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**ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS**

AWDF	African Women's Development Fund
BOI	Bank of Industry
BENONET	Benue NGO Network
CAC	Corporate Affairs Commission
CBA	Community Based Approach
CBO	Community Based Organization
CERI	Community Emergency Response Initiative
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CIRDDOC	Civil Resource Development & Documentation Centre
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
CSO	Civil Society Organization
ERA	Environmental Rights Action
EWARDS	Early Warning & Response Design Support
EU	European Union
FCT	Federal Capital Territory
FCTA	Federal Capital Territory Authority
FCTA	Federation of Urban Poor
FEDUP	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
FMWASD	Gender Evaluation Criteria
GEC	Global Environmental Facility Small Grant Programme
GEF-SGP	Global Greengrants Fund
GGF	Global Land Tool Network
GLTN	International Alliance for Inhabitants
IAI	International Budget Partnership
IBP	Initiative for Equality
IfE	International Land Coalition
ILC	Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
IPCR	Justice, Development and Peace Commission
JDPC	Local Government Area
LGA	Non-Governmental Organization
NGO	National Gender Policy
NGP	National Strategic Framework
NSF	Millennium Development Goals
MDG	Renewable Energy Programme of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria
REP	Rural Women Energy Security
RUWES	United Nations
UN	United Nations Economic & Social Council
UN ECOSOC	United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP	United Nation Framework for Convention on Climate Change
UNFCCC	United Nations Children's Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
UNCSD	United Nations Development Programme
UNDP	United Nations Population Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
UN WOMEN	Women
WEP	Women Environmental Programme
WHD	World Habitat Day



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We sincerely express our profound appreciation to all our friends, volunteers, partners and funders without whom our work in 2013 wouldn't have been successful. We will forever remain grateful to you as we dedicate to you all the successes we achieved through our work in year 2013.

In particular, we are grateful to all our funders and especially those who supported our activities in 2013 such as: Misereor, Global Environmental Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP), European Union (EU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), African Women Development Fund (AWDF), Irish Aid and the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria.

Our appreciation also goes to our target groups, those we worked for and those we worked with for their maximum cooperation and support to our activities.

Through your tremendous support, you pushed us up to be seen by the whole world. Your contribution to our work was the reason behind the election of the Executive Director of Women Environmental Programme (WEP), Priscilla Achakpa to the Ashoka Fellows in the year under review. We are grateful to all those who facilitated this feat. We are grateful to Irish Aid, the Climate Change Department and the Renewable Energy Programme (REP) of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria.

To the Board of Directors and the Management Team of Women Environmental Programme, we remain grateful for your unflinching efforts towards the achievement of the organizational goal and objectives.

We send out our appreciation to anyone, whom directly or indirectly contributed to our activities and ask for God's blessings upon you for contributing to the development of the nation and impacting humanity through us.

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Greetings from all of us @WEP!!!

The year 2013 started with WEP and her partners playing a critical role in refocusing itself in two thematic areas of operation; Environment and Governance having gone through yet another rigorous review of her strategic plans for the next five years. By working together, we were able to deliver critical projects ranging from renewable energies to rural women, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies to agricultural extension workers and rural farmers, building capacities of women and youth resilience and coping strategies to climate change, promoting women participation in political processes, humanitarian assistance to victims of violent conflicts, peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Not only did we keep the cup full but we scaled up to meet the requests of our target beneficiaries in the area of livelihoods and empowerment skills.

Throughout 2013, WEP did not only reach her target beneficiaries, but this also encouraged us to began deploying a more robust approach and strategies while building upon existing skills and best practices. We would be unable to reach our target beneficiaries that depend upon us without our partnership with government, INGOs, Donors and NGOs across the globe. Drawing on the knowledge, expertise, innovative thinking and best practices of our partners, we shall continue to strive collectively towards meeting our strategic objectives.



**Priscilla M Achakpa**

Executive Director

## ABOUT WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME (WEP)

### Who We Are

Women Environmental Programme (WEP), is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-religious and voluntary organization established in 1997 by a group of grassroots women in Nigeria. WEP's vision is to see a society where the environmental, economic and political rights of women, children and youths are protected. Our mission is to empower women and youths to effectively address the environmental, economic and political issues that affect them. WEP has United Nations ECOSOC special status, Observer Status to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). With the Observer Status, WEP can participate as a major group organization in contributing to the intergovernmental decision-making process in the UN-System.

### Vision

To create a society where the environmental, economic, social and political rights of women and youths are protected.

### Mission

To empower women and youths to address the environmental, economic, social and political issues that affect them.

### Our Values:

- Accountability and Transparency
- Team Work, Hard work and Commitment to work
- Honesty and Integrity
- Gender Justice and Fairness
- Trust and Confidentiality
- Excellence and Cost Effectiveness

### Strategic Objectives

- To sensitize and raise awareness of the general public on the impacts of climate change particularly on gender, its mitigation and adaptation;
- To stimulate the management of natural resources within the framework of national and international policies/convention for sustainable development of the environment;
- To advocate for the rights of the rural and urban dwellers to land, housing settlement and basic social infrastructure within the framework of The International Covenant on *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* (ICESCR);
- To build capacity of the relevant stakeholders on the management of the environment, conflicts, renewable energy, water and sanitation, dry lands, desert and desertification and organic pollutants;
- To educate women and youths on their civic rights and responsibilities, and on democratic governance.

### WEP's Core Values

**Networking:** WEP recognizes the value and strength of networking with our partners and other NGOs. We realize that mutually beneficial relationships with people who share our values, goals and objectives will enhance social and sustainable development.

**Integrity, Accountability and Transparency:** WEP appreciates the trust of our donors, partners and the public by striving to maintain the highest standards of accountability, integrity and transparency in the conduct of all our activities.



**Excellence and Cost Effectiveness:** We are committed to excellence and cost effectiveness in all our activities so as to reach a greater number of people with our services.

**Teamwork and Self Esteem:** WEP is committed to teamwork. We will promote the self-esteem of our staff and encourage collaboration on projects and encomiums for each other for reaching our goals and targets.

**Learning and Leadership:** WEP is committed to being a learning organization in which all staff are continuously striving to learn to sustain and improve organizational outputs. Our leadership culture is aimed at making leaders out of our staff.

**Gender Equity and Justice:** To ensure the full participation of all in the development process, we support and promote gender equity and mainstream gender in all we do. Our Strategic Plan particularly seeks to empower women to maximize their potentials and gain autonomy to become agents of change.

### **Organizational Structure**

WEP is structured along 3 main organs, namely: the General Assembly, Board of Directors and Management. The General Assembly includes both individuals and organizational members and currently has a membership of over 3000 members.

WEP's Board of Directors comprises 9 members of which 4 are females and 5 males. The Board is the decision making body of the organization and meets annually to review performance of the organization, approve programmes and budget for the organization. The Management is saddled with the responsibility of day-to-day running of the organization and implementation of programmes and it is headed by the Executive Director. It is also made up of the Project Implementation Body and the support Staff.

### **Programmes**

The organization works in two thematic areas viz; Environment and Governance.

