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ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS



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CBO	-	Community Based Organisation
CIDA	-	Canadian International Development Agency
CSD	-	Commission on Sustainable Development
CSO	-	Civil Society Organisation
ERA	-	Environmental Rights Action
FCT	-	Federal Capital Territory
FCTA	-	Federal Capital Territory Authority
FEDUP	-	Federation of Urban Poor
GGF	-	Global Greengrants Fund
FMWASD	-	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
IAI	-	International Alliance for Inhabitants
JDPC	-	Justice, Development and Peace Commission
LGAs	-	Local Government Areas
NGO	-	Non Governmental Organisation
NGP	-	National Gender Policy
NSF	-	National Strategic Framework
UN	-	United Nations
UNDP	-	United Nations Development Programme
UNIFEM	-	United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNWOMEN)
WHD	-	World Habitat Day
EWARDS	-	Early Warning & Response Design Support
UNFPA	-	The United Nations Population Fund
ADWF	-	African Women's Development Fund



**MAP SHOWING WEP OFFICE LOCATIONS
IN NIGERIA AND WEST AFRICA**



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WEP State Locations: ☆ FCT, Benue, Taraba, Gombe



WEP Location: ☆ Ouagadougou



Women Environmental Programme (WEP), a non-governmental, non-profit, non-religious and voluntary organisation, was established in 1997 by a group of grassroots women in Nigeria. The major aim of the organisation is to address the gender injustices on issues relating to environment, economic and social rights of women, children and youths in the society. WEP's headquarters is situated in Abuja while its operational offices are in two geopolitical zones of Nigeria, namely: North Central and North East.

WEP is operating as an NGO under the Companies and Allied Matters Act by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). The organisation is administered by a Board of Directors, while the management team run the administration. The Executive Director who is part of the management team serves as the operational head. WEP has United Nations special Economic and Social Council Status (UNECOSOC status).

Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement

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

Principles and Values

- Transparency
- Popular participation
- Commitment
- Integrity

Strategic Objectives

- To reduce the impact of flooding, erosion and desertification in target communities;
- To stimulate the management of natural resources within the framework of national and international policies/convention for sustainable development in the environment;
- To address the issues of urban slums, land and housing settlement within the framework of UN Commission on Sustainable Development(UNCSD);
- To provide environmental education that creates awareness on issues of environmental pollution which affect the health of target



communities;

- To increase the percentage of women and youths in political leadership positions by 5% in Nigeria; and
- To enhance women's self-reliance through skills acquisition and micro credit financing.

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.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Ms. Anne MarieAbaagu	-	„

Advisory Board

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Festus Okoye Esq
Mrs. Veronica Garba



WEP is structured along 3 main organs, namely: the General Assembly (Board of Directors and Management). The General Assembly includes both individuals and organisational 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 taking body of the organisation and meets annually to review performance of the organisation, approve programmes and budget for the organisation.

The Management is saddled with the responsibility of day-to-day running of the Organisation 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.

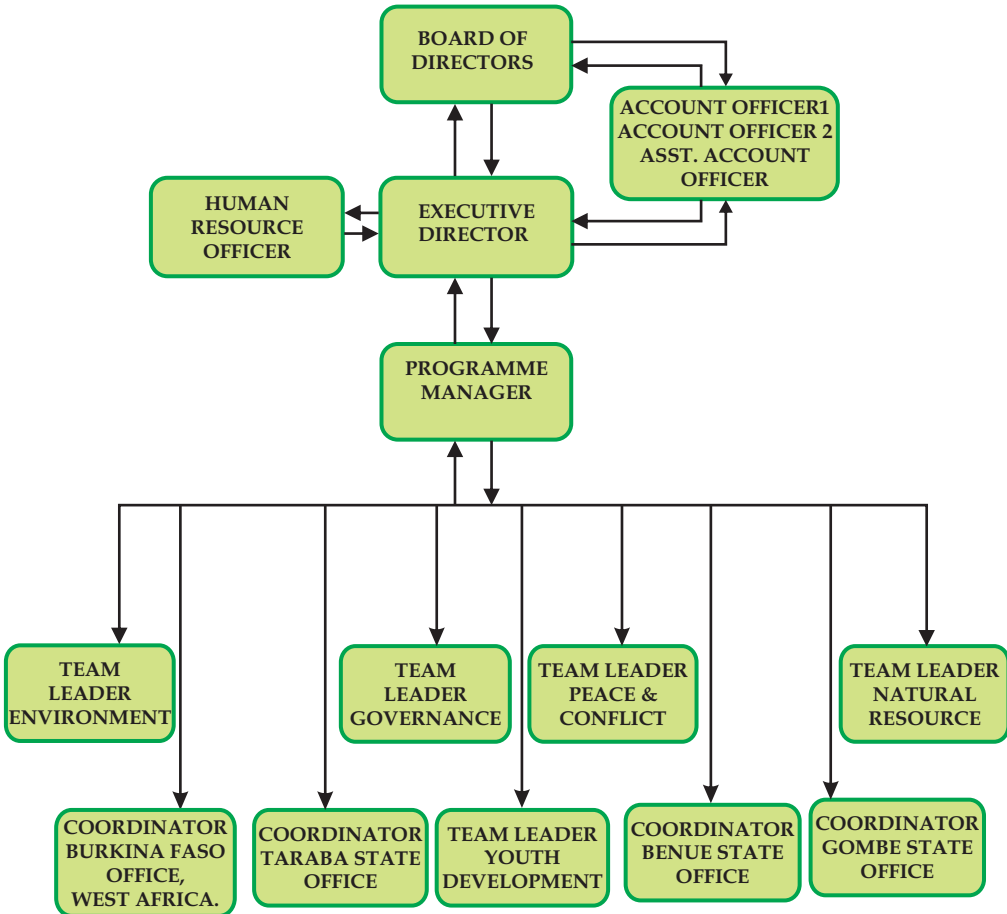
PROGRAMMES

The organisational structure has four thematic areas viz; Environment, Governance, Natural Resource Development and Peace & Conflict Resolutions .The Administrative / Finance Unit oversee these projects.



WEP ORGANOGRAM

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SECRETARIAT



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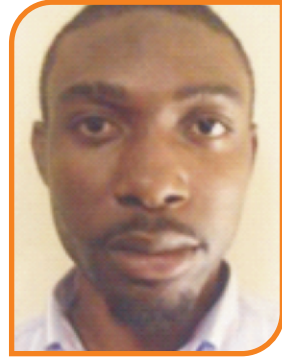
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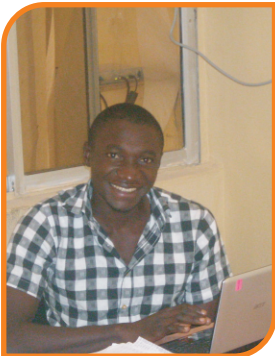
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The year 2010 was widely viewed as significant for women in Nigeria as preparation for the 2011 general elections heightened. Women Environmental Programme (WEP) continued to play her leading role for increasing participation of women in governance and inclusivity, through the provision of technical advice, capacity building, lobbying and advocating for change, community engagements on human settlement and housing, women and youth empowerment, information exchange programmes, conflict resolution and professional learning on critical and emerging themes such as building community networks/Associations, gender and climate change research, adaptation and mitigation and promoting Environmental friendly initiatives. Based on the quest for the organization to maintain standards, be consistent and also try to meet the demand of her beneficiaries, in the course of the year, she witnessed significant change of trends in the implementation of her Programmes focusing on the thematic areas of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Governance, Environment and Natural Resources Development.

The variety and depth of WEP's work undertaken during the last year confirms that WEP staff and management have invested a lot of energy and commitment not only in responding to member's needs and aspirations but also the needs of the broader communities and the society at large. The year 2010 was strategic for WEP as the organization has become more focused in its programming and project implementation.

Some of the projects implemented by WEP in the year includes: Institutionalization of Host Communities' Network in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria, Assessment of Gender Knowledge and Awareness, Vulnerability and Adaptation Strategies to Impacts of Climate Change in Northern Nigeria, Capacity Building for Women Farmers in Rural Communities of Kyado, Naka, and Yauri in Benue and Kebbi States for Knowledge Dissemination and Innovative Farming Practices, Gas Leakage Tragedy in Kaduna – Monitoring & Assessment by WEP/ CERI, Capacity Building And Institutionalization of Federation of Urban Poor (FEDUP) Abuja Nigeria, Organizing for Community Infrastructural Improvements in city slums, Abuja in Gbagarape, Gurku, Asopanda, Tudun Wada, Kabayi and Aku communities, Environmental Impact and Human Causalities in the aftermath of the lead poisoning in Anka and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas of Zamfara State, International Land System (ILS) and Geographic Information System (GIS) Training in Ghana, Capacity Building for Women Political Aspirants in the North East, north Centra and north West Geo-political zones of Nigeria,



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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Inventory on Volunteerism in Nigeria, scoping for the Establishment of Information Action Centres, Strengthening Platforms for Women Political Effectiveness and Participation in Governance through Advocacy. Strengthening Capacities of Peacebuilding Practitioners for Trauma Healing and Peacebuilding Initiative in Jos, Plateau State of Nigeria; Connecting the Disconnect for Peace Building and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Nigeria's Middle Belt Region.

In 2011, WEP is committed to ensuring that all projects and programmes are gender mainstreamed in her thematic areas of focus and on going projects such as; awareness and vulnerability of the impact of climate change in northern Nigeria, capacity building and economic enhancement of rural women on rural electrification and alternative sources of energy, organizing for Infrastructural development in communities, capacity building for networks formed by WEP, connecting the disconnect through women and youth peace building in the middlebelt region, technology transfer and information dissemination for women farmers, greening the environment, research and publications, political empowerment of women in the build up for the 2011 general elections etc.

The organization will continue to address the central issues of transparency and accountability through the publication of her audited accounts, projects report and constant evaluation of her projects.

WEP team sincerely extends her gratitude to all our members, donors and partners for the morale and financial support for our programmes. Among whom are; CORDAID, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, MISEREOR, UNDP, European Commission, Global Greengrants Fund (GGF), Global Environmental Facility (GEF small grants), UNWOMEN, UNV, African Women Development Fund (AWDF), Shacks and Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Building Nigeria's Response to Climate Change (BNRCC), USAID / EWARDS / ARD and Environmental Right Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria. We also appreciate our state partners - Benue, Adamawa and Niger.

WEP is committed to implementing projects that are issue based and driven by the people for ownership and sustainable development.

Priscilla M. Achakpa

Executive Director



1.0 ENVIRONMENT

a. GLOBAL GREENGRANTS PROJECT:

Institutionalization of Host Communities' Network in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria Following the myriads of environmental problems and challenges in Nigeria, the country has put in place mechanisms for protection, regulation and enforcement of relevant laws relating to the environment, and measures to mitigate adverse environmental impacts of activities. This is the case when one looks at the coastal regions of Nigeria through the Niger Delta, through the tropics and through the sandy plains of the northern parts of the country. In spite of such laudable efforts, there are gaps in knowledge, information, notification and consultation between such government environmental organs, the agents whose activities cause adverse effects on the environment and the people who suffer the consequences of such actions.

Being a city under construction and in various stages of development into a modern city-state, Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory has its fair share of environmental problems. These problems have been documented by the NGO Women Environmental Programme (WEP) as it relates directly with local communities within the FCT and on lives and livelihoods. Since 2008 WEP through the support of Global Greengrants Fund (GGF) has chronicled such environmental degradation activities by construction companies and individuals in the local communities of Chika, Kuje, Gwagwalada, Mpape and Karmo. Going a step further, WEP has built the capacities and empowered some of the residents of these communities to resist these activities and ensure environmental safety in their domains.

Through information sharing, awareness creation, advocacy and working through small groups of community members, residents have been able to organize themselves into cells to perform monitoring of their environment and engaging agents who cause the degradation of their environment in a positive way. Based on the need to encourage a new form of public participation in environmental monitoring through local "host community



networks” which empowers residents in collecting and deploying environmental information for the good of their collective existence in safe and healthy surroundings, WEP made another project proposal to GGF for an extension of the previous project, in the same project locations, on the Institutionalization of Host Communities' Network in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. This project aimed at institutionalizing the Host Community Network in the FCT, and in strengthening capacity with adequate skills for effective engagement in methods to mitigating environmental damage in their domains.

In the previous project, WEP facilitated an exchange programme with some of the community leaders of the project locations to the Niger Delta where they had first-hand experience and operations of the existing Host Community Network. This visit set the basis for the establishment and/or the replication of such a network in the FCT. In the present project, there was a formal inauguration of the Host Community Network in Abuja, under the guidance of the Host Community Network from the Niger Delta. Already the network has begun liaison with other bodies of the network across Nigeria in participating in training on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The network has conducted elections for its leadership.

b. BNRCC (Building Nigeria's Response to Climate Change) PROJECT: Assessment of Gender Knowledge and Awareness, Vulnerability and Adaptation Strategies to Impacts of Climate Change in Northern Nigeria.

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) was selected by NEST/BNRCC with the support of CIDA to implement a series of activities under the BNRCC research component in six communities across the Northern Region of Nigeria. The project aimed at highlighting the detailed assessment of the vulnerability and impacts of climate variability and climate change as well as the options for adapting to it. Since vulnerability to the impact of climate change varies with social and economic groups, understanding the gender dimensions to climate change vulnerability, impacts and adaptation becomes crucial.



The objectives of the study were to identify the major climate change hazards, characterize such climate hazards and analyse the processes by which they impact on human livelihoods and welfare in the study area; determine the gender differences in awareness and perception of climate variability and climate change and the impacts of associated hazards; evaluate gender differences in vulnerability to the impacts of identified hazards of climate change and variability with respect to the following indicators: – economic wellbeing, dependence on agriculture, water resources, education, health and nutrition, physical infrastructure, food security, poverty, and access to resources like firewood etc; to evaluate the measures taken by communities in adaptation to impacts of major climate change hazards and assess differences between males and females in terms of responses and adaptation needs; and finally, to determine economic, social, cultural, technological and institutional constraints to and opportunities for enhancing adaptive capacities of males and females to climate change impacts.

Given that Scientists across the globe have continue to warn that burning of fuels and land use changes such as deforestation are causing traumatic global climate changes. Most experts agree that the average global temperature could rise by 1 to 3.5 degrees Celsius over the next century. This climate change will have far reaching and unpredictable consequences, including a rise in the sea level, drought, flooding, severe storms, epidemics, food shortages, water scarcity, heat waves, drying of surface and ground water bodies, migration and conflicts, encroaching deserts, erosions, soil degradations etc. as evident in this study.

Recognising that combating the impacts of climate change as stated above demands the commitment and engagement of both state and non-state actors, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) partnered with the Nigerian Environmental Study/ Action Team (NEST) on the research component of the Building Nigeria's Response to Climate Change (BNRCC) on Assessment of Gender Knowledge and Awareness, Vulnerability and Adaptation Strategies to the Impacts of Climate Change in Northern Nigeria.



The project focused on Northern Nigeria in the states of Benue (North Central), Borno (North East) and Kebbi (North West). In each of the project states, two (2) local government areas were selected for the research. Primary and secondary data were utilized in this study as information was sourced from the states ministry of environment, the local council secretariats, the internet, available literatures in forms of books, magazines, newsletters etc. Primary data on the other hand, was obtained from the field through the administration of questionnaires, focus group discussions and in-depth interviews alongside site visitations.

c. GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITY (GEF)

PROJECT: Capacity Building for Women Farmers in Rural Communities of Kyado, Naka, and Yauri in Benue and Kebbi States for Knowledge Dissemination and Innovative Farming Practices.

As land pressure rises, more and more, marginal areas in the world are being used for agriculture. Much of this land is located in the arid or semi-arid belts where rain falls irregularly and much of the precious water is soon lost as surface runoff. During good years, agriculture in these areas produces satisfactory yields. However reduced rainfall or prolonged dry spells are leading immediately to crop failures.

The impacts of recent climatic changes such as droughts, desertification and soil degradation have highlighted the risks to human beings and livestock, which occur mainly when rains falter or fail. While irrigation may be the most obvious response to drought, it has proved costly and can only benefit a fortunate few. There is now increasing interest in a low cost alternative - generally referred to as "water harvesting".

The effects of agro chemical products to the already impoverish lands in these areas cannot be over emphasized. Little is known on compost manure making and as such over dependence and reliance on agro chemicals for crop production. Compost



manures no doubt offers beneficial soil amendments for crop growers.

It is against this background that WEP engages in this project Capacity Building for Women Farmers in Rural Communities of Kyado, Naka, and Yauri in Benue and Kebbi States for Knowledge Dissemination and Innovative Farming Practices with the overall aim of improving the food security and rural livelihoods of small scale farmers especially women in the three project communities of Kyado, Naka and Yauri in Benue and Kebbi States of Nigeria through knowledge Dissemination and Innovative Farming Practices. Specific objectives of the project include: Strengthen the capacity of farmers especially women on knowledge dissemination and innovative farming practices; Accelerate the adoption of sustainable farming practices among the female gender; Intensify the reach out campaign to farmers through farmers network and sharing of information; Training them on rain water harvesting techniques to reduce the vulnerability of farmers to the climatic changes in weather thus building their resilience to adapt and cope with changes.

Activities carried out by WEP in the project community included training on sustainable agricultural practices, practical training on water harvesting and practical trainings on compost manure.

d. MISEREOR PROJECT (currently on-going): Organizing for Community Infrastructural Improvements in city slums, Abuja in Gbagarape, Gurku, Asopanda, Tudun Wada, Kabayi and Aku communities.

As issues of urbanization continue to poise tremendous challenges to the city of Abuja and its environs, it has become imperative to state that it is the urban poor who are at the receiving end of this contemporary challenge facing the developing countries. These urban poor in their large numbers are force to reside at the peripheries of the city commuting from there to various parts of the city for their daily activities. These informal settlements in most slums lack basic social and physical infrastructures with majority of the occupants been crowded in



very little spaces. It is important to observe that with the advent of the demolitions and force evictions in the city of Abuja, a good number of people who were displaced had to seek refuge in the neighboring communities adjoining the city. This no doubt have made those communities of Gbagarape, Gurku, Asopanda, Tudun Wada, kabayi and Aku are very congested and overcrowded thereby inserting undue pressure on the barely existing poor infrastructures in these communities. Water, sanitation, health care facilities, road networks, etc are major challenges facing these communities. Also, due to mass poverty, the living conditions of low income slum settlements are deplorable and deleterious to health and wellbeing of the community residents.

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) as the implementers of the project is a non-state actor who has been at the helm of affairs in advocating for the overall human settlement with the sole objective of improving the social - economic and environmental quality of human settlements alongside the living and working environment of people, especially the urban poor. The organization has over the past years been involved in community mapping process together with the community members, advocacy and lobbying at all levels and capacity building on negotiation and advocacy skills for community members.

The project is aimed at mobilizing the slum dwellers to address critical factors for achieving infrastructural provisions through genuine community participation, local resources mobilization and skills acquisitions and to prevent further evictions and have the following objectives: Strengthen the capacity of 60 community leaders, especially women and youth on identifying and assessing technical options for the infrastructure improvements in the settlement; Coordinating the local community to defined their development priorities and mobilized own resources to implement local projects; Local government authorities and other stakeholders are sensitized and in a dialogue about co-funding of projects in the communities; Raising awareness about how to participate in the project and the importance of the residents to make affordable but significant contribution to material costs;



Establish regular consultation and dialogue between and amongst the various communities on the one hand and between the governments and other levels of leadership.

Activities carried out by WEP in the project communities include training on community mapping of infrastructures, negotiation and advocacy skills.

e. CORDAID PROJECT: Capacity Building and Institutionalization Of Federation Of Urban Poor (FEDUP) Abuja Nigeria

In the context of CORDAID thematic area of intervention on participation of slum dwellers, social housing, urban environment and youth empowerment in policy and decision making bodies, this project acts as a catalyst and enhances poor people living in slums towards positive participation in the governance process and, in particular, in their choice of projects especially at the local level. It ties in on the comprehensive human development strategy and the overall policy direction of the Federal Capital Development Authority on institutional reform and urban services improvement, promoting Local Economic Development (LED) and promoting access to and quality of urban services desirable of a capital city that would be secured, ethnically neutral, centrally accessible, comfortable and healthy, and possess adequate land natural resources to provide a promising base for urban development. The project builds on the support of the on-going policy direction of the government as stated above rather than standing alone. However, the project did focus on advocating for pro-poor and people centred and oriented policies rather than employing the FCDA approach of non-involvement of the critical stakeholders whom majority are women, elderly and the youth in the society.

The most serious problems confronting the slum dwellers include; insecure land tenure, Inadequate financial resources, lack of employment opportunities, spreading homelessness as a result of force eviction and demolition, expansion of squatter settlements, increased poverty and a widening gap between the rich and poor, growing insecurity and rising crime rates,



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inadequate and deteriorating building stock, services and infrastructure. Other problems include congestion, increasing pollution and increasing vulnerability to disaster.

With a sustained commitment of WEP in ensuring sustainable human settlement, pro-poor policies and the active involvement of communities in governance and decision making process a network of communities in FCT, Abuja Nigeria was formed in 2007 with the name Federation of Urban Poor (FEDUP) known and registered as Shack and Slum Dwellers Association of Nigeria (SDAN). The formation of this network created a space for members of the communities to interact and strategies on how best to engage government and other stakeholders on issues of community interest. Since members of this association do not have required capacity to effectively carry out their desired task WEP proposed the project title "Capacity Building and Institutionalization of Federation of Urban Poor (FEDUP) to CORDAID which was approved in October 2008 for implementation and ran through 2010.

The overall aim of the project was to build the capacity of FEDUP known registered as SDAN to participate in community governance, make inputs in policies and decisions of government as it affects them, enumeration, mapping and documenting their communities assets, population and houses, providing micro credit and saving for cooperative houses, providing micro credit and saving for cooperative houses towards the improvement of the standard of living and livelihoods.

The project entailed Advocacy visits to Executive and Legislatures (Four different visits): Hon. Minister for FCT, Federal House of Representative Committee on Housing and Habitat, Senate Committee on Housing and Urban Development; Leadership and Management Training for Leaders of FEDUP known and registered as SDAN; Training for Financial Management; Networking, Coalition Building, Advocacy, Lobbying and Negotiations; Media Campaigns; Advocacy to Federal Mortgage Bank (FCMB); Training for Gender mainstreaming; Youth mentoring and Career Development Training; Media Event; Printing of Questionnaires and Training of



Enumerators; Community Enumerations and Mapping.

f. Environmental Impact and Human Casualties in the aftermath of the lead poisoning in Anka and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas of Zamfara State.

The Women Environmental Programme (WEP) team in partnership ERA/Friends of the earth Nigeria visited three communities, Anka as well as Nassarawa and Yar Galma, both in Bukkuyum LGA of Zamfara State on June 17th and 18th, 2010 following reports of human and animal deaths that resulted from lead contamination of communal streams and the environment. Due to the research the (WEP) team where able to identify the root causes and human casualties of the disease which only affect children under the age of five years old and animals. About a number of 165 children under the age of five died as a result of the lead poisoning and as reported earlier by the Centre of Diseases Control. The environmental assessment of the situation has brought a good remedy and proper findings of the team members of WEP.

g. International Land System (ILS) and Geographic Information System (GIS) Training in Ghana.

A team of four went for training to Ghana. Training on International Land System (ILS) and Geographic Information System. Organized in Ghana, October 2nd to 11th, 2010. The aim of the training was to build the capacity of the staff towards enhancing knowledge of Geographic Information system and International Land System management in communities.



2.0 GOVERNANCE PROJECT

a). North East Women Political Empowerment Project

The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Development with the support of OSSAP/MDGs through the North East women political empowerment office organised a One - day Capacity Building Workshop for Women Political Aspirants in the zone with the theme: “Women in Democracy: An Imperative for Good Governance and National Development”. The Workshop was held in Yola, Adamawa State and had in attendance women politicians and aspirants from various political parties and representatives of the Hon. Minister of Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, representatives of the wife of the state Governor of Adamawa State, National Council of Women Societies Aisha Barkindo, Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Adamawa State and state ministries of Women Affairs in north east.



