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**PROF. NENIBARINI ZABBEY
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(HYPREP)**

Ongoing shoreline cleanup and mangrove restoration efforts by HYPREP in Ogoni are yielding positive outcomes. So far, the Phase 1 shoreline cleanup and mangrove restoration are 66% and 94% complete, respectively. Nine hundred and eighty (980) hectares of oiled shoreline in Ogoni (Bodo, Bomu, Kpor, Goi, B-Dere and K-Dere creeks) have been cleaned using the low-pressure flushing method. We have evacuated approximately one thousand five hundred and twenty-four (1,524) tons of oily sludge and two thousand, three hundred and fifty (2,350) tons of solid waste from the creeks. On the mangrove restoration front, we have planted 1,415,085 mangrove seedlings, covering 530 ha in the Bomu Creek. The synergistic effect of shoreline cleanup and mangrove restoration in stimulating biodiversity recovery is impressive. Our monitoring data show that key species, such as periwinkles, oysters, dogwhelks, shrimp/prawns, crabs, and finfish, are gradually returning to the creeks.

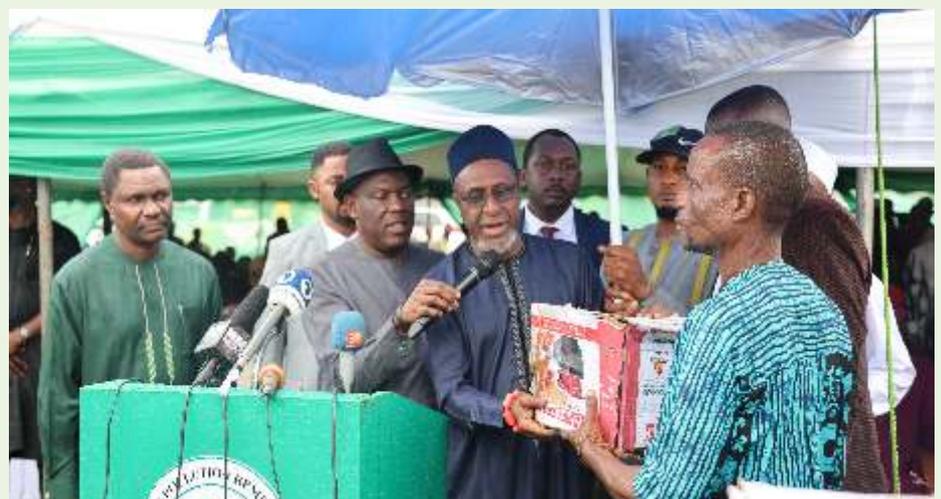
On the other hand, some of the planted mangrove seedlings have grown to become saplings. With the expanding plant canopies, the

rehabilitated areas are gradually becoming reforested and enhancing the fish production function of the mangroves. We are also recording a marked increase in the number of volunteer or natural recruits, which are young mangroves that grow naturally (on their own).

The rate of recovery of biodiversity and resilience of the remediated creeks depends on factors, such as time, harvesting pressure on the recovering stocks, and physical disturbances associated with harvesting. It also depends on intentional steps taken to reintroduce key food species, such as the restoration of the bloody cockle initiated by HYPREP. Ideally, a ban on harvesting the recovering fisheries would have been the best approach to safeguard the fragile stocks, allowing them to reproduce and increase in population to viable levels that would support sustainable harvesting. However, in the Ogoni context, the creeks are communally owned and the fisheries are open-access, making it technically challenging to impose restrictions on harvesting. The reality of the stomach complicates the scenario. However, plans are underway to develop contextually sustainable co-management models with the communities and other stakeholders, which will foster responsible harvesting and protect the biodiversity integrity of the region. There is no one-size-fits-all solution to

the complex socio-ecological challenge. But we know what to do. It requires advocacy, community engagement, and multi-stakeholder collaboration, as well as sustained sensitization, the creation of alternative sustainable conservation-support livelihood opportunities, the mobilization of development programmes, and funding support, among other efforts.

Meanwhile, protecting the rehabilitated mangroves from being cut for firewood is a more pressing concern. Consequently, the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, had flagged off the HYPREP clean cookstove programme. So far, we have distributed 200 clean cookstoves to fisherfolk, periwinkle pickers, and mangrove wood harvesters in the Gokana coastal communities. The stoves use significantly less wood for cooking, saving money, reducing the amount of household wood used, and decreasing the time spent gathering wood. The stoves are durable (can last for many years) and burn cleaner, which means less smoke and therefore better health for anyone involved in cooking. A critical motivation for HYPREP and the communities is that the stoves require less wood, which means less pressure on the region's mangrove wood. In turn, this will translate to more benefits for the communities,



Environment Minister, Balarabe Abbas Lawal had at a Previous Event Presented Cook Stoves to some Residents of Coastal Communities to Reduce Burden on Mangroves for Fire Wood

with more active fisheries in both the mangroves and the adjoining waterways.