#### **Environment**

- Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction
- Gender, Lands & Human Settlement
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
- Renewable Energy
- Environment, Peace & security
- Natural Resource Management

#### **Governance**

- Women and Youth Empowerment
- Budget Tracking and Monitoring
- Peace and Conflict Transformation

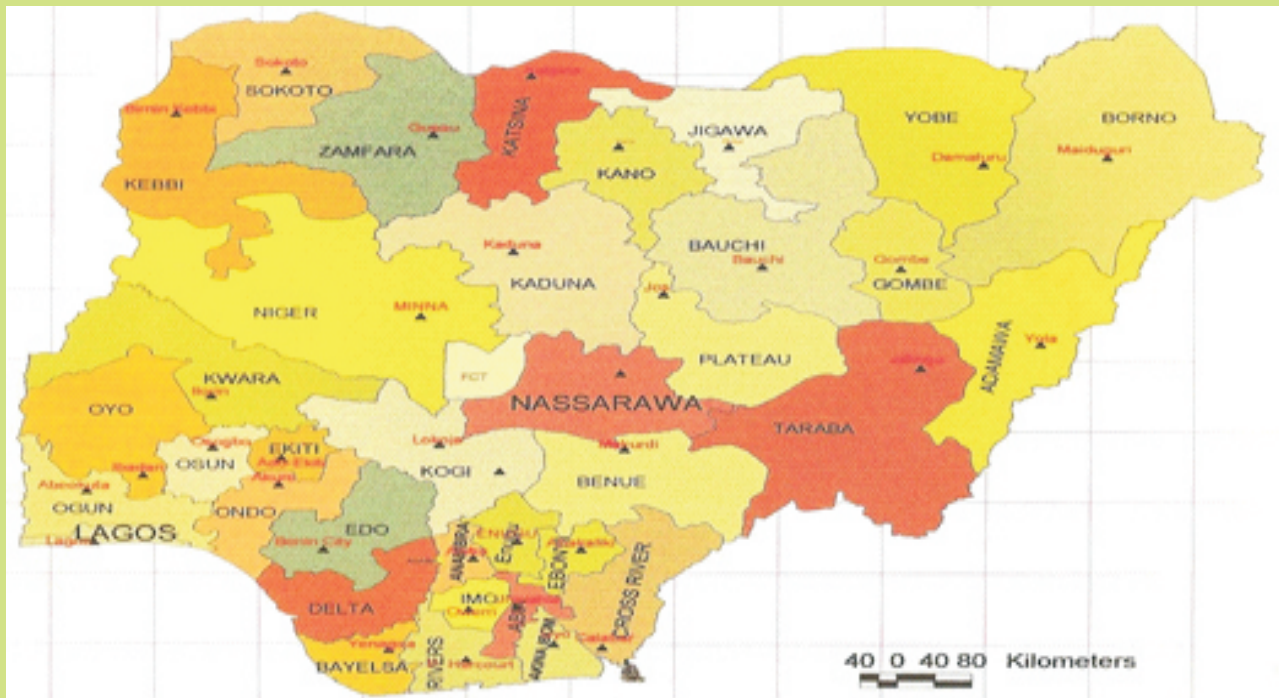
### **Board of Directors**

Mr. Yakubu Aliyu	-	Chairman
Ms. Priscilla M. Achakpa	-	Executive Director
Prof. Kabiru Isyaku	-	Member
Mr. Charles Lubem Abaagu	-	Member
Prof. David I. Ker	-	Member
Ms. Anne Marie Abaagu	-	Member

### **Advisory Board**

Mrs. Sarah Jibril  
Festus Okoye Esq  
Mrs. Veronica Garba

### Where We Are Nigeria and West Africa

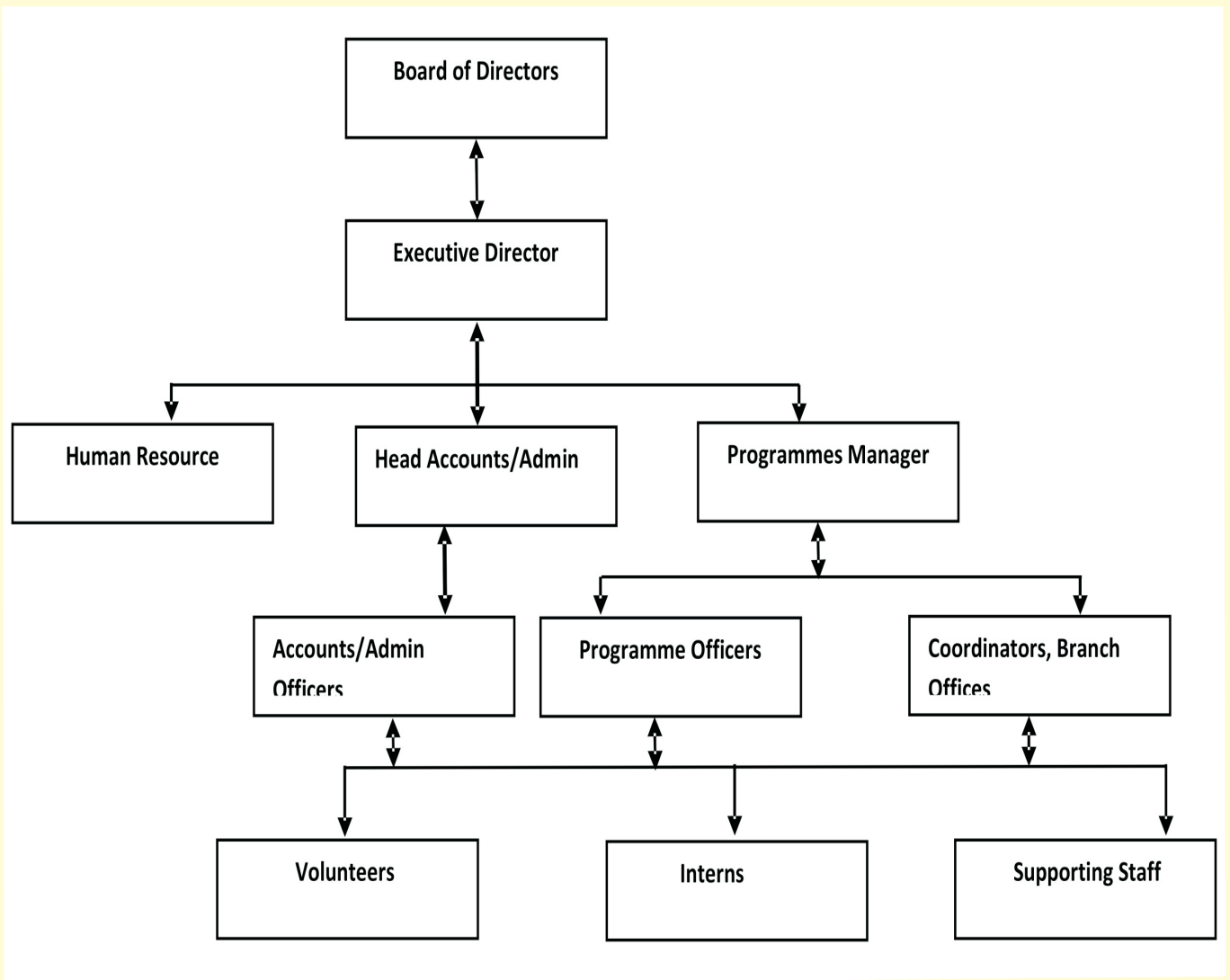


Map of Nigeria Showing WEP State Locations: FCT, Benue and Taraba



Map of West Africa Showing WEP Location: Ouagadougou

### Organizational Organogram





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## OUR WORK

### ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

#### 1. Innovative Farm/Land Management Practices to Enhance Rural Livelihoods in Tsar and Vandeikya Communities in Benue State

Unsustainable land practices in communities across Benue State have led to loss of livelihoods and natural resources further impoverishing community dwellers dependent on the natural resources for survival. These communities have their livelihoods been threatened in no small measure thus bringing about exhaustive use and depletion of the environment.

Agricultural activities now record low outputs in the state as soil has been massively degraded due to over cultivation, excessive application of inorganic chemicals, over grazing etc. This project targeted Tsar and Adikpo communities in Vandeikya and Kwande Local Governments respectively in Benue State.

In a bid to curb soil degradation and improve its fertility, WEP by the request of the communities in 2012 initiated this project which was supported by Global Environmental Facility Small Grant Programme (GEF SGP).

The overall goal of the project was to build resilience of rural women farmers through innovative farm/land management practices so as to mitigate the impacts of climate change on their livelihoods.

86 rural women from the two communities were trained on sustainable agricultural practices, compost production, water harvesting and alternative sources of income. The women were also given seedlings of economic trees to plant on their farm lands.

The women in the two communities have since started producing and applying compost on their farms.



Women of Tsar Community being trained on compost production



Compost produced in Adikpo community

#### 2. Capacity Development of Agricultural Extension Service Officers on Interpreting and Communicating Climate Information to Rural Farmers Including Women

In recent years, climate change has caused devastating impacts on agricultural production in Nigeria. The effects vary from the north to the southern part of the country. Extreme climatic events like severe drought in the north and flooding in the south has had effects on agricultural crops. The change in pattern of weather elements such as rainfall, wind speed, solar radiation and temperature has impaired decision making by rural farmers. Before now, farmers, from experience know the exact months of onset and cessation of rainfall and made important decisions appropriately as regards when to start planting, when to stop and the kinds of crops to grow. With the changing climate, the traditional predictions by farmers no longer hold water as the world's climate has changed. To make informed decisions now, farmers need to rely on scientific information gathered by meteorological stations across the country.