Welcome Address by the North East Zonal Coordinator on the one day capacity building workshop in Adamawa State

The capacity building workshop aimed at creating a platform for Winning Election and Negotiation Strategies, effective campaign,



Zonal Coordinator and Female Aspirants participant during registration at the one day capacity building workshop in Adamawa State.

communication and public speaking strategies for the six states aspirants and best practices to be used towards the 2011 General Elections, understanding Electoral Laws and Processes: The principles of Affirmative Action, building their capacities on advocacy and effective lobby skills to be employed.



b). Inventory on Volunteerism in Nigeria

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) conducted an Inventory on Volunteerism in Nigeria in February, 2010 with support from UNDP/UNV, Nigeria. The Inventory was carried out in 12 States of the Federation and was anchored on the objectives of UNV's programme specifications, foremost of which is supporting the inventory of volunteerism in the country and secondly to create a coordinating mechanism and linkages and communication channels that will harness the human resources that are out there especially the youth that can be targeted for national development in the attainment of the MDGs target.



Cross section of Participants at the Conference



Group photo of participants at the Conference

The report was further presented at a National Conference organised by the UNV on the Role of Volunteerism in Development.

c). Scoping for the Establishment of Information Action Centres

The UNDP contracted Women Environmental Programme (WEP) in 2010, to carry out an assessment for the establishment of Information Action Centres (IACs) in 13 States (FCT, Kaduna, Niger, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Imo, Anambra, Adamawa, Benue, Ondo, Lagos, Delta



Advocacy/Deliberations with Stakeholders in FCT on the establishment of IACs



Advocacy visit to Benue State on IACs

and Sokoto). Establishment of these centres in Nigeria is germane owing to the fact that information is the lifeblood of all political systems, and an informed citizenry is essential for the development of good governance, combating corruption and for the fight against poverty as this is important for all countries at

every stage of development. The management of public resources by the state machinery has become one huge concern for many owing to the blatant corruption that is characterised with project execution or implementation, thus the establishment of IACs will improve the ability of people to participate in their governance.

d. UNIFEM (now known as UN Women)

PROJECT: Strengthening Platforms for Women Political Effectiveness and Participation in Governance through Advocacy in Niger State

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) was selected by UNWOMEN to implement a series of activities under Women and Democracy in Nigeria Project with the goal of strengthening the capacity of government and non-governmental actors to sustainably entrench the principles and practice of gender equality and women empowerment in democratic governance in Nigeria. Given the reality of the 2011 Electoral Process this intervention was seen as apt and timely in mobilising stakeholder involvement in the drive towards increasing women participation in politics and governance. The action was hinged on the peg of marginal performance of Nigerian women in democratic governance processes and outcomes. In the wake of the National Summit on Women Participation in Politics, the action through advocacy and sensitisation helped in sustaining awareness and commitment, particularly in the target locations, on broad target on scaling up the participation of women in politics and, more particularly, in identifying women political aspirants and providing support and building their capacity to engage effectively with democratic processes.



Presentation of paper by the facilitator during the workshop in Minna

This action built on WEP's institutional capacity and pedigree since 1998 in promoting good governance, democratic monitoring and the active participation of women in the political process, targeting women at the community and grassroots levels. Through the years this has been manifested in capacity building for women politicians, particularly in the northern part of Nigeria, to promote their participation in governance in such a way that strengthens them to fit into decision making at all levels. Second and related to the first, the promotion of gender mainstreaming in governance and the creation of awareness on the political process is a declared goal of WEP and is one of the focus of the Organisation's Strategic Plan of Operations.

WEP's action was situated in Niger State. Niger State has shown appreciable progress, comparatively, in supporting women politicians since the return of democratic rule in Nigeria in 1999.



Group Photo of Participants, Facilitator and WEP Staff

Keying into the overall project goal, WEP's action on Strengthening Platforms for Women Political Effectiveness and Participation in Governance through Advocacy in Niger State had the overall objective of increasing the level of women participation in politics and democratic governance in Niger State through the instruments of



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advocacy, lobbying and public sensitisation. The action set out to strengthen platforms for gender mainstreaming and the political empowerment of women in the processes that govern their lives.

Specific activities carried out include high level advocacy to the Niger State Executive Council, the State House of Assembly, political parties in the State, traditional/ religious leaders, professional associations; the procurement of IEC materials; a sensitisation drive/ public awareness; and the compilation of a database of intending women political aspirants in the State.

3.0 PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROJECT

a). **Strengthening Capacities of Peacebuilding Practitioners for Trauma Healing Peacebuilding Initiative in Jos, Plateau State of Nigeria**

With support from USAID/EWARDS/ARD Women Environmental Programme (WEP) counselled 630 persons on trauma healing and counselling, it built a structure and a platform that connects 'women and youth' for peace building, trauma and psychological counselling which has often being neglected by most organisations and persons intervening in peace and conflict resolution programmes in Plateau State and Nigeria as a whole. WEP built the capacities of 20 counsellors in an intensive 4 days training on Counselling and Trauma Healing in Kafanchan, Kaduna State on a project Strengthening Capacities of Peacebuilding Practitioners for Trauma Healing Peacebuilding Initiative in Jos of the Plateau State of Nigeria



Cross Section of participants at the workshop on Counseling and Trauma Healing in Kafanchan, Kaduna State



Group Picture of some Project Teams/Participants at the 4 days training workshop on Counselling and Trauma Healing organised by WEP

to carry out Counselling and Trauma Healing services in Congo Russia and Bisichi communities in Plateau State, this project was initiated due to the re-occurring violence being experienced in Jos and other environs, WEP views that in breaking these cycles of violence we have to assist both perpetrators and victims to deal with the traumas of violence as sustainable peace in Jos of the Plateau State is well-nigh impossible unless the people themselves become the architects of their peace and this can only be achieved with some external and professional assistance to overcome their pain, anger, fear and desire for vengeance.



Shows a number of persons waiting to be counselled in Congo-Russia, Jos Plateau State, November 2010



Showing a victim who has been counselled and trained on Basic Trauma healing and counselling, also counselling other victims in Jos.

b. EU SUPPORTED PROJECT (currently on-going):
Connecting the Disconnect for Peace Building and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Nigeria's Middle Belt Region.

From the broader perspective of peace-building and conflict transformation initiatives by international development partners in Nigeria, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) is currently partnering with the Delegation of the European Commission to Nigeria in the overall goal to build consensus and promoting the resolution of conflicts through peaceful means in regions of Nigeria. Specifically, the action is aimed at building a structure and platform for Connecting the Disconnect for Peace Building and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Nigeria's Middle Belt Region. 'The disconnect' in this sense are women and youth - the major focus of this intervention. Experience in conflict management and peace-building initiatives have shown that this group largely remain in the background and are not involved in peace processes and negotiations. This action is thus aimed at developing and promoting lasting and sustainable peace through their engagement in peace-building in Apa and Kwande Local Government Areas in Benue State, and in Takum Local Government Area in Taraba State.

Tasks and activities are currently being implemented in the attempt to realise the action's objectives. The processes involved are towards facilitating conducive grounds for all segments of the Kwande, Apa and Takum communities and actors involved to play



prominent roles in resolving tensions and differences.

WEP carried out a mapping process in the project area which involved a critical assessment of the conflict through review of documented materials, in-depth interviews with representatives of the conflict parties through individual and focus-group discussions with community leaders, women and youth groups, government officials, civil society groups and religious groups working with the parties. This information was shared and validated upon in the context of a workshop. High level meetings (involving prominent actors and stakeholders in the conflict locations) and trainings have so far been held.



