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## Third Quarter **NEWSLETTER** 2023

**ENVIRONMENT   WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT   PEACE AND SECURITY   GENDER   GOVERNANCE**

Angel Support Foundation (ASF) is a non-governmental organization with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC), and an observer status with United Nations Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC). ASF is a non-religious, non-partisan and non-racial organization that derives its existence from the need to create a society and people with a purposeful driven attitude towards environmental sustenance, with particular focus on women, Children and the youth, creating an adequately sensitized and mobilized populace to embrace positive environmental and hygienic behaviors that would ultimately support livelihood. The organization also derives the essence of her existence from the burning need for gender equality in communities and the need for peaceful co-existence among inhabitants. This, the organization does by initiating self-reliant projects and advocacies aimed at creating awareness on vital environmental activities, promoting gender equality, while building peaceful co-existence among inhabitants and communities.

Established in 2012, Angel Support Foundation was registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in 2013 with registration Number; CAC/IT/65283.

### **The Rationale for this Quarterly News Letter**

The purpose of this quarterly Newsletter is to give stakeholders, CSOs, Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), NGOs, donor organizations and the media an insight into what we stand for and why we do what we do. This Newsletter carries information on activities implemented and results achieved from April-September 2023 events.

### **Welcome Statement**

The third quarter presents to us yet another opportunity to impact lives and create opportunities especially for those who face several challenges in our society. We are delighted to have you with us on this journey to share our thoughts, contribute to our plans and support in different ways the work we do. It is our wish that we keep you more informed about all the activities implemented by Angel Support Foundation. We hope this helps you know more about our organization and create opportunities for useful communications, collaborations and partnership for stakeholders and the world at large. We are also delighted that you are part of this initiative, please give us feedback and let us know how we can improve the document in subsequent editions. We wish you a splendid time as you go through this publication.

### **Our Vision**

A sustainably developed, gender inclusive, peaceful, just and environmentally conscious society

### **Our Mission**

To promote and ensure the rights of women, children and youth to social, political and Economic Development



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## CLIMATE CHANGE REGIONAL WORKSHOP



Angel Support Foundation on the 24th - 27th April, 2023 represented by the Executive Director Ugbaa Sewuese Kuma participated in a regional workshop held in Lome, Togo on climate change negotiations for African women organized by Women Environmental Programme in collaboration with African Working Group on Gender and Climate Change with technical support from Alinea International Econoler, WsP funded by Canada Climate Actions.

The training was to build the capacities of young African Women and equip them with adequate knowledge of climate change processes and negotiation skills.

## THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN PEACE AND SECURITY.



Angel Support Foundation in partnership with Building Blocks for Peace Foundation organised a workshop that was held with peace actors of the state on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at BENCEDI Hall, in Makurdi, Benue State. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security, Roadmaps on how to create awareness and Domestication of the NAP YPS in Benue State.

Miss Eseimokumo Albert from Building blocks for peace foundation presented her research which was focused more on youths, stakeholders and security. She enlightened participants on the role the youth and women play in governance;

## SOLUTION TO PLASTIC POLLUTION





A green craft contest in commemoration of the World Environment Day 2023 was organized by Angel Support Foundation in partnership with Environment and Climate Change Amelioration Initiative (ECCAI) and Initiative for Socioeconomic and Ecological Advancement (ISEA) at Unique Secondary School Makurdi on the 5th June, 2023. 'Solutions to Plastic Pollution' was the theme for this year's World Environment Day.

The aim of the contest was to see how plastics could be recycled so as to end indiscriminate dumping of plastics in the environment. Five (5) secondary schools were in attendance and came up with brilliant innovative crafts with plastics and were awarded.

### EXCELLENCE LEADERSHIP AWARD



Angel Support Foundation received an excellence leadership award from the Legislative Writers Forum National Assembly Abuja, Nigeria on Friday 23rd June, 2023.

The award was in recognition of all the work/accomplishment of the foundation since inception, this award was received by the head of programmes Emmanuella Ikomon on behalf of the Executive Director.

The Organizing Secretary of the Legislative Writers Forum, Mr Abraham Ogwaje expressed satisfaction with the coordination and uniformity of programs executed by the organisation. Mr Abraham Ogwaje further pointed out that the foundation has touched and impacted lives since inception creating a favourable environmental society where women, children and youths are tutored towards a clear cut livelihood.

### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION AND INNOVATION SUMMIT (NAMIS'23)



The first National Agriculture Mechanization and Innovation Summit (NAMIS'23) held in Makurdi, Benue state on 6th July, 2023 presented by the Coalition Network of Stakeholders in Agricultural Mechanization (CONESAM) in collaboration with the Benue State Government. Angel Support Foundation was represented by Emmanuella Ikomon, the head of programmes and Michelle Tsavnannde, the Project Manager.

The Summit created an avenue for stakeholders in the agricultural business sector, NGO's and other sections who discussed extensively the market access and standards along with technological innovations which aids agriculture.



## PLASTIC WASTE CONTROL REGULATION



The National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) Benue state field office organised a stakeholders review meeting held on the 27th July, 2023 at the Benue state field office.

