Delta State include:

#RenovateDirbi: Tracking the Renovation of a Block of 2 Classrooms at Dirbi, Bogoro LGA in Bauchi State.

#RebuildIsoko: Tracking NGN 85.5 million for the Construction of a Block of 2 Classrooms in 9 each in 9 schools. FTM tracked the construction of 1 Block Of 2 Classrooms each in Atebo Primary School, Odoro Primary School, Atanaru Primary School and Ogrih, Uzere Primary School; all in Isoko Federal Constituency, Delta State.

FTM initially scouted Dirbi, Bauchi State to assess the socio-economic issues in the community and monitor progress of projects. The feedback we received from rural dwellers showed the project implementation was unsatisfactory.

Similar issues from UBEC projects in Delta and Bauchi States

- Communication gap between contractors and representatives of the communities.
- No sign-post for identifying the project by the beneficiary communities.
- Use of substandard materials in the renovation of the classrooms by contractors.
- Access roads to school were not included in the projects.





Issues Detected & Discussed

- Absence of a functional Healthcare Facility,
- Gas Flaring,
- Oil Spillage,
- Education and Skill Gap,
- Lack of Clean Water,
- Destroyed Livelihoods,
- Women exclusion in decision making.

CISLAC & OXFAM

Niger-Delta Conflict and Fragility

From September 2018, in partnership with CISLAC and Oxfam Nigeria, CODE kickstarted a conflict and fragility campaign focused on raising awareness on the risks associated with the lack of adherence to business principles of operations by actors in the value chain of the oil and gas sector while dealing with host communities in the Niger Delta.

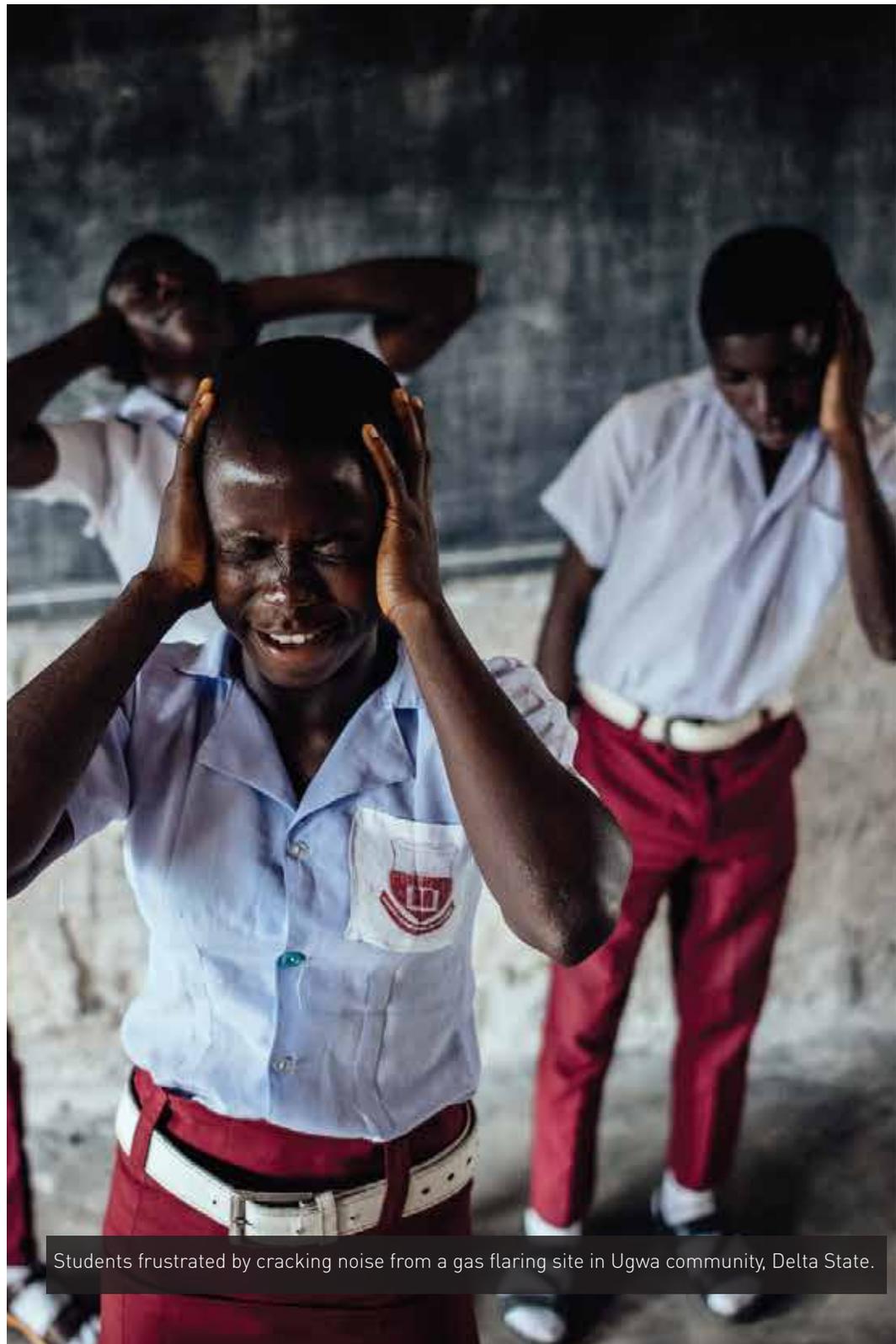
The project aimed at ensuring that commodity traders operated in an accountable, transparent and human-rights-sensitive manner while making sure that there exists a mutually beneficial relationship between oil firms and host communities.