This information is majorly broadcasted over television, radio stations and newspapers. Experience has shown that this information confuse most rural farmers more than they enlighten them because of the medium it is communicated and the format it is presented. Climate change does not affect only agriculture, but all the sectors of the economy. The impacts of climate change are cross-cutting and tackling its menace needs a holistic and integrated approach that takes into consideration the interrelationships among the sectors.

In recognition of the cross-cutting impacts of climate change and the threats posed to Nigeria's Vision 20:2020, the Federal Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Environment seeks to simplify climatic information meant for the rural farmers and women so as to enable them make informed decision and safeguard their livelihood. This is one of the ways through which the Federal Government of Nigeria wants to build resilience of the rural populations to the impacts of climate change and ensure food security in the country.

Under this project, Women Environmental Programme built capacities of 150 Agricultural Extension Service Officers (50 per State) in 3 states: Benue, Plateau and Niger, on interpreting and communicating climate information to rural farmers including women. The Extension Service Officers were drawn across the Local Government Councils of the States.



Training of Agric. Extension Officers in Niger State



Participants pose for a group photograph during the training of Agric. Extension Officers in Makurdi, Benue State

### 3. Rural Women Energy Security (RUWES) Programme

Energy is one of the basic needs of life as so many other things depend on energy. From cooking to heating, pressing of cloths, charging of phones, lighting a room, preservation and processing of agricultural crops etc.

Studies show that more than 90% of Nigerians, predominantly within the rural areas, use traditional biomass and fuel wood as household fuel. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) 95,300 deaths are caused by the smoke from traditional biomass and wood fuel stoves. Among these deaths, 44% are due to pneumonia, 54% due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and 2% from lung cancer (WHO, 2011). Research also show that people with direct contact to traditional biomass and wood fuel inhale smoke particles twenty times higher than the maximum recommended amounts by WHO.

Another negative effects of cutting down and burning of biomass is the increase in the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere which is responsible for global warming.

In a search to finding clean energy options for Nigeria's rural women, WEP has partnered with the Renewable Energy Programme of the Federal Ministry of Environment on Rural Women Energy Security (RUWES) programme which aims at lowering market entry barriers of the clean energy market at every step, from the design of clean energy products, to their commercial production and distribution, and to build a lasting market for reliable, practical and affordable clean energy technologies. The RUWES programme is to empower women economically by making them marketers and distributors of clean energy products.

So far, 10 women have benefitted from the RUWES programme as they were given energy products worth over one million naira to market and pay back in two years' time.

Another clean energy option sought by WEP for women to replace fire wood for cooking is the option of briquettes. Briquettes are wood-like energy products produced from biomass wastes like rice husk, saw dust, groundnut chaff etc densely compressed together. Briquettes burn slowly but effectively because of their high density and are good substitutes for fuel wood. WEP is piloting the briquetting project in Adikpo community in Kwande Local Government of Benue State where she has fabricated and installed a briquetting machine to produce briquettes from the abundant rice husk, saw dust, groundnut chaff, corn and maize cobs produced in the area.



**Priscilla Achakpa (Left) and Amina Salihu (Right) at the Launch of RUWES programme in Abuja**



**Beneficiaries get ready to receive clean energy products**



## GOVERNANCE PROJECTS

### 1. Gender and Peace Mediation Project in the Middle Belt Region, Nigeria

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) in partnership with Community Emergency Response Initiative (CERI) with funding support from the European Union implemented a project “Gender and Peace Mediation Project in the Middle Belt Region, Nigeria” to provide alternative to the tackling of persistent conflict in the region using mediation with particular reference to gender. Conflicts have been on the increase between the Tiv farmers and Fulani herdsman in Keana and Guma LGAs of Nasarawa and Benue States respectively in the middle belt region of Nigeria, over indigeneship, land demarcations and grazing areas for cattle since 2001 to date. This has resulted into high spates of unprecedented violence among some communities in the two States. Interestingly, these crises which have claimed many lives, destroyed farmlands and properties and have rendered thousands homeless across Nigeria are fueled by the rising effects of climate change.

With WEP's experience in peace building processes over the years in Nigeria, in promoting the resolution of conflicts through peaceful means and reinforcing citizens' rights, WEP and its partner CERI, implemented this project which specifically targeted women and youth groups, Community Based Organisations, pastoralist, farmers, traditional and religious leaders, and relevant government ministries, agencies and departments in view of the strategic role each plays before, during and after violent conflicts so as to use mediation as an entry point to transform the conflict while mainstreaming gender. Mediation is a process that values voluntariness, self-determination, confidentiality, and an impartial third party facilitator - the mediator. However, mediation is an area that has not really been tapped into both by CSOs and other stakeholders on a large scale due to lack of expertise and skills.

The project also specifically targeted and mainstreamed the issues around women in times of conflict and the role they play, given that women (and girls) are among the most affected groups in times of conflict, thus the role they play in the mediation process cannot be over emphasized. This is mirrored by the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, which calls for the stronger participation of women in peace building, the prevention of gender-based violence and protection of the rights and needs of women and girls during and after armed conflicts, and a gender-sensitive approach to peace building.

Supported by the European Union, the project developed a Trainer's Manual on Mediation – A Practical Guide for Community Approach to Peace Building in Nigeria which is a resource tool to build the capacity of trainees on mediation which was adopted for this project.

The project successfully trained a total of 40 people as mediators, i.e 20 mediators from each State (Benue and Nasarawa States). 10 mediators were selected from each state and embarked on a mediation process within their States for a period of 4 months, to douse tension, transform the conflict and counsel groups and persons to seek alternatives to resolve conflicts.



**Train the Trainer Workshop on Mediation, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiation Skills**



**Step down workshop on Mediation, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiation Skills at Guma LGA, Benue State.**

## 2. Capacity Building for Women in Electoral Process and Political Participation in the Build Up to 2015 Elections in North West Nigeria

To be part of decision making on critical issues that affect them, women must come out to participate in political processes such as registering and voting in elections and vying for political positions. Participation of women in politics is the way through which the voices of women can be enhanced and their inputs captured for development purposes.

In 2011 general elections in Nigeria, out of a total of 2088 candidates that contested within the North West region, only 49 were women, representing 2.3% and out of this number, only 3 women contested from Zamfara State.

Unimpressed with the low level of participation of women in political processes in Zamfara State, Women Environmental Programme (WEP), initiated an action on Capacity Building for Women in Electoral Processes and political Participation in the Build Up to 2015 Elections in Zamfara State, North West Nigeria.

The action supported by African Women Development Fund (AWDF) had the overall objective of increasing the level of women participation in politics and democratic governance in Zamfara State through awareness creation.

AWDF supported WEP to create awareness and engage relevant stakeholders through advocacy and lobbying to attract change, review perception and generate support towards women participation in politics. Increasing women participation in politics is of strategic importance if Nigeria is to achieve its target of 35% Affirmative Action and the goal of the MDG on poverty eradication as women involvement in politics will provide them with platforms to promote and make changes that would address their needs resulting to wider benefits and impacts on the society.

Under this project, capacity of 56 stakeholders were built to ensure and provide the enabling environment for active women engagement in politics through advocacies, sensitizations, media awareness through the use of radio jingles in Zamfara State, The project also recorded the buy-in of strategic partners in the State including the First Lady, government institutions, political parties and members of the Civil Society Organizations.



Queensley Ajuyakpke and Ruth During of WEP (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> left) during advocacy visit to Bukkyum LGA in Zamfara State to lobby for women participation in politics



WEP Team with Zamfara women during advocacy visit to Zamfara State to lobby for women participation in politics

## 3. Peace Network

Nigeria faces significant challenges to its development efforts in form of sporadic eruptions of violence in various parts of the country. These episodes of violence over resources and identity expressed in Nigeria is common to many developing societies undergoing rapid change and may be linked to the fact that development process inevitably causes conflicts. In recent years, significant resources have been brought to bear in addressing violent internal conflicts by state and non-state actors while a number of laudable efforts have been launched at the local levels to mediate an end to some protracted internal conflicts. These efforts are yet to coalesce into a national infrastructure for sustenance of peace at the local levels.