Affected houses from the crisis



*Group work during the workshop/Training:
Connecting the disconnect*



4.0 NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

a.) **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING** (sponsored independent projects by WEP): Gas Leakage Tragedy in Kaduna – Monitoring & Assessment by WEP/CERI

In June 2010, hundreds of Kaduna South residents, including pregnant women and children, were rushed to hospitals following gas leakages in the Kakuri area of the ancient city which the residents inhaled. The gory incidence occurred around 3pm when hundreds of residents fell and passed out. Eye witnesses link the cause of the incidence to a welder who cut a huge gas cylinder along DIC Road in the Kakuri area. About two hundred residents were hospitalized. Health officials said some of the victims were pregnant women. WEP and Community Emergency Response Initiative (CERI) carried out an assessment of the situation especially as it affected women and children in the area.

An official of the Red Cross in Kaduna said most of the hospitals in the area were filled with children and women who inhaled the poisonous gas. He said that the Red Cross and other relief agencies had made efforts to evacuate the cylinder which he said was still emitting smoke from the welder's shop immediately after the incidence. One of the residents said the cause was later traced to the emission from the cylinder in the welder's shop.

Those affected were rushed to the St. Gerald Catholic Hospital, Gwamna Awan Hospital, Manek hospital among other health centres



Cylinder Emitting the poisonous gas

in the area where they were treated. One of the doctors on duty at St. Gerald's said that those mostly affected by the emission were pregnant women some of whom were unconscious, adding that the poisonous gas inhaled by this category of victims could lead to stillbirths. He said the patients when brought in were gasping for breath and



were sent outside after treatment to get some fresh air.

One of the residents confirmed that the gas cylinder measuring 6feet high was brought from an unknown place to his neighbour's shop believed to be an empty scrap. He revealed that the cylinder was to be shredded into smaller metal pieces; it was in the process of shredding the cylinder that the content (Chlorine gas) leaked and saturated the environment. Physically it was observed that the emitted gas was so poisonous that a few trees around the affected area had their leaves bleached to brown and unpainted metal surfaces also bleached to brown as though rusted.

An official of the Kaduna State Environmental Protection Agency (KEPA) said he does not know where the scrap dealers got the cylinder from that it was in the process of trying to shred it into smaller metal pieces that the content of the cylinder exploded. The official also said the doctors confirmed that all affected persons suffered some respiratory problems hence were treated and discharged from the hospitals though the doctors recommended drinking of a lot of spring water and milk to all affected persons. He feared that the affected persons if not properly treated might suffer a long term lungs and respiratory system related ailment.

An environmental scientist also commented on the effect of the gas leakage on the environment he said any long term effect would have been from the residual in the atmosphere, but because it rained at night on the day of the explosion it helped in neutralizing the atmosphere thus reducing the effect on the environment. About the effect on the environment he said the chlorine gas affected trees around the area as leaves of trees turned brown and unpainted iron metals had their surfaces bleached to brown as though rusted.

The situation was brought under control when the chlorine gas was saturated with large volume of water and the cylinder was wrapped with thick polythene sheet to prevent any residual leakage and taken to designated landfill along the Kaduna – Abuja Road where it was safely disposed in a deep trench.

The visiting team found out that both the metal scrap dealer and the welder ran away and they are yet to be apprehended. When the team



visited, calm had already returned to the Kakuri area, with residents going about freely. Men of the “Operation Yaki”, the state's security outfit comprising the army and the police who were deployed to the place were withdrawn.

The WEP/ CERI team also had meetings and made inquiries at the State's Ministry of Environment and at the Kaduna State Environmental Protection Agency (KEPA). Interestingly, when the team visited the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) North West Zonal Office, a meeting of relevant government agencies, security agencies, experts and stakeholders was being held to review the incidence. The main issues of discussion included a recall of the incidence in sequence with time approximation and an evaluation of the performance of the response team during the incidence. Following this, another lively discussion ensued on preparatory deliberations on a contingency plans for chemical and other related emergencies in Kaduna State. At the end of the meeting, the NEMA team took those present on a guided tour of search and rescue equipment.

b. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING (sponsored independent projects by WEP/ ERA/Friends of the earth, Nigeria): Lead Poisoning in Zamfara State – Monitoring & Assessment by WEP/ CERI

Following reported cases of deaths of children arising from lead poisoning between March and June 2010 in some locations in Zamfara State, north-western Nigeria, WEP and ERA sent a team of officers there to do an environmental assessment of the situation. We share with you excerpts of the findings of the team



Solid mineral rocks in Dareka Community - Zamfara State

A native of Anka told the team that the mining activities started years back by some people who succeeded in engaging the villagers in this illegal



practice. The villagers started mining locally by using dried sticks to burn the rocks for easy extraction before they were introduced to the use of explosives. Initially the villagers were mining the stone and selling it unprocessed to the stakeholders who were responsible for the processing of the lead stone to extract the gold metal. Due to the small quantity of gold found in the lead stone, the buyers had to compare the poor villagers to mine, process and extract the gold metal before selling to them. It was at this point that the processing of lead stone to extract gold by the villagers came to being.

In order to satisfy their customers these villagers devised a way of mining and processing the lead stone by use of local crushing machines. With this new development the villagers had to go through the stress of mining the lead stone in Anka LGA, then packing in sacks in transporting it to Bukkuyum LGA for processing.

After the crushing exercise of the lead stone the villagers still process it further by washing off the unwanted metals in order to get gold metal. Since there was no other water to be used for the exercise the villagers engaged their rivers and streams for this exercise unknown to them that the impurities being washed off into the river were very poisonous metals such as lead and platinum. This same water bodies are still used for domestic purposes and children and adults bath in these waters. The team discovered that with the use of such water for domestic consumption the children in Yar Galma village were all infected. After a pace of three months of processing the lead stone, the children started dying. It was confirmed from the Centre for Disease Control that over 165 children died.

The team was also informed by officials of the Ministry of Women Affairs that the lead poison was caused by constant inhalation of the lead dust which contains gold metal. She said affected mostly children and pregnant women as they were more vulnerable. She said children below the age of five died and pregnant women had miscarriages.

At Bukkuyum the team met the Emir who said no company had been given license to mine in the area. He also confirmed that the villagers mine in Dareka village in Anka LGA and then transport it to Yar Galma settlement in Bukkuyum for further processing to get the gold dust. According to the emir, the dust is then packaged in 50KG bags and



kept in their houses unaware of the adverse effect of inhaling the lead which is already in the atmosphere. He also confirmed that about three months ago children under the ages of five years became sick and eventually died after vomiting and complaining of abdominal pain and pregnant women also had miscarriages.

Dr. Jenny McKenzie of the humanitarian organization Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders) spoke extensively with the WEP team about the incidence. The doctor said in processing the solid mineral persons inhale the dust in the atmosphere spread as a result of the grinding. According to her, there is also contamination of the soil by the lead dust already in the atmosphere which eventually settles on the soil. Water bodies are also contaminated during the washing of the powdered mineral to get the end product which is platinum and gold. Sacks used in packing the dust are eventually used by the villages as their sleeping mats.

The doctor confirmed that 165 children under the ages of 5 years died as a result of the lead poison as reported earlier by the Centre for Disease Control. She revealed that since the opening of the treatment camp for the affected persons, no death has been recorded. According to the doctor about 85 children are presently on admission. At the General Hospital in Bukkuyum the patients were reported as stable and responding well to treatment. Breast feeding mothers were also treated for fear of transmission to their babies. Doctor McKenzie commended Bukkuyum local government authority for their tireless and immense support through provision of basic amenities such as a standby power supply which was recently installed in the hospital in order to enhance the MSF's work.

Yar Galma Settlement in Bukkuyum a primary school teacher at Fura Girke Primary School revealed that there were deposits of lead in Yar Galma settlement which was being mined locally by the villagers, after exhausting the mineral, the villagers discovered the lead deposit at Dareka village in Anka LGA and they continued their mining activities there. He also confirmed that the death toll was as a result of the illegal mining activities by the villagers which eventually polluted the entire environment with lead. He said it was after the death of children below the ages of five in the village persisted that the grinding machines were relocated outskirts of the Yar Galma settlement.



PHOTO SPEAK



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Conflict mapping exercises during the EU Project: Connecting the Disconnect



cross section of participant in the Conflict mapping exercises during the EU Project: Connecting the Disconnect



WEP Staff with the Directors of Women Affairs in the North East Geopolitical Zone



Cross-section of participants in Niger state workshop



Programme Manger WEP addressing a cross-section of participants at the UNIFEM/WEP workshop in Minna, Niger State on increase women participation in Governance towards 2011 general elections.



