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Periwinkle pickers at a restored mangrove site,
at Bomu Creek, Gokana, LGA, Ogoniland, Rivers State, Nigeria



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HYPREP is a Project under the Federal Ministry of Environment with the mandate to remediate Hydrocarbon impacted communities and restore livelihoods in Ogoniland, based upon the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme Report on Ogoni Environmental Assessment of 2011. Since its commencement of operations in Ogoniland in 2016, the project has made significant achievement towards delivering on its mandate and renewing the hope of the people of Ogoniland, of the Niger Delta of Nigeria.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE Ogoni Cleanup: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Ogoni Cleanup implemented by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation

Project (HYPREP) is a top national priority of the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration in Nigeria. HYPREP has made significant progress in implementing the 2011 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report's recommendations for the remediation of the oil-impacted environment in Ogoniland. Much of the environmental remediation and restoration of livelihoods in Ogoni was achieved in the past two years under the guidance of the Honourable Minister for Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal. The project's success lies in its integrated approach, which combines large-scale environmental remediation with robust social and economic initiatives. This momentum reflects Nigeria's strong, sustained commitment to transforming Ogoniland into a thriving, sustainable region.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND BIODIVERSITY RECOVERY

HYPREP's environmental cleanup efforts are yielding tangible results. So far, 17 **simple sites, divided into 50 Lots** (over **335 hectares** of contaminated land), **have been remediated**, certified, and closed out. An additional 13 sites were also closed out



because natural attenuation processes have reduced the contamination to levels that are permissible. The ongoing remediation of 17 medium-risk, complex sites (39 Lots involving remediation of soil and groundwater) is now **39.01% complete**.

A hallmark of the project is the world's most extensive **restoration of 3000ha of oil-degraded mangrove**. The pilot phase (560 ha) is **95% complete**, with over **1.5 million mangrove seedlings successfully planted and thriving**. Early signs of success are already visible, with **the return of some key food species, such as crabs, periwinkles, oysters, dogwhelks, and finfishes, signalling a promising ecological recovery**. The project is also promoting sustainable practices by distributing clean cookstoves to reduce the need for cutting mangrove trees for firewood.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION

Beyond the cleanup, HYPREP is focused on **rebuilding local economies and empowering community**. The project has created over **7,000 direct jobs** for Ogoni youth and women. Vocational training programmes have equipped more than **5,000 people** in 21 skill areas, including agribusiness and aviation, providing them with **start-up kits** to foster entrepreneurship. Additionally, HYPREP has invested in the region's intellectual capacity by offering scholarships to **300 postgraduate students** and research grants to **200 undergraduates, with plans underway to award an additional 500 postgraduate scholarships by the end of 2025**. HYPREP is developing



capacity in environmental management through multiple means. These include a robust student internship programme, field exposure for undergraduate and postgraduate students, linking town and gown through sabbatical leave for university professors, collaborative research with university faculties, and establishing and supporting environmental clubs in secondary schools.

Infrastructural improvements are also central to the cleanup effort. **Fifteen water stations** have been completed and inaugurated, supplying clean water to **41 communities**. An expansion is underway to provide **potable water to 65 Ogoni communities by the end of this year**. In public health, HYPREP has renovated and strengthened four strategic hospitals and is constructing a **40-bed cottage hospital** and a **100-bed specialist hospital** with an oncology department, a significant long-term investment in the health of the Ogoni community.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

HYPREP is building long-term capacity through key institutional projects. The **Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER)**, a key UNEP recommended action, is now **93% complete** and will serve as an international hub for innovative environmental management research and vocational training. The construction of the CEER has

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created over **1,300 jobs, both skilled and unskilled**, in the region. The **Ogoni Power Project (OPP)**, which is **61.13% complete**, is on track to connect communities to the national grid, stimulating the region's economy and contributing to the sustainability of various infrastructure, such as potable water stations and health facilities.

Strategic partnerships with the United Nations and other international institutions, such as the **UK's Lancaster University and Australia's creCARE**, are facilitating knowledge transfer.

Collaborations **with national institutions** are enhancing the project's technical capabilities and sustainability. HYPREP's focus on **security has also paid dividends, with a non-kinetic approach** engaging over **1,000 youths** as civil security guards at various project

sites, preventing repollution from oil theft and illegal artisanal oil refining activities.

The project has in place a robust framework for transparency and accountability. **Monthly newsletters, radio programmes, town hall meetings, quarterly meetings (for youth, Ogoni stakeholders, and regulators), and a revamped informative website** are used to communicate with and update project stakeholders. **Established multistakeholder implementation committees, such as the Technical Planning Committee and the Milestone Evaluation Committee, optimise project outcomes and impact.** A peacebuilding framework has also been established, providing conflict resolution training for community leaders and fostering a peaceful environment essential for sustainable progress and stability.

Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey
Project Coordinator, HYPREP



THIS REPORT OUTLINES THE KEY milestones achieved by the Hydrocarbon Pollution

setup of the project's administrative structures, including the Governing Council (GC), Board of Trustees for the Ogoni Trust Fund (BOT) and the

1. INTRODUCTION



Her Excellency Dr Amina Mohammed, GCON (Fmr. Minister for Environment & UN Deputy Sec Gen.); His Excellency Prof Yemi Osinbajo GCON (Fmr. Vice President); His Excellency Nyesom Wike, CON (Fmr. Governor of Rivers State & FCT Minister), His Excellency Sen. Rochas Okorocha, (Fmr. Governor of Imo State); and His Royal Majesty Late King GNK Gininwa, OFR (Fmr. President Supreme Council of Ogoni Traditional Rulers) during the flag-off of the Ogoni Clean-up Project at Patrick Waterside in Bodo City, Gokana, Ogoniland, on June 2, 2016

Remediation Project (HYPREP) under various thematic areas, in line with the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Environmental Assessment Report on Ogoniland (2011) and the official gazette establishing HYPREP (2016).

In 2011, UNEP released the report on Ogoniland and its environment, which was the outcome of its study that documented the extent of environmental damage caused by oil pollution in Ogoniland, Rivers State, Nigeria. The report highlighted the impact of hydrocarbon pollution on soil, water, air, public health, community livelihoods and wellbeing, as well as provided recommendations for addressing these challenges. The report's findings and recommendations served as a foundation

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for the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), which aimed to restore the environment of Ogoniland and the livelihoods of its people.

To this end, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) was established to implement UNEPrecommended actions. Since the

Project Coordination Office (PCO) (located in Port Harcourt, Rivers State), the project continues to make significant progress in various thematic areas. These include the remediation of contaminated sites, the restoration of local livelihoods, the provision of clean and safe drinking water, public health interventions, the development of local capacity for environment-related expertise, community engagement, and peacebuilding initiatives in Ogoni communities.

Under the Renewed Hope Agenda championed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR, being driven by the Honourable Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, as the Chairman of the Governing Council, HYPREP has accelerated the Ogoni cleanup efforts. This momentum is guided by Priority 3, Deliverable 3 of this national agenda, which focuses on accelerating the environmental restoration and livelihood improvement efforts of the Federal Government of Nigeria in Ogoniland.

The Project Coordination Office, currently led by Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey, continues to advance the Ogoni Clean-Up project in line with this presidential directive. **It must be emphasised that the Ogoni clean-up project, having been added to Nigeria's list of national priorities, has achieved commendable milestones in the past two years of the current administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR.**



Additionally, the project's operations and strategies continue to be firmly anchored in the recommendations of the UNEP Environmental Assessment Report on

Ogoniland, as well as the directives outlined in the official gazette of the Federal Government of Nigeria that formally established HYPREP. In environmental remediation, while mangrove restoration and shoreline cleanup efforts have advanced, an increasing number of land sites have been successfully remediated, certified and closed out by the relevant regulatory body. Efforts to improve the supply of clean and safe water to Ogoni communities are intensified, with 40 communities already having access to potable water. The public health component has advanced through regular medical outreach programmes, strengthening existing hospitals within the region, the building of a 40-bed cottage hospital and a 100-bed specialist hospital, the commencement of a comprehensive human biomonitoring study conducted by the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), as well as other

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initiatives aimed at developing a comprehensive health registry for residents. Livelihood restoration programmes, including creating over 7000 direct jobs for Ogoni youth and women, skills acquisition and empowerment initiatives for over 5000 youths and women, and undergraduate and postgraduate scholarship programmes. These are yielding increasing positive impacts, fostering sustainable economic opportunities for the impacted communities.