This project started with community outreach to Obodo-Ugwa Ogume of Ndokwa West LGA, Delta State and Mkpanak and Ibeno villages, Ibeno LGA, Akwa Ibom State; to collect human interest stories and baseline data to inform campaign messaging and stakeholder engagements, as well as secure community buy-in and feedback on their involvement in the campaign.

Campaign activities shed light on unacceptable oil exploration practices--stories were told from human angles. CODE organised capacity building workshops for CSOs, CBOs and community members. Resources and provisions of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPHR) were shared, broadening interaction among stakeholders and strengthening the capacity of CSOs, CBOs and community members in public engagement in the Oil and Gas sector.

The campaign also included a Policy Colloquium on Oil and Gas which brought together all stakeholders in the industry, including government MDAs, financial institutions, oil companies, academia, legislators and other CSOs. This policy dialogue focused on issues around strengthening regulations and ensuring that different actors in the Oil and Gas sector operate in a conflict sensitive and transparent manner. It also advocated for the adoption of the National Action Plan on the UNGP. Key take-away from the meeting was improving transparency and accountability in the Oil & Gas sector.

CODE, CISLAC and Oxfam activated follow-up activities to secure commitments of Oil producing firms that operate in the Niger Delta, to the host communities.

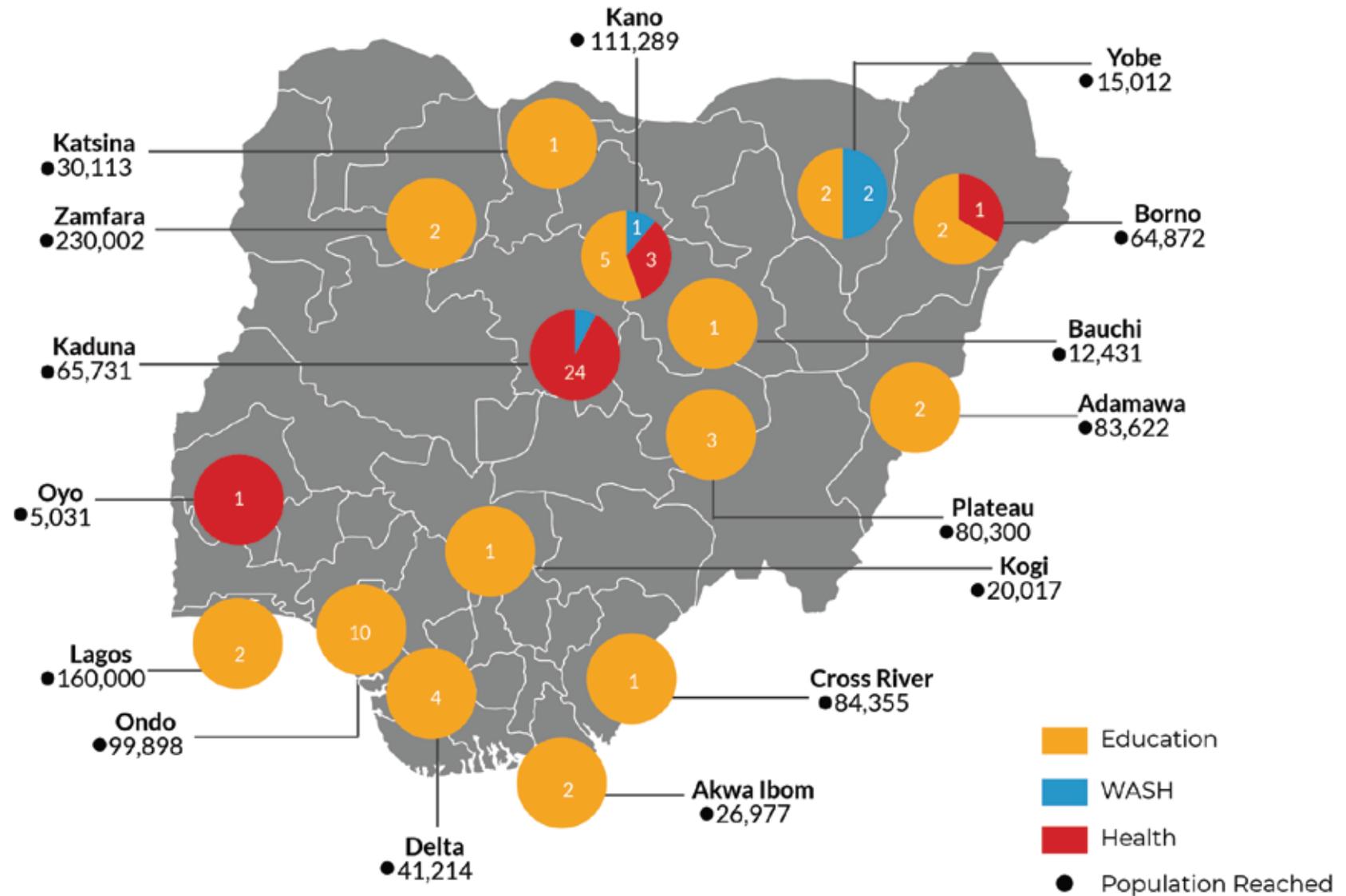


Students frustrated by cracking noise from a gas flaring site in Ugwa community, Delta State.

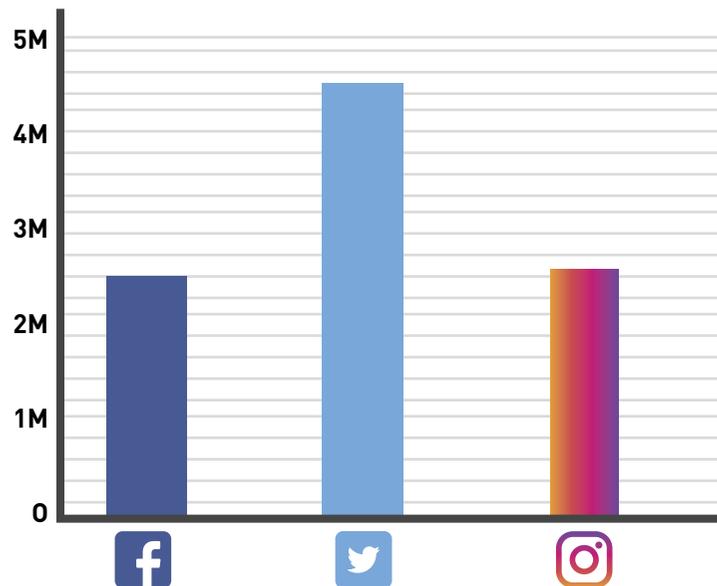


Deplorable state of PHC, in Ibeno LGA, Akwa Ibom, State .

Impact based on Thematic areas and population reached.



Media Reach



Within the year under review, CODE broadened partnerships with media organizations. CODE FTM team appeared on several media platforms across the country including prominent ones like Daily Trust, Sahara Reporters, Premium Times, Legit.com, Cable TV, Channels TV, AIT, NTA, TVC, Nigeria Info, Cool FM, Wazobia FM, WE FM, Liberty FM Kaduna, Kaneem FM Maiduguri, Hot FM Asaba, Arewa Radio Kano, Freedom FM Kano, BBC Hausa, Aminchi FM radio stations, amongst others.

