

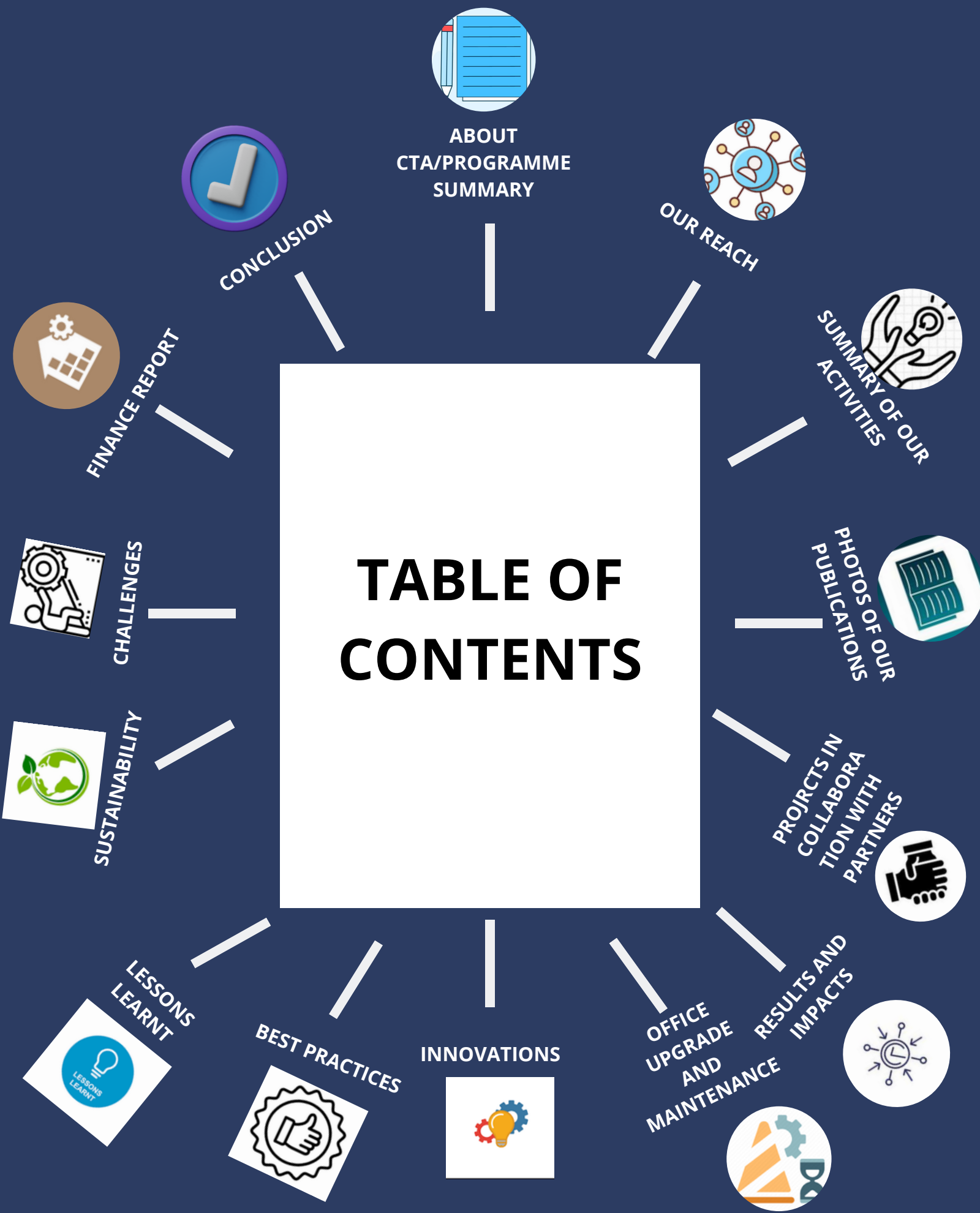


**CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY
ADVOCACY (CTA)**

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About CTA

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA), formerly the Independent Service Delivery Monitoring Group (ISDMG), was founded in 2005 and registered as a non-profit NGO in Nigeria in 2012. Collaborating with diverse media partners, CTA focuses on promoting accountability in public institutions and ensuring service delivery transparency by federal, state, and local governments. Specializing in extractive industry reforms and community interventions, CTA addresses responsible mining, contract transparency, Zero Gas Flare, minority rights, and beneficial ownership reforms in Nigerian mining communities. Additionally, CTA acts as a watchdog in the electoral process, partnering with organizations like Women in Extractives and the Media. Certified by NGOsource.