The Hon. Minister of Environment assisted by Igo Weli of Renaissance Africa Energy (Formerly SPDC) together with Prof. Zabbey, HYPREP PC, and Prof. Barikor, NESREA DG; Commissioning HYPREP's Area Office in Gokana, Ogoniland

Central to the success of the Ogoni cleanup, community engagement and peacebuilding continue to be prioritized. Enhanced transparency and active participation from stakeholders have been instrumental in building trust and collaboration among all parties involved. **More so, the robust security provided by the Office of the National Security Adviser, as recommended by the HYPREP Gazette, has complemented the above and stabilized the region, reducing the crime rate and preventing oil theft and illegal artisanal refining along the Ogoni coast.** These achievements have been publicly disseminated in the May and June 2025 editions of the project's monthly newsletter, the HYPREP Herald.



2. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION IN Ogoniland

The progress report on environmental restoration in

Ogoniland includes details of soil and groundwater remediation, shoreline clean-up, mangrove restoration, mangrove wetlands conservation efforts and continuous community engagement, as well as certification of sites, including progress on post-UNEP and high-risk complex sites.

2.1. SOIL AND GROUNDWATER

REMEDIATION:

HYPREP has successfully achieved the certification and official close-out of fifty (50) remediation lots across seventeen (17) UNEP-assessed sites, under its Phase 1 Remediation of Simple Sites.

This milestone was confirmed by the regulatory authority, the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA). These remediated lots span approximately 2,375,300 square meters (237.53 hectares) across four local government areas in Ogoniland. The 17 sites addressed in this phase were categorized as Simple Sites, characterized by hydrocarbon contamination limited to the soil matrix.

In addition to the certified closure of these 17 simple sites, HYPREP also secured NOSDRA certification and close-out for thirteen (13) Category N Sites. These were locations lacking sufficient data in the 2011 UNEP assessment Fact sheets.



Land Remediation of Medium-Risk, Complex Site Using Biosparging Technology



Soil treatment process in an engineered biocell

HYPREP conducted further investigations to determine the contamination levels of the sites and found that natural attenuation processes have reduced the contamination levels below the regulatory threshold for remediation. The results were duly presented to NOSDRA, and the sites were certified and closed out accordingly. These Category N Sites collectively cover an area of approximately 982,500 square meters (98.25 hectares). In total, NOSDRA has now certified and closed out thirty (30) of the sixty-five (65)

UNEP-assessed sites that have accompanying fact sheets, underscoring the progress of the environmental remediation efforts in Ogoniland.

During the Phase 1 Batch 1 and Batch 2 remediation

There are oil-contaminated sites in Ogoni that were either not studied by UNEP or the oil contamination occurred after the UNEP report had been released. These areas are categorised by HYPREP as UNEP Undocumented sites. These sites are being characterized to determine their contamination levels and the required remediation work, ensuring that no polluted site is left unaddressed in line with HYPREP's mandate.

works, HYPREP trained and employed 1,025 community workers across the 50 remediation Lots. These individuals underwent days of classroom instruction followed by field-based hands-on training, focusing on fundamental remediation techniques, health, safety, and environmental practices. This



Aerial view of an active remediation site at Ogale, Eleme

initiative not only facilitated successful remediation efforts but also laid the foundation for a local workforce skilled in environmental restoration.

Currently, HYPREP is advancing remediation at 17 medium-risk complex sites, divided into 39 Lots, covering 125.39 hectares of hydrocarbon-impacted land. The medium-risk, complex sites are sites outside residential zones where both soil and groundwater are contaminated. These areas are primarily farmland, recommended for remediation in the UNEP report to return them to productive agricultural use. In this ongoing Phase 2 Remediation of Medium-Risk Sites, HYPREP has trained and engaged 1,453 community workers—mostly youths and women—who support contractors in ongoing remediation activities. Beyond earning income through their involvement, these individuals have gained valuable skills in remediation, enhancing their future employment prospects and contributing to a growing base of local expertise in environmental management.

As of now, the Phase 2 remediation activities are 39.01% complete, with 20% impacted soil already treated. HYPREP has recovered and evacuated 468,700 litres of oily sludge and 523,130 kilograms of petrified, carbonised material from the sites as part of this effort.

Environment, embarked on a technology scouting mission to Europe in the first quarter of 2024 to identify advanced remediation methods suitable for the high-risk, complex sites. Plans are underway for the site characterization of these sites, which will determine the current contamination levels and the properties of the plume and groundwater, leading to a fit-for-purpose remedial action plan (RAP)

for the remediation execution.

Additionally, reconnaissance surveys have been carried out for 16 high-risk complex sites assessed by UNEP, as well as two previously simple sites now reclassified as

2.2. SHORELINE CLEAN-UP: HYPREP has completed cleanup activities in 342 out of 487 grids, representing 70.2% progress in the first phase of the



Shoreline Clean-up by the community workers in action

complex sites, making a total of 18 complex sites. These are located mainly within residential communities, with significant hydrocarbon contamination of soil and groundwater. Due to the presence in or the proximity to human settlements, remediation of the high-risk, complex sites will require advanced non-intrusive, safety-conscious technologies. In preparation, HYPREP, led by the Honourable Minister of

shoreline cleanup, covering a total of 983.65 hectares of oil-impacted mangrove wetland now prepared for chemistry closeout sampling ahead of mangrove restoration. The cleanup has so far recovered 1,965 tons of oily sludge and 2,395 tons of solid hydrocarbon-contaminated wastes at November 2025 .

Preliminary action involved carrying out a rapid Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) survey conducted across 18 shoreline communities in Tai, Gokana, and Khana Local Government Areas. The SCAT team, comprising community representatives, HYPREP, civil society groups, and regulatory agencies, visually assessed oil contamination levels to verify cleanup needs and, where necessary, monitor progress, thereby fostering trust among stakeholders.

HYPREP continues to promote strong community involvement in project implementation, fostering greater trust between the project office and host communities. The project also engages women and youth groups in awareness campaigns and environmental monitoring to deepen local

ownership of the remediation process, including providing on-the-job mentoring for young Ogoni environmental scientists involved in SCAT operations.

Also, over 2,500 Ogoni youths have been trained and certified by HYPREP to International Maritime Organization (IMO) Levels 1 and 2 oil spill response. These internationally recognized certifications qualify them to work in shoreline environments, both within and beyond Ogoniland. These 2500 community workers are actively engaged in the ongoing shoreline cleanup. They have also been trained in Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) procedures, significantly reducing the risk of accidents and fatalities at cleanup sites.



Cross-section of community workers at the IMO training.



Community Workers Trained in IMO Levels 1 and 2



Sediment flushing, Booming and Oil Recovery



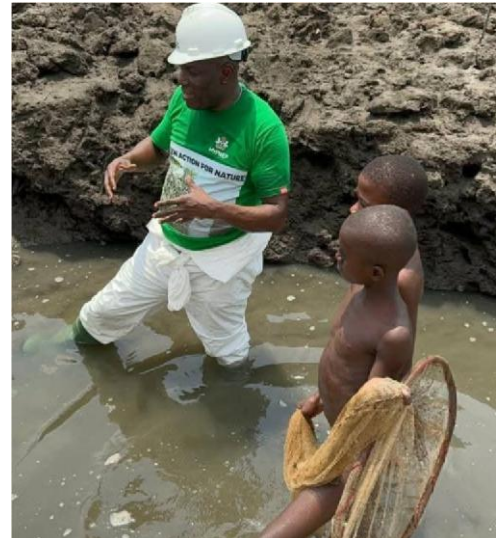
Oil Containment and Recovery



Evacuation of Recovered Oily Sludge for Treatment



HYPREP PC on Biodiversity Rapid Survey in Bomu Creek



PC encounter with young fishers on further Biodiversity Recovery Survey in Bomu Creek

The ongoing shoreline clean-up is advancing with positive impact as local communities and stakeholders have reported the visible return of key commercially valuable species such as edible crabs, periwinkles, oysters, and fin fish such as the red snapper in the creeks. This is an early indicator of ecological recovery resulting from the remediation efforts.

In addition to this, there are noticeable improvements in water quality and sediment conditions in the cleaned areas. These improvements have triggered a resurgence of large periwinkle colonies, supporting both food security and economic activities like fishing and shellfish harvesting in Ogoni riparian communities. The project is actively creating nurseries for blood cockles to replenish these estuarine bivalve molluscs along the Ogoni coastline.

HYPREP, through the shoreline clean-up effort, is establishing partnerships with local institutions and regulatory bodies to strengthen disaster response capabilities and improve environmental data collection and monitoring systems.