This pilot cookstove initiative aims to determine whether clean cook stoves are beneficial to individuals and their communities. Those who have received the stoves are committed to providing feedback that will help us understand how best to support the communities in making cooking more affordable and better for the environment by reducing pressure on mangroves. The stove user experience

will inform us and the stove makers about what works well, whether adjustments are needed, and what is most useful. Once we collate the feedback, it will be possible to determine whether to scale up the initiative.

Let me emphasise that we know that cookstoves are not a magic solution to eliminate pressure on our mangroves. However, using clean cookstoves with little wood input will contribute to reducing harvesting pressure on the restored mangroves, in

addition to the health benefits. We will collaborate with communities and other stakeholders to explore a comprehensive range of alternatives to current practices, including the development of carbon credits and the creation of sustainable co-management models for coastal resources. The would-be models shall be applicable across Ogoni and the Niger Delta.

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

In This Issue

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) continues to make progress on every front regarding the implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report on the clean-up of Ogoniland. To ensure sustainability of its mangrove restoration project and protect the over one million, four hundred thousand mangrove seedlings it has planted, HYPREP has distributed clean cook stoves to residents of coastal communities to reduce their dependence on mangrove for firewood. The report of the distribution of the clean cook stoves is the lead story in this issue of the HYPREPHerald.

Following the expiration of the tenure of the former Governing Council and Board of Trustees of the Ogoni Trust Fund of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, the Honourable Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal has sworn in the newly constituted Council and Board by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. The Governing Council has the function of policy formulation and

approvals for the project while the Board is saddled with the responsibility of managing the funds for the Ogoni clean-up project.

The Project Coordination Office recently held a retreat for management staff and team leads to equip and tune them into the next phase of project implementation. The Gwara and Bane water projects are in the last stages of construction. The Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey was at the Gwara and Bane water stations to inspect the pace of work. He also visited the Wiiyaakara and Bodo sub-stations for the Ogoni Power Project. The Project is intensifying efforts to pay property owners along the Right of Way of the transmission lines in Gokana. The verification exercise was held at the Gokana Area Office of HYPREP.

The shoreline clean-up and mangrove restoration project is progressing appreciably across coastal communities of Bomu, B-Dere, K-Dere, Goi, Kpor, etc and in this edition we highlight the knowledge legacy, HYPREP is bequeathing to Ogoni in mangrove management and conservation. The Project Coordination Office is setting up e-learning facilities in select secondary schools in Ogoni to enhance digital literacy. The technical team of the Project was at the Birabi

Memorial Grammar School, Bori to inspect the facilities installed in the school and we bring you that report in this edition of the newsletter.

The success story of the Ogoni clean-up project continues to reverberate across national and international borders. Recently a team of environmental activists from South Africa came calling and were taken to HYPREP sites in Ogoni. They were impressed with what they saw and in their own words 'inspired by the success the Project has recorded.' The livelihood training of five thousand Ogoni women and youths in different skill sets recorded a huge success and the distribution of starter packs ongoing. We tabulated the progress made so far in the distribution of starter packs and it is presented in this issue.

More encomiums continue to pour in for the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey on his spirited effort at restoring the environment and his philanthropic gestures for the poor. The recent recognition and appreciation came from the Society of St. Vincent De Paul who conferred on him the Ambassador of Charity Award.

We have maintained the poetry corner for your reading pleasure and do hope that you will find this edition as informative as always.

News

ECOSYSTEM RECOVERY: HYPREP PROVIDES CLEANER SOURCE OF COOKING ENERGY FOR HOUSEHOLDS

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project has again taken another proactive and practical step towards the protection and conservation of restored (planted) and volunteer (survivor) mangroves in the coastal communities of Ogoni.

The Gokana zonal office of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project at Kpor was agog with enthusiastic beneficiaries of the distribution of clean energy cook stoves by HYPREP to members of shoreline communities in the area.

At the event, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey said the distribution of cook stoves to two hundred (200) natives of littoral communities in Gokana is part of HYPREP's pilot scheme in driving the mangrove restoration and conservation project across Ogoni land.

The Project Coordinator, who was represented by the Legal Adviser, Joseph Ichibor explained that the programme is being test-run to see how best cook stoves can replace firewood, and how going forward it can be adopted or dropped for better alternatives, adding that feedback from users will determine the next line of action.

Ichibor clarified that designated HYPREP staff, particularly the Mangrove Restoration Sub-unit will follow up and report feedback, especially if there are complaints for them to respond to accordingly.

“We're helping the ecosystem to



Mr. Ichibor Fielding Questions from Journalists

recover. We hope it will be another effective means of tackling climate change challenges and preserving the bionetwork,” he said.

Also speaking, Prof. Adaobobo Ibituru Hart who is on sabbatical in HYPREP, said HYPREP's mangrove restoration programme has achieved a lot in the recovery and conservation of the environment, adding that an increase in biