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The Citizen Report Initiative!

MONTHLY REPORT

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Reporting period	September 2018

A. Deliverables achieved during the period

Please use the tables below to outline the Citizen Report (CR) activities planned and achieved during the period under review, as per the project objectives, including milestones and the outcomes (results observed or collected as per activities organized). Please provide as much details as possible and attach any report produced after an activity and photos and videos taken or recorded.

1. Citizen-driven monitoring is initiated in Nigeria

Activity	Milestones	Outcomes
<p>Youth champions engage in the national review process, engaging with various arms of government including parliament.)</p>	<p>A National Dialogue was organised in Lagos State, Nigeria. The Dialogue was attended by 51 participants which included individuals, youths and CSOs.</p>	<p>Participants Recommended the following at the National Dialogue</p> <p>Question 1: To align NDPs and budgets to SDGs targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased community participation (stakeholders) in the development processes. • There should be a way goal 6 should be incorporated in the discourse of the citizens’ project. • Civil Society Organisations should be involved in the policy implementation process because they are closer to the grassroots- (Inclusive governance) • The national government must involve important stakeholders in the implementation process.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues around IDPs, migrants should be included.• Having live chats, tweeting about the project on social media and ensuring that the media is carried along in the implementation process.• The government should work directly with the citizens.• There is a need to ensure that policy makers are well grounded on developmental issues.• Independent candidacy concept should be introduced.• Improve citizens engagement with policy makers• There is the need to demand accountability from our government, ask the government necessary questions, commend them when they do well.• Technology development driven approach: social media is a very powerful tool to drive change.
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		<p>Policy recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy for constituency governance in form of budget allocation should be stopped. • A holistic approach should be adopted for developmental processes. • Allocations should go directly to CSOs for proper monitoring and evaluation. • Grassroot awareness be put in place to evaluate whether the work has been done or not. • Data driven research would help shape national development plans and budget allocation. • A pilot project approach on rural communities should be adopted. <p>Question 2: We already have established institutionalized SDGs multi-stakeholder mechanisms, how do we better engage them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is lesser involvement of
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		<p>government on the SDGs at the district and local levels; MDAs at these levels should be strengthened to work on the SDGs as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be adequate monitoring of the SDGs at all levels of government. • Inclusiveness: mapping of institutions working on the SDGs. • Transparency in the workings of SDGs institutions. • Need for the government to ensure strengthening and protection of the civic space so rights are not trampled on. • There should be a regulatory and strategic framework, development of a national vision and ensure it is legislated. • There should be a transparent system leveraging on technology. <p>Question 3: How best do we develop national review frameworks and engage the national government for their adoption?</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less dependency on interventions.• A national plan that can be driven by us and captures our realities should be developed.• Selfless leadership• Government should encourage and support CSOs helping the grassroots.• A nation vision devoid of sentiments should be drawn out.• A national plan that is youth-inclusive should be formulated• There is the need to engage institutions that can help drive the development processes.• All developments are local and all policies are local.• CSOs and individuals should get actively involved in politics.• CSOs must improve skills in lobbying and advocacy.• Alternative means of education.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A national vision to ensure the local governments are truly local and responsive. <p>Question 4: Prioritizing specific sectoral targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority should be placed on the educational system and the education that provides us for the future. • More focus should be placed on our strength while we improve our weakness; doing this helps reduce the poverty rate. • Focus more on business and not emotions. • Priorities should be evidence based and not sentiment based. • A legislative bill should be passed by the National Assembly on the SDGs and cohort CSOs in all states of the federation for continuity. • Accountability mechanisms for legislative purposes. • We need to begin to think and see ourselves as part of the government;
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		<p>“we are the government”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the private sector on tangible projects. • Community participatory concept is key to our development. • More focus should be placed on Health, Education, Agriculture, Security, Migration, Inequalities, Gender based violence, IDPs. <p>Way forward/key takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest to the government to state what they have done and sanctions for non-implementation of the SDGs: is the non-implementation of the SDGs sanctionable? • Mechanisms should be put in place for sanctions. • Education has a linkage to every development process. • Synergizing to produce more results. • Transparency in the use of aid
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair and responsible tax systems • Standard and regulatory frameworks for whatever is to be prioritized.
Publication of the Report	On September 10, 2018, the report titled “Measuring Society’s Progress on the SDGs; a lens from 3 regions in Nigeria” was published.	- This report was presented to policy-makers.
National CSO Forums & youth champions engage the state for policy change and improved delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report was presented to the Senior Research Officer, Research Triangle International (RTI) on September 11, 2018 in a meeting held with a view of introducing the Citizens’ report Initiative to stakeholders in development. - On September 12, 2018, a meeting was held with the Special adviser to the Senate President on NGOs, Mr. Innocent Onah - On September 13, 2018, the report was presented to Mr. Hugue Ngandeu Ngatta, Programs Specialist, social and human sciences sector, UNESCO regional office, Nigeria. 	

Media advocacy	On September 5, 2018, the Citizens' report Team scheduled a live broadcast on Splash FM 105.5 to increase visibility and publicity for the project.	

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B. Events organized and attended

Name of events organized or attended	Description of events organized or attended (date, place, theme, estimated number of people attended the events, media coverage, URL links)	Outcomes (lessons learned, commitments/resolutions taken, recommendations, follow ups, important contacts made)

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C. Deliverables not planned but achieved

Please use the table below to outline activities achieved during the period under review, but not planned in your work plan.

Activity	Milestones	Outcomes
Invitation to Youths Civic Engagement	The presentation of the Citizens’ Report to UNESCO formed a basis for the invitation of one of our Youth Champions to the UNESCO Youth Civic Engagement workshop where she met other young Nigerians and introduced the Citizens’ report initiative to them, highlighting the impact of the initiative.	

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D. Deliverables not achieved including reasons and remedial actions planned

Please use the table below to outline The Citizen Report activities planned during the period under review, as per your action plan, but achieved, including reasons for not achieving these activities and remedial actions planned for next month.

Deliverables planned but not achieved	Reasons for no achievement	Remedial actions
Meeting with the Office of the Senior Special Adviser to the President on SDGs	This activity was not achieved as the Senior Special Adviser to the President on SDGs had to make an unplanned trip out of country at this period.	The activity has been moved to be achieved in August 2018.
Meeting with the Senate President of Nigeria.	This activity was not achieved as the Senate President was unavailable and redirected us to hold a meeting with his Special Adviser on NGOs instead.	However, copies of the report, notes and letters were forwarded to the office of the Senate President, first via courier and then through the Special adviser to the Senate President, Mr. Innocent Onah.

Attachments

Please attach:

- Copies of any media release or articles published by the organization or any other media house about the project
- 10-12 quality photos and videos (where possible)
- 3-5 quotes from individual participants/activists and decision makers/spokespeople that showcase the impact of the project.

Declaration

By typing your name below and submitting this report you are agreeing to the following terms:

- The information provided in this report is complete and correct.
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