WEP Programme Officers at an International Exchange visit to Ghana



Dignitaries at the one day capacity building workshop for women politicians in the North East Geopolitical zone



WEP field officers for the building Nigeria's Response to Climate Change Project (BNRCC)



A cross-section of participants in Ghana training on ILS



North East Women Political Empowerment one day Workshop in Adamawa State



Permanent Secretary FMWASD, during Women Political Empowerment one day workshop in Adamawa State



ED WEP/Zonal coordinator North East Women Political Empowerment Project during a one day workshop for women in the zone



Community Women drawing their community Resource Map



Women lead farmers from Yauri, Naka and Kyado communities of Kebbi and Benue State.



1. WOMEN GROUP CALLS FOR CONSERVATION OF PLANET- LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER, JUNE 6, 2010.

As the world celebrates the World Environmental Day 2010, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) called for a press conference urging for the conservation and diversity of life in the planet and fragile ecosystem. The Programme Manager of WEP, George Akor in his statement said “We have been inundated with reports on the state of our environment, we have witnessed varying degrees of degradation and human activities on environment thus the call for urgent attention for the conservation of our planet. In the same vein the Host Communities' network (HOCON), a network formed by WEP to ensure that internationally standards are employed by all entities operating in their communities and to make sure that standard are used where there is a shortfall in application of these standards and also appealed to the Federal Government to take action to help save the planet.

2. NIGERIA: WEP WANTS GREEN WALL SAHARA PROGRAMME: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201002180504.html>

Women Environmental Programme (WEP), on Wednesday 18th June, 2010 Google Alert – Deforestation urged the Nigerian Federal Government to speed up the implementation of the Green Wall Sahara (GWSP) Programme. The Executive Director of WEP, Priscilla M. Achakpa made the call in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja. She applauded the programme as an integrated development strategy for combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought and climate change.

3. CLIMATE CHANGE: NGO CALLS FOR SPECIAL TRUST FUND- *Daily Trust Newspaper, August 2, 2010*

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) called for the establishment of Climate Change Special Trust Fund to facilitate climate change action plans. This communiqué was issued at the end of a one day workshop on “Gender and Climate Change, Post Copenhagen strategy” which stated that the trust fund would boost



adaptation and mitigation strategy aimed at reducing the impact of climate change in Nigeria. This workshop was organised by the Federal Ministry of Environment in collaboration with WEP.

4. GROUP WANTS ABUJA MASTER PLAN MADE PUBLIC-
Next Newspaper, April 8, 2010

The Executive Director WEP, stated that the Federal Capital Territory Authority (FCDA) should provide information to residents to enable them make informed decisions on where to build their homes to avoid falling foul to federal government planning laws and in order to promote sustainable development there is need for citizens to participate in the economy, politics and social development of their society. This statement was made in a joined meeting with the FCDA on the Abuja Master plan.

5. WEP MOBILISES FCT COMMUNITIES AGAINST LAND DEGRADATION-
Daily Trust, February 25, 2010

In a seminar in Abuja by WEP in conjunction with Host Community Network (HOCON), addressing the gender injustices relating to environment, economic and social rights of women, children and youths in the society to mobilise and sensitise FCT resident on environmental degradation especially those carried out by construction companies which leave behind negative impacts affecting the communities such as Mpape, Kuje, Gwagwalada, Chika and Karimo. The President, Friends of the Earth International and Executive Director, Environmental Rights Action (ERA) formally inaugurated the Abuja chapter of the Host Communities Network (HOCON), a network that is meant to train, mobilise and unite host communities to speak with one voice against any form of land degradation caused by construction companies in their communities.

6. MORE ELECTIVE POST FOR WOMEN IN NIGER STATE-
The Nation Newspaper, August 18, 2010.

A one day Sensitisation Workshop on Promoting Increase in Women Participation in Democracy and Governance organised by United Nations Development for Women (UNIFEM) and Women



Environmental Programme (WEP) in Minna, Niger State. The Commissioner of Gender Affairs and Social Development, Mrs. Lami Elizabeth Makama disclosed that the state government has assured women in the state of more than 35% elective and appointive positions in 2011, though she lamented the poor representation of women in political parties adding that just one woman in a position in political parties cannot do much. The Executive Director WEP, Priscilla Achakpa further said that an enabling environment should be created to ensure that women are able to participate in the 2011 general elections. She however stated that most traditional leaders in the country have pledged their support for women candidates.

7. WEP WANTS ABUJA ABATTOIRS MONITORED- *Daily Trust, June 9, 2010.*

A call was made in Abuja by the Executive Director, Priscilla Achakpa of Women Environmental Programme (WEP) at a press briefing on Environmental Monitoring activities in FCT. She however stated that the municipal authorities should be more proactive in dealing with the activities of illegal sand and gravel excavators within the city and that all regulations concerning drilling, excavations and mining should be strictly adhered to by companies carrying out such activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner especially if their residents within the vicinity of the site.

In the celebration of World Environment Day (WED) 2010, theme: "Many Species, One Planet, One Future" echoes the urgency in to conserve the diversity of life on our planet and fragile ecosystem and for all individuals to take positive actions to preserve life on earth.



RECOGNITION OF AWARDS



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In the year 2010, WEP was presented with two awards of recognition for her selfless contributions and meritorious support to environmental causes in Nigeria.

The first Award was presented to WEP by The Environment Outreach, an Award for Environmental Awareness Creation for her meritorious support to Environmental cases in Nigeria on 28th June, 2010 in Port Harcourt, River State were several other dignitaries across the country participated.





RECOGNITION OF AWARDS



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WEP received a second award in 2010 presented by NGO Network for Reward, Recognition & Award Scheme non-state Actors selfless Award given under the seal of the Governing Council : In recognition of selfless & Laudable Role to the Non-Pro fit Sector in Nigeria.





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

Development Partners

- Misereor
- CordAid
- European Commission
- Global Greengrants Fund (GGF)
- IrishAid
- UNDP
- UNIFEM (UN-WOMEN)
- UNFPA
- UNV
- USAID/EWARDS/ARD
- AWDF

Federal Government of Nigeria

- Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
- Federal Ministry of Environment

State Government

- Benue State Government
- Niger State Government
- Adamawa State Government

International NGOs

- Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD)

Networks and Coalitions

- Benue NGOs Network (BENGONET)



COLLABORATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES



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- Federation of Urban Poor (FEDUP) FCT
- Gender and Climate Change Network
- Gender and Disaster Network (GDNL)
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)
- Green Alliance, Nigeria
- Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)
- International Alliance for Inhabitants (IAI)
- Network for African Peace Builders (NAPS)
- Shacks/Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
- Network of Civil Society on Water and Sanitation in Nigeria (NEWSAN)
- Transition Monitoring Group of Nigeria (TMG)
- West African Network for Peace building –Nigeria (WANEP)
- World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS)



2010 was a huge year for human resource development in WEP. This is in line with the organisation's commitment to being a learning place in which all staff are continuously given opportunities to learn, sustain and improve organizational and individual outputs. Members of staff attended several meetings, workshops and training programmes nationally and internationally. Some of these are:

- One Day Capacity Building Workshop for women Political Aspirants in the North-East Zone, Theme: "Women in Democracy: An Imperative for Good Governance and National Development" by Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. December 17th 2010.
- Paper presentation on Good Practices Sharing Towards Sustained increase in Women's Participation in Democratic Governance by UNIFEM, 22nd November 2010.
- Training on Data Quality in Monitoring and Evaluation by TETRA TECH ARD/USAID. November 24th, 2010.
- Participant 4th National Stakeholders Forum on the New Institutional Mechanism for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development in Nigeria & Formal Launch of NESREA Green Corps Initiative. Theme: "Going green for environmental protection and Sustainable development" 1st -3rd November, 2010.
- WEP was part of the Inauguration of the Ministerial Gender Mainstreaming Board and One Day workshop for management of the Federal Ministry of Environment. 17th September 2010.
- One Day Stakeholders De-Briefing meeting on the outcome of the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on the status of women (BEIJING +15 women conference) and Public Presentation of Report on: Adopting Women's Human Rights Legislation in Nigeria by Federal Ministry of Women affairs and Social Development. June 2nd 2010.
- National Summit on Women Participation in Politics: Women in Democracy, An imperative for Good Governance and National Development by Federal Ministry of Women