VISION

A society where public institutions render quality and efficient services for common good

MISSION

To promote the benefits of transparency and accountability in public service and to cause a reawakening in the society.

CORE VALUES:

justice, Equity and fair play, Patriotism, Empathy, Respect for the views of others, Integrity and Excellence

Programme summary

Reflecting on the tremendous strides we have taken as an organization in 2023, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) is pleased to acknowledge significant achievements and impactful initiatives that underscore our steadfast commitment to our mission and the communities we serve.

Notably, the completion of the two-year Original Inhabitants project funded by the MacArthur Foundation through the Resource Centre for Human Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED) stands out as a monumental effort, yielding tangible outcomes in **“promoting the cultural values and environmental rights for the Original Inhabitants of the FCT through Drama and Art Forms”**

CTA Engaged actively in the 2023 General Elections, including the off-cycle November 11 2023 Governorship Elections in Bayelsa, Kogi and Imo states. CTA demonstrated commitment to transparency by training and deploying observers to the field. These steps were followed by the release of comprehensive election reports. In addition to the launching of the election reports, CTA published a Public Perception of INEC and the Conduct of Elections in Nigeria and an Election Compendium, highlighting our commitment to transparency and accountability in the electoral process.

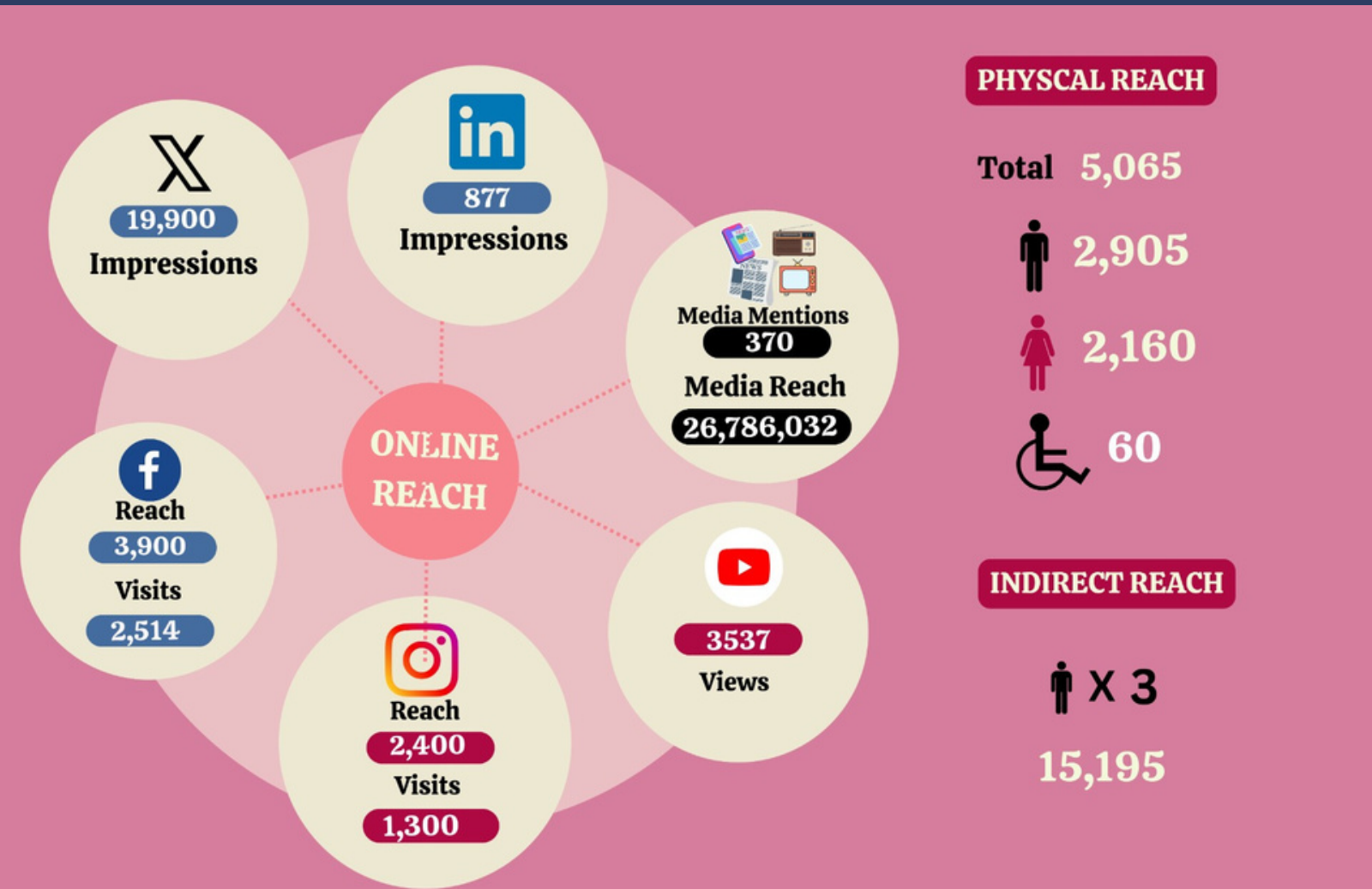
With the in-kind support from Palladium USAID SCALE-, CTA conducted a National Dialogue on fuel subsidy removal. This engaged various stakeholders and resulted in a comprehensive communique aimed at furthering engagement with policymakers, the Legislature, CSOs, media and other stakeholders.