2.3. MANGROVE RESTORATION:

HYPREP has launched the world's largest initiative to restore mangroves damaged by oil pollution in Ogoniland. The mangrove restoration project is a pacesetter for Nigeria and the rest of the countries in the Gulf of Guinea. The HYPREP mangrove restoration is community-based and ecologically sound. It is the first mangrove restoration in the region, involving the planting of different species (red, black and white) of mangroves.

The pilot phase, covering 560 hectares, is 95% complete, with over 1,532,415 million red, black, and white mangrove seedlings already planted, while Phase 2 restoration will cover 438 hectares. The local people have been trained in how to nurse these mangrove species. More so, the community workers were provided with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Level 1 Certificate training and 540 of them were employed by planting contractors to support the restoration activities.

Monitoring has shown that 97% of planted mangrove survived after 1 month, while

Fishes caught around HYPREP Mangroves Restoration Site in Bomu Creek - a sign of continuous ecosystem recovery

90% and 85% survived after 6 and 12 months, respectively. For sustainability, a two-year comprehensive monitoring programme has been initiated by HYPREP to ensure the survival and growth of planted mangrove seedlings and the monitoring of mangrove-associated fauna. The project has created employment opportunities for 540 Ogoni youth and women as community workers. New contracts for restoration have recently been awarded in 7 new communities in Ogoniland, and approximately 2 million new seedlings will be planted, covering 438 hectares of degraded mangroves.



Hon. Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, and counterpart of Regional Development, Dr. Abubakar Momoh, Rep. of the National Security Adviser, Alh. Usman Iya Abbas, Rt. Hon. Dum Dekor, (Chair, Host Comm. House of Reps), Prof. Barineme Faka, (formerly of UNEP), and others planting Mangrove during their visit to HYPREP's site at Bomu



HYPREP Planted Mangroves thriving along Ogoni shorelines, since 2023

March 2025

September 2025



To build local capacity, HYPREP trained 90

Ogoni youth and women in the establishment and management of mangrove nurseries. Proudly referring to themselves as Mangrove Vanguard, these individuals received grants to set up nurseries as part of the broader community livelihood restoration programme. Consequently, these vanguards have since established large-scale nurseries that supply both HYPREP and other related projects and have gone on to train an

additional 300 community members, who have also started their own mangrove nurseries, laying a strong foundation for long-term knowledge and practice of mangrove restoration in the Niger Delta.

The Vanguard supply seedlings to the restorative planting contractors, participate in the planting and monitoring of the mangroves.



HYPREP Mangrove Vanguard have established nurseries

Additionally, HYPREP developed and published two user-friendly mangrove restoration manuals, which were used to train the Mangrove Vanguard. These manuals have been shared nationally and internationally to support mangrove rehabilitation efforts in the Gulf of Guinea.

In 2024, HYPREP launched the pilot cookstove project to discourage the harvesting of mangrove trees, especially by shoreline communities. These low-biomass cookstoves were distributed to community women for data collection to determine their effectiveness in combating the cutting down of mangroves as an alternate source



Baseline fish stock assessment to monitor fisheries enhancement of the mangrove restoration

Baseline fish stock assessments were conducted in Bomu Creek before the pilot phase of the mangrove restoration, establishing essential data to track the impact of restored mangroves on fish populations and local fisheries. HYPREP also carried out a baseline study on mangrove tidal flat elevation to understand how restoration efforts would influence these critical coastal landforms.

of cooking energy. A total of 200 households will benefit from this initial intervention, and extending it to other beneficiaries is subject to the outcome of the study. It is believed that this intervention will further enhance HYPREP strategies towards rolling back the threat

In partnership with a Dutch organization, HYPREP is pushing to phase out the use of single-use plastic bags for mangrove seedling propagation, adopting Growcoon, which are biodegradable nursery bags to promote environmental sustainability.

of cutting down juvenile and mature mangrove trees.





Use of biodegradable Growcoon to nurse mangrove instead of using single-use plastic bags

2.4. WETLAND CONSERVATION:

This involves efforts to attain the RAMSAR site designation for the Ogoni wetlands. In line with UNEP's recommendations, HYPREP is actively pursuing the designation of the Ogoni mangrove wetland as a Ramsar Site, a globally recognized status for wetlands of international significance. Therefore, the project is collaborating with relevant agencies, institutions and partners to achieve this crucial environmental milestone.

The mangrove restoration project has partnered with global bodies such as the Mangrove Action Project (MAP), contributing articles to international newsletters to strengthen global cooperation and knowledge sharing.

HYPREP's restoration efforts are rooted in ecological principles, integrating local and Indigenous knowledge to ensure sustainable and culturally respectful outcomes.

Several town hall meetings have been held with key Indigenous mangrove stakeholders, including fishermen, wood harvesters, and periwinkle collectors, to involve them in the restoration process. HYPREP continues to welcome visitors, researchers, and potential partners to its restoration project sites, while actively engaging with organisations on mangrove conservation, carbon financing, and biomass assessment to achieve long-term impact.

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has made significant progress in restoring and

the cassava processing machines, including the Roasters, Pressers, Graters and Sifters, were fabricated by trainees and were used to set up the

3. COMMUNITY LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT

improving livelihoods across Ogoniland through a wide range of initiatives aimed at job creation, skills development, educational support, and economic empowerment. HYPREP, through its various projects and programmes, has created over 7,000 direct employment opportunities for Ogoni youths and women across more than 100 project sites in the four local government areas of Ogoniland.

In 2020, HYPREP, as part of its efforts to create alternative sources of livelihood in line with UNEP Recommendations, trained 400 Ogoni women in agribusiness at the Songhai farm located at the Bunu community in Tai local Government Area. The training covered agribusiness skills such as aquaculture, poultry farming, cropping and food processing. The women trained at the Songhai Farms were subsequently organized into Cooperative Societies and are operating their farms.

HYPREP has also trained 15 Ogoni youths on the fabrication of cassava processing machines under a tripartite capacity building partnership between HYPREP, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), and Stakeholders Democracy Network (SDN); fifteen (15) youths (11 males and 4 females) from the four Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Ogoniland were trained. This training aimed to provide support to the cassava processing value chain in Ogoniland. At the end of the training,

cassava processing factory on a parcel of Land at the Korokoro community in Tai Local Government Area. Welding and fabrication kits were distributed to beneficiaries who subsequently registered as a cooperative with the name TEGOKHA FARMS.

Trained one hundred (100) Ogoni youths in various aviation industry skills in batches from October 2023 to April 2024. Following the application and shortlisting of qualified applicants for training in the aviation industry, HYPREP engaged Cabin Training Institute (CTI) to carry out the selection of One Hundred (100) trainees, twenty-five (25) persons per LGA.

Beneficiaries were selected through a screening process, and the successful candidates were trained in aviation skills, including Cabin Crew, Flight Dispatch, Customer Service and Ticketing. The first batch trainees numbering Fifteen (15) and the second batch trainees numbering Fourteen (14) totalled Twenty-nine (29) Ogonis trained in the cabin crew so far. Eighteen (18) Successful trainees were given their international passports and their Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) license. On Friday, 19th April 2024, HYPREP, in collaboration with CTI, Dana Air and Bellagio Air, organized a special cabin crew recruitment contest/ job fair for the licensed trainees. Five (5) contestants were immediately employed by Dana Air and Bellagio Air, respectively.



HYPREP Trained Cabin Crew

HYPREP has further trained 200 Ogoni young cassava farmers to improve the cassava value chain for national food security.

In line with the 2024 work plan, HYPREP awarded Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira only (₦250,000.00) research grants each to 200 final-year Ogoni undergraduates and provided scholarships to 300 postgraduate students with One Million Naira only (₦1,000,000.00) each to 100 PhD students and five hundred Thousand Naira only (₦500,000.00) each to 200 master's students.



Presentation of Cheques to Beneficiaries of HYPREP Post Graduate Scholarship

In the area of skills development, HYPREP trained 5,000 Ogoni youths and women across 21 vocational skill areas in 2024. Beneficiaries were equipped with start-up kits to enhance self-employment. See the details are on the table below:

S/N	First Choice From All LGAs	Count	Percentage
1	Crane Operations/ Loader	783	15.66
2	Computer Basics (MS Package)	573	11.46
3	Fashion and designing	566	11.32
4	Fish Farming	444	8.88
5	Catering	399	7.98
6	Argon Welding and Metal Fabrication	393	7.86
7	Web Devt. Digital Marketing, Data Analytics	372	7.44
8	Hair Dressing, Make-Up, Skin Care	160	3.2
9	Photography and Video Editing	122	2.44
10	Solar Power and CCTV, Electrician	252	5.04
11	Industrial Fire Fighting	119	2.38
12	Paint Production	104	2.08
13	Driving	127	2.54
14	Industrial Process	87	1.74
15	Onshore/ Offshore Skill Sets	79	1.58
16	Auto Mobile	78	1.56

17	Poultry Farming	109	2.18
18	Aviation		0.72
		5000	100

Distribution of skills and number of beneficiaries



HYPREP Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey, together with His Majesty, King Dr. Suanu T.Y. Baridam, JP, Amb.P; Spokesman of CRAC, presenting Starter Packs to the Trainees of the HYPREP Livelihoods Skills Acquisition Programme

Additional capacity-building initiatives include 200 cassava farmers trained in modern agricultural practices with the provision of improved stem cuttings and fertilizer, and another 200 young cassava farmers to enhance the cassava value chain and contribute to national food security.