- Affairs and Social Development. 20th -22nd June,2010.
- Participant Project launch on Engaging Emerging Trends in Nigeria's Development Policy Architecture: A Rights-Base Approach by Centre for Democracy & Development. 24th August 2010.
 - Participant Public Opinion Survey on Electoral Reforms in Nigeria by Alliance for Credible Elections 24th February 2010.
 - WEP Participated at the 2010 International Women's Day Celebration: " Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities, progress for All" by Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. 16th March, 2010.
 - A Paper presentation on World Habitat Day 2010: Better City, Better Life by Federation of Urban Poor (FEDUP) 4th October,2010.
 - Participated in a 2 Day Sensitization Workshop on Maternal Mortality Reduction for the Political Party Women Leaders and Aspirants by Advocacy Nigeria in collaboration with OSSAP/MDGs, WRAPA and NURHI 17th -18th August, 2010.
 - George Akor, Programme Manager, participated in the three - month short course at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) at Rotterdam, the Netherlands, with the support of IHS and CordAid. He specialised in Housing Development Strategies.
 - Two programme staff (George Akor and Frank Yawon) attended IHS/ CordAid Training: Workshop on Introduction to Project Proposal, Result-Based Management and Multi-Stakeholders Approach (CORDAID new style) Abuja, 8 – 10 November 2010.
 - Mr Frank Yawon, Senior Programme Officer participated in one week training on Land Management Systems with the support of Shacks and Slum Dwellers International at Erata Hotel, Accra, Ghana.
 - BNRCC Training on climate change research symposium and gender toolkit organized by Building Nigeria's Response to Climate Change (BNRCC) at Mirage Hotel Calabar. April 26 – 29 2010.
 - Two programme staff and two interns (Frank Yawon, Jemimah



Samba, Esther Omata and James Anu) Meeting of the East and West African Hub of the Shacks and Slum dwellers Associations in Accra Ghana.

- Two day technical meeting on livelihood issues and legislative reform of environmental laws organized by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of Lagos Campus, Akoka, Lagos, 14th – 15th December 2010.
- Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming for NASPA, MSF and MSWG organized by federal ministry of environment special climate change unit ,NASPA, WEP, ICEED, NIGERIA CAN, C4C, NEST/BNRCC, HBF with support from the DFID on the 31st august,2010 at vines hotel, Durumi, Abuja.
- Training Workshop on Mainstreaming Gender concerns into Energy Policies organized by Friends of the Environment at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja 26th – 29th July, 2010.
- Less Burnt For A Clean Earth: Minimization Of UPOPs Emission From Open Burning Sources In Nigeria by UNDP-GEF on the 16th February, 2019 at the UN Conference Hall, UN- House, Abuja, Nigeria.
- Stakeholders De-briefing Meeting on the Outcome of the 54th Session of United Nations Commission on the Status of Women(Beijing+15 Women Conference) and Public Presentation of Report on: Adopting Women's Human Rights Legislation in Nigeria on 2nd June 2010 at the National Centre for Women Development, Abuja.
- Workshop on Jos Conflict Assessment conducted by WANEP at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution with support by USAID/EWARDS on the 13th July 2010.
- National Conference on the Role of Volunteerism in Development: organized by UNDP-UNV on the 18 - 19th August, 2010 at the UN Conference Hall, UN-House, Abuja, Nigeria.
- Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming for National Adaptation Strategy and Plan of Action (NASPA) organized by WEP with support from DFID on the 31t August, 2010 at Vines Hotel, Durumi, Abuja.

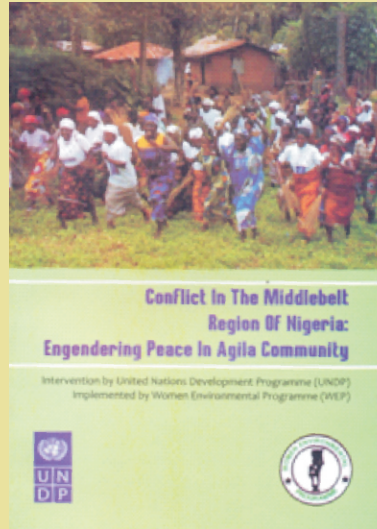


- Member Country Task Team on the implementation of the Libreville Declaration on Health and Environment in Africa on behalf of Women Environmental Programme (WEP) for the Nigeria Situation Analysis and Needs Assessment: organized by WHO/UNEP in Abuja.
- 4 Days Training on Trauma Healing and Counseling: Peace Building Initiative in Jos, Plateau State for WEP with support from USAID/EWARDS/ARD in Nigeria.
- Monitoring & Evaluation Training on Projects organized by USAID/EWRADS/ARD in Abuja, Nigeria 2010.
- Conference on the role of Volunteerism in Development organised by UNDP-UNV on the 18th - 19th August, 2010



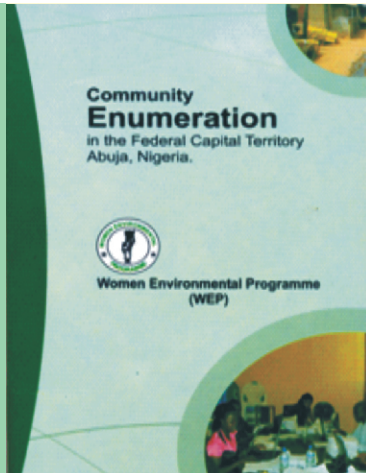
Conflict in the Middlebelt Region of Nigeria: Engendering Peace in Agila Community

The Engendering Peace in Agila Community Project was borne out of the intervention of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented by Women Environmental Programme (WEP). The rationale for the Strengthening of Community Based Early Warning and Conflict Monitoring Mechanism in the Central States intervention in Agila community was based on the fact that conflict in whatever dimension impacts negatively on socio-economic and political stability thereby aggravating poverty and hampering national development. This publication highlights the successes of the intervention and the need to involve women and youths in the process of peace-building.



Community Enumeration in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Nigeria

The rapid and massive migration and urbanisation in Nigeria's federal capital has brought with it an adverse effect on the city development, high cost of living, alongside the reality of forced eviction and demolitions. The development of this book was as a result of the sampled community enumeration carried out by WEP in six communities of the FCT with support of MISEREOR.



Participatory community enumerations is about involving and engaging poor urban communities in the participatory planning or upgrading process or initiative.

Environmental Impact Newsletter

The edition of 2010 focused on the inauguration of the Host Community Network (HoCoN) Abuja Chapter as well as their activities and articulation of concerns and worries on the state of the environment around the FCT. Published for the GGF supported project, the newsletter also highlights other environmental concerns across Nigeria and the world especially the Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico which became a topical environmental watch during the year under review.





APPOINTMENTS

- Ms. Queensley O. Ajuyakpe - Human Resource Officer
- Ms. Theresa A. Igbinoghene - Programme Officer.
- Ms. Esther Agbarakwe - Programme Officer
- Mr. Peter Udeh - Driver II
- Mr. Moses Benjamin - Office Assistant
- Mr. Sadiq Abu Wealth - Account Officer II
- Mr. Peter Friday - Office Assistant
- Ms. Jemimah K. Samba - Programme Officer

COMPLETION OF INTERNSHIP

- Ms. Linda Emenike
- Ms. Esther A. Omata
- Mr. James Anum

STUDY LEAVE

- Mr. Desmond Chieshe, Senior Programme Office, has proceeded for further graduate studies at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies in the Netherlands.

RESIGNATIONS

- Ms. Esther Abgarakwe - Programme Officer resigned her appointment for greener pastures
- Mr. Tersugh Gabriel Degarr, Office Assistant resigned to further his education at Benue State University, Benue State, Nigeria.
- Mr. Rapheal Ikaayabo resigned his appointment as WEP Benue State Coordinator for greener pastures

TERMINATIONS

- Mr. Moses Benjamin – Office Assistant.
- Mr. Peter Udeh - Driver II
- Mr. Benjamin Babayaro - Driver I

OBITUARY

- We regret to announce the death of our Taraba State coordinator Mr. Ahmed Kosson after a brief illness. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in perfect peace. Amen.



