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PROF. NENIBARINI ZABBEY
PROJECT COORDINATOR
(HYPREP)

May 2nd, 2025, marks my second year as the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP). Thus, I have spent the past few days reflecting on the journey. My quiet time of sober reflection focused on where I met the project, the milestones our team have been able to achieve under the present administration, the aspects of the cleanup that need improvement or a different strategy, the impressive support and ownership of the project by the Ogoni people and other stakeholders, the enviable place of the Ogoni cleanup as a key priority of the Renewed Hope Agenda, and the privilege of serving as a 'carrier of hope'.

I did not intend to speak about the project achievements on this second anniversary. Instead, as it is my wont, I wanted to sidestep the cleanup achievements and share my thoughts with the project team and stakeholders on innovative, strategic, and operational plans to optimise the project impact. Journalists have often asked me to score the project under me, but I always refused, insisting that I cannot write an exam and mark my script. Recall that during my first anniversary, I successfully resisted the pressure of the HYPREP editorial crew to serialize our achievements.

However, this time, I yielded to their persuasion. So, it's fifty-fifty. This is the beauty of teamwork! Therefore, we want to use the May and June editions of the bulletin to flag some of the project's achieved milestones under the current administration. We are not celebrating the achievements, but we are proud that we have accelerated the Ogoni cleanup in line with the priority of the Renewed Hope Agenda. The cleanup is a work in progress.

The last two years have been eventful and challenging. We implemented over 130 projects in Ogoni towards actualizing HYPREP's mandate "to remediate the oil-impacted environment and restore the people's livelihoods." The projects included soil and groundwater remediation, shoreline clean-up, mangrove restoration, livelihood training, provision of potable water, public health strengthening, construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), the Ogoni Power Project, the Buan Cottage Hospital, and the Ogoni Specialist Hospital.

We started constructing the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) in the last quarter of 2023. As of today, the CEER is over 80% completed. The CEER is an integrated institution. As recommended by the UNEP report (2011) on Ogoniland, it has the Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Center (ICSMC). It also has a Faculty for Research and Development and a Faculty for Vocational Skill Acquisition. We are working very hard to complete and inaugurate the CEER by September. To achieve the immediate operationalization of the CEER, we had set up the CEER's Technical Planning Committee (TPC). The TPC

members - seasoned academics and industry actors, have submitted to the Project Coordination Office (PCO) a robust framework for the sustainable funding and operation of the CEER.

Our progress across other thematic areas is particularly evident in the remediation of polluted sites. As of today, the shoreline remediation project is at a completion rate of 39.4%. We have recovered, evacuated, and treated over 937,000 litres of oily sludge from the mangrove sediment of five littoral Ogoni communities. We have also evacuated over 1.7 million kilograms of solid waste from the creeks. The pilot mangrove restoration project we started in Bomu has reached an impressive 86% completion rate. The mangrove restoration manuals we published and used to train some Ogoni youth and women have been very helpful. The trainees who proudly called themselves mangrove vanguards nursed and supplied mangrove seedlings to the mangrove restoration contractors. This created considerable local livelihood opportunities, while the knowledge impact of the mangrove restoration is one of the legacies of the Ogoni cleanup.

We have accelerated the provision of potable water. More communities now have access to potable water, with more schemes underway to reticulate even more communities. So far, we have ten (10) functional water stations supplying potable water to thirty (30) communities in Ogoniland. We installed solar power systems at the stations to reduce the cost of maintaining the water facilities. The Ogoni Power Project we are constructing will reinforce the power supply at the water stations and stimulate small and medium-scale businesses. We have taken delivery of containers of the power equipment

manufactured in China and India, while the building of the two substations is moving pretty fast.

The construction of the Ogoni Specialist Hospital has progressed to a completion rate of 70%, while the Buan Cottage Hospital has achieved 93.8%. We will not relent until both hospitals are completed because they will enhance our people's access to quality healthcare. In partnership with the Association of Ogoni Doctors, we conduct periodic medical outreach in Ogoni, even as we have strengthened the Bori, Nchia, and Terabo hospitals, and the Kpita Health Centre with state-of-the-art equipment. Recently, we signed a contract with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to undertake a three-year comprehensive human health biomonitoring in Ogoniland.

We are piloting an IT-supported classroom to aid teaching and learning in selected secondary schools across the four Local Government Areas in Ogoni. This initiative parallels the educational support we provide at the tertiary level, where we have assisted 200 undergraduate students with academic support grants and awarded scholarships to 300 postgraduate Ogoni students: 200 Master's scholarships and 100 Ph.D. scholarships.

We have enhanced engagement with project stakeholders. From the quarterly youth meeting to the quarterly key regulators meeting and the key Ogoni Stakeholders meeting, we strive to ensure no group is left behind. Our inclusion policy ensures that underserved populations, such as People Living with Special Needs and women, participate fully and benefit from the cleanup projects. However, we have faced some challenges, such as the deliberate spreading of

misinformation about the project, project delays due to land ownership disputes, and fencing of some of the lands designated for remediation.

Nonetheless, we continue to navigate these obstacles using alternative means of dispute resolution and the support of our various stakeholders, such as members of the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) and the Central Representative Committee (CRAC).

All the thematic projects, including land remediation, shoreline cleanup, mangrove restoration, potable water, public health, the CEER, and the Ogoni Power Project, encompass livelihood aspects. These projects create direct jobs. To date, about 7000 Ogoni youth and women are directly employed at various HYPREP work sites. We have also implemented several livelihood training programmes. Over the past two years, we have trained over 5,000 Ogoni youths and women in 21 skill areas and provided the trainees with start-up kits. We have initiated seafaring training for one hundred (100) Ogoni youths, and the induction of Creative Arts trainees took place on 30th April, 2025. These initiatives will help transform the socio-economic landscape of the area. Additionally, we

have started a comprehensive socio-economic study in Ogoni to create a blueprint for the region's socio-economic development.

It is important to stress that these achievements by the PCO would not have been possible without the people-centered leadership and guidance of the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Mallam Balarabe Abbas Lawal. We are thankful to the HYPREP Board of Trustees and members of the HYPREP Governing Council for the sustained support to the PCO. Above all, we are eternally grateful to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu (GCFR) for making the Ogoni Cleanup a key priority of the Renewed Hope Agenda. I cannot thank my people - the Ogoni people - enough for the tremendous support and for owning the project. We promise to deliver a sustainable cleanup that all stakeholders will be proud of!

“Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”



Quarters at CEER

In this Issue

This edition of the HYPREP Herald leads with the commemorative report on the achievements of Professor Nenibarini Zabbey's two years in office as the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP). In the key thematic areas of shoreline clean-up and mangrove restoration, provision of potable water, livelihood training and construction of legacy projects both completed and on-going are spread across the four Local Government Areas of Ogoni where HYPREP is working. These projects are a show of the commitment of Prof. Zabbey to the implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on the clean-up of Ogoniland.

The Executive Director and Managing Director of the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (croCARE) of the University of Newcastle, Australia, Prof. Ravi Naidu was at the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, Wiiyaakara, Ogoni. Prof. Naidu was impressed with the volume of work done and the quality of facilities on ground to make the Centre a true centre for global research in environmental remediation and vocational studies.