Follow The Money Radio has been a frontrunner programme that enhances citizen participation in governance spending. Worthy of note within the year, we continued running Follow The Money Radio in Maiduguri and Kaduna. In partnership with Rahma TV and Radio in Kaduna State, we launched Follow The Money TV and Radio in Kano State.

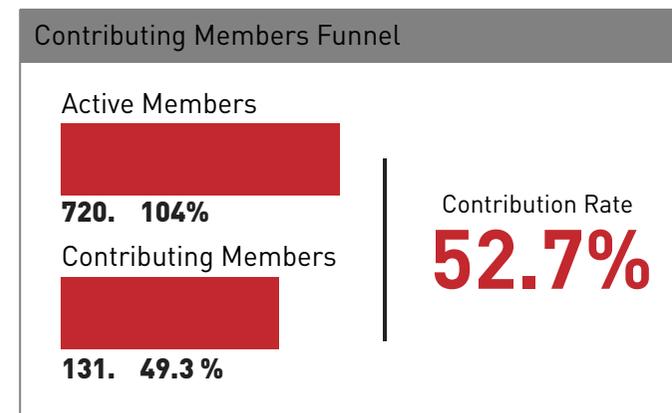
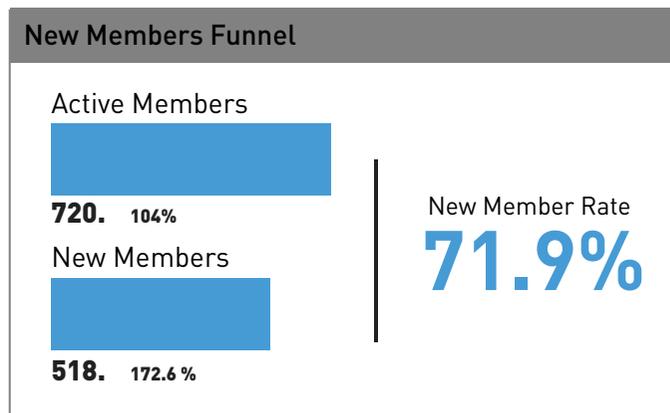
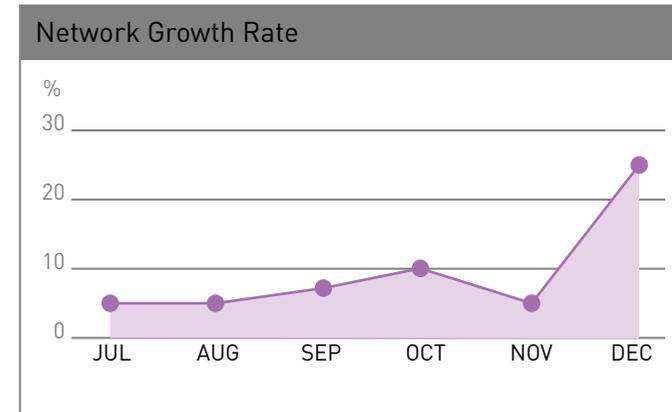
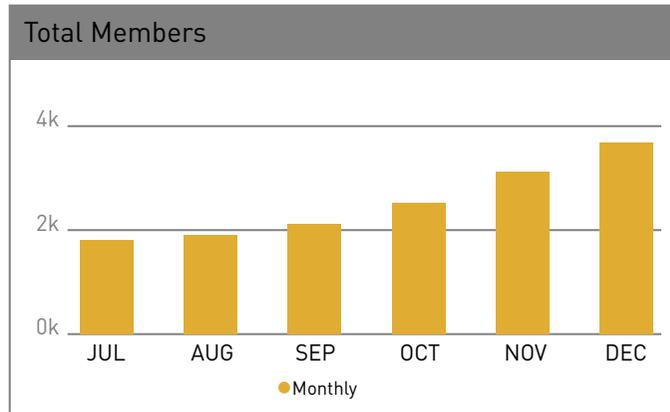


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Follow The Money 2018 Convening

At the 2018 annual meeting, CODE hosted chapter leads and community reporters from Lagos, Plateau, Akwa Ibom, Delta, Kano, Kaduna, Ondo, Adamawa, Yobe, Borno and Abuja headquarters staff in attendance. The convening reviewed Follow The Money [FTM] milestones and Theory of Change [TOC] with the chapters; discussed operational challenges faced by the chapters, strengthened the capacity of the chapters on systems and protocols for campaigns planning and management; developed deliverables and regime of partnership with the intending new chapters (Delta, Lagos, Ondo); and on-boarded relevant leads on focused projects in their states including OSIWA and Oxfam projects..