Throughout the year, we were extensively engaged in media interactions and press conferences, amplifying our voices and disseminating information on critical national issues. Notably, our commitment to Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) was evident in our commemoration of International Women's Day and the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls. Other media activities include; appearances and press releases on the electoral process, extractive governance, Anti-corruption, and Minority rights among others. In response to a reported rape case in the Kurudu community, CTA initiated engagement with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), The survivor, currently under NAPTIP's custody, has been enrolled in skill development programmes and school. Legal proceedings have commenced, leading to the incarceration of the accused in Kuje prison until the next court hearing on January 24, 2024.

CTA concluded with a staff retreat, strategic review, community outreach, and a celebratory end-of-year gathering, to ice our collective success.



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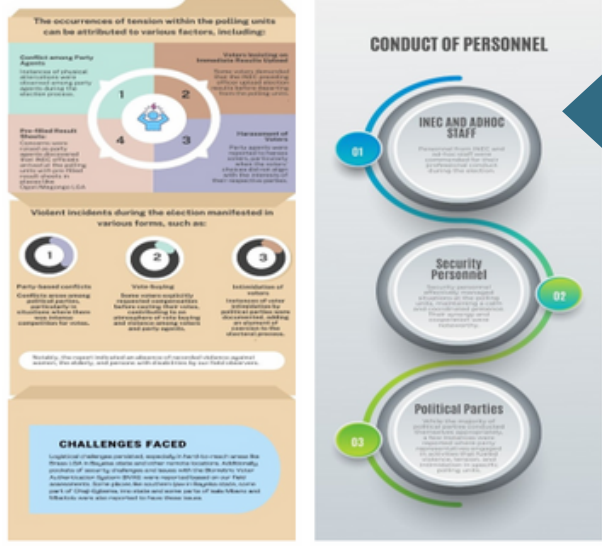
Summary of Activities conducted in 2023

General Election Activities

The CTA actively observed the 2023 General Elections with 2000 trained observers nationwide, contributing real-time insights and highlighting their commitment to electoral transparency. Beyond observation, CTA engaged stakeholders in discussions on voter education, electoral violence prevention, voter registration, campaign financing, and unbiased media coverage, fostering a shared understanding of key principles for free and fair elections.



ANALYSIS FROM THE OFF-CYCLE ELECTIONS



Off-cycle Elections in Bayelsa, Imo and Kogi States

On November 11 2023, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) actively engaged in the observation of the off-cycle elections in Bayelsa, Imo and Kogi states. , exemplifying its steadfast dedication to augmenting transparency and accountability within the electoral process. This commitment was demonstrated through the deployment of observers, the facilitation of stakeholder meetings, and active participation in discussions addressing pivotal election-related matters.

Perception Study

The survey, involving 10,000 participants, revealed key insights from 95% registered voters, with 59% participating in the 2023 elections. Assessment of BVAS and IREV effectiveness showed 50% agreement and 34% strong agreement on BVAS efficiency. Through Focus Group Discussions (FGD), strengths and weaknesses of INEC and other stakeholders during pre-, during, and post-election periods were uncovered, offering valuable insights into the nuances of the 2023 General Elections across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones. Recommendations were offered to strengthen the electoral process

PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF INEC AND THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN NIGERIA: A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

Be wise collect your PVC and be Oga or Madam indeed. Your PVC is your Power!!!

- PVC collection commenced on **January 12th** at INEC offices across the 774 LGAs then from **6th -15th January 2023** at the 8809 wards.
- It will resume again at the LGAs on the **16th January 2023** and stop finally on the **22nd January 2023**
- Collection days include Saturdays and Sundays from 9am -3pm daily.