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Board of Directors

Priscilla M. Achakpa
Dr. Kabiru Isyaku, Mni
Charles Abaagu
Mr. Yakubu Aliyu
Prof. David I. Ker
Anna Maria Abaagu

Executive Director
Director
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Advisory Board

Mrs. Sarah Jibril
Festus Okoye
Mrs. Veronica Garba

Registered Office

Block E Flat 2, Anambra Court
Gaduwa Housing Estate
Apo After Legislature Quarters
P. O. Box 10176, Garki, Abuja
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Bankers

Eagle Bank, Abuja
Spring Bank, Abuja
United Bank for Africa Plc, Abuja
Oceanic Bank, Abuja
Zenith Bank, Abuja

Auditors

PKF Professional Services
[Chartered Accountants]
Abuja, Nigeria.



DIRECTORS REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

The Directors present to the members their report for the year ended December 31, 2010 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.

Result for the Year

Net Surplus for the year

	Dec. 2010 N	Dec. 2009 N
	<u>28,432,161</u>	<u>10,042,520</u>

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.



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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

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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, 2010 set out on pages 5 to 12, 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 all the 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, 2010 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.

Chartered Accountants

Abuja, Nigeria

Date:-----
8th June, 2011



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Notes	Dec.31 2010 N	Dec.31 2009 N
Grants	1	83,470,281	41,195,408
Interest, Donations and Local contribution		<u>4,135,670</u>	<u>1,289,085</u>
		<u>87,497,951</u>	<u>42,484,493</u>
LESS PAYMENTS			
DIRECT PROJECT EXPENSES		47,846,686	30,221,196
Payee		320,417	102,075
Rent and Rates		2,200,000	723,500
Workshop, Seminar and Affiliation Expenses		419,000	-
Postages and Telecommunications		587,485	175,629
Bank Charges		230,942	270,725
Repairs and Maintenance		-	723,965
Purchase of Fixed Assets (Motor Vehicle & Gen Set)		7,801,000	-
Audit Fees		170,000	120,000
Office Maintenance		-	751,645
Vehicle Expenses		-	1,098,925
Newspapers/Periodicals		352,515	24,600
Electricity and Water		106,450	626,000
Loan to individual and Co-operative Society		-	460,600
Computer Maintenance		67,000	748,368
Security Fees		24,000	20,000
Legal Fees		35,000	-
Internet		1,680,560	531,520
Research Cost		-	-
		<u>61,841,055</u>	<u>36,598,748</u>
Net Cast surplus for the year		<u>25,656,896</u>	<u>5,885,745</u>



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

		Dec.'30 2010 N	Dec.'30 2009 N
Grants and Interest Received	Notes 1	83,362,281	41,195,000
Interest, Donations & Local Contribution		<u>4,135,670</u>	<u>1,289,493</u>
		87,497,951	42,484,493
LESS EXPENDITURE			
DIRECT PROJECT EXPENDITURE		47,846,686	24,302,766
Payee		320,417	102,075
Rent and Rates		2,200,000	723,500
Postages and Telecommunications		587,485	175,629
Bank Charges		230,942	270,725
Repairs and Maintenance		-	723,965
Audit Fees		170,000	120,000
Depreciation		5,832,250	2,973,000
Vehicle Expenses		-	1,098,925
Electricity and Water		106,450	626,000
Computer Maintenance		67,000	748,368
Newspapers and Periodicals		-	24,600
Internet		1,680,560	531,520
Security Fees		24,000	20,000
		<u>59,065,790</u>	<u>32,441,973</u>
Excess of Income Over Expenditure		<u>28,432,161</u>	<u>10,042,520</u>





BALANCE SHEET



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AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Notes	Dec.'31 2010 N	Dec.'31 2009 N
Fixed Assets	2	<u>23,237,765</u>	<u>21,269,015</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Other Debtors	3	7,489,133	6,268,820
Bank Balances	4	52,417,492	27,124,394
		<u>59,906,625</u>	<u>33,393,214</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals	5	170,000	120,000
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>56,736,625</u>	<u>33,273,214</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>82,974,390</u>	<u>54,542,229</u>
FINANCED BY:			
Accumulated Fund	6	<u>82,974,390</u>	<u>54,542,229</u>

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DIRECTORS

The Statement of Accounting Policies on page 5 and Notes on page 9-12 form part of these Financial Statements.



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AS AT DECEMBER 31 2010

	Dec. '30 2010 N	Dec. '30 2009 N
1 GRANTS AND INTEREST:		
BNRCC	1,531,530	2,835,909
Irish Aid	-	4,050,000
Misereor	16,544,500	12,771,500
Global Greegrants Fund	1,498,500	789,820
AWDF	770,350	-
USAID/EWARDS/ARD	1,812,622	-
European Commission (EC)	10,588,326	2,040,318
Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Abuja	4,345,000	1,000,000
Shack Dwellers Int.	-	1,064,840
Local Contribution	4,135,670	1,153,352
Interest	-	135,733
YARAC Jos	-	1,234,916
CORDAID	18,270,000	8,523,100
UNIFEM	1,500,000	1,550,000
GEF	3,896,726	800,937
ERA	100,000	-
UNDP	22,504,727	4,534,068
	<u>87,497,951</u>	<u>42,484,493</u>



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AS AT DECEMBER 31 2010

2	FIXED ASSETS	Land & Building	Motor Vehicles	Generator	Computers office Furn. & Equipment	TOTAL
	Costs		N	N	N	N
	As at 01/01/2010	13,400,000	10,974,000	530,000	4,024,000	28,928,000
	Additions during the year	-	6,601,000	1,200,000	-	7,801,000
	Disposal during the year	-	-	-	-	-
	As at 31/12/2009	<u>13,400,000</u>	<u>17,575,000</u>	<u>1,730,000</u>	<u>4,024,000</u>	<u>36,729,000</u>
	Depreciation					
	As at 01/01/2010	-	4,605,470	427,490	2,626,025	7,658,985
	Charge for the year	-	4,393,750	432,500	1,006,000	5,832,250
	Disposal during the year	-	-	-	-	-
	As at 31/12/2010	-	<u>8,999,220</u>	<u>859,990</u>	<u>3,632,025</u>	<u>13,491,235</u>
	Net Book Value					
	As at 31:12:2010	<u>13,400,000</u>	<u>8,575,780</u>	<u>870,010</u>	<u>391,975</u>	<u>23,237,765</u>
	As at 31:12:2009	<u>13,400,000</u>	<u>6,368,530</u>	<u>102,510</u>	<u>1,397,975</u>	<u>21,269,015</u>



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AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Dec.'31 2010 N	Dec.'31 2009 N
OTHER DEBTORS		
Loan to Co-operatative Societies	4,379,133	2,828,220
Other Loans	110,000	110,000
Women back to Farm	2,500,000	2,500,000
Custard Making	500,000	500,000
	<u>7,489,133</u>	<u>5,938,220</u>
CASH AND BANK BALANCES		
Eagle Bank	2,143	2,143
Spring Bank I - Garki	2,082,165	2,723,026
Spring Bank II - Wuse II	3,581,290	2,026,401
UBA Domiciliary Dollar	4,235,285	2,510,380
UBA - Current Account	4,045,798	226,459
Oceanic Bank - 039	4,856	126,696
Oceanic Bank - 040	460,624	4,415,210
Oceanic Bank - 821	151,761	196,353
Zenith Bank	21,794,169	11,620,263
UBA Euro	9,648,663	47,838
UBA Euro	6,401,081	3,023,068
Spring Bank (BNRCC)	9,658	206,555
Petty Cash	-	-
	<u>52,417,492</u>	<u>27,124,392</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Audit Fees	170,000	120,000
	<u>170,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Balance Brought Forward	54,542,229	44,499,709
Surplus for the Year	28,432,161	10,042,520
	<u>82,974,390</u>	<u>54,542,229</u>