The meeting was aimed at reviewing the 'Draft National Environmental (Plastic Waste Control) Regulations as well as getting inputs from stakeholders in the environment sector.

## LAGOS CLIMATE RESILIENCE SALON; MAIDEN NIGERIAN EDITION



Emmanuella Ikomon, the Head of programmes Angel Support Foundation represented the Executive Director at the Maiden Nigerian Salon held on the 26th July, 2023 at the 21st Century Technologies Lagos State. The aim of the salon was to discuss climate change issues, climate technology and possible solutions to critical and potential climate problems. Delegates from other women- led organisations, climate - tech entrepreneurs, government officials and private sectors were in attendance.

The Deputy Director of the Federal Ministry of Environment Omotunde Adeola emphasized that 'if we don't take responsibility as individuals, we will not see the change we desire' and also the need to bridge the awareness gap, she also made assurances that the government will do more in ensuring the sustainability of the environment.

## INTRA-STATE DIALOGUE FORUM ON PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY NETWORK (POCN)



An Intra-state dialogue forum on protecting our community network (POCN) was organized by NEEM Foundation and took place at Trust Resort conference hall on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The forum was aimed at creating an avenue for community members and stakeholders to share firsthand the positive impact of the project



with regards to the dialogue component and the methodology of the project. Stakeholders also further discussed peculiar challenges that have prevented some peaceful outcomes on the project, proffered workable solutions and identified vital opportunities to explore for better collaborations so as to create a synergy with key actors in the state for a more efficient programme. All of the above were geared at ensuring sustainability even beyond the project's life span.

### 'GREEN SKILLS FOR YOUTH' BREAKFAST DIALOGUE

Angel Support Foundation represented by the Head of Programmes Emmanuella Ikomon, spoke about the role green skills play in preparing young people for the challenges and opportunities posed by climate change at the International Youth Day 2023 Breakfast Dialogue organised by DevTrain CEDI in partnership with Aidwell, LobiTracka and Good Planet International.

Emmanuella stated that the importance of youth should not be underestimated and only in youths can one find the unleashed power of passion and potential that could ignite the future.



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Angel Support Foundation participated in a two (2) day training organised by Elim Christain Vocational Training Centre, Benue State which was held on the 23rd and 24th August, 2023.

The training was aimed at reviewing and domesticating the National Climate Change Policy (NCCP), collating information on effects of climate change within the state and efforts made towards mitigation and adaptation.

### CLIMATE ADAPTATION FOR CLIMATE ADOPTION STRATEGIES, INITIATIVES AND PRACTICES

The Centre for Climate Change and Development, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike (CCCD – AE-FUNAI), Ebonyi and the **Africa Policy Research Institute (APRI)**, Germany, with the support and collaboration of the Department of Climate Change (DCC), Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria organised a zoom workshop on **Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in Nigeria: Strategies, Initiatives, and Practices**.

This meeting convened to present the key findings of the research on Climate Change Adaptation Policies, Strategies and Local Actions in Nigeria, West Africa. It highlights Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) strategies, practices and lessons that can inform and guide the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and climate actions at the local and national levels. The 70-page report titled **Unlocking Adaptation Potential: Insights Into Nigeria's Climate Change Policies, Initiatives and Local Actions** was made available to participants via [READ MORE](#)

## CHILD RIGHTS AWARENESS



Angel Support Foundation took part in a sensitization rally organised by Ohenyata Care Givers (OCAG) in collaboration with 4 other CSO's in Nasarawa, Kogi, Plateau and Kwara State.

The aim of the rally was to create awareness about child rights which is a vital step towards creating a society that values and protects the rights of every child.

Collectively, it is our responsibility to advocate for children's well-being and create an environment where they can thrive, free from any form of exploitation or discrimination.

## WORLD CLEANUP DAY



World Cleanup day celebrated on the 16th September every year provides a unique opportunity for citizens across the globe to unite and make a tangible impact on the environment by actively participating in community cleanups, spreading awareness and advocating for sustainable waste practices. ASF in partnership with DevTrain CEDI and other CSO's together commemorated the world cleanup day 2023 by cleaning the railway dumpsite and sensitizing the community members. The Nigerian Red Cross Society were also present and participated in the activity. We can only create a cleaner a planet for the generations to come if we collectively work together.

# Giving Hope



## STRENGTHENING WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT II (SWAMSEP II).

**A**ngel Support Foundation (ASF) with funding from ACT Foundation commenced the implementation of the project 'Strengthening Waste Management Systems for Sustainable Environment Project II (SWAMSEP II)' in May 2023 and will round up in April 2024. SWAMSEP II is a 12 months project aimed at building up waste management systems to ensure that responsible waste disposal practices are imbibed in communities and schools. SWAMSEP II through high-level advocacy in addition to the advocacies in phase one will visit critical Government offices within the state who will be instrumental to the allocation of a dumpsite and strengthen the waste management architecture of the state, review existing policies to enforce payment of levies by polluters for re-engagement of private waste managers; a composite of which will ensure effective waste management, raise awareness to foster proper waste management practices in communities.