HYPREP also trained 300 undergraduates on career enhancement and employability skills, business proposal writing.

Also, a targeted internship programme has been introduced at the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) construction site, offering engineering and science graduates hands-on training, technology transfer, and employability enhancement.

To support entrepreneurship, HYPREP provided enhancement grants to 60 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and 100 nano businesses. Young entrepreneurs also received training in procurement and business strategy to strengthen local enterprise development and understanding of the Public Procurement Act for inclusion and community participation.

HYPREP commenced training of one hundred (100) Ogoni youths in Seafaring on April 7th, 2025. The training is conducted in Charkins Maritime Academy, Port Harcourt.



Gokana and Khana Packs



HYPREP Head of Livelihoods, Mrs. Nzidee, at a Market tour



Presentation of Nano-Business Grant to an Ogoni Woman after a Training Session, by HYPREP Project Coordinator



Beneficiaries of Seafaring Training with HYPREP Officials

The training of one hundred (100) Ogoni youths in Creative Arts commenced in the fall of April 2025. It was conducted by the Creative Arts Centre, University of Port Harcourt.



Top/Middle: HYPREP Creative Arts Trainees with Nollywood Actor, Charles Inojie, during/after a Master Class Session; Trainees on a film set.
 Middle: HYPREP PC Presenting Certificate of Excellence to a Trainee; Bottom: PC flanked by Creative Arts Trainees on Graduation Day

In the implementation of livelihood restoration and improvement, a strong emphasis has been placed on the inclusion of women. Through HYPREP's policy of gender inclusion, Ogoni women now account for 40% of the workforce on new project sites.

In addition, the Honourable Minister of Environment launched the pilot cookstove project in 2024 and 100 Ogoni women received clean cookstoves to discourage felling down of mangroves and promote sustainable cooking practices in local communities.

Finally, HYPREP designed and launched the ongoing Ogoni Socio-Economic Study to provide data-driven

insights for future planning and intervention across the region. The ongoing shoreline cleanup and mangrove restoration efforts have started yielding traditional fishing livelihood outcomes. Monitoring results show increasing recovery of biodiversity, including food species. This has resulted in the resumption of fishing, especially shellfish collection (periwinkle picking) by women and young persons in the rehabilitated mangroves and on the adjacent mudflats, even as the carbon sequestration function of the restored mangroves contributes towards achieving Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).



Skills Acquisition - Tailoring Training Session



Skills Acquisition - Catering Training Session



Periwinkle picking in and near restorative planted mangroves in Ogoniland

4. PROVISION OF POTABLE WATER

On the provision of potable water, HYPREP has completed and operationalized 15 water stations under the current administration. These facilities supply potable water to 41 Ogoni communities. These water projects have significantly improved the quality of water, sanitary conditions and reduced the disease burden in the benefiting communities, especially communities impacted by hydrocarbon pollution.

commissioned by Nigeria's Honourable Minister of Environment in August 2025.



Commissioning of HYPREP Water Schemes in Ogoniland
Currently, HYPREP is constructing 25 headworks

and 7 booster stations in phase 2 to extend potable water supply to an additional 69 communities. Four newly completed headworks were

In addition, six windmill-powered water projects are being constructed in six sparsely populated and isolated Ogoni communities to ensure access to clean water even in remote areas. At the end of phase 3, HYPREP is expected to achieve supply of potable water to all communities in Gokana, Tai and

Eleme Local Government Areas, while the remaining six (6) communities in Khana Local Government Area will be covered subsequently.

The Governing Council had considered and extended the supply of potable water to all Ogoni communities to promote inclusiveness

Senator Barinada Mpigi, (Rep. of Rivers South East/Ogoni) addressing Ogoni People during the commissioning of a Water Scheme, at Beer



Aerial View of HYPREP Water Station at Kporghor, Tai Equipped with Solar Panels



and create a sense of belonging in the interest of the project

To promote sustainability and community ownership, HYPREP has established Water Consumer Associations (WCA). These associations consist of respected community members who have been selected and trained to manage the water facilities after HYPREP's exit. Also, each contract provides for the contractor's intervention in the sustainable operation and maintenance of the facilities for a period of one year.

Hon. Minister for Environment & PC, turning on the tap Ogoni
Students fetching water provided by HYPREP

Thereafter, HYPREP will manage the facilities for an interim period of two years, after which the WCAs, in conjunction with the Rivers State Ministry of Water Resources and Rural Development, will take full responsibility for overseeing the water infrastructure across Ogoniland. These approaches aim to deepen community ownership and ensure long-term protection of the facilities.



HYPREP PC inspecting some Water Schemes currently under construction

To further improve healthcare delivery at the grassroots level, HYPREP has designed and almost completed (98.9%) a 40-bed Cottage Hospital in Buan community, Khana Local Government Area.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH

The public health interventions of HYPREP have enhanced healthcare infrastructure in Ogoniland by renovating relevant sections of four hospitals in the Bori, Nchia, Terabor General Hospitals, and Kpite Primary Health Care Centre and equipping them with state-of-the-art medical devices and solar power systems.

This intervention addresses the shortage of medical equipment and supplies, thereby improving access

to quality healthcare for the Ogoni population. The upgrades include surgical tools, radiology and ophthalmology equipment, general medical devices, refurbishment of existing structures, and construction of additional facilities.

Over the past two years, HYPREP's free medical care programme in Ogoniland has benefited at least 12,692 individuals. This outreach initiative plays a vital role in providing Ogoni families with quality healthcare services at no cost, reinforcing HYPREP's commitment to public health.



The Project Coordinator inspecting HYPREP Medical Outreach in Ogoni

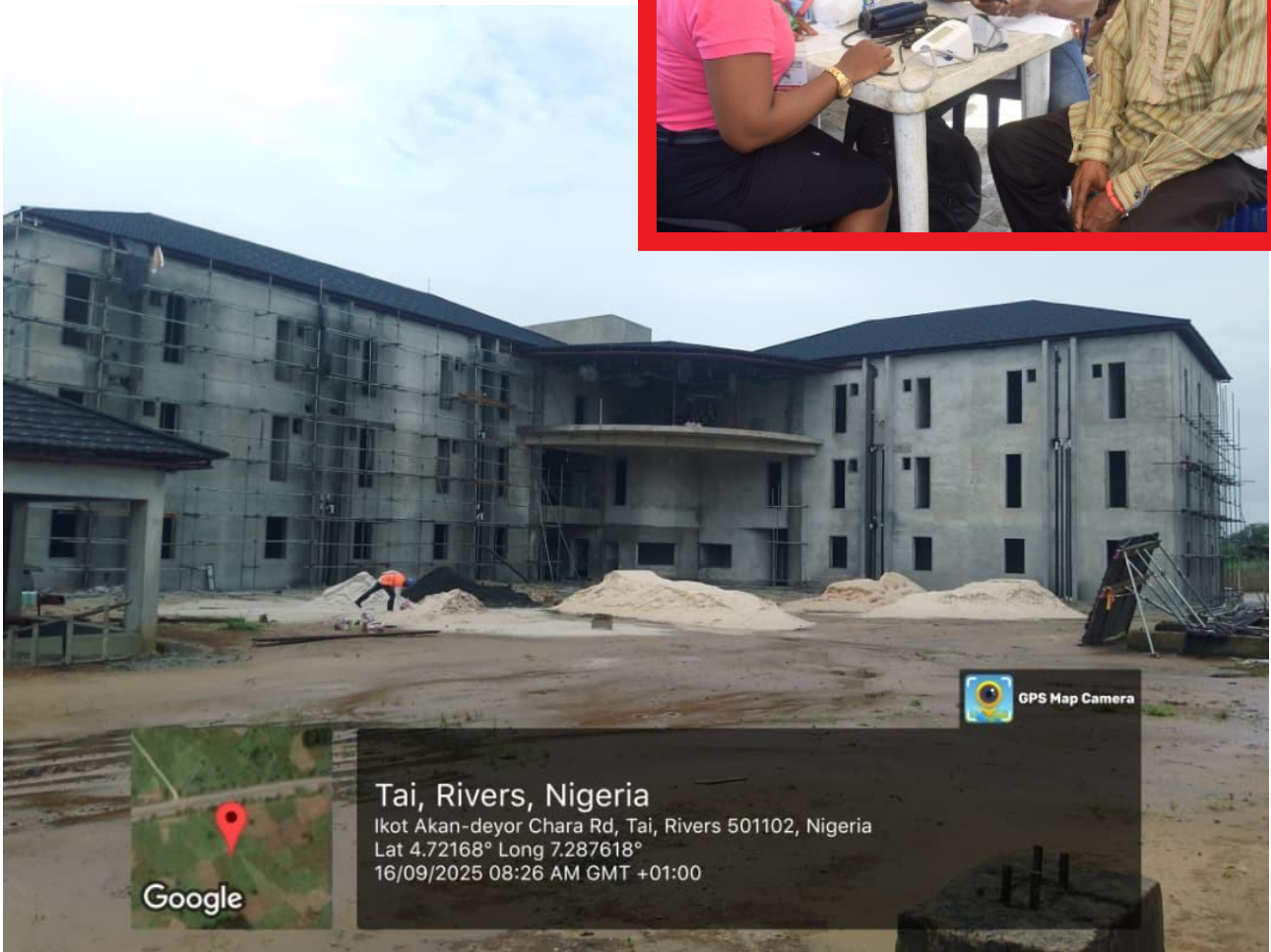


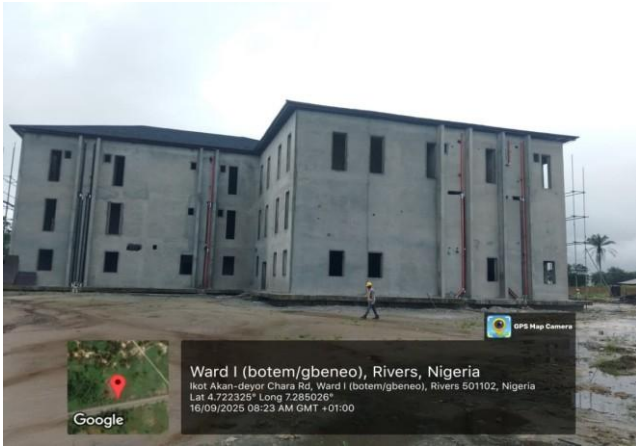
To ensure the sustainability of the soon-to-be-completed Buan Cottage Hospital, HYPREP has developed a strategic partnership with the Rivers State Ministry of Health and the Hospital Management

Approach view of the Ogoni Specialist Hospital under Construction, at Kpite, Tai- September 2025

Board. This collaboration will guarantee the facility's effective administration and continuous service to the community. This facility will particularly benefit remote communities that have faced challenges accessing medical care due to distance.

Additionally, HYPREP is constructing a 100-bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital, which is 78.2% complete. The hospital will include an Oncology Department dedicated to cancer treatment and will serve not only Ogoniland but also neighbouring states such as Abia and Akwa Ibom. This hospital stands as one of HYPREP's legacy projects, expected to provide lasting healthcare benefits beyond the clean-up period.





Different views and stages of the Ogoni Specialist Hospital under Construction, at Kpite, Tai



Hon. Ministers of Environment and Regional Development, together with Senator Magnus Abe, Rt. Hon. Dum Dekor and other dignitaries during an inspection tour of the Ogoni Special Hospital site, in February 2025



Executives of the Nigerian Union of Journalist South-South Zone, during a tour of the Ogoni Specialist Hospital site - August 2025



Members of the Technical Planning Committee for the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, after inauguration, in May 2025



Perspectives of the Buan Cottage Hospital site - August/September 2025



HYPREP Medical Outreaches across the 4 LGAs of Ogniland



Inspection of the MRI Machine and other equipments for Ogoni Specialist Hospital in Germany

In collaboration with the World Health Organization's International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC), HYPREP has initiated a comprehensive health study on the Ogoni people. This study aims to assess the relationship between hydrocarbon exposure and disease patterns, including cancer, in accordance with UNEP's recommendations.



(L-R) Mike Cowing of UNEP, Dr. Ann Ollson and Dr. Joachim Schuz (middle) of the IARC-WHO flanked by the HYPREP Project Coordinator and his team in Port Harcourt

6. THE Ogoni Power Project (OPP)

The Ogoni Power Project (OPP), which is currently being undertaken by HYPREP, is 61.13% completed. The project involves the construction of transmission lines and two substations to connect Ogoni communities to the national grid.

The construction of the two substations is progressing well, and HYPREP has already received several power transmission components from China and India, including insulators, accessories, disconnecter materials, power transformers, earthing transformers, and tower structures. Additional equipment deliveries are expected in the coming months.



HYPREP Team Inspects Transformers for Ogoni Power Project in China



The construction of staff quarters at the Bodo substation, Gokana LGA, have been completed and is currently undergoing electrical fittings, while

construction of staff housing at the Wiiyaakara substation, Khana LGA, is still in progress. The Right of Way (RoW) for the transmission lines has been surveyed, and compensation has been paid to some asset owners along the corridor, with payments to the remaining property owners ongoing.

In the interim, HYPREP, through this project, has created ninety-one (91) jobs for Ogoni youths, who are actively involved in the construction work. Additionally, one hundred and sixty-seven (167) community workers, including Ogoni youths and women, have been trained in basic electric power transmission line processes and will work in the construction project.



HYPREP PC and Team inspecting and taking delivery of Ogoni Power Project Equipments from China

7. CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION (CEER)

HYPREP designed and initiated the Contaminated Soil Management Centre (ICSMC), established by UNEP. The centre also includes an Integrated ongoing construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), a key recommendation from the UNEP report on Ogoniland.

The CEER is envisioned as an international hub for cutting-edge research in environmental remediation and restoration and will serve as a repository for the extensive data generated by the Ogoni cleanup efforts. Its Faculty of Vocational Skill Acquisition aims to sustainably build the capacity of Nigerian youths.



Aerial View of Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration under Construction

The construction process has created internship programme at the centre for 40 approximately 1,300 jobs for Ogoni youths Ogoni graduates of engineering and the and the broader community. Additionally, sciences to enhance their practical skills, HYPREP has launched a specialized career enhancement and employability.



HYPREP PC flanked by Distinguished Members of CEER Technical Planning Committee, led by Prof. Don Baridam, during the formal Presentation of their Report, in March 2025

A 13-member Technical Planning Committee (TPC) was formed to develop a framework for the operationalization and sustainability of the CEER. The committee was chaired by a distinguished academic, Prof. Don Baridam and the committee included seasoned environmental researchers, practitioners, and four former vice-chancellors. TPC has submitted its

report, which has been forwarded to the Governing Council for further action as necessary. Currently, the CEER is 93% complete and is expected to be inaugurated in the last quarter of 2025. It is projected that the CEER will be commissioned by President Ahmed Bola Tinubu GCFR and operationalized before the end of the year.



Back view of the Admin building of the Centre of Excellence for Environment Restoration and Residential Quarters

8. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

HYPREP, in line with its mandate to build local capacity for environmental management, has published a user-friendly manual for mangrove restoration aimed at promoting ecologically sound, multi-species mangrove restoration in Nigeria and, more broadly, throughout the Gulf of Guinea. This manual ensures that both the art and science of mangrove restoration are adhered to in the Ogoni mangrove restoration project and similar initiatives, with the

knowledge documented for easy access and application at any time and place.

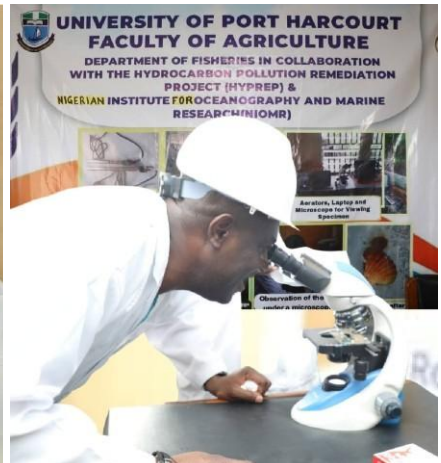
In addition, HYPREP released a comprehensive framework titled “Ogoniland and the Niger Delta: Mangrove Restoration and Conservation Strategy”, which guides mangrove restoration and conservation efforts across Nigeria. To support the fisheries enhancement aspect of the mangrove restoration project, HYPREP conducted fish stock assessment research to establish a baseline for



HYPREP Demonstration Farm on Remediated/Closed-out Site at Nkeleoken, Eleme, Showing Good Crop Performance

measuring progress. To prevent plastic pollution in nursery practices, HYPREP introduced the use of Growcoon, a biodegradable nursery bag which is environmentally friendly, aligning with national efforts to combat plastic pollution. Post-remediation care research has also been intensified to remove residual oil and enhance soil fertility. Notably, impressive removal of residual oil has been recorded. On a demonstration farm in Nkeleoken, Eleme Local Government Area, various crops such as tomato, cassava, maize, fluted pumpkin, and cucumber have been successfully planted, yielding positive results.

Furthermore, as part of the Ogoni shoreline clean-up restoration efforts, HYPREP, in collaboration with the Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research, the Rivers State University, and the University of Port Harcourt, has started experimenting with the artificial seed propagation and restocking of the African bloody cockle (*Senilia senilis*) on remediated tidal flats. The bloody cockle is a vital source of animal protein in the Niger Delta that have supported local livelihood for centuries. Oil pollution caused the local extinction of the shellfish in Ogoniland.



The PC at Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research Laboratory, Buguma, Rivers State on Bloody Cockle cultivation



The PC reintroducing the cultivated Bloody Cockle from Buguma into the Bomu Creeks of Ogoniland, after several years of extinction

9. PROJECT LINKAGES AND PARTNERSHIPS

HYPREP has developed a range of strategic linkages and partnerships to support its environmental restoration efforts, which include collaborations with universities, agencies, and research institutes locally and internationally. The Project has established research and training collaborations with the UK-based Lancaster University Environment Centre and the Cooperative Research Centre for

Contamination Assessment and Remediation (CRC-CARE) at the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. These partnerships support the operation of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) located in the Wiiyaakara community, Khana Local Government Area, Rivers State.



Visit of the CEO and Managing Director of the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (crcCARE) of the University of Newcastle, Australia, Laureate Prof. Ravi Naidu, to the HYPREP Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration under Construction

To enhance local expertise, HYPREP trained 13 remediation staff in advanced groundwater assessment, remediation, and monitoring at CRC-CARE in Australia, ensuring that specialized skills are developed and domesticated in the Project Coordination Office for the public benefit.

Additionally, HYPREP formed a biotechnology partnership with Contec Group to isolate hydrocarbon-degrading microbes. These microbes are used to produce biofertilizers for post-remediation site aftercare, improving soil fertility and removing residual oil, with excellent results demonstrated at trial sites.

HYPREP is also partnering with the Nigerian Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to support ICT training and the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) devices designed to monitor restored mangrove areas. In collaboration with the

Small and Medium Enterprises

Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), HYPREP aims to foster entrepreneurship, particularly among youths in Ogoni.

Furthermore, a research partnership with the Drosophila Institute at the University of Ibadan was established to study the impact of hydrocarbon exposure on human health, using *Drosophila melanogaster* as a model organism to simulate the adverse effects of petroleum contaminants.

Lastly, HYPREP maintains a strategic relationship with the National Parks Service to protect wildlife and sacred forests in Ogoniland. This collaboration includes training forest rangers across Ogoni's four Local Government Areas to repopulate remediated areas with wildlife from conserved forests, thereby restoring ecological balance.



Honourable Minister for Environment with Distinguished Prof. Ravi Naidu of CRC-CARE and HYPREP PC during a working visit to the Environment House Abuja



HYPREP PC and Team at the Lancaster University Environment Centre UK

10. REGIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

On regional capacity development, HYPREP established a sabbatical leave programme, linking town and gown to improve learning and knowledge productivity. This collaboration has thus far linked up with universities across the country with the Ogoni Cleanup Project, allowing distinguished professors to spend one year on sabbatical at the project coordination office (PCO).

Additionally, HYPREP has created a specialized internship programme at the site of the Construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), offering practical experience to 90 Ogoni young graduates in engineering and the sciences.

To further develop capacity in key thematic areas, HYPREP initiated a robust industrial training programme for undergraduate and postgraduate students in tertiary institutions.

About 400 students have gained hands-on experience during their industrial placements on the project. The HYPREP office also serves as the primary assignment location for young graduates participating in the National Youth Service Corps programme, with 65 corpsers having so far completed their service at HYPREP.

The project has also established and continuously supported 23 environmental clubs, known as the Green Frontiers, in secondary schools in Ogoniland to develop the environmental management capacity of young people through in-class training and field exhibitions, thereby broadening the impact of citizen awareness and action for sustainability.



CSOs and other participants after a brainstorming session at the HYPREP Mangrove and Forest Sustainability Retreat.



Members of the HYPREP Environment Club, Greenfrontiers

HYPREP actively promotes academic engagement through excursion visits to remediation sites. Postgraduate students and lecturers from universities such as the University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State University, and the Nigerian Maritime University have visited Phase 2 remediation sites, gaining valuable exposure to realworld environmental remediation practices. These visits foster institutional collaboration and dialogue between researchers, students, and field professionals.

Students from Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State, on Excursion at HYPREP Shoreline Clean-up Site



11. SECURITY AND ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES

Facilitated by the support of the Office of the National Security Adviser, the security and anti-repollution measures include deployment of civil security, prevention of re-pollution and partnership with ex-artisanal refiners.

To ensure a safe working environment, HYPREP has enhanced security in Ogoniland by integrating a non-kinetic approach alongside kinetic operations, thereby creating safer project sites for staff, contractors, project partners and the wider public.

A platform has been created by the Project Coordination Office for quarterly engagement with over 1,000 Ogoni youths to foster peacebuilding and encourage buy-in for the project. The project recruited, trained, and deployed 500 civil security guards who provide site protection and relay intelligence.



Participants at an anti-repollution sensitization workshop for Ogoni ex-artisanal refiners.

Efforts to eliminate illegal oil bunkering and artisanal refining along the Ogoni shoreline have been largely successful through security patrols, partnerships with former artisanal refiners through their umbrella body, the Ogoni ExArtisanal Refiners Forum, and sustained youth sensitization.

These measures have improved the safety of facilities and installations in the area, reduced the threat of re-pollution, and reinforced ongoing anti-repollution campaigns through continuous engagement with local communities.



The Honourable Minister of Environment flanked by Chief of Defence Staff, General Christopher G. Musa, OFR; HYPREP PC, and others, after a Strategic Security Session at the Federal Ministry of Environment Headquarters, Mabushi - Abuja; during which Prof. Zabbey appealed to the General to strengthen Security along Ogoni Shoreline to prevent re-pollution



HYPREP's Chief Security Officer, AIG Emmanuel Effiom (Rtd), (middle on white) and Commodore A. Abubakar Umar of the Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS) Jubilee with their teams after a security collaboration visit

12. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY

To strengthen engagement with local Ogoni communities, HYPREP launched the “HYPREP Herald on Radio”, a radio programme incorporating the Ogoni language. This platform informs communities about project activities and opportunities, encouraging participation and enhancing understanding of the project's impact. It also serves as a platform to obtain feedback.

The HYPREP PCO publishes a monthly newsletter called HYPREP Herald to update stakeholders, including Ogoni people in diaspora, on the status of the cleanup.

To ensure transparency and accountability throughout project implementation, HYPREP established the Milestone Evaluation Committee, which rigorously reviews and verifies contractor payment requests to guarantee value for money. Additional support for monitoring and evaluation was secured through the recruitment of a Project Planner, a Project Cost Engineer, and senior Monitoring and Evaluation officers.

HYPREP PC Presents a copy of HYPREP HERALD Newsletter to the Indian Deputy High Commissioner, Vartika Rawat in Abuja

A Technical Coordination Committee was formed, including HYPREP, Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited (formerly SPDC), and the post-UNEP team, to oversee technical aspects and guide project execution. Similarly, the Remediation Documentation Review Committee, comprising HYPREP, Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited, civil society organizations, the Rivers State Ministry of Environment, and post-UNEP consultants, reviews and standardizes Site

Characterisation Reports and Remedial Action Plans before submission to NOSDRA.

Regular quarterly project updates are provided to Ogoni critical stakeholders, with interactive sessions organized for government regulatory agencies and civil society organizations. The Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Techniques (SCAT) Team was expanded, and a mangrove monitoring team was established, adopting a multi-stakeholder approach to site assessments.



The project website was also upgraded with specific

updates on project activities to allow stakeholders to track progress in real time.

Similarly, HYPREP's social media platform has continued to attract traffic and followership. For instance, our Facebook engagement has led to a followership of over 5600 followers, which indicates high penetration and public interest in the project's contents, information and programmes. It has also been a robust platform for feedback from critical stakeholders, especially the youth.



HYPREP Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey, Briefs MOSOP USA on Clean-up Progress

13. EXTERNAL FUNDING AND FUND MOBILIZATION

HYPREP secured its first external grant of £28,550 from the Commonwealth Blue Charter for a project titled “Rapid Assessment of Policy Gaps for Sustainable Mangrove Management in the Niger Delta.”

Collaborators include the Mangrove Action Project, Portsmouth University, Commonwealth Blue Charter, University of Colorado Boulder, and Rivers State University.

A Proposal Writing Committee has been established to equip staff with the skills necessary to secure additional funding for emerging projects. Furthermore, HYPREP co-applied for the UNDP-GEF-Government project, “Accelerating Nature and Climate Action to Advance Nigeria's Net Zero and '30x30' Targets,” which aims to advance national environmental goals.



Participants at the HYPREP /Commonwealth Blue Charter, funded Validation Workshop on Rapid Assessment of Policy Gaps for Sustainable Mangrove Management in Niger Delta, for 10 Ogoni Communities in Gokana and Tai LGAs respectively - Bodo, Bomu, B.Dere, K.Dere, Lewe, Kpor, Gbe, Goi, Gio and Kporghor.

14. PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

In line with its peacebuilding mandate, HYPREP published a comprehensive Handbook on Community Engagement and Conflict Prevention, which has been distributed widely to stakeholders. This resource facilitates conflict prevention and resolution on project sites through

Alternative Dispute Resolution and Peacebuilding Techniques to Ogoni Traditional Rulers and Other Key

Stakeholders, which was conducted by the Centre for Peace and Security Studies at the University of Port Harcourt. The training had in

needs to ensure inclusivity and sustained

The Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) and the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) are organs of the Ogoni cleanup. The project continues to train and retrain members of the ZRC and CRAC. These committee members have been trained on Alternative Dispute Resolution to reinforce their capacity in addressing conflict.



the formation of a conflict management committee and clarifies communication channels and stakeholder responsibilities in conflict situations. Similarly, HYPREP provided training on

attendance Government-Recognised traditional rulers, paramount rulers and various stakeholders across the four LGA's in addition, frequent engagements are held with women and persons living with special community support.

HYPREP Project Coordinator flanked by Ogoni Traditional Rulers during a Special Training on Alternative Dispute Resolution





The HYPREP Governing Council recently approved the Civic Education and Constructive Engagement (CECE) campaign as recommended by the Project Coordination Office to foster understanding, define community roles and enhance cooperation to ensure that the objectives of the Federal Government of Nigeria through HYPREP are achieved in an atmosphere of peace and security.



Training Session for Ogoni Traditional Rulers by HYPREP on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Certificate Presentation to a participant by Prof. Zabbey, in Port Harcourt.



15. UN COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT

The United Nations System continues to play a key role in the implementation of the

Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation project. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provided technical support at various stages in the project evolution process to ensure the success of the Ogoni clean-up initiative. As part of the project's livelihood restoration effort, UNITAR had also provided livelihood training to Ogoni women.

Recently, HYPREP secured the

endorsement and renewed support of the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator, along with the backing of the UN agencies, including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Nigeria.

These agencies have committed to partnering with HYPREP by providing technical support and collaborating on initiatives related to alternative livelihoods, alternative energy sources, climate change mitigation, blue carbon, food security, potable water, public health, and more.



UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr Mohamed Malick Fall (R), Mr Dominique Kouacou of FAO (L), HYPREP Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey (Background) During the Duo's Visit to HYPREP

16. PROJECT VISIBILITY

The project has gained significant visibility both nationally and internationally, attracting recognition through invitations to speak as a guest speaker at prestigious international forums and through highprofile visits by key stakeholders to the project sites. Through these engagements, HYPREP is contributing to the body of knowledge available in the field of environmental remediation as well as the experiences garnered in t

he implementation process on the international stage.

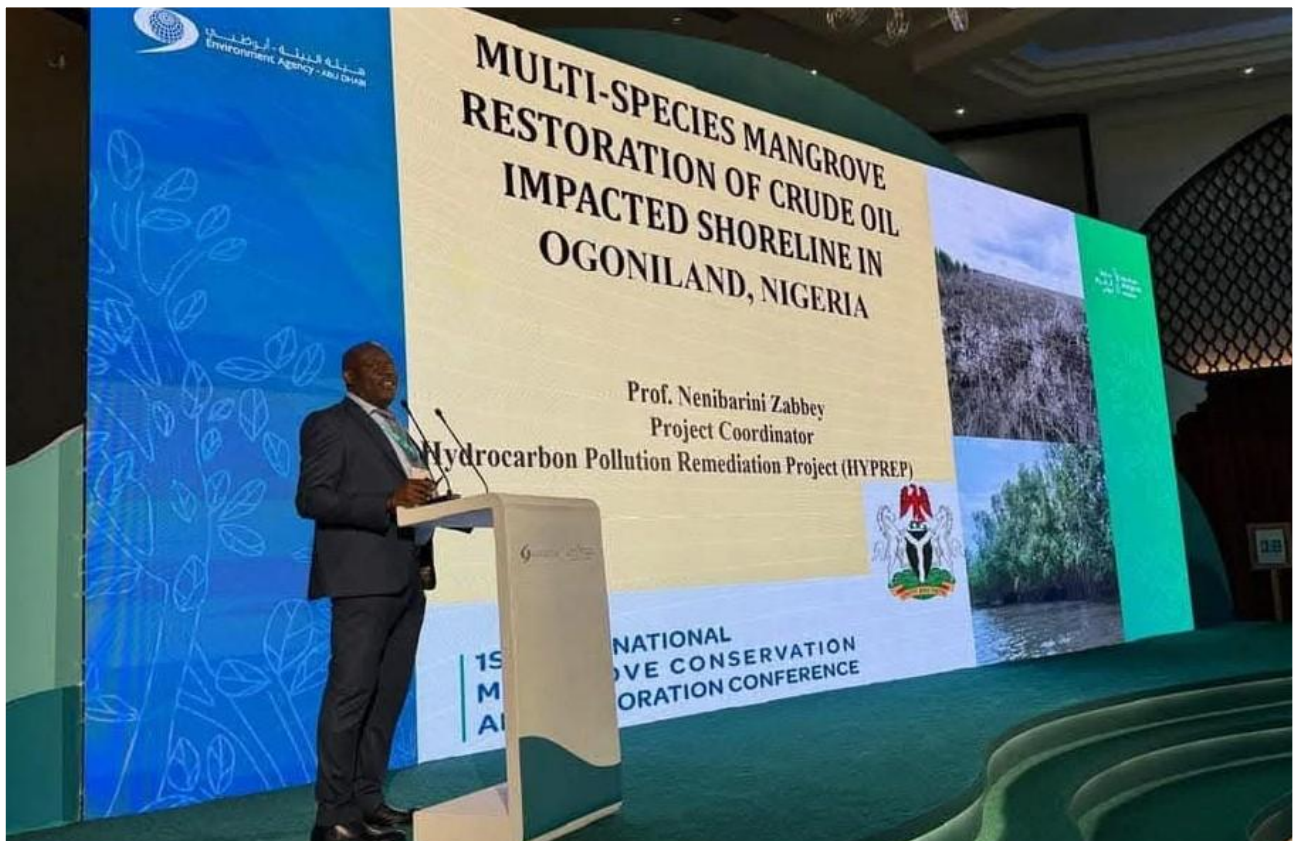
a. PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL FORA:

Several papers have been presented at international fora, including

- i. **Assessment of impact levels for effective rehabilitation of the oilcontaminated mangrove**

shoreline of Ogoniland, Nigeria. Paper delivered at the Cleanup 2024 Conference, Adelaide, Australia, 17 September 2024.

- ii. Multi-species mangrove restoration of crude oil-impacted shoreline in Ogoniland, Nigeria. Paper delivered at the 1st International Conference on Mangrove Restoration, 10–12 December 2024, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.



Prof. Zabbey Makes Presentation at 1st Int'l Conference on Mangrove Restoration and Conservation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

iii. **The largest restoration of oil-degraded mangrove programme in the world: The restoration of mangrove forests in the Niger Delta: theory and practice. Paper delivered at the Swedish Academy of Agriculture & Forestry Seminar on Ecosystem Restoration for Sustainable Development, 5th February 2025.**



a. PAPERS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL FORA:

On the national level, the project has been showcased through various presentations and keynote addresses.