The Management of HYPREP is intensifying efforts to get as many international partnerships as

possible in the remediation and restoration of the Ogoni environment and to drive socio-economic development in the area. In this regard, the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey was at the Indian High Commission in Abuja for bilateral talks on strengthening of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, educational advancement for Ogoni youths, food security through high yielding crop seedlings, digital solutions, etc.

The Governing Council of the University of Port Harcourt led by its Chairman and Pro Chancellor, Senator Mao Ohabunwa in company of members of Council and the Vice Chancellor were another set of callers at the Project Coordination Office of HYPREP. The University, which has a long history of partnership and support for the Ogoni clean-up project, is determined as ever to continue to render mutually beneficial services to the project. That was the assurance given by the university delegation.

In consideration of the prime place

that Ogoni youths occupy on the Ogoni clean-up project, the Project Coordination Office held the 2025 first quarter meeting with them. The forum provided the opportunity for Prof. Zabbey to brief them on the major achievements of the project to date. The livelihood training for the youths in the specialized area of seafaring was flagged off recently for one hundred Ogoni youths to give them high revenue earning skill for their personal development and that of their dependants.

We have another feature on the tour of senior journalists and columnists who visited HYPREP project sites recently to have firsthand information on the Ogoni clean-up project. The poetry corner is maintained for your reading pleasure, and we hope that this edition will further enrich your knowledge of the Ogoni clean-up project. We value your feedback. Support the clean-up project to serve you and the environment better.

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OGONI CLEAN-UP: ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER CURRENT ADMINISTRATION (PART 1)

This month marks two years of Professor Nenibarini Zabbey in the saddle as the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP). Zabbey is a Biomonitoring and Restoration Ecology Professor and a Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP). Before being appointed HYPREP Project Coordinator, he was a lecturer at the Department of Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt, and UNEP's Senior National Expert on Mangrove Ecosystems. In this special report to mark his second anniversary in office, we highlight significant achievements of HYPREP in the key thematic areas of the Ogoni clean-up coordinated by this outstanding environmental scientist and prudent project manager.

Shoreline Clean-up

- 659.38 hectares of oil-impacted mangrove wetland has been cleaned in readiness for regulatory closeout sampling for mangrove planting.
- 961,949 litres of oily sludge and 1,836,679 kg of solid hydrocarbon waste have been recovered from cleanup activities.
- A rapid SCAT survey has been conducted in eighteen (18) Ogoni Shoreline communities in Tai, Gokana, and Khana. Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) is a multistakeholder team comprising representatives of the communities, HYPREP, civil society organizations, and government regulators that visually assesses the level of oil



Shoreline Clean-up in Progress

- contamination. The SCAT team also verifies the status of cleanup, building trust among the stakeholders.
- Trained and certified over 2,500 Ogoni youths in IMO Levels 1 and 2 in oil spill response. The IMO certification is required to work in the shoreline environment. It is an international certificate that can enable the community workers to work even outside Ogoniland.
- Undertake on-the-job mentoring for young Ogoni environmental scientists on SCAT.
- Visible return of some commercially important species (e.g., periwinkle, oyster) in the creeks, signaling early stages of ecological regeneration.
- Noticeable improvement in water

- quality and sediment conditions in cleaned zones. This has led to the resurgence of massive periwinkle colonies, a key source of food and income in Ogoni communities.
- As the environment heals, fishing and shellfish gathering activities have resumed, improving food security and local trade.
- Facilitated active involvement of local stakeholders in project implementation thus increased trust between HYPREP and host communities.
- Engaged women and youth groups in awareness campaigns and environmental monitoring, strengthening local ownership of the remediation process.
- Increased campaigns that aided the reduction of oil spill-related

contaminants.

- Entered partnerships with local institutions and regulatory agencies to enhance local disaster response capabilities. This has also improved data collection and environmental monitoring frameworks.

Trained community workers in HSE procedures and operations. This has prevented accidents and fatalities on sites.

Mangrove Restoration

- Started the world's most extensive restoration of oil-degraded mangroves in Ogoniland.
- The pilot phase of 560 ha is 90% completed.



Planted Mangrove Seedlings

The developed mangrove restoration manuals for Nigeria, which can be accessed on our website.

<https://hyprep.gov.ng>

- Planted over 1,341,646 million seedlings of the red, black, and white mangroves.
- Employed 540 Ogoni youth and women as community workers.
- It is the first mangrove restoration in Nigeria involving planting different (5) species.
- Trained a critical mass of Ogoni youth and women in mangrove nursery establishment and mangrove restoration. The trainees proudly called themselves Mangrove Vanguard. The vanguards were given grants by HYPREP to set up mangrove nurseries.
- The vanguards have established extensive mangrove nurseries, supplying the project and similar projects in the region and also training additional 300 vanguards who have established 300 more nurseries. This has created a massive knowledge legacy of mangrove restoration.
- Published user-friendly mangrove restoration manuals used in training the mangrove vanguards. The manuals have been distributed nationally and internationally to support mangrove restoration in regions similar to the Niger Delta.
- Started a two-year robust mangrove monitoring programme to ensure survival of planted seedlings.
- Trained over 350 community workers in International Maritime Certificate Level 1 and 540 were in mangrove transplanting.
- Conducted baseline fish stock assessment before the pilot mangrove restoration in the Bomu Creek. The fish stock baseline data are required to determine how much the restored mangroves have contributed to the improvement of fish production and fisheries.



Mr. Emmanuel Kuyole of Ford Foundation Plants Mangrove at Bomu

POTABLE WATER

- Completed and operationalized nine gigantic water stations (9 out of 10 so far inaugurated by HYPREP).
- Supplying potable water to 30 Ogoni communities.
- Constructing 19 headworks and 7 booster stations that will supply potable water to an additional 69 communities.
- Constructing 6 windmill-powered water projects in 6 sparse and isolated Ogoni communities.
- Improved sanitary conditions and reduced disease burden in benefiting communities.
- Eased financial burden of



HYPREP Constructed Water Station



Environment Minister, Balarabe Lawal, HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Turn on the Taps during Commissioning of Terabor Water Project

purchasing bottled water on communities.
 - Established and operationalized Water Consumer Association

(WCA). Members of the WCA are respected individuals in the communities selected and trained to manage the water facilities after

HYPREP had managed the schemes for two years after commissioning.