Collect your PVC now!!!

#VoteWisely

Voters Education

Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) undertook extensive voter education initiatives, utilizing various media platforms and harnessing the power of social media. Through these efforts, CTA empowered citizens with the knowledge and understanding necessary to actively participate in the democratic process. CTA conducted campaigns that emphasized citizens' rights to exercise their civic duties and to foster a culture of informed and engaged voting.

Launching of the 2023 election reports, Compendium of Nigerian Elections: 2019-2022 and the Perception survey report

The reports covered the electoral Landscape providing a comprehensive resource for understanding the country's political and democratic evolution. The reports are available on the CTA website.

www.cta.org.ng



Continuation of Activities conducted in 2023

The Original Inhabitants Project

In 2023, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) successfully concluded the Original Inhabitants project, focusing on "Promoting Cultural Values and Environmental Rights of the Original Inhabitants (OIs) in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) through Drama and Art Forms." The project employed a community participatory approach, conducting comprehensive baseline and scoping studies. Other activities include; School Art competitions, training workshops, capacity building on Negotiation and understanding of the Community Development Agreements (CDAs) and awareness programmes using the Theatre for Development (T4D) approach.



INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

- **United Nations Human Rights Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.**

The Executive Director of CTA, engaged the international community on the plights of the Original Inhabitants of the FCT at the 8th Meeting, 16th Session Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (ERMIP) in Geneva, Switzerland as part of the CTA's role in promoting the Rights of the Original Inhabitants and fight for Minority Rights and social justice.

- **Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit in Estonia**

Media Engagement

By collaborating with reputable local and international media outlets, CTA not only enhanced its visibility but also effectively communicated its commitments to transparency, accountability, and social justice globally and in the communities that we serve. These media partnerships served as powerful conduits for reaching diverse audiences, fostering public understanding, and mobilizing support for CTA's mission



National Dialogue on the removal of Fuel Subsidy

Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) with support from Palladium USAID organized a National Dialogue on subsidy removal. The dialogue was to encourage discussions and create useful suggestions from critical stakeholders in Nigeria regarding the impact of subsidy removal on citizens. Short, Medium and Long term remedial recommendations were given to cushion the negative impact of the subsidy removal on citizens.

Equally, the report of the National Dialogue has become a policy brief for both Palladium and the CTA to engage stakeholders.



Gender Protection and Social Inclusion Project

Kurudu Rape Case

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) upholds its commitment to gender equality through its Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) policy. Responding to a reported rape in Kurudu, CTA engaged NAPTIP using the FOI Act, addressing the case of an 11-year-old girl assaulted on September 28, 2022. Expressing concern, CTA sought justice through FOI and advocacy, leading to the establishment of a special investigative team by NAPTIP. The survivor, now in NAPTIP's care, participates in skill programs and school, while legal proceedings have begun, resulting in the accused's incarceration until the January 24, 2024, court hearing.

International Women's Day Celebration

CTA marked the day by engaging women in a press conference and hosting a community women on a radio programme. Discussions revolved around the theme of the 2023 International Women's Day, "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality."