Topics included

- i. Sustainable Fisheries Development: Promoting Blue Economy and Climate Change Mitigation. Paper presented at the University of Port Harcourt Fisheries Day 2023. October 10, 2023.
- ii. Hydrocarbon Contaminants and Human Health Risks. A talk presented at the 11th International Conference of the West African Society of Toxicology (WASOT), held 23–25 November 2023 at the Rivers State University, Port Harcourt.
- iii. Freshwater Resource Management in a Digital World.

A keynote address delivered at the 5th Annual Conference of the Freshwater Biological Association (FBAN), held 16–19 July 2024 at Benson Idahosa

University, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.

iv. Wetland Ecosystems: Hotspots for biodiversity.

A keynote address delivered at the 2024 Hybrid Conference of the Ecological Society of Nigeria (ECOSON), held 5–9 May 2024 at Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State, Nigeria.

v. Fish diversity baseline for mangrove restoration of Bomu Creek, Ogoniland. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Conference of the Fisheries Society of Nigeria (FISON), held at the Raw Materials Development Research and Development Council, Maitama, Abuja, 28 October – 1 November 2024.

vi. Building Climate Resilience in the Niger Delta through Nature-Based Solutions. A keynote address was delivered at the stakeholder engagement event on mangrove governance in the Niger Delta, organized by the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) at the Landmark Hotel, Port Harcourt, on Tuesday, 20th May 2025.



British High Commissioner to Nigeria, His Excellency Richard Montgomery and team during a working visit to HYPREP



Irish Ambassador to Nigeria, H.E Peter Ryan and team during a working visit to Hyprep



PC and Belgium Ambassador to Nigeria, H.E Pieter Leenknecht, and First Secretary of the Embassy of Belgium, Dorien Laewnen

HYPREP PC and team visit to the Indian High Commission in Abuja to strengthen collaboration



HYPREP PC and team visit to the Australian High Commission in Abuja and received by its Political officer Mr Walker

HYPREP PC/team with others at the just concluded Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) Conference, at Denver Col, USA, Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2025

17. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

HYPREP continues to expand its network of partnerships and collaborations with national and international institutions to optimize development results. From the inception of HYPREP to the end of June 2024, UNEP supported the Ogoni cleanup operations in building systems, staff training, and the development of standard operating procedures.

Similarly, Renaissance Africa Energy Limited (formerly operated as Shell

Petroleum Development Company, SPDC JV) has been providing significant technical support to HYPREP to enhance its capacity to deliver on its mandate. This support has included expertise in environmental remediation, research, and project management, enabling HYPREP to develop effective strategies for addressing hydrocarbon pollution.

When UNEP exited the project in June 2025, HYPREP hired the team of UNEP consultants (now referred to as post-UNEP consultants), who have been supporting the Ogoni cleanup, including Mike Cowing, who led the UNEP study of the Ogoniland environment. HYPREP continues to benefit from the post-UNEP team expertise and experience. More so,

the collaborative and adaptive approach has helped the Ogoni cleanup in many areas, including strengthening institutional capacity, enhancing operational efficiency, and improving the project's

ability to engage with stakeholders. Both the post-UNEP team and Renaissance are members of the HYPREP Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) and the Remediation Document Review Committee (RDRC), among others.



Minister of Environment with Mike Cowing (UNEP and post-UNEP Consultant), and Didi Clark (Renaissance)



Mike Cowing and Olof Linden (UNEP and post-UNEP Consultants) with the HYPREP PC in the field

18. STRATEGIC STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

As a multi-stakeholder project, HYPREP recognizes that the success of its mandate in Ogoniland is deeply rooted in inclusive and sustained stakeholder engagement. Thus, a comprehensive approach to stakeholder engagement is at the core of our strategy, recognizing that the project's success depends on the active participation, ownership, and support of all relevant

Therefore, the Project has adopted a strategic stakeholder engagement framework that prioritizes broad-based consultations with all segments of Ogoni society, including traditional institutions, community leadership, women and youth groups, people with special needs, the civil society, and religious leaders.

groups.



HYPREP PC presenting Mid-term Scorecard to Ogoni Stakeholders

Beyond the local communities, the project has also consistently engaged critical stakeholders such as regulators, funders, asset owners, and implementation partners to ensure alignment, transparency of the process, and coordinated action towards the achievement of project goals.

Through periodic town hall meetings, sensitization campaigns, focus group discussions, and community dialogues, peacebuilding activities, HYPREP has deliberately ensured that stakeholders are not only heard but actively involved in decision-making processes.

in resistance and agitations as well as greater protection of project assets, as communities now see themselves as custodians of the Ogoni cleanup efforts.

To date, HYPREP has engaged a wide array of stakeholders, including communitybased organizations, local government

This inclusive approach has fostered councils, security agencies, traditional rulers, international development partners, confidence-building, peace, and social and technical experts. These engagements stability within the project area, while also have proven instrumental in shaping policy strengthening ownership and increasing

public participation in project activities. strategies, resolving conflicts and The result has been a significant reduction promoting peace.



HYPREP Stakeholders engagement with Ogoni Traditional Rulers at Gokana and Tai King's Palace, respectively

More importantly, they have fostered a renewed sense of inclusion and belonging among the Ogoni people, reinforcing the idea that the Ogoni Cleanup is a collective journey that thrives on collaboration, trust, and the collective responsibility of all stakeholders, which is critical to the project's long-term sustainability.



HYPREP Stakeholders engagement with Ogoni Traditional Rulers at Eleme King's Palace



Hon. Min. of Environment; Hon. Min. of Regional Dev., UN Reps, together with the HYPREP Team/Ogoni Stakeholders & other dignitaries at Chairman of Khana Traditional Rulers Council Palace at Banaha Kinadom, during a Courtesy visit



HYPREP engagement with Regulators and other critical Stakeholders



HYPREP PC flanked by Members of the CRAC/ZRC after a joint Strategy Evaluation Retreat



HYPREP PC during his presentation



Rt. Hon. Emma Deeyah, HYPREP BoT Chair



Rt. Hon. Dum Dekor of the House of Reps



H.E. Amb. Oji Ngofa (Fmr Amb. to Netherlands)



HRH Mene Kadilo Kabari of Barako



HRM Sir Samuel Nnee King of Tai Kingdom



19. HYPREP COMMITMENT

As the Federal Government of Nigeria, through HYPREP, continues to make significant strides in its remediation and livelihood restoration efforts in Ogoniland, the project is poised to build on the momentum of its

initiatives, and fostering greater community engagement and ownership.

HYPREP will also continue to work closely with its stakeholders, including government agencies, the



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achievements.

With several key milestones already accomplished, HYPREP is now focused on sustaining its progress and expanding its impact.

The project's leadership, led by the Honourable Minister of Environment as Chairman of the Governing Council, is committed to ensuring that the gains made so far are consolidated and that the project remains on track to meet its objectives as well as the expectations of all project stakeholders,

UN System, civil society organizations, and Ogoni communities, to ensure that its activities are responsive to their needs and expectations of the public, by maintaining its focus on delivering tangible results and building strong collaborations and partnerships.

HYPREP is also confident that it will achieve its vision of a restored and thriving Ogoniland, where there is a rebirth of economic activities for national peace and prosperity.

In conclusion, the Ogoni clean-up initiative has

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including the United Nations.

LOOKING AHEAD, HYPREP's priorities will include intensifying its environmental remediation efforts, enhancing livelihood restoration and improvement

It has made significant strides since the inception of its operations in 2017, demonstrating a committed effort toward environmental



restoration and improvement of the livelihoods of the people.

With the support of the United Nations and other project stakeholders, notable progress has been made in the remediation of contaminated land and groundwater, as well as the establishment of monitoring systems to ensure sustainable environmental management.

Additionally, these collaborative efforts of government agencies, community stakeholders, and international partners, particularly the UN, have been instrumental in driving these successes, fostering a renewed sense of hope and resilience within the Ogoni communities.

Despite these achievements, the project occasionally faces some challenges, which include variation claims by contractors citing economic reasons such as national inflation, targeted misinformation, chieftaincy tussles, communal land and boundary disputes, flooding of sites near swampy areas hampering remediation execution and undue requests from the community for public services not covered by HYPREP's mandate. However, ongoing community engagements and targeted campaigns seek to sustain momentum further.

The clean-up process has highlighted the complexity of environmental remediation in areas with prolonged ecological damage from oil pollution, underscoring the necessity for adaptive strategies that address emerging issues and evolving community needs.

Continued vigilance and transparency in reporting the project are essential to maintain public trust and ensure that the objectives of the cleanup are fully realised.

This remains the strategy of HYPREP as it is accelerating the Ogoni cleanup as prioritized by the Renewed Hope Agenda of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR.



A Shrimp uncovered on the shores of Bomu Creek, Ogoniland - a hopeful sign of ecosystem recovery



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