HYPREP Constructed Water Station at Beerri

HYPREP WATER PROJECT UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION

BATCH 1 WATER PROJECT - COMMISSIONING OF 5 WATER STATIONS

LGA	LOT NO	LOT NAME	COMMUNITIES COVERED	STATUS
ELEME	WSP02	Ebubu/Ogale	Ebubu, Ejama, Agbeta and Obolo	Ebubu commissioned
GOKANA	WSP03	Terabor Station	Mogho, Lewe, Kpor, Gbe, Bera, Gioko and Nweol	Terabor commissioned
	WSP04	Barako/B-Dere	Barako, B-Dere	Barako commissioned
TAI	WSP05	Korokoro/Nonwa	Korokoro, Ueken, Nonwa	Korokoro commissioned
KHANA	WSP06	Bori/Kpean	Bori, Kpean, Teenama, Teeraue	Kpean commissioned

BATCH 2 WATER PROJECT -AWARD OF 14 WATER LOTS

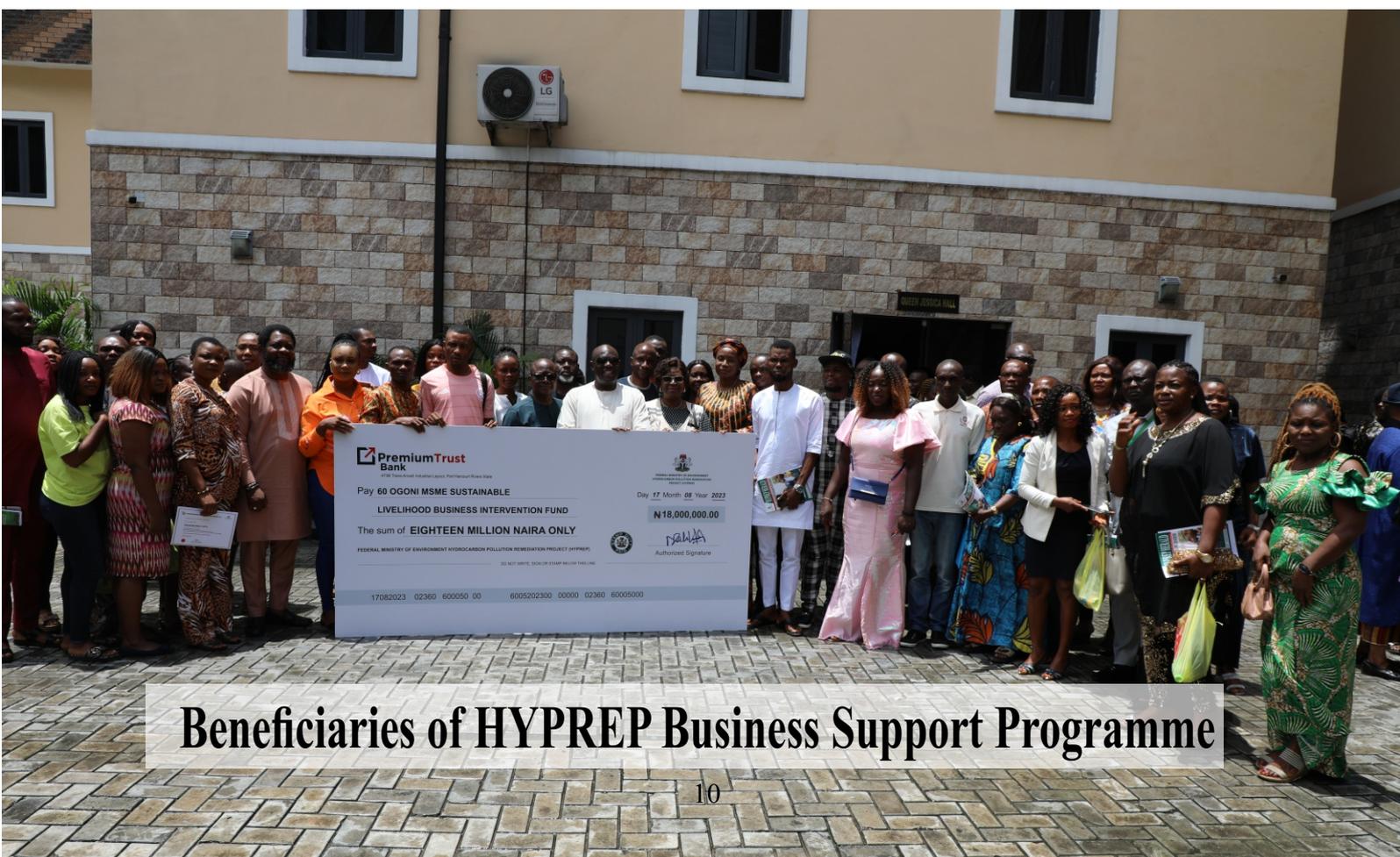
KHANA	WSP07	Bane/Buan	Buan, Kono, Kwawa, Ewee, Bane	Ongoing
	WSP08	Uegwere/Kaa	Uegwere, Kono Boue, Gbam Boue, Nyorkwiri Boue, Kono Boue, Kereken Boue and Kaa.	Ongoing

KHANA	WSP09	Taabaa/Nyorkuru	Taabaa, Nyorkuru	Ongoing
	WSP10	Luusue Sogho/Kaani	Luusue Sogho, Zor Sogho, Akporo, Barakaani, Teka and Kaani1 and kaani 2	Ongoing
	WSP20	Beeri	Nyobe, Nyoghor, Luere, Yorh, Saah, Beakogoro, Luegbo, Kor, Kpong	Completed and commissioned
	WSP16	Okwale/Lueku	Okwale, Baa, Lueku, Nyorwii, Tem, Wiikue, Agbani	Ongoing
	WSP18	Gwara	Gwara, Bien, Luuyor, Eeken, Kapnor, Gurre	Ongoing
GOKANA	WSP11	Bodo	Bodo	Ongoing
	WSP17	Bomu/Deyor/Deken	Bomu, Deyor, Deken, Nwebiara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bomu Completed and commissioned • Deyor/Deken ongoing
TAI	WSP12	Kpite	Kpite, Horo, Botem, Gbeneue.	Ongoing
	WSP13	Borobara/Kporgor	Borobara, Kira, Gio, Kporgor, Bara -Lue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kporgor Completed and commissioned • Borobara ongoing
	WSP15	Barayira	Barayira, Sime, Bara -Ale, Norkpo1 and Norkpo2,	Ongoing
	WSP19	Koroma/Bunu	Koroma, Bunu, kaani Bunu, Kpete Bunu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunu completed and commissioned • Koroma ongoing
ELEME	WSP14	Eteo/Onne	Onne,Eteo	Ongoing
BATCH 3 WATER PROJECT				
GOKANA	WSP21	K-Dere headwork	K-Dere	Ongoing
KHANA		Installation of windmill - powered mini -water facilities in isolated and small communities in Khana LGA.		Ongoing
All 4 LGAs		Supply and installation of hybrid solar powered water pumps in batch 1 water stations		Ongoing

LIVELIHOOD TRAININGS

- Created 7,000 direct and indirect* jobs for Ogoni youths and women. They are working on our over 100 sites in Ogoniland.
- Awarded N250,000 research grants to 200 final-year Ogoni undergraduates.
- Awarded scholarships to 300 Ogoni postgraduate students (N1m to 100 PhD students and N500,000 to 200 Master's Students).
- Trained 5000 Ogoni youth and women in 21 skill areas and provided them with start-up kits.
- Increased women's participation in the project from 5% to 40%.
- Trained ninety (90) Ogoni youths in mangrove nursery and restoration.
- Supported 60 SMEs with enhancement grants.
- Supported 100 nano businesses with enhancement grants.
- Trained 200 cassava farmers and

S/N	FIRST CHOICE FROM ALL LGAs	Count	Percentage
1	Crane Operations/Loder	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/Offshoring Skill Set	79	1.58
16	Automobile	78	1.56
17	Poultry	109	2.18
18	Aviation	36	0.72
19	Tiling, POP, Plumbing	88	1.76
20	Scaffolding	109	2.18
		5000	100



Beneficiaries of HYPREP Business Support Programme



HYPREP Trained Cabin Crew

- provided them with improved cassava stem cuttings and fertilizer to boost national food security.
- Distributed clean cookstoves to 100 Ogoni women.
- Designed and launched the Ogoni Socio-economic study.
- Trained Ogoni young entrepreneurs in procurement and

- business strategy.
- Trained 300 Ogoni undergraduates in career enhancement and employability, including how to write grant and scholarship-winning proposals.
- Commenced training of one hundred Ogoni (100) youths in Seafaring.
- Commenced training of one

- hundred (100) Ogoni youths in creative arts.
- Trained one hundred (100) Ogoni youths in aviation industry skills.
- Trained 200 Ogoni young cassava farmers to improve cassava value chain and national food security.



HYPREP PC, Prof Zabbey Handing over Starter Packs to Beneficiaries

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION (CEER)

Establishing the CEER is one of the key recommendations of the UNEP report on Ogoniland. We designed and started the construction of the CEER. It will serve as an international hub for advanced innovative research in remediation and a repository of the extensive remediation and restoration data the Ogoni cleanup is generating. Its Faculty of Vocational Skill Acquisition will sustainably develop the capacity of Nigerian youths. It has an Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Center (ICSMC).

- It is now 80% completed. The Center is projected to be completed and inaugurated in September this year.
- Construction of centre has created 1,300 jobs for Ogoni youths.
- Created a special internship



CEER Auditorium

programme for 40 Ogoni graduates of engineering and the sciences at the centre to enhance their hands-on competencies and employability.

- Formed a 13-member Technical

Planning Committee (TPC) to develop the framework for the sustainable operationalization of the CEER. The TPC has submitted a robust report on how to run the CEER sustainably.



Aerial View of CEER

PEACEBUILDING

Published a fit-for-purpose Handbook on Community Engagement and Conflict Prevention and distributed it to stakeholders.

Benefits:

1. Enhance easy resolution of conflicts on project sites via the formation of conflict management committee of HYPREP.
2. Ensures clear channels of communication through the first line interfacing team.
3. Spells out clear procedures of site handover, premobilization and
4. Specifies rules and responsibilities of respective stakeholders on project site. mobilization.
5. Equally specifies the remuneration of community workers.
6. Outlines clear procedures of leasing and outright acquisition of assets.

7. Enhances collaboration and participation of host communities.
8. Fosters community buy in, ownership and support of project activities.
9. Reduces community agitation and protests.
10. Guarantees effective supervision of projects.
11. Provides the basis of corporate social responsibilities.

Improved Stakeholders Engagement

- Organised a quarterly engagement with over 1000 Ogoni youths to foster peace and buy-in of the project.
- Organised Alternative Dispute Resolution and Peacebuilding training for Ogoni Traditional Rulers. The training was facilitated by the Centre for Peace and Security Studies (CPSS) of the University of Port Harcourt.

- Frequent Engagement with women and people living with special needs.
- Engagement with Ogoni Religious leaders.
- Periodic Engagement with community-based youth leaders, opinion leaders and community-based groups.

Enhancement of Transparency and Accountability

- Established the Milestone Evaluation Committee to check and evaluate all contractors request for payments before final request for approval to the Honourable Minister of Environment/Chairman of Governing Council of HYPREP. This is to ensure that contractors' requests and actual work done equate value for money.
- Recruitment of Project Planner, Cost Engineer and additional two senior level officers to strengthen the M&E Unit.



Some Ogoni Traditional Rulers with HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey

- Established Technical Coordination Committee, comprising HYPREP, SPDC, and UNEP that oversees all technical aspects of the project and provide guidance on project execution.
- Established the Remediation Documentation Review Committee, comprising HYPREP, SPDC, CSOs, Rivers State Ministry of Environment, and UNEP (now Post-UNEP Consultants) for the review and standardization of contractors' Site Characterization Reports and Remedial Action Plan (RAP) before transmitting the reports to NOSDRA.
- Periodic Audit checks.
- Provide a quarterly project update to Ogoni Critical Stakeholders.
- Organises quarterly interactive session with government regulatory agencies and civil



Participants at HYPREP Townhall Meeting

- society organizations (CSOs).
- Expanded the Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Techniques Team (SCAT) and established mangrove monitoring team. This is a multi-stakeholder approach to assessing a remediated site.
- Upgraded the Project website with project-specific updates to enable stakeholders to track the

progress of the project.

- Appointed SA Youth and Women Development to mainstream the interests of the youths, women, and people living with special needs in programming.

(Achievements to be continued in June edition).



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Poses with Ogoni Mothers During a Townhall Meeting

CEER CAN STIMULATE BILLION-DOLLAR HYDROCARBON CLEAN-UP INDUSTRY

– PROF. NAIDU

The Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (crcCARE) of the University of Newcastle, Australia, Distinguished Laureate Professor Ravi Naidu is optimistic that the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration that the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) is building holds the economic potentials of transforming the hydrocarbon clean-up industry in Nigeria into a billion dollar industry.

Professor Naidu made this known when he and his team in company of the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey visited the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) under construction at Wiiyaakaara in Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The Distinguished Professor stated that though environmental pollution was a silent global killer, responsible for nearly 30 million deaths annually but expressed optimism that the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration will turn around the fortunes of the Ogoni environment and its economy.

“What I see here is the seed of a billion-dollar industry. When we started crcCARE in 2005, the clean-up industry in Australia was worth just \$300 million per annum. Today, it's a \$6 billion industry. HYPREP's vision for the CEER has the same potential, especially with investment in innovation, training and policy



L-R: Prof. Naidu (3rd), HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey (4th) During their Visit to CEER, Wiiyaakara

support.”

Prof. Naidu said crcCARE is delighted to be identified with the vision of HYPREP under Prof. Zabbey in addressing environmental and health concerns associated with exposure to pollution, while emphasizing the need to put in resources to train people and build capacity to make the centre outstanding.

“You can build a Center, but it's the people you train, the minds and hands you empower, that make the difference. That's how you create lasting solutions. I see this as an excellent innovation. I see investment of resources, absolutely outstanding and as Chair of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation International Network on Soil Pollution, this is our vision as well to train and build capacity in as many countries as we can and this Centre of Excellence will not just be centre for Nigeria, it could be an international centre where you have people from different countries trained and then

could take back what they learn to train others as well.

Pollution isn't always visible, unlike flooding or famine. You could be breathing polluted air, drinking contaminated water, or eating food laced with toxins. That's why this Center is crucial. If developed right, it could attract experts from around the world who will be trained here and take their knowledge back home.”

In his response, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey remarked that HYPREP in its quest to making the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) an Institute of global repute and reckoning for multidisciplinary, innovative and cutting-edge research and training in environmental remediation, sought the partnership of the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (crcCARE), University of Newcastle, Australia, one of the world's leading



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Conducting Prof. Naidu and his Team round CEER

environmental remediation research centres to actualizing that goal of the CEER becoming a true centre of excellence.

Professor Zabbey explained that the importance of a collaboration with crcCARE is hinged on the fact that the Ogoni clean-up project is novel in Nigeria's Niger Delta region where the bulk of the country's petroleum resources come from and that the Project is developing a template for the clean up of the entire region and Nigeria and as such requires partnership with reputable global industry players for the sustainability of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration.