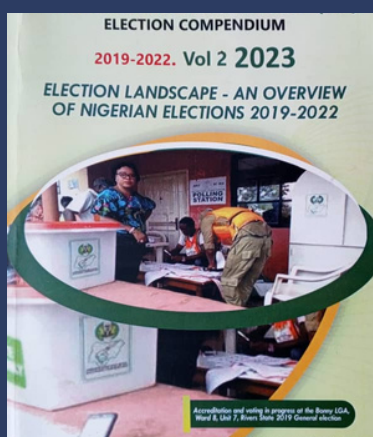
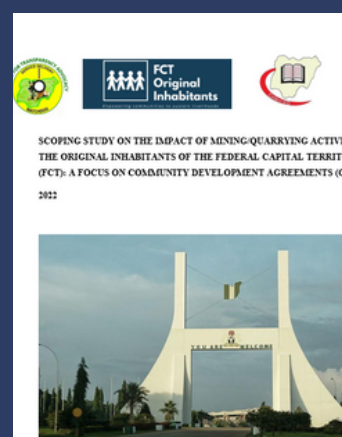
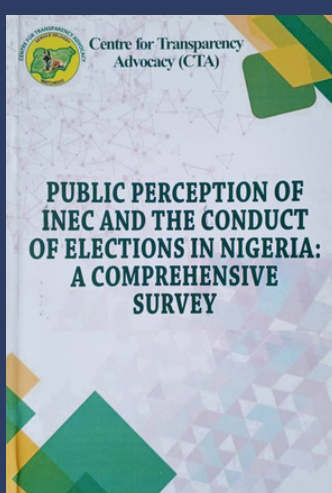
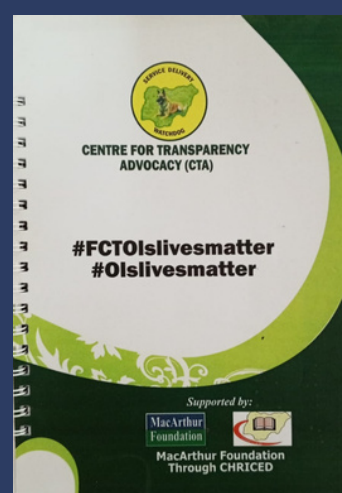
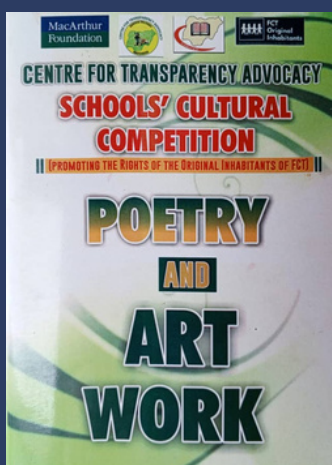
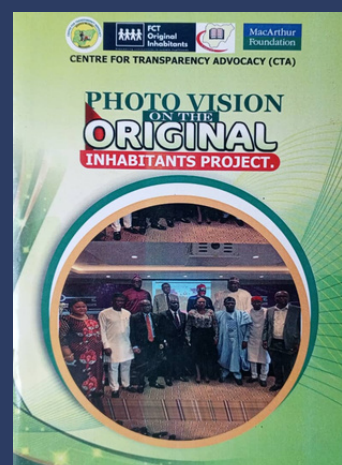
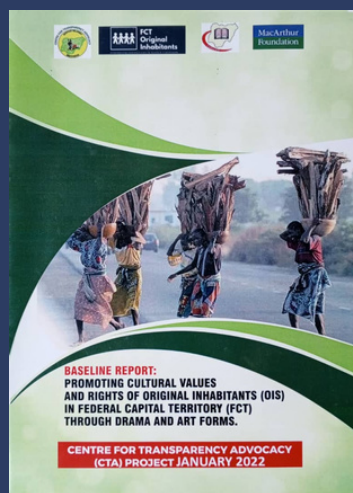
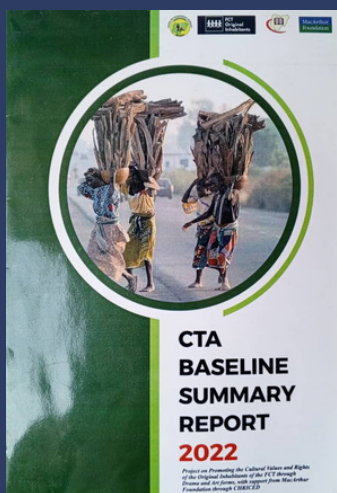
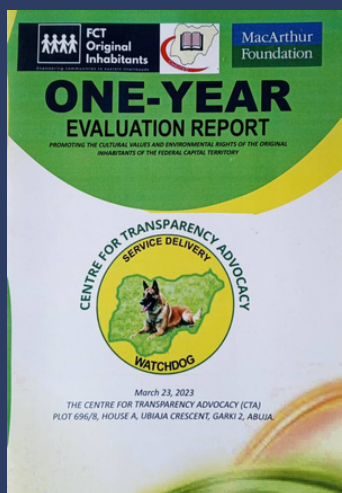


16 Days of Activism

CTA actively participated in the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence, advocating against the dangers inherent in such violence and conducted a Twitter space dedicated to addressing the issues of Gender based violence



PHOTOS OF OUR PUBLICATIONS



SOME OF CTA'S COLLABORATING PARTNERS



PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

GIFT PROJECT

is funded by the USAID through Palladium.

THE ADVOCACY FOR THE GAS FLARE ACCOUNTABILITY IN NIGERIA (AGFAN) PROJECT

CTA is part of the ADVOCACY FOR GAS FLARE ACCOUNTABILITY IN NIGERIA (AGFAN) CLUSTER a SCALE project funded by Palladium and anchored by the INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ICD)

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP)

CTA collaborates with the Open Government Partnership (OGP) on open governance

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAYS

CTA Commemorated International Days with the media and Associations

NIGERIA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (NEITI)

CTA collaborated with the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) on transparency in the extractive sector including Beneficial Ownership.

COLLABORATION WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVOCACY INITIATIVE (SCinTECH)

CTA is part of the coalition SCinTECH with three other organizations (True Verdict Communications (PDM), Journalists Global Foundation (JGF) and Ace Foundation for Technology (aftech) to partner with the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI)

ELECTION OBSERVATION

CTA collaborated with partners in 36 states and the FCT on election observation

ENERGY TRANSITION

CTA collaborated on Energy Transition with The Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change advocacy with other CSOs

RESULTS AND IMPACT

1

CTA deployed 2000 observers across the 36 states for the 2023 general elections and deployed 212 observers for the off-cycle elections for 3 states; Bayelsa, Imo and Kogi states who reported the elections in real-time and gave reports to the situation room.

2

CTA launched the 2023 General Election Report, presented "Election Landscape: An Overview of Nigerian Elections 2019-2022, a Compendium of Nigerian Elections: 2019-2022. Vol. 2." And surveyed citizens' perceptions and understanding of INEC's mandate and the 2023 general elections.

3

Issued a report after a one-day national dialogue on fuel subsidy removal with civil society organizations (CSOs) from the six geo-political zones to engage with relevant stakeholders like the National Assembly, the President, Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN), Ministry of Petroleum Resources (MPR), Open Government Partnership (OGP), Federal Ministry of Finance, the Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) etc.

4

Based on CTA's collaboration and technical support from the PERL Foundation, we advocated for the removal of the fuel subsidy which was eventually removed in May 2023.

5

Expanded network and capacity strengthening and training opportunities on the GIFT and AGFAN projects.

6

The advocacy and intervention of the CTA with other cohort members through the Original Inhabitants project supported by the MacArthur Foundation through the Resource Centre for Human Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED) contributed to the appointment of an OI indigene for the first time in the political history of Nigeria as a minister by President Ahmed Bola Tinubu

7

CTA as part of its Theatre for Development project, produced and aired 1 drama titled My Mothers' Land (Omiya Kni), 1 documentary on "Telling the Story of the Original Inhabitants", 4 audio jingles and 1 video jingle to engage relevant stakeholders on the plights of the Original Inhabitants of the FCT through a funded project by the MacArthur Foundation. .

8

Through our Catch Them Young initiative we were able to reach out to 11 schools across the six Area Councils of the FCT in a participatory form of theatre that employs various artistic elements such as dance, poetry, storytelling, artwork, and traditional art forms to promote and sustain the culture of the Original Inhabitants.

9

Conducted capacity building on Negotiation and the understanding of the Community Development Agreements (CDAs) for selected community representatives and reviewed existing Community Development Agreements (CDAs) from Kubwa and Mpape.

10

Established three Community Information Centers in Mpape, Karshi, and Kubwa.

11

Successfully engaged with prime-time media outlets.

12

Appointment into the Technical Committee of the FCT Mandate Secretary for Area Council Services.

13

Successfully celebrated important International Day like; World Mental Health day, World Press Freedom Day

14

Appointment of the Executive Director into the National Open Government Partnership (OGP) steering

15

Arrest and ongoing prosecution of a rapist in conjunction with NAPTIP

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Recognition of CTA by the USAID

Office Upgrade and Maintenance

Recognizing the importance of a conducive workspace for staff productivity and well-being, CTA prioritized and invested in office upgrades and maintenance. This created a conducive atmosphere that fosters innovation and success in the workplace.

Below are areas that were upgraded and maintenance was carried out.

- General renovation of the office spaces
- Repairs of the office cooling systems
- Providing a dining area for staff
- Recovering and renovating the boys' quarters
- Mounting of 8-camera CCTV in the office
- Renovation of the visitors' toilet

MAINTENANCE CHALLENGES

- There is a need to install an inverter to curb power challenges and costs
- There is also a need to convert the boys' quarters to an editing studio with functional equipment

BEST PRACTICES

- Communicated with people in simple languages to get their buy-in
- The adoption of Theatre for Development as an advocacy strategy
- Leveraging our media networks
- Transparency and Regular stakeholder reviews and community feedback mechanisms.
- Continuous monitoring of project activities against the scope and objectives
- Adherence to the research scope for measuring performance
- Developed work plans to give the timeline and milestones, persons responsible and critical pathways
- Strict adherence to the GESI principles and standards (insisted on the inclusion of women and PWDs in every meeting or activity carried out based on our GESI policy)
- Provided space for the young ones to showcase and promote different artistic abilities through the Catch Them Young Initiative
- provided the opportunity and space for our stakeholders and beneficiaries to communicate and share experiences on relevant issues.
- Telling the stories through TFD documentaries and drama skits, poetry, and Artwork for easier understanding of the message and impact.
- Deliberately designing a sustainability plan
- Successfully registered with SAM.gov and meet up with Federal Government Statutory requirements like Pension and Tax.

SUSTAINABILITY

- Leveraging our media networks
- Building capacities of community beneficiaries for project ownership in their respective communities
- Establish an in-house editing studio, leveraging internal expertise, to edit short videos for YouTube, podcasts, and jingles
- Publications of CTA journals
- Reactivation of the Service Delivery Award

INNOVATIONS

- One of the project's key innovations is the application of "Theatre for Development" (T4D). T4D was used as a participatory form of theatre that employs various artistic elements such as dance, poetry, music, songs, storytelling, and traditional art forms to convey our messages. This innovative approach leverages the power of the arts to raise awareness, inspire dialogue, and promote social change while addressing critical issues.
- Established a media cohort
- Established community ambassadors' group
- Established Community Information Centres

LESSONS LEARNT

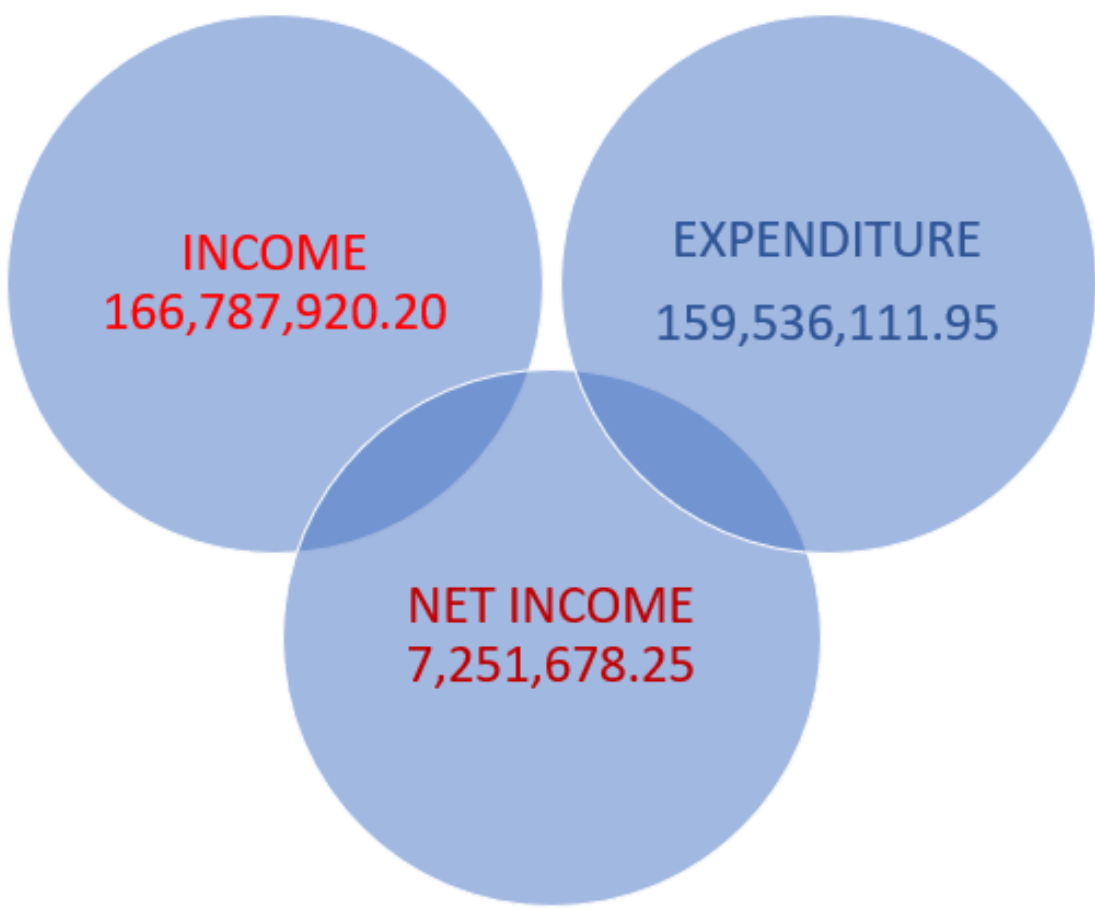
- Implementation of the project through creative and innovative methods
- Strengthening internal capacities for effective project execution