Over the years, Women Environmental Programme (WEP), the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have implemented and supported activities that promote community based approaches to peace building in Nigeria.

These activities resulted to the formation of different peace networks to promote peaceful co-existence at community levels

In the year under review, various networks formed from past programmes and projects implemented by these organisations as well as other organisations were harmonized into a single network that will promote community peace building in Nigeria. This network is called: *Innovative Initiative for Community Peace-Building*. The network has been registered with Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria.

Community-based peace networks assist tremendously not only in acting as bulwarks for the monitoring of early warning signs and reporting appropriately but also play key roles in inculcating and owning peace processes. Local civil society actors working in tandem with local communities are involved in detecting potential conflicts and responding with appropriate interventions.

With the registration of *Innovative Initiative for Community Peace-Building* network, WEP, IPCR and UNDP are set to change the top-bottom approach to conflicts to a bottom-up approach that sees local communities playing active roles in conflict prevention and transformation.

Membership of this network is open to all interested organizations working in the area of peace across all geo-political zones of Nigeria. The network had called for registration of more members in the last quarter of 2013 which saw

With support from UNDP and other partners, some of the network members have being trained on gender mainstreaming in peacebuilding, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, early warning and responses etc.



Members of Innovative Initiative for Community Peace-Building Network in a workshop (Left- at Nasarawa State; Right – at Jos, Plateau State)

#### 4. Celebration of Peace in Agila Community

The people of Agila community have being engulfed in intra-ethnic conflict among the community members and inter-ethnic conflict with Ngbo, a neighbouring community in Ebonyi State that shares boundary with Agila community in Benue State for decades. These conflicts claimed several lives and property and crumbled economic activities in Agila community.

In 2009, touched by the pitiable condition of the community, occasioned by these conflicts, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) commissioned Women Environmental Programme (WEP) to step in to mediate and restore peace in the community.

WEP swung into action and undertook a conflict mapping of the community. The conflict mapping exercise revealed immediate and remote causes of the conflict in the community. Guided by the results of the conflict mapping exercise, WEP carried out several activities that would facilitate the return of peace to the community. This intervention by WEP achieved relative peace in Agila community.

To further strengthen the reunion of the community and rejuvenate the economy that was shattered from the conflicts, WEP in 2011 with the support from the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), set up two Vocational and Skills Acquisition Centers in Agila to equip the women and youths with tailoring and carpentry skills. Over 50 women and youths have been trained in these centers in tailoring and carpentry.

On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2013, the people of Agila in Ado Local Government Area of Benue State rolled out the drums and together with WEP, IPCR and UNDP celebrated the peace that has been achieved thus far in Agila community. The event which took place at Ado Local Government Secretariat, Igumale, brought together prominent sons of Agila, community leaders, women and youths to celebrate peace in their land.



Deputy Speaker of Benue State House of Assembly in a novelty match with women during the celebration of peace in Agila.



Youths display placards during peace celebration in Agila

## 5. Communities Organizing for Infrastructural Improvement in City Slums

Abuja slums are known for their deplorable conditions due to deficiency of basic infrastructure. The rapid urbanization that followed the relocation of the nation's capital from Lagos to Abuja caused the nation's new capital city to become populous as people migrated from other parts of the country to find greener pastures in the new capital city. This situation led to the development of slum communities by those who could not afford throat-cutting rents in the city center. These slums are characterized by near absence of basic infrastructure like pipe borne water, electricity, health centers and schools etc. There is no much done by the local authorities to improve the state of infrastructure in slum communities as many of them were demolished and many were under threats of demolition as they were tagged 'informal or illegal settlements.'

Bordering the nation's capital, are other slum settlements in the neighboring Nasaraw State. Though not under any threat of demolition are in dire lack of basic infrastructure and seem to have been forgotten by the government.

The overall objective of this project was mobilization/organizing of the slum dwellers to address critical factors for achieving infrastructural provisions through genuine community participation, local resources mobilization and skills acquisitions and to prevent forced evictions.

WEP under this project mobilized, organized and built capacities of the target communities to mobilize local resources, systematically engage the local authorities to prevent forced eviction and improve on their infrastructure

This project was implemented in the following communities in the FCT and Nasarawa States: Gurku, Aso Pada, Tudun Wada, Kabayi and Aku communities in Nasarawa State; and Gbagarape, Karu, Lugbe, Sauka, Gosa, Mpape and Dutse Alhaji communities in FCT.



In April 2013, WEP organized a Stakeholders Forum at Harmonia Hotel, Area 11 in Abuja and brought together critical stakeholders in urban management and development. This was the second stakeholders' forum that was organized in the course of this project, to link slum communities directly to their authorities and other actors, to dialogue on the state of infrastructure and the way forward. This project was supported by Misereor.



Cross section of participants at the one-day stakeholders interactive forum

### 6. Field Hearing Project

Field Hearing Project is an initiative that is targeted at getting the voices of the economically insecure, excluded and marginalized communities and vulnerable groups in the global dialogue on sustainable development. The field hearing project helps connect poor, marginalized communities and groups to their national and local governments to have a greater voice, and to hold decision-makers accountable as they seek more equal access to both resources and decision-making regarding economic development.

The field hearing project is coordinated globally by Initiative for Equality (IfE), a US based charitable organization and has partners across different regions of the world. Women Environmental Programme (WEP) is the leading partner of Initiative for Equality Field Hearing Project in Nigeria.

At the 68<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly in New York, from 24<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2013, findings from the 2012 field hearing project were presented. The Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme, Priscilla M. Achakpa presented the preliminary findings of the Field Hearings conducted by 18 partners in 34 communities across Asia, Africa and Europe.

In Nigeria, these field hearings were conducted in selected communities in Abuja, FCT; Nasarawa and Benue States; and among university students.



Priscilla Achakpa presenting the results of the 2012 field hearing project to CSOs forum at the 68<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly in New York

## MEDIA REPORTS

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**Benue Partners Foreign Investors for Development**

**By John Atini**

The Benue State Government is to partner with any foreign investor that is out to bring development to the State. The special Assistant to the Governor on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Mr. Tyolumum said that the State needs team work and support among foreign investors in order to save food in the society. In her speech, the Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme in Nigeria Ms. Priscilla Achakpa, who expressed the organization's willingness to partner with the State and local governments in the execution of her form of cooperative societies and would help the benefit from the government programmes. In their separate remarks, the chairman of Buruku local Government, Mr. Jonathan Abya and acting district head of Shorov, Chief Kaga Gbev, assured the organization of their support.

**Daily Trust, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Page 38**

**UN Habitat Decries Forced Evictions**

**By Mustapha Suleiman**

Governments at all levels have been urged to refrain from interfering directly or indirectly with the enjoyments of the right to adequate housing by not carrying out forced evictions and demolishing homes.

UN Habitat Programme Manager for Nigeria, Kabir M. Yari made this call on Wednesday during a paper presentation at a one-day interactive forum on infrastructure improvement at the city-urban level organized by Women Environmental Programme (WEP) in Abuja. In his paper presentation entitled 'Alternatives to forced evictions in Nigeria' Yari noted that protection against forced evictions is a key elements of the rights to adequate housing and is closely linked to security of tenure. He said, "Access to adequate housing can be a precondition for the enjoyment of several human rights, including the rights to work, health, social security, vote, privacy or education. The possibility of earning a living can be seriously impaired when a person has been relocated following a forced eviction to a place removed from employment opportunities. Without proof of residency, home-less persons may not be able to vote, enjoy social services or receive health care. Schools may refuse to register slum children because their settlements have no official status. In the right to health; for instance, if houses and settlements have limited or no safe drinking water and sanitation, their residents may fall seriously ill."

**Nigerian Pilot, Tuesday, April 16, 2013, Page 9**

**WEP moves to end Fulani/Farmers crisis in Nasarawa, Benue States**

**By Peter Ahemba.**

In its continued efforts to address incessant crisis between farmers and Fulani herdsmen in Nasarawa and Benue States, the Women Environmental Programme, WEP, has organized a two day workshop aimed at developing a Training Manual for selected mediators in Keana and Goma Local Government Areas of the affected States. Executive Director of WEP, Priscilla Achakpa in an address at the occasion decried the wanton destruction of lives and property in the two states which has forced hundreds of women and children out of their ancestral homes, thus the need to take such proactive steps has become necessary.

Achakpa explained that WEP has been involved in peace building activities, capacity building of Stakeholders, women and youth groups including government institutions on community based approach, pointing out that such involvement has led to the formation of Peace Advocate of Nigeria in the middle belt to overcome security challenges facing the region. According to her, the organization which is a network of community based groups working on issues of conflict management at community levels has recorded tremendous achievements in terms of conflict management and urged the participations to be committed in the tank of ensuring a peaceful coexistence among the diverse ethnic nationalities in the localities. She condemned in strong terms the attitude of some individuals who resort to taking up arms against their fellow human being on issues that could best be resolved through dialogue, expressing hope that the workshop would add value to the mediating process in the middle belt region towards enhancing the collaborative efforts of the Stakeholder in achieving peace.

**Nigerian Pilot, Wednesday, July 3, 2013, Page 6**  
**WEP Improves Renewable Energy with Briquettes Machines**  
**By Kenneth Azahan**

Women Environmental Programme, WEP, has recorded another plus in the effort to provide alternative to the use of fire wood with the launch of Briquettes making machine. Speaking at the launch in Abuja yesterday, National Coordinator for Renewable Energy Programme, Federal Ministry of Environment, Engr. Bahijjatu Abubakar noted that the debut of the machine is in line with providing alternative to the use of fire wood which has been a major factor of deforestation. Mrs. Abubakar explained that the project represents the aspiration of rural women energy security project and the national clean cooking scheme of the ministry and praised WEP for her efforts towards bettering the lots of women and the environment. She assured that the ministry will step in to ensure accessibility and affordability of the machine to the rural population, adding that it was cheaper and safer than using kerosene cooking. Speaking at the event, the Executive Director, WEP, Ms. Priscilla Achakpa disclosed that the idea of briquettes making machine was conceived to minimize environmental hazards caused by felling trees for fuel wood. In this vein, the Executive Director noted that WEP in collaboration with an Agric Engineer, Joel Nwakere came up with the machine that produces briquettes that is used to power cookstoves; stressing that apart from being more economical to fire wood fuel, it also minimizes health implications posed by fire wood. Achakpa who explained that the project will also assist in easing the challenges of unemployment, appealed to government and other organizations to key into the project for the safety of the environment. For his part, Engr. Joel Nwakere hinted that his interest in renewable energy informed the birth of the technology that will assist in the production of renewable energy sources that will replace fire wood. The briquettes machine is a diesel powered engine, with a hopper and a drying chamber. It uses saw dust, rice husk, groundnut pellet, and other bio-degradable materials to produce fine heating and cooking materials.

**Daily Trust, Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Page 24**  
**NGO Introduces Waste-to-Energy Machine**  
**By Mustapha Suleiman**

A briquetting machine that can process rice husk, groundnut pellets, saw dust into fine heating and cooking material has been introduced into the Nigerian market by Women Environmental Programme, WEP, a non-governmental organization. The organization's objective is to promote environment conservation, housing and urban development. Speaking at the unveiling of the machine in Abuja, WEP Executive Director, Ms Priscilla Achakpa said that the machine was conceived with the aim of generating alternative cooking materials for domestic use and to help reduce heavy reliance of Nigerians on fire wood. She said that felling of trees is hazardous to the environment, leading to the introduction of the machine which is available at an affordable cost. She added, that the briquettes it produce “burns slowly but is effective, efficient and environmental friendly.”

**Nigerian Pilot, Monday, October 21, 2013, Page 4**  
**WEP Moves to Restore Peace in Nasarawa**  
**By Peter Ahemba, Lafia**

A 10 man team of mediators put in place by the Women Environmental Programme, WEP, for Keana local Government Area of Nasarawa state has commence the process of Facilitating quick resolution of various conflicts in the state. The team which has the mandate of embarking on person-person outreach approach in dealing with conflict issues in communities as well as providing counseling services to both victims and perpetrators of violence has from October to December this year to complete the first phase of the peace building project.

At the maiden meeting held in Keana town yesterday, leader of the mediation team, Mr. Peter Ahemba charged members of the team to exhibit high sense of commitment in the discharge of the assigned responsibility, noting the lack of building peace in the society was a collective responsibility.

He reminded them that as trained mediators, it was their responsibility to bring to bear the knowledge acquired during their training offered by the Women Environmental Programme with a view to achieving the much needed peace in the society. “You have been given a special training on how to go in resolving conflicts and it is therefore time for you to put what you have acquired into practice by carrying out this assignment with all sense of commitment”.



The team leader warned all members in using their position as trained mediators to assume the duties of the traditional rulers, judges and other community leaders who pass judgment and apportion blames on matters brought before them, reminding them that they were only to serve as guides between conflicts parties in resolving their differences.

Mr. Ahemba who commended WEP for the peace initiative, expressed hope that the programme will see to the restoration of peace among the people of the targeted pilot local government areas of Keana and Goma in Nasarawa and Benue States respectively. The peace building project of WEP, a non-governmental organization is in collaboration with Community Emergency Response Initiative (CERI) with funding from the European Union to Nigeria with the aim of strengthening the country's peace building process.

**Nigerian Pilot, Saturday, November 9, 2013 Page 4**  
**WEP Commended Over Peace Project in Nasarawa**  
**By Peter Ahemba, Lafia**

Aloshi community in Keana Local Government Area of Nasararwa State has applauded the efforts of Women Environmental Programme, WEP, for its peace project aimed at enhancing peaceful coexistence in the State. The commendation was govern by men and women groups at a peace meeting convened by the 10-man team of mediators put in place by WEP for keana Local Government Area of the state to facilitate quick resolution of conflicts among individuals and communities in the locality.

The meeting was in continuation of the mediators' mandate of carrying out person-person outreach approach in dealing with conflict issues in communities as well as providing counseling services to both victims and perpetrators of violence under the three months peace-building project.

A participant of the meeting, Mrs. Eunice John of the Eggon ethnic extraction expressed delight with the steps taken by WEP to restore peace in the locality, saying that by the counsel from the mediators, she was better equipped to coexist peacefully with her neighbors irrespective of existing conflicts. "I wanted not to attend this meeting because I thought it was the usual political meetings where politicians come to deceive us but with the interactions so far I now see the meeting is of immense benefit.

'It is therefore my prayers that the almighty God would continue to guide you, especially the initiators of this peace project in your quest to restore peace in our areas" she added. Speaking earlier, the lead mediator, Mr Peter Ahemba who stressed the importance of peace and unity in the development of any society, counseled members of the community to forgive and forget each other in the interest of peace, unity and development of their community.

The meeting brought together, Alago, Tiv, Fulsni, Keala, and Eggon ethnic nationalities in the area.

**Daily Newswatch, Thursday, November 28, 2013, Page 75**  
**NGO Tackles Climate Change with Agric Extension Workers in Jos**  
**By Gyang Bere, Jos**

The implementing partners of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Women Environmental Programme on climate change has held a workshop in Jos, Plateau State, to train agricultural extension works on how to communicate effectively information on climate change to rural farmers. This followed the devastated effect of climate change on agriculture in the country. The two-day capacity programme organized by a non-governmental organization which was titled 'Capacity Building Workshop on Development of Agricultural Extension Service Officers for Interpreting and Communicating Climate Change Information to Rural farmers' was attended by women in Benue, Plateau and Niger States. It drew participants mostly among youths and women. Executive Director of Women Environmental Programme, Priscilla Achakpa who was represented by the Programme Manager, George Akor noted that Nigeria was facing the reality of climate change and that until all stakeholders in different sectors of the country team up to stage a fight against the menace, it will continue to have adverse effect on the economy.

**Sunday Vanguard, December 8, 2013, Page 8**  
**'Nigeria May Lose \$460bn to Climate Change'**

**By Peter Duru**

Nigeria may lose about \$460 billion to climate change by 2020 and also faces gross domestic product loss of between 2% and 11% if urgent steps are not taken to check environmental degradation in the country. The Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme, WEP, Ms Priscilla Achakpa stated this during a two-day capacity building workshop organized by WEP in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Environment for Extension Service Officers held in Makurdi, Benue State Capital. She noted that findings by relevant agencies indicated that the development posed a threat to the efforts of government to boost food production in the country and the actualization of the Vision 20:2020 of the Federal Government. Represented by Mr. George Akor, a Director in the Programme, Achakpa maintained that “the best way to reach farmers with climate change information is by developing capacity of Agricultural Extension Service officers in interpreting and communicating climate change information to rural farmers including women.” According to her, the negative impact of climate change on countries in Africa remains huge despite the fact that the continent contributes little to global greenhouse emissions. “This situation calls for concerted effort by all relevant agencies and governments to ensure that the impact of climate change on Nigeria is mitigated,” she stressed.

**Daily Trust, Thursday, November 28, 2013, Page 38**  
**'Climate Change Causing Low Agric Productivity'**

**From Lami Sadiq, Jos**

Climate change has been identified as a factor responsible for the decline in agricultural productivity, the Executive Director of Women Environmental Programme (WEP), Priscilla Achakpa has said.

Achakpa disclosed this during a two-day capacity building workshop for Agricultural Extension Service Officers from Plateau State on interpreting climate change information to rural farmers. She also said the event was also aimed at identifying agricultural extension officers from Plateau, Benue and Niger States.

She said the training will enhance their capacity in interpreting climate change information related to agriculture and ways of coping with the impact of climate change, while noting that “climate change is a reality and it is responsible for the decline in agricultural productivity.”

Achakpa who was represented by Mr. George Akoh, stated that “severe drought, high rise in temperature, high rainfalls that have led to flooding are a reality of climate change and unless we take steps on what to do, we may be at a disadvantaged position.”

**Newsline, Sunday, December 31, 2013, Page 31**  
**NGO, WEP Trains Agric Extension Workers**

**By Abubakar Hassan**

A Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) based in Abuja, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Environment had trained Agriculture Extension Service Officers in Niger State on how to interpret and communicate climate change information to rural farmers.

In her remarks during the opening ceremony of the two-day Capacity Building Workshop held at Dogo Koli Hotel, Minna, last Wednesday, the Executive Director of WEP, Ms Priscilla Achakpa, represented by the Programme Manager of WEP, Mr. George Akor highlighted the negative impacts of climate change on agriculture and the need to save the agricultural sector by providing farmers with the needed climate information.

She stated that the best way to reach farmers with climate change information was by developing the capacities of agricultural extension service officers in interpreting and communicating climate change information to rural farmers as well as women.

Also speaking, the representative of the Federal Ministry of Environment, Mr. Hamza Aminu Ado stated that this project was initiated so that the vision of the federal and state governments in agriculture will be achieved.

WEP Programme Officer, Mr. John Baaki also revealed that the organization was looking forward to seeing a society where the environmental, economic, political and social rights of women, children and youths were protected and to empower women and youths to effectively address environmental, economic and political issues that affect them, adding that the pilot phase of the capacity building project was to be carried out in the north central states of Niger, Benue and Plateau.

## PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

WEP collaborates with agencies and community based organisations in the implementation of her activities and projects. Some of the activities implemented range from women political participation, promoting communities participation in slum development, environment protection, empowerment of youth and career development etc. These organisations include;

### Donors

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 Delegation of the European Commission to Nigeria  
 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
 Irish Aid International  
 Global Environment Facility (Small Grant Programme)  
 Global Green Grant Fund  
 African Women Development Fund (AWDF)  
 Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

### Federal Government of Nigeria

Federal Ministry of Environment  
 Federal Ministry of Water Resources  
 Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development  
 Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR)

### National Networking Partners

Charles & Doosurgh Abaagu Foundation  
 Community Emergency Response Initiative (CERI)  
 Shacks and Slum Dwellers Association of Nigeria  
 Innovative Initiative for Community Peace Building  
 Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN)  
 Climate Change Network of Nigeria (CCNN)  
 Nigerian CAN  
 Benue NGOs Network (BENGONET)  
 Transition Monitoring Group  
 UNWOMEN Civil Society Advisory Group  
 Grand Alliance Against Terrorism (GAAT)  
 Green Alliance, Nigeria

### Regional Working Partners

African Working Group on Gender and Climate Change  
 West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria  
 Network of African Peace-builders (NAPS)

### Global Networking Partners

Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) of the UNFCCC  
 Women's Major Group-UN  
 Gender and Disaster Network  
 Gender and Climate Change Network  
 Global Land Tool Network  
 International Land Coalition (ILC)  
 Habitat International Coalition  
 Women for Water Partnership  
 World Alliance for Citizens Participation (CIVICUS)  
 Shacks and Slum Dwellers International (SDI)

## HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

In the year under review, WEP participated in the following meetings, workshops, conferences and other activities that were organized both by WEP and other organizations.

- Training Workshop on UNDP Procurement Process, at New Chelsea Hotel, Abuja on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
- Two-Day Workshop of WSSCC Country Strategic Document for Nigeria on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) held at Bolton White Hotel, Abuja from 6-7 February, 2013.
- UNEP 14<sup>th</sup> Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF-14), 16 – 20 February 2013, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Two-Day National Consultation on the Post 2015 Development Agenda, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Thematic Group, held at Bolton White Hotel, Abuja on 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
- Meeting with Sustainable Health Care Initiatives Nigeria with WSSCC Official from Geneva, London School of Hygiene, National Coordinator, WSSCC Nigeria and RUSHPIN Country Representative on 22/2/2013 in Abuja, Nigeria.
- Cash Based Response Training organized by African Development Solutions (Adeso) in Abuja, Nigeria from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013
- 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women Held at United Nations Headquarters, New York From 4th - 15th March, 2013
- 3-Day Workshop on the development of Mediation Manual on Peace Building organized by European Commission and Women Environmental Programme (WEP) from 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April at Crown Princess Hotel, Abuja.
- Training on Gender Mainstreaming in Peace Building and Conflict Resolution, organized by UNDP and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), at Kaduna State from 18-20 June, 2013.
- Review of Interim Report on Responses to Armed Violence in Nigeria: Mapping Key Efforts, organized by Women's Right to Education Programme (WREP) and National Working Group on Armed Violence and Action on Armed Violence on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 in Abuja Nigeria.
- High Level International Conference on Water Cooperation held from 20-21 August, 2013 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- Programme Coordinating Mechanism Retreat of WSSCC/GSF and NTGS Members held in Smile-View Hotel, Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria from 26-27 August, 2013.
- Nigeria Validation Workshop Research on Demand Led Sanitation held at Bolingo Hotel, Abuja on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.
- 1-Day Meeting on the Launching and Dissemination of Framework for Implementation of at least 35% Affirmative Action on Women Political Advancement and Representation in Democratic Governance in Nigeria, organized by UN Women and supported by Democratic Governance for Development II Project on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria.
- Program of event for round-up activity of the 2012 International Disaster Reduction, organized by WEP on 25/09/2013 in Abuja, Nigeria.
- 68<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly, New York, 24<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2013



- Follow Up Action on the Stakeholders Forum on Implementation of the AMCOW Policy and Strategy for Mainstreaming Youth in the Water and Sanitation Sector in Africa, held at Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Abuja on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.
- Public Enlightenment Workshop on the Voter' Register, Permanent Voter' Card and CVR, organized by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), at Rock View Royale Hotel, Wuse II, Abuja on 9/10/2013.
- National Stakeholders Consultation towards formation of UN Women Civil Society Advisory Group, and Development of UN Women Strategic Plan 2014-2017, organized by UN Women, at Rock View Hotel Abuja on 15/10/2013.
- Third Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-III) from 21-23 October 2013, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, organized by the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Development Bank (AfDB), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).
- 3-Day Conference on Gender Mainstreaming in Drought Management in Niamey, Niger organised by UNESCO from 21st -24th October, 2013.
- Third Party Verification and Certification of Open Defecation Free (ODF) in Bauchi State, organized by UNICEF from 22/10/2013- 8/11/2013.
- GSF/RUSHPIN Launch, held in Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.
- Workshop on Promoting Energy Efficiency in Residential and Public Sector in Nigeria, organized by GEF at Riez Continental Hotel, Central Business District, Abuja from 19-20/11/2013.
- Capacity Building Workshop for Agricultural extension Service Officers on Interpreting and Communicating Climate Information to Rural Farmers including Women, held at Nana Country Home Hotel, Tudun Wada, Jos, Plateau State from 21-22 November, 2013, organized by Women Environmental Programme and the Federal Ministry of Environment.
- Capacity Building Workshop for Agricultural extension Service Officers on Interpreting and Communicating Climate Information to Rural Farmers including Women, held at Dogon Koli Hotel, Minna, Niger State from 26-27 November, 2013, organized by Women Environmental Programme and the Federal Ministry of Environment.
- Workshop on Nigerian Clean Energy Facility organized by UNDP on 03/12/2013 in Abuja.
- Capacity Building Workshop for Agricultural extension Service Officers on Interpreting and Communicating Climate Information to Rural Farmers including Women, held at Green Belt Hotels Ltd., Makurdi, Benue State from 3-4 December, 2013, organized by Women Environmental Programme and the Federal Ministry of Environment.
- Take-Off Conference on Strengthening Partnerships for a New African Urban Agenda in Nairobi, Kenya, from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, organized by UN Habitat.

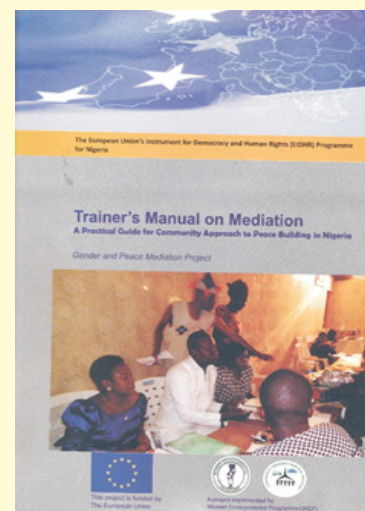
## PUBLICATIONS

WEP published the following titles in the year under review:

### 1. **Trainer's Manual on Mediation** – *A Practical Guide for Community Approach to Peace Building in Nigeria*

Charity, they say, begins at home. To achieve peace in Nigeria, peace must first of all be achieved at the communities, hence the publication of this Trainer's Manual to strengthen peace building and mediation processes at community levels.

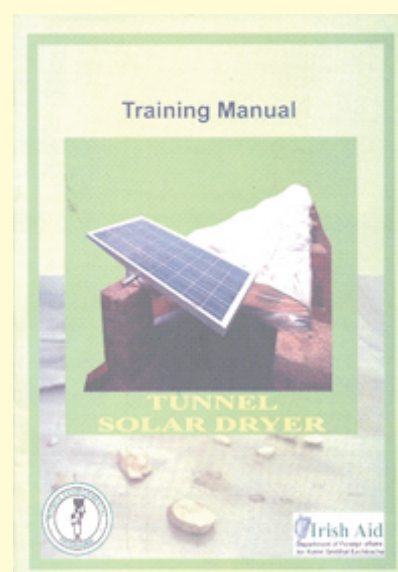
This manual is a practical and hands-on guide on planning, implementation and evaluating trainings in mediation. The training content of this manual goes beyond what is needed for mere awareness raising or knowledge transfer about conflict. Rather, this manual emphasizes basic to intermediate practical skills and tools that need to be taught in order to qualify the trained participants to resolve local conflicts as a third party. The manual is designed for anyone with interest in peace building but more especially for Community Based organizations (CBOs), stakeholders at the community levels (Women, Youths, Farmers, Pastoralists, Traditional Leaders, Religious Leaders) as well as government institutions and others who wish to run their own training workshops in mediation at a community level.



### 2. **Training Manual – Tunnel Solar Dryer**

The most commonly used method for drying of food products, fruits, vegetables, and livestock products is under the open sun. However, open sun drying is slow, has no quality control and collects contaminants like filth from birds and rodents, dust, dirt and dead insects etc.

In order to maximize its advantage and optimize the efficiency of drying using solar radiation, appropriate technology need to be applied in order to keep this technique a sustainable one. Such technology is known as solar drying and is becoming a popular option to replace mechanical thermal dryers owing to the high cost of fossil fuels, which is growing in demand but dwindling in supply. For sustainability and climate change concerns, it is important to use renewable sources of energy as much as possible. This training manual has come about as a result of the project: “Enhancing Energy Security and Rural Entrepreneurship: Capacity Building of Rural Women on Solar Dryer,” a project supported by Irish Aid. The Manual provides step-by-step guide to the usage and maintenance of the Tunnel Solar Dryer.



**Women Environmental Programme**

**Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

**PKF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**  
**ABUJA, NIGERIA**

**PKF**

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Zenith Bank, Abuja

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[Chartered Accountants]  
Abuja, Nigeria.

## DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

The Directors present to the members their report for the year ended December 31, 2013 together with the Financial Statements and report thereon.

### Principal Activities

The main activities of the Programme are to protect the Economic and Social rights of Women, Youths and Children, Conflict Management and Environmental Issues, Research and Documentation.

### Legal Form

The Programme is a non-profit making organization registered under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

	Dec. 2013 N	Dec. 2012 N
<b>Result for the Year</b>		
Excess of (Income) over Expenditure	(17,478,221)	(13,997,371)

### Fixed Assets

Information on the fixed assets owned by the Programme as at the end of this financial Period is given in note 2 to these financial statements.

### Health, Safety and Welfare of Employees

The Programme places a high premium on the health, safety and welfare of its employees in their place of work.

### Employees and Disabled Persons

No disabled persons were employed by the company during the year. However, it is the company's policy to consider disabled persons for employment bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicants concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort shall be made to ensure that their employment continues and appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should be identical with that of other employees.

### Auditors

In accordance with section 357 (2) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990, Messrs PKF Professional Services, Chartered Accountants, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. A resolution will be proposed authorizing the directors to determine their remuneration.

### By Order of the Board



**PROGRAMME SECRETARY**

**REPORT OF AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

We have audited the financial Statements of Women Environmental Programme for the year ended December 31, 2013, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

In accordance with the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990, the Programme trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility as Auditors to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial 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 statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgment made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Programme circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed 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 mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements, and assessed whether the Programme books of account had been properly kept.

In common with many businesses of similar size and organization, the association's system of control is dependent upon the close involvement of the Directors who are the shareholders. Where independent confirmation of the completeness of the accounting records was therefore not available, we have accepted assurances from the Directors that the entire Programme transactions have been reflected in the records made available for our audit.

**Opinion**

Subject to the foregoing, in our opinion, these financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Programme affairs at December 31, 2013 and of the surplus and cash flows for the year ended on that date, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.



Adaji Omede Patrick Sunday FRC/2014/ICAN/00000006846  
For: PKF Professional Services  
Chartered Accountants  
Abuja, Nigeria

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

The following are the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

**Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Taxation**

The Programme is a non-profit making organization registered under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 and as such no provision is made for taxation in the Financial Statements.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation of fixed assets is provided on straight-line basis using the following annual rates:

Motor Vehicles	25%
Electricity/Generator	25%
Computer, Office Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	15%

**Foreign Currency**

The foreign currency balances are translated using the exchange rate as at the end of the period.



## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

					Dec.31 2013	Dec.31 2012
			Notes		₹	₹
<b>Grants And Interest Received</b>			1		<b>34,119,518</b>	<b>44,275,296</b>
<b>Donations and Local contribution</b>					51,654,596	4,974,446
<b>Exchange gain</b>					<u>407,030</u>	
					<u>86,181,143</u>	<u>49,249,742</u>
<b>LESS PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>DIRECT PROJECT EXPENSES</b>					<b>96,906,741</b>	<b>55,294,575</b>
Payee					-	348,337
Rent and Rates					-	1,388,500
Workshop, Seminar and Affiliation Expenses					1,537,000	
Postages and Telecommunications					165,400	53,500
Bank Charges					507,424	331,877
Advocacy Visit					-	1,320,000
Purchase of Fixed Assets (Land & Building)					24,000,000	1,032,500
Audit Fees					365,000	195,000
Insurance					61,030	461,332
Newspapers/Periodicals					42,000	42,900
Electricity and Water					120,000	120,000
Office maintenance					350,000	165,000
Loan to individual and Co-operative Society					335,000	40,000
Computer Maintenance					11,500	112,000
Security Fees					24,000	24,000
Medical Bills					43,000	75,000
Legal Fees					-	-
Internet					254,500	810,220
Research Cost					<u>135,950</u>	<u>695,200</u>
					<u>124,858,545</u>	<u>62,509,941</u>
<b>Net Cash (Deficit)/ surplus for the year</b>					<b>(38,677,402)</b>	<b>(13,260,199)</b>

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

				Dec.'31 2013	Dec.'31 2012
			Notes	₹	₹
<b>Grants And Interest Received</b>			1	34,119,518	44,275,296
<b>Donations &amp; Local contribution</b>				51,654,596	4,974,446
<b>Exchange gain</b>				<u>407,030</u>	-
				<u>86,181,143</u>	<u>49,249,742</u>
				-	
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Direct project expenditure</b>			7	96,906,741	55,294,575
Payee				-	348,337
Rent and Rates				-	1,388,500
Workshop, Seminar and Affiliation Expenses				1,537,000	-
General maintainance				350,000	-
Website				254,500	-
Postages and Telecommunications				165,400	53,500
Bank Charges				507,424	331,877
Advocacy Visit				-	1,320,000
Audit Fees				365,000	195,000
Depreciation				3,457,769	1,769,672
Office Maintenance				-	165,000
Insurance				61,030	461,332
Newspapers/Periodicals				-	42,900
Electricity and Water				-	120,000
Loan to individual and Co-operative Society				-	40,000
Computer Maintenance				11,500	112,000
Security Fees				-	24,000
Medical Bills				43,000	75,000
Legal Fees				-	-
Internet				-	810,220
Research Cost				<u>-</u>	<u>695,200</u>
				<u>103,659,364</u>	<u>63,247,113</u>
<b>Excess income over expenditure</b>				<u>(17,478,221)</u>	<u>(13,997,371)</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2013**

			Notes	Dec.' 31 2013	Dec.' 31 2012
				₹	₹
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			2	<u>48,424,632</u>	<u>27,882,401</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Other Debtors			3	335,000	70,000
Bank Balances			4	<u>4,196,948</u>	<u>42,482,400</u>
				<u>4,531,948</u>	<u>42,552,400</u>
				-	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors and Accruals			5	<u>120,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
				<u>4,411,948</u>	<u>42,432,400</u>
				-	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
				<u>52,836,580</u>	<u>70,314,801</u>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>					
Accumulated Fund			6	<u>52,836,580</u>	<u>70,314,801</u>
			]		
			]	<b>DIRECTORS</b>	
			]		

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2013

						Dec.'31 2013	Dec.'31 2012
						₦	₦
<b>1</b>	<b>GRANTS AND INTEREST:</b>						
	Total GEF					1,963,452	2,392,008
	Total UNDP					8,962,500	21,367,540
	Total Kwararafa University					135,000	
	Total Buruku L.G					869,000	-
	Total Bengonet					200,000	-
	Total Concern Universal					3,096,328	-
	Total Donation from Individuals					51,654,596	4,974,446
	Total Exchange Gain					407,030	
	Total AWDF					2,480,040	-
	Total UNOPS/WSSCC					2,680,900	780,000
	Total YARAC					3,000,000	-
	Total European Commission					10,718,091	
	Interest					14,206	23,099
	BNRCC					-	2,404,695
	Misereor					-	15,838,550
	GGF					-	778,440
	RWANDA INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT					-	690,965
						<u>86,181,144</u>	<u>49,249,742</u>



<b>2</b>	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>Land &amp; Building</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Generator</b>	<b>Office Furn. &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Costs</b>		<b>₱</b>	<b>₱</b>	<b>₱</b>	<b>₱</b>	<b>₱</b>
	As at 01/01/2013		13,400,000	27,425,000	1,730,000	5,661,500	48,216,500
	Additions During the Year		<u>24,000,000</u>	————— -	————— -	————— -	<u>24,000,000</u>
	As at 31/12/2013		<u>37,400,000</u>	<u>27,425,000</u>	<u>1,730,000</u>	<u>5,661,500</u>	<u>72,216,500</u>
	<b>Depreciation</b>						
	As at 01/01/2013		-	15,197,798	1,103,126	4,033,175	20,334,099
	Charge for the Year		————— -	<u>3,056,801</u>	<u>156,719</u>	<u>244,249</u>	<u>3,457,769</u>
	As at 31/12/2013		————— -	<u>18,254,599</u>	<u>1,259,845</u>	<u>4,277,424</u>	<u>23,791,868</u>
	<b>Net Book Value</b>						
	As at 31:12:2013		<u>37,400,000</u>	<u>9,170,401</u>	<u>470,155</u>	<u>1,384,076</u>	<u>48,424,632</u>
	As at 31:12:2012		<u>13,400,000</u>	<u>12,227,202</u>	<u>626,874</u>	<u>1,628,325</u>	<u>27,882,401</u>

					Dec.'31 2013		Dec.'31 2012
					<del>₺</del>		<del>₺</del>
<b>3</b>	<b>OTHER DEBTORS</b>						
	Other Loans				<u>335,000</u>		<u>70,000</u>
					<u>335,000</u>		<u>70,000</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCES</b>						
	Eagle Bank				2,143		2,143
	Enterprise Bank (Garki)				8,845		8,845
	Enterprise Bank (General)				66,425		80,463
	UBA Dollar				1,789,811		1,326,204
	UBA - Current Account				350,369		5,694,102
	UBA Makurdi				141,236		47,898
	Eco Bank - irish				499,151		2,559,201
	Eco Bank Misereor				12,405		100,965
	Eco bank Co-operative				103,384		103,384
	Zenith Bank				513,937		4,829,967
	UBA Euro 2				593,538		25,688,742
	UBA Euro 1				22,379		25,110
	Enterprise Bank (BNRCC)				<u>93,325</u>		<u>2,015,375</u>
					<u>4,196,948</u>		<u>42,482,400</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
	Accrued Audit Fees				<u>120,000</u>		<u>120,000</u>
					<u>120,000</u>		<u>120,000</u>
					-		-
<b>6</b>	<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>						
	Balance Brought Forward				70,314,801		84,312,172
	Surplus for the Year				<u>(17,478,221)</u>		<u>(13,997,371)</u>
					<u>52,836,580</u>		<u>70,314,801</u>

						Dec.'31 2013	Dec.'31 2012
						\$	\$
<b>1</b>	<b>GRANTS AND INTEREST:</b>						
	Total GEF					12,651	15,333
	Total UNDP					57,748	136,971
	Total Kwararafa University					870	
	Total Buruku L.G					5,599	-
	Total Bengonet					1,289	-
	Total Concern Universal					19,951	-
	Total Donation from Individuals					332,826	31,887
	Total Exchange Gain					2,623	
	Total AWDF					15,980	-
	Total UNOPS/WSSCC					17,274	5,000
	Total YARAC					19,330	-
	Total European Commission					69,060	
	Interest					92	148
	BNRCC					-	15,415
	Misereor					-	101,529
	GGF					-	4,990
	RWANDA INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT					-	4,429
						<u>555,291</u>	<u>315,703</u>

						Dec.'31 2013	Dec.'31 2012
						€	€
<b>1</b>	<b>GRANTS AND INTEREST:</b>						
	Total GEF					9,187	11,584
	Total UNDP					41,934	103,475
	Total Kwararafa University					632	
	Total Buruku L.G					4,066	-
	Total Bengonet					936	-
	Total Concern Universal					14,487	-
	Total Donation from Individuals					241,682	24,089
	Total Exchange Gain					1,904	
	Total AWDF					11,604	-
	Total UNOPS/WSSCC					12,543	3,777
	Total YARAC					14,036	-
	Total European Commission					50,148	
	Interest					66	112
	BNRCC					-	11,645
	Misereor					-	76,700
	GGF					-	3,770
	RWANDA INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT						
						<u>-</u>	<u>3,346</u>
						<u>403,224</u>	<u>238,497</u>