The project will also monitor the Environment, Health and Hygiene clubs which were established in phase I of the project in schools to ensure there is a constant transfer of knowledge on best waste management practices and re-use of plastic as exhibited in the beat plastic challenge with students.

To portray a practical example of the re-use of plastic, the project will construct an Eco-brick toilet in a community to be replicated by other community members. Massive awareness on proper waste management practices, legal frameworks and other hygienic practices will be created through Rally, Radio Talk show, Jingles to the general public.

The project has an overarching goal to reach out and strengthen solid waste management systems and improve environmental sanitation for 10,000 beneficiaries (women girls, men, boys) in 6 council wards in Makurdi local government area of Benue state in line with sustainable development goal 6 (water and sanitation) by 2024. The activities to be implemented on the project are; Advocacies, Clean up exercises, construction of Eco

### MONTHLY SANITATION



ASF on her SWAMSEP II has continued to sensitize members on the proper waste management and disposal methods and to carry out monthly cleanups in communities with community members also partaking in the activity.

Three (3) communities Northank I, Modern Market, and Clerk Ward out of six (6) communities have been cleaned and the community members sensitized on the second phase of the project so far.

This monthly sanitation is aimed at sensitizing and creating awareness to community members on the dangers associated with indiscriminately dumping refuse unappropriately.

## ADVOCACY



Angel Support Foundation paid advocacy visits to the heads of the following offices; Benue Planning Commission, Benue State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (BERWASSA), National Environmental Standards And Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Benue State Environmental Sanitation Agency (BENSESA),

The advocacy visits were aimed at advocating for the allocation of an approved dumpsite, re-engagement of private waste managers and the support of the ministries in strengthening the system for a cleaner environment within the state capital.

## Radio Talkshow



A radio talk show at harvest FM was aired in line with one of SWAMSEP II goal; SENSITIZATION, and two guest speakers Mr Simon Hambe and Mr Onah Temple who are environmentalists were present to discuss how they manage waste respectively as individuals. During the talk, Mr Onah Temple made it known that the business of waste management should not be rested on the shoulders of the government alone, stating that all individuals had a role to play in it.

They expressed a lot of gratitude towards Angel Support Foundation for the initiative and also ACT Foundation for funding the project. Use the [LINK](#) for full radio talk-show discussion.

## SENSITIZATION RALLY



ASF on her SWAMSEP II organised a sensitization rally to sensitize the market people at Wadata Market in Sarkin Ruwa community in Clerk council ward.

The SWAMSEP II team accompanied by the SWAMSEP Joint Task Force (JTF) sensitized the market people on the disadvantages of indiscriminately dumping refuse in the market environs and the advantages of keeping a clean market environment. Watch via the [LINK](#).



## WIDOWS SELF RELIANCE PROGRAM



Angel Support Foundation in line with one of her thematic areas ‘Women and Youth Empowerment’z funded by Dr. & Mrs Emmanuel Sokpo trained the 2nd batch of widows at Abaji-Kpav, in Katsina-Ala LGA. 40 widows on the 2nd batch were given soft loans with 0% interest rate to engage them into small medium enterprises also alleviating them from poverty, making them become self reliant and independent.

## POWERING PEACE THROUGH CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT (PPCA)

Powering Peace through Climate Action program is the project implemented by Angel Support Foundation and funded by International Alert Nigeria across two communities (Egba and Ologba) in Agatu Local Government Area, Benue state. Powering Peace through Climate Action Project seeks to pioneer approaches to build peace through inclusive and intersectional climate action in Benue State. Climate Change has adversely impacted communities and livelihoods, this can be seen as a result of the many interventions launched to aid mitigation and adaptation. In Agatu, farmers are experiencing drought, little or no rain etc which has resulted into poor farm yields making the crop available very expensive and unaffordable for the community members. Continuous cropping has also resulted into land desertification.

This current situation has devolved into crises as community members are scrambling for the little resources available.

### DEVELOPMENT OF PEACE AND LOCAL ADAPTATION PLAN.



Angel Support Foundation the implementing partner alongside a team of consultants visited and held a meeting with the two communities on the 15th August, 2023. The lead, team of consultants in person of Mr. Unongu Thomas addressed the two communities and told them that peace must be installed between the two communities in order to pave way for development through climate action. He enjoined them to free their minds to cooperate and discuss freely and come up with the main root of the issues affecting them, thereafter, proffer solutions to allow peace take charge.

A need assessment was conducted and participants came up with needs which could support their livelihood.

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## PEACE NOVELTY MATCH



Angel Support Foundation in partnership with Kende Avese Foundation, Community Links and Human Empowerment Initiative organised a peace novelty football match in Fiidi Council ward to commemorate the International Peace Day 2023 for the community members which has the Tiv and Jukun people living together.

This activity was an action taken by ASF and the partnered organisations aimed at promoting the peaceful

co-existence between the two tribes. At the end of the novelty match, the two tribes were sensitized about the need for a peaceful co-existence between amongst them.

The theme for this years International Peace Day was ‘Actions for peace, Our Ambitions for #GlobalGoals’.