The meeting had interesting and invaluable sessions with various donors/partners suggesting ideas on how the partnership can be strengthened. In attendance were Africa Office Director for The MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Kole Shettima; Mr. Jude Ilo, Country Director for OSIWA; and Henry Ushie, Project Lead from Oxfam, who interacted with our sub-national teams.

At the end of the meeting, CODE's CEO, Hamzat Lawal, thanked every participant for their hardwork and efforts. He encouraged everyone to do more to achieve the organisation's vision.

School Building Project Completed

Maimusari Primary School is the only education centre in Mairi Kuwait Maimusari, a remote community in Borno State, about 5 kilometres from Bama and Gwoza, terrorist-affected areas, in Northern Nigeria.

The school has over 3000 students, including children from the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps nearby. Before construction, there were 141 academic and non-academic staff who had offices stationed under trees. Children often sat on the floor and windows due to overcrowding. In some cases, school had to close because of adverse weather conditions. Despite the deplorable state of the school, many children still expressed eagerness to learn.

Maimusari Primary School was slated to benefit from the Federal Constituency Project for the construction of 2 blocks of classrooms in 2017, However, community members were ignorant of this information, and school children suffered more education discomfort because of this.

FollowTheMoney, called for immediate attention to the deplorable state of the school at Maimusari, organising a public oversight campaign, **#ErectKuwait**, through community engagements; townhall meetings with community residents, key school principals, the chairman of SUBEB, media representatives and the contractors (Ravicam Investment Limited) of the project. FTM further amplified the campaign to the Federal Government so implementation of the project can be accelerated.

Shortly after the campaign started in February 2018, work began on the building of the proposed classrooms at Maimusari



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Primary School. FTM followed through with the project by tracking construction, ensuring quality control of contractors and equipment used, and monitoring progress till completion of the project in April 2018.

The provision of quality education to vulnerable regions in Nigeria continues to be a challenge that requires the unswerving commitment of the government. One way the education milestones in rural communities can be achieved is in building more classrooms for millions of learners in these regions, who continue to receive education in overcrowded classrooms.

State Chapter Highlights

Kano | Kaduna | Yobe | Borno | Adamawa | Plateau | Lagos | Delta | Akwa Ibom | Ondo

01

Adamawa, Borno, Plateau, Yobe, and Kano led community gatherings for women leaders, youth groups, religious leaders, local media organizations in 40 communities across Nigeria.

02

Local Chapters trained grassroots communities on social accountability, budget tracking and active citizenship.

03

Kaduna Chapter tracked NGN 570 million (USD 1.5 million) appropriated for projects in 23 primary schools across 22 communities in Jema'a, Kudan, Kajuru and Zango Kataf LGAs.

04

Ondo Chapter tracked NGN 300 million (USD 833,000) budgeted by Ondo SUBEB for school projects at Owo LGA of the State.

05

Chapters partnered with host States Universal Basic Education Boards, Plateau State Universal Basic Education Board Liaison office, Kano State Primary Healthcare Board, Akwa Ibom and Kaduna State Ministry of Health.



The chapters have an average number of 45 members per state, constituting mostly young people committed to Following The Money.

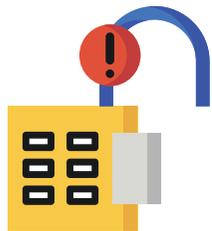
Challenges and Lessons Learnt



Access to data

We experienced major challenges in accessing data from institutions such as the BCDA; Kano State Warawa, Gwale, Rogo, Karaye, Tofa and Somaila LGA Councils; as well as Adavi LGA Council in Kogi State, Lagos SUBEB.

CODE realized that legal perception that comes with an FOI request letter, makes institutions unreceptive. However, requesting courtesy visits aids provision of data from government officials.



Security

Champions of FTM movement are constantly threatened for exposing corruption and misappropriation of funds. Also, security challenges across the North-East in some of the communities we have been tracking projects, have made us more security conscious.