“So, in doing that, we need collaboration, and we are not just collaborating with any institution, we decided to collaborate with the world's best. crcCARE in Australia is one of the world's best remediation centres and I am delighted that today, we have Prof Ravi here at our centre of excellence for environmental

restoration.”

Zabbey further stressed that the visit by the Laureate Professor and his team to the Centre of Excellence and some complex sites in Nsisioken, Ogale in Eleme was strategic and one that holds a lot of benefits for the CEER.

"They have a centre that is functional and we want to replicate that same functional centre here in (CEER) Ogoniland that will serve as a hub for multidisciplinary cutting-edge innovative research in environmental remediation and also serve as a functional centre for the training of youths, building their capacity in different demand driven skill areas and that will help create jobs for the youths and women of this region . It will also help to reduce conflict and agitation in the region.

We are not just collaborating with any institution. We decided to partner with the world's best. crcCARE in Australia is one of the foremost remediation centres globally, and having Professor Ravi Naidu here is a big win for our

vision.”

Professor Zabbey described the partnership with crcCARE as broad that will span into the remediation of the high-risk complex sites, where they will be helping to characterize and drive the site remediation accordingly.

“crcCARE is helping us characterize high-risk complex sites and will also provide scientific and technical input to drive our remediation plans. Their team will work hand-in-hand with HYPREP to develop a world-class remediation template for Ogoni and the rest of Nigeria.”

He acknowledged the contributions of Professor Naidu to the development of remediation technologies, including the Permeable Reactive Barriers - one of the technologies that would be deployed in the remediation of high-risk complex sites which was developed by one of his mentees. This, he maintained speaks to HYPREP's commitment to deploying the best technology in the clean up of high-risk

complex sites in Ogoni.

...VISIT TO ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

After the field visit to HYPREP project sites in Ogoni, the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey led the officials of the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (crcCARE), University of Newcastle, Australia on a courtesy visit to the Honourable Minister of Environment, Mallam Balarabe Abbas Lawal at the Ministry's Headquarters in Abuja.

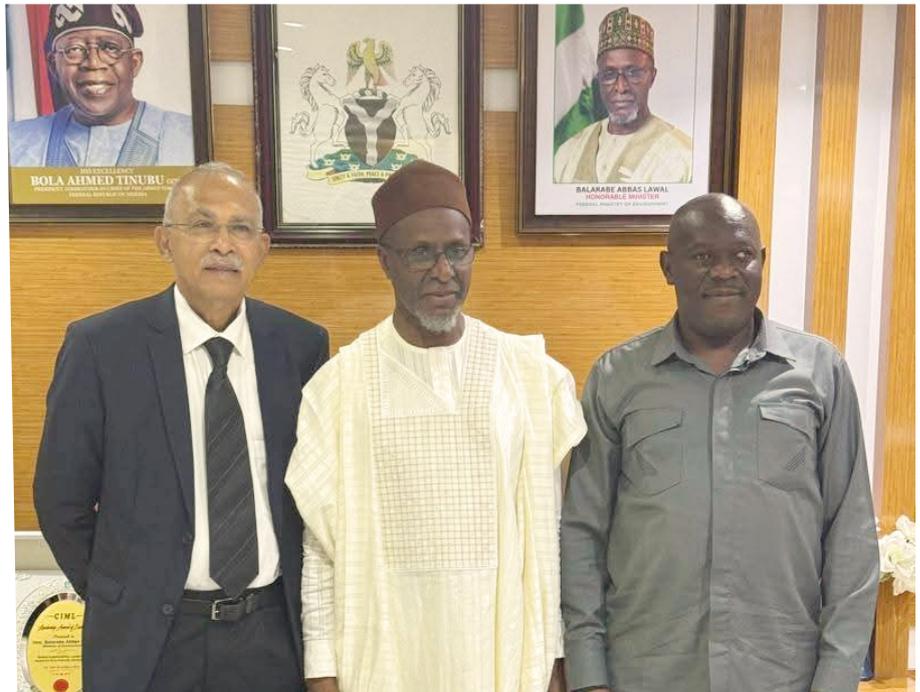
The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss strategic collaboration in environmental assessment and remediation, particularly in relation to the vision for the HYPREP Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration.

The Honourable Minister of Environment expressed keen interest in working with crcCARE, describing the institution as a world-renowned Centre of Excellence in cutting-edge research and innovative technologies for addressing complex environmental challenges.

Lawal reiterated the need to replicate the crcCARE model at HYPREP's Centre of Excellence aimed at transforming it into an internationally recognised hub for researchers and scholars from across Africa and beyond.

While commending the reconnaissance survey conducted by the crcCARE team, the Honourable Minister noted the technical complexity of the identified sites and emphasized the need for detailed site characterization to identify the application of effective remediation technologies.

He reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that only highly qualified and



L-R: Prof. Naidu, Environment Minister, Balarabe Lawal and Prof Zabbey in the Minister's Office, Abuja

experienced companies are engaged in the assessment and remediation of the high-risk, complex sites in Ogoniland and acknowledged the transformative leadership of Professor Zabbey, stating that the milestones recorded under his tenure are unprecedented in the history of HYPREP.

In his response, the Managing Director and CEO of crcCARE, Distinguished Laureate Professor Ravi Naidu reaffirmed crcCARE's dedication to deploying best-in-class technologies for the environmental assessment and remediation of impacted sites in Ogoni.

Prof. Naidu pledged his organization's determination to support the operationalization of HYPREP's Centre of Excellence, in alignment with global standards, and reassured the Honourable Minister of crcCARE's commitment to a long-term, mutually beneficial partnership.

The HYPREP-crcCARE delegation later met with the Australian High Commission in Abuja and were received by the embassy's Political Officer, Mr. Calum Walker. Discussions at the meeting focused on

enhancing collaboration in the areas of capacity building, research, and scholarship initiatives.

Mr. Walker commended the ongoing partnership between HYPREP and crcCARE and reiterated the Australian Government's commitment to supporting HYPREP's work, particularly in strengthening institutional capacity and creating educational opportunities for young professionals.

While expressing his delight and appreciation, Professor Zabbey highlighted the importance of capacity building and scholarship programmes for Ogoni youths, noting their intelligence, resilience, and potentials. He stated that the collaboration with crcCARE and support from the Australian Government represent a significant opportunity to empower the next generation of environmental leaders.

The visit marked a significant step towards building an international model for environmental remediation, with the HYPREP Centre of Excellence positioned at the core of this shared vision.

HYPREP TO SET UP TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY AT CEER

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Zabbey says the project has plans to establish a tissue culture laboratory at its Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER).

Prof. Zabbey disclosed this when he paid a working visit to the Indian High Commission in Abuja as part of HYPREP's sustained efforts to strengthen collaboration with the diplomatic community to attract development to Ogoni.

The HYPREP planned biotechnology laboratory is expected to reinforce phytoremediation research at the CEER, build local capacity in tissue culture, and produce high-yielding crop seedlings that will contribute to national food security and the CEER's financial sustainability.

Discussions at the meeting focused on key areas of HYPREP intervention, particularly human capital development.

The Deputy High Commissioner, Vartika Rawat briefed Prof. Zabbey on various human capacity development initiatives of the Indian Government, such as fully funded postgraduate scholarships, which Ogoni youths can explore for their educational advancement.

Rawat noted that their mid-career capacity enhancement training programmes in agricultural infrastructure and production, digital solutions, and other relevant programmes could benefit HYPREP.

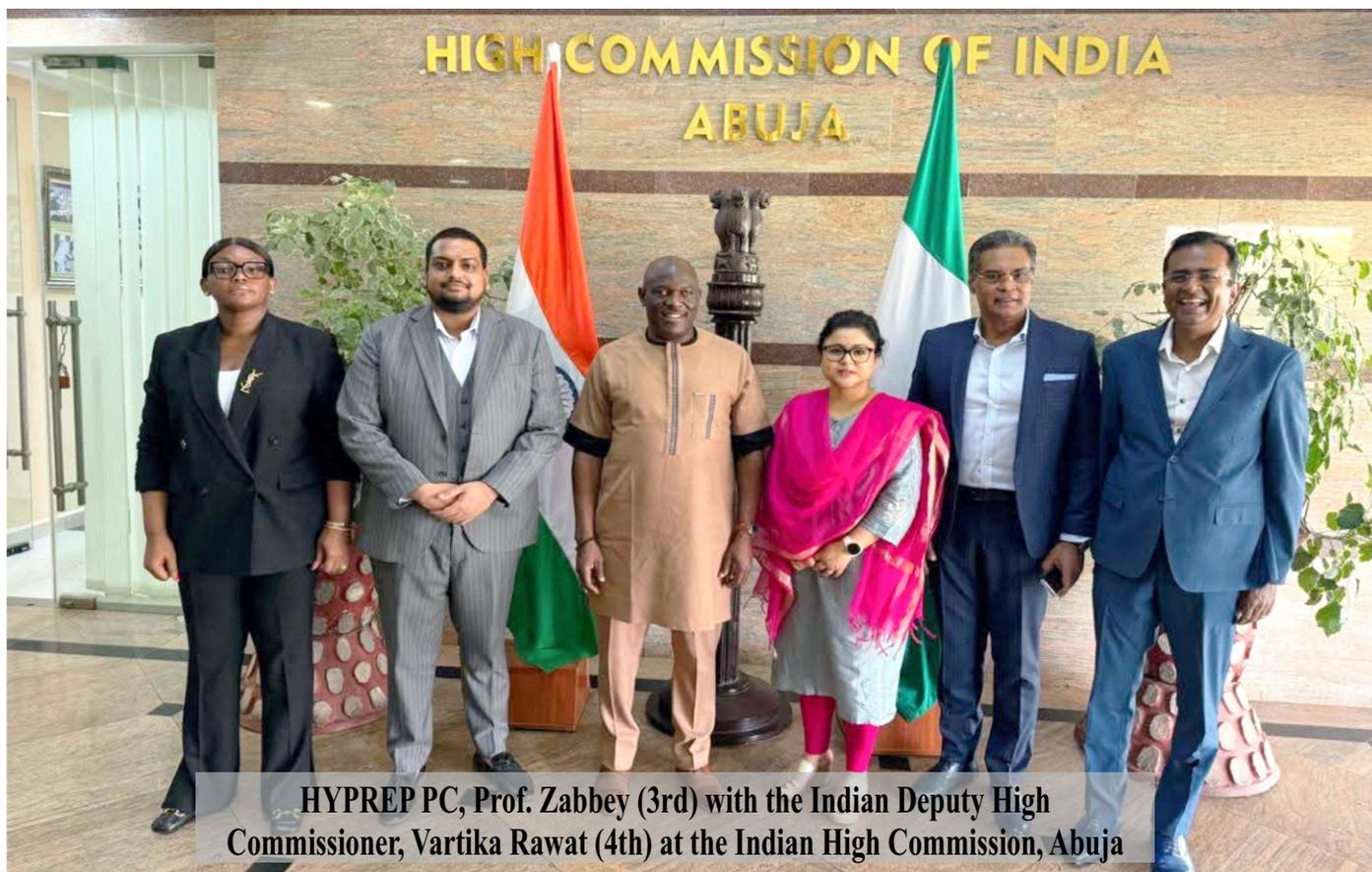
Prof. Zabbey expressed sincere appreciation for the partnership commitment and reiterated HYPREP's dedication to the

development of Ogoni youth and women, and the long-term sustainability of its projects.

A delegation of Contec Global Limited – the Indian company that HYPREP is testing the efficacy of its biofertilizer produced with indigenous oil-degrading microbes from Ogoniland also attended the meeting with the Deputy High Commissioner, Vartika Rawat.

Prof. Zabbey also used his stay in Abuja to visit the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Mallam Balarabe Abbas Lawal who was recently conferred with the Leadership Newspaper Award for Environment Impact Person of the Year 2024.

The award was conferred on him at the State House Banquet Hall, Aso Rock



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey (3rd) with the Indian Deputy High Commissioner, Vartika Rawat (4th) at the Indian High Commission, Abuja

Villa, Abuja in recognition of his contributions to environmental sustainability.

Prof. Zabbey who felicitated with the Honourable Minister on the award commended him on his people-centric leadership which he said has entrenched environmental

sustainability in Ogoniland in particular and Nigeria in general.

Mallam Lawal's effective supervision of the Ogoni clean-up project has lent speed and quality to the implementation of the project leading to the completion of several people-oriented projects like the potable

water schemes in communities of Ogoni and the acceleration of on-going legacy projects like the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, the Ogoni Power Project, the Buan Cottage Hospital among others.

UNIPOINT GOVERNING COUNCIL IMPRESSED WITH PROGRESS ON OGOINI CLEAN-UP PROJECT

The Governing Council of the University of Port Harcourt has commended the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Professor Nenibarini Zabbey on his outstanding performance and leadership qualities that have given the Ogoni clean-up project a quantum leap in its implementation.

The Council's commendation was conveyed by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Port of Harcourt,

Senator Mao Ohabunwa when he led other members of Council on a courtesy visit to the Project Coordination Office as part of preparation ahead of the celebration of the University's golden jubilee anniversary.

The Council's delegation, comprising the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Owunari Georgewill and other top management staff of the university lauded Professor Zabbey on his outstanding accomplishments in implementing the United Nations

Environment Programme (UNEP) recommendations for Ogoniland.

“We are impressed by the progress HYPREP has made in implementing the UNEP report's recommendations,” Senator Ohabunwa said. “Your efforts to restore the environment and improve the livelihoods of Ogoni communities are truly commendable,” he noted.

Senator Ohabunwa stated that the University of Port Harcourt is committed to supporting initiatives that promote environmental



Senator Ohabunwa and Uniport Governing Council Members During their Visit to HYPREP Office

sustainability and community development and proposed strengthening the partnership between HYPREP and the university in areas of environmental research and knowledge transfer.

The Pro-Chancellor also announced plans to propose a bill to make HYPREP an Agency under the Federal Ministry of Environment, citing the need for a permanent structure to address environmental pollution and remediation issues nationwide.

Senator Ohabunwa encouraged HYPREP to collaborate with the university in establishing a Centre for Pollution Remediation and Environmental Studies and invited HYPREP to consider supporting the university's infrastructure development drive particularly in areas affected by pollution.

Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey used the occasion to brief his guests on the mandate of the project in cleaning up Ogoniland and restoring the livelihood of the people.

"We want to warmly welcome you to HYPREP. HYPREP is a project under the Federal Ministry of Environment, charged with the responsibility of remediating all impacted lands and wetlands in Ogoniland and restoring the livelihood of the people."

The Project Coordinator provided an overview of HYPREP's achievements in other thematic areas of the project, noting that the project has provided potable water to 30 communities in Ogoniland and aims to extend it to an additional 60 communities.

He further stated that HYPREP has strengthened the public health system in Ogoni, renovated four hospitals and it is planning to renovate four more, as well as complete the building of the Buan Cottage Hospital and the Ogoni Specialist Hospital.

"The Specialist Hospital will have an Oncology Unit to treat Ogoni people affected by hydrocarbon pollution, which has exposed the population to cancer and other ailments."

In the area of environmental remediation and shoreline restoration, the Project Coordinator said that HYPREP is carrying out shoreline cleanup, groundwater remediation, and mangrove restoration, adding that the project is restoring different species of mangrove (red, white and black) with a publication on growing mangroves.

"We have published a manual for mangrove restoration, which is a unique achievement. We are also restoring different species of mangrove, including white and black mangrove."

The Project Coordinator emphasized HYPREP's commitment to research and development, having provided educational support grants to 250 Ogoni undergraduate students and scholarships to 300 postgraduate students in addition to a partnership with UNIPORT on various research projects, including a 3-year monitoring research programme with the World Health Organization.

Prof. Zabbey told his guests that HYPREP is collaborating with UNIPORT and the African Regional Aquaculture Centre to restock the mangrove with biodiversity.

"We are collaborating with UNIPORT and the African Regional Aquaculture Centre to restore the Bloody Cackle which is a shellfish of livelihood importance to the Ogoni people."

The Project Coordinator also highlighted HYPREP's efforts in constructing the Ogoni Power Project and the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration and has created a special internship programme for Ogoni graduates and a

robust student industrial training programme catering for students from various universities, including UNIPORT.

Prof. Zabbey revealed that to further strengthen research, HYPREP will endow a Chair for Wetland Research at the University of Port Harcourt.

"We will endow a Chair for Wetland Research at UNIPORT, which will support research and academic programmes focused on wetland conservation and management."

He emphasized the importance of preserving Nigeria's wetland ecosystems, particularly in the Niger Delta region. "Wetlands provide crucial ecosystem services, including shoreline protection, water filtration, and habitat for diverse aquatic life," the HYPREP boss said.

Prof. Zabbey noted that the University of Port Harcourt is considered the technical backbone of the Ogoni cleanup project with many alumni holding key positions in HYPREP. "Half of our Heads of Unit are alumni of the University of Port Harcourt, and over 50 of our technical staff are also alumni," he said.

As part of efforts to further strengthen the partnership between the University and HYPREP, the Project Coordinator announced plans to mobilize UNIPORT alumni to raise funds to support the university's research and development initiatives.

"We will engage with the management of the university and identify a project that all of us will do before the 50th anniversary of the university," he said. The highlight of the visit was the tour of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Research, where the visitors were impressed with the remarkable progress made, having recorded over 80% completion.

HYPREP EVACUATES 1.7M KG OF SOLID WASTES FROM OGO NI CREEKS

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP, has successfully treated over 937,000 litres of oily sludge from mangrove sediments and evacuated over 1.7 million kilograms of solid wastes from creeks in Ogoniland in the on-going clean-up of the area. Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey made the disclosure at the 2025 first quarter interactive session with Ogoni youths in Port Harcourt.

Professor Zabbey while highlighting the achievements of the Project for the period under review, explained that the interactive session was an avenue to engage Ogoni youths in meaningful discourse to harvest necessary feedback that would facilitate environmental restoration and sustainable development of Ogoniland.

The HYPREP Project Coordinator stated that the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) under construction would be completed and commissioned later in the year for public use and promised the expansion of the potable water schemes to cover more communities in Ogoni.

“In February 2025, HYPREP commissioned additional water facilities in the Beerli and Bunu communities in Khana and Tai Local Government Areas, respectively. This brings the total number of operational facilities to 10, supplying potable water to 30 communities in Ogoniland. We have also achieved significant milestones in the ongoing construction of new water facilities in various communities across the four Local Government Areas, particularly in the Bodo, Uegwere-Boue, Gwara, Taabaa,



Prof. Zabbey

Okwale, Aletto, Kaani, Deken, K-Dere and Borobara communities. We are determined to commission these facilities in the third quarter of this year.”

The Project Coordinator stated that HYPREP's livelihood restoration programmes have continued to empower Ogoni youths with skills and opportunities for sustainable economic development and pointed out training programmes that are coming on stream. “HYPREP's Livelihood restoration programmes continue to empower Ogoni youths with skills and opportunities for sustainable economic development. The beneficiaries of the Seafarers' training have been inducted, and their training has commenced. The Creative Arts training will begin in the second quarter. We also have an array of interventions to support small and medium-scale businesses, which will be rolled out in the coming weeks.”

Prof. Zabbey further stated that

HYPREP is working on an educational programme that will facilitate e-learning in select secondary schools in Ogoni.

“The installation of Information Technology equipment in our pilot IT-supported classroom project is ongoing. This project is implemented to aid teaching and learning across various beneficiary schools across the four LGAs in Ogoniland, including the Alesa, Bori, Bane, Bodo, and Korokoro communities. Upon completion, we will commission and deploy these facilities with the necessary training on their use as part of our long-term effort aimed at sustainable livelihoods in oil-impacted communities. More schools will benefit from this critical intervention. I encourage you to constantly check our websites, social media handles, and other reliable sources to obtain necessary information on ways to participate in and benefit from HYPREP's livelihood opportunities.”



Cross Section of Participants at the HYPREP Youth Summit

While giving his keynote address at the event, an Associate Professor, Sorbarikor Lebura called on Ogoni youths to protect public facilities and installation in their communities. He explained that every project has a timeline for completion, and those youths slowing the pace of work at different sites by unnecessary interference are on the wrong side of history. “If a project is not meeting specifications, it is your job to cry out. It is your job to tell us. We must do it

constructively. Do it with the aim of seeing that there is an improvement in what is done.” The Coordinator of the Joint Representative Council of Ogoni Youth Groups, Comrade Ledogo Amabu said the event is timely and thanked the management of HYPREP for showing interest in the participation of the youths in its programmes and activities. “We have a Project Coordinator that is youth-friendly, that is accessible. Under his leadership, students have

been empowered, so the youths are in support of the engagement.” The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Zabbey used the occasion to announce the launch of a Civic Education and Constructive Engagement (CECE) Campaign which will commence in the coming weeks. The initiative will sensitize Ogoni people on the importance of peaceful dialogue, active citizenship, civic responsibilities, and collaborative development efforts.