CHALLENGES

- Funding challenge: delayed release of funds to execute projects
- Shrinking donor space
- Some government agencies showing non-responsiveness
- Dilapidating office space leading to high cost of maintenance hence the need for another office accommodation
- Fundraising Resource Mobilization Officer
- Upgrade our ICT department
- Automate our Accounty system
- Continuation of statutory deductions and contributions for staff

PRESENTATION OF 2023 ACCOUNT SUMMARY AND 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET

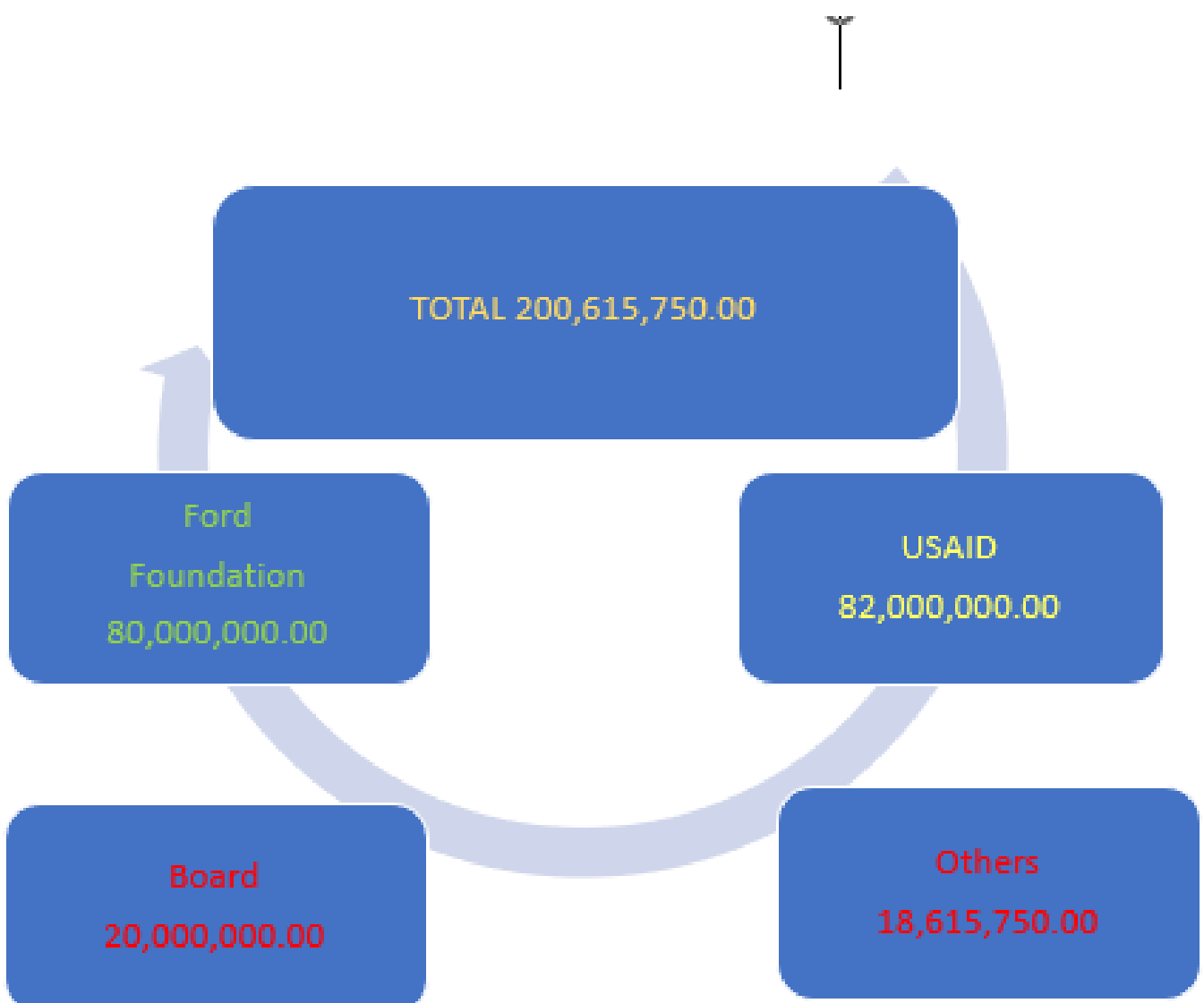
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE



SUMMARY OF 2024 CTA'S ANNUAL BUDGET



2024 EXPECTED SOURCES OF REVENUE



CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our annual report reflects a year of dedicated efforts, impactful initiatives, and meaningful collaborations.