Limited Funds

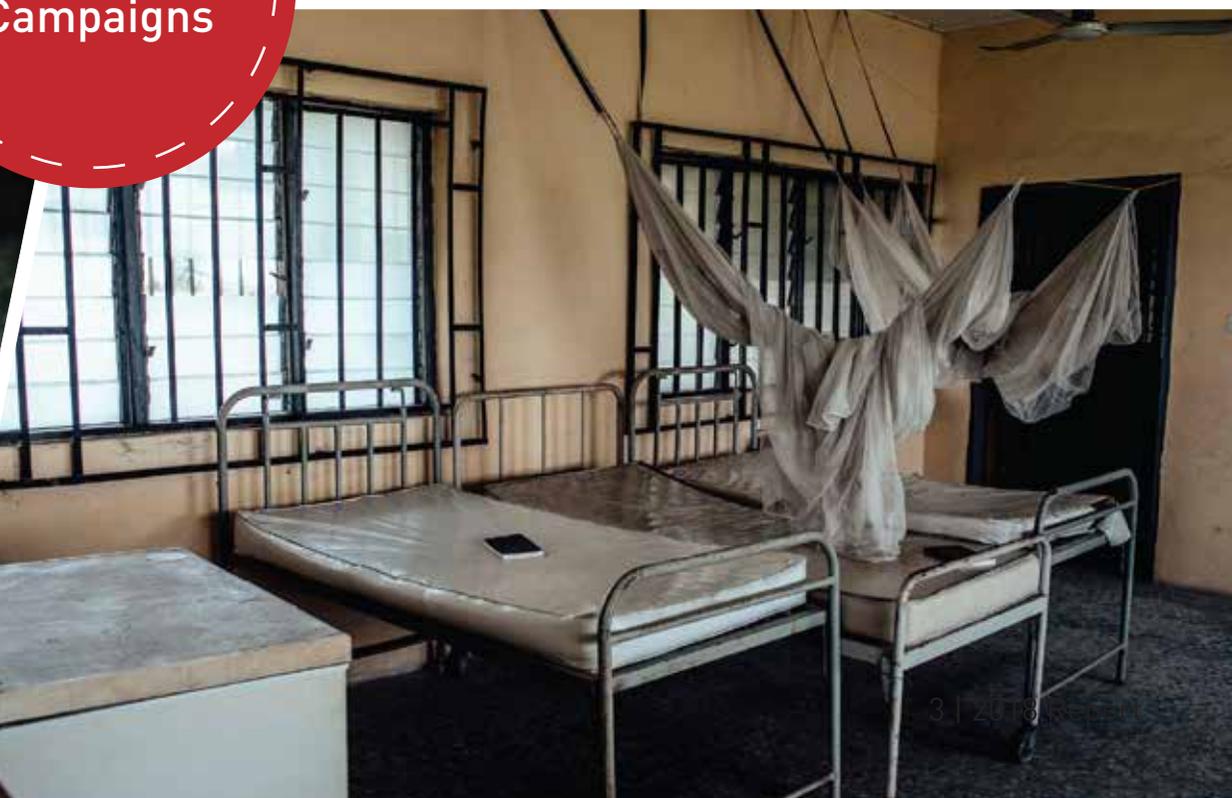
Amongst the challenges we also face daily is limited fund as we scale up our operations. We currently have more than 10 chapters in 10 States of Nigeria with more than 1000 members in each State.

As part of our decentralisation and sustainability efforts, funding is needed to coordinate efforts, build the capacity of the chapter members, provide a functional secretariat and financially support their independent monitoring of projects across communities.

We also opened chapters in Gambia, Kenya and Liberia, and need seed funding to build their capacity.



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The Luminate Group has continued to support and mentor us. They fund our overhead and operational costs, as well as quarterly Follow The Money campaigns across the country.



The MacArthur Foundation funds the Tracking UBE Spending Project in Kaduna State. The project has strengthened the capacity of School Monitoring Teams which includes the school based management committees (SBMC) to provide oversight on basic education spending for accountability and service delivery, and increase transparency in education financing in the state.



The Indigo Trust has helped to promote the causes that CODE is passionate about. Funding from the Foundation enabled Follow The Money to pilot many grassroots campaigns that brought about implementation of development projects.



The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) funds the Follow The Money Project in Northern Nigeria, which involves advancing economic governance and promoting transparency and accountability at the sub-national levels of government in Nigeria.



Oxfam Nigeria funded the Conflict and Fragility campaign which aimed at ensuring that commodity traders operate in an accountable, transparent and conflict & human rights sensitive manner while making sure that there exists a mutually beneficial relationship between oil firms and host communities.

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