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FEATURE

JOURNEY THROUGH “REBORN” Ogoniland

By: Ochereome Nnanna

Thirty years ago, the Ogoni people's struggle finally pierced through the iron curtain of the international community's attention. It took the spilling of blood and emasculation of the Ogoni elite for the world to take note.

In April 1994, I had the privilege of encountering foremost author and Ogoni activist, Ken Saro-Wiwa, at a seminar in Enugu aimed at fashioning a common Igbo position as the nation prepared for the National Constitutional Conference, NCC, empaneled by General Sani Abacha. Saro-Wiwa was a guest speaker. The event offered him and former Biafra leader, Chief Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu, the opportunity to “reconcile” after playing historical roles in opposite sides of the Nigerian Civil War.

That was virtually Saro-Wiwa's final public outing. A few days later, mayhem exploded in Ogoniland. Four prominent Ogoni leaders, known as

the Ogoni Four – Albert Badey, Edward Kobani, Theophilus Orage and Samuel Orage – were gruesomely murdered. Their corpses were never found. Saro-Wiwa and eight other leaders of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People, MOSOP, were arrested, summarily tried and hanged for the alleged incitement that led to the lynching of the Ogoni Four.

The Ogoni elite had been torn into two mutually destructive camps. The Ogoni Four were accused of “compromising” the struggle by being soft on the Federal Government and Shell, the oil company responsible for the environmental devastation of Ogoniland. On the other hand, the Ogoni Nine were perceived to have precipitated the killing of their counterparts. The Abacha government ignored all entreaties to spare the lives of Saro-Wiwa and his colleagues.

These sad events placed the Ogoni struggle on the agenda of the United Nations which became gravely

concerned over the severe environmental pollution of Ogoniland after over 50 years of irresponsible oil exploitation. In 2006, the United Nations Environmental Programme, UNEP, sent experts to investigate the environmental disaster in Ogoniland and submitted a report that would guide remediation. In 2011, the UNEP Report was submitted to President Goodluck Jonathan.

It was not until June 2016 when the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP was created that the “Ogoni clean-up” programme concretely began. Because of the prolonged period of lip service paid to the project, many Nigerians, including major media stakeholders, never knew the amount of world class action going on under the leadership of Professor Nenibarini Zabbey at HYPREP's Project Office in Port Harcourt. Indeed, when I sent a Facebook post from one of the shoreline reclamation project sites in Goi, Gokana LGA, people were pleasantly surprised that the clean-up was real and not mere propaganda.

We had two days of intensive tour of all four Local Government Areas of Ogoniland – Tai, Eleme, Khana and Gokana. We visited the HYPREP regional water scheme at Kpoghor. About 30 communities whose water resources were polluted now enjoy potable water piped to them from these waterworks. In Ajen Okpori and Ogale in Eleme, we witnessed how the polluted soil and underground water were excavated and cleaned by experts, and land restored for normal human activity. Soil and underground water purification are going on



Buan Cottage Hospital under Construction

simultaneously in 39 communities across Ogoniland.

The most eye-catching and obviously largest of the HYPREP projects is at Wiiyaakara in Khana LGA. The Centre of Excellence and Environmental Restoration (CEER), under construction by China's CCECC, is much like an international university town, complete with its research faculty buildings, residential zone, solar farm, sports complex and massive laboratories. It will incubate experts in all aspects of practical environmental science from all parts of the world.

By far the most exciting adventure for us was the visit to Goi in Gokana LGA. It is a shoreline community where technicians were labouring with machines to suck out spilled oil sludge from the muddy soil of the shoreline. The experts said the presence of live periwinkles in the mud meant the shoreline restoration was beginning to work. Shoreline restoration is taking place in five communities throughout Ogoniland.

We took a 45-minute boat ride to Bomu, also in Gokana LGA, where mangrove trees were being replanted after shoreline clean-up. Each of us had the privilege to plant a mangrove tree! In a few years when the trees have matured, the mangrove ecosystem will hopefully be fully restored, provided that the HYPREP activities are sustained and re-pollution prevented. According to HYPREP officials, the Ogoni clean-up is just the first step towards the extension of same to all parts of the Niger Delta and beyond.

Ogoni people and Ogoniland are harvesting the benefits of their struggle. Ogoni has become a pacesetter in many ways. Other Niger Delta agitators sprang up due to the attention the Ogoni struggle elicited from all over the world. The Ogoni clean-up is being conducted mainly with the expertise and manpower of Ogoni indigenes. The Centre of Excellence will draw experts from all over the world. Even after the clean-up, the knowledge, expertise and

experience that the Ogoni men and women are accumulating will be exported to service polluted communities throughout Nigeria and beyond.

HYPREP has trained 2,500 Ogoni youth in International Maritime Organization, IMO Levels 1 and 2 certifications in shoreline clean-up and mangrove restoration, which they are freely deploying to make a living. There is a saying: "No pain, no gain". The Ogoni struggle attracted a scorched-earth military pacification mission on the people. The names of Abacha's hit men, Major General Obi Umahi and Brigadier General Paul Okuntimo will remain indelible in Ogoni history. They lost their best, the Ogoni Four and Ogoni Nine. But today, Ogoniland occupies a place of pride in all Niger Delta because of dividends that the HYPREP projects are bringing on the people and their ancestral land.

Where would the Ogoni people be today without the Ogoni struggle?



Aerial View of Ogoni Specialist Hospital under Construction

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Prof. Aguiyi (2nd), Prof. Naidu (3rd), Environment Minister, Lawal (4th) Prof. Zabbey (5th) at the Minister's Office in Abuja



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey (7th) and other Dignitaries Felicitating with Environment Minister, Lawal (5th) During his Award as Leadership Newspaper Environment Man of the Year



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Presents a copy of HYPREP Herald to Indian Dep. High Commissioner, Vartika Rawat



Prof. Zabbey (R) Presenting a Souvenir to Uniport VC, Prof. Georgewill Owunari



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OGONI CLEAN-UP ...HYPREP SPEARHEADING MANGROVE RESTORATION

POETRY CORNER

TO PROF. ZABBEY

By: Hugo-Victor Barine

In the heart of Ogoni, where the rivers gleam,
With steady hands and gloves, you chart a course, so pure
Restoring our creeks, reigniting life's force,
for us to gladly lean green.

Through murky waters, darkened by ill fate,
Your vision rises like dawn, unwavering, great.
Each mangrove you nurture, each seed you sow,
Breathes hope into places once burdened and bowed.

You listened to whispers of the land and the tides,
Took the pulse of the earth where our heritage hides.
With guidance and care, you turned the tide,
Reviving our waters, our pride is amplified.

Once cloaked in shadows of lost dreams and pain,
Now flourishing green with fresh gentle rain.
Fishes dance from the deep, birds fill the trees and air,
Thanks to your efforts, love woven with compassion.

O thank you for the promise restored,
For the laughter of children who play by the shores,
For the rhythms of life coming true
In every green shoot, we heartily celebrate you.

As the mangroves flourish and the waters sing clearly,
Know that your legacy rings loudly
In the spirit of togetherness we rise, in this vibrant refrain,
With gratitude as deep as the roots we sustain.

Thank you for your commitment
To the clean up
We can now look up
To see green trees and blue sky.

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THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARBLE
“To be without trees would, in the most literal way, to be without our roots.”
– Richard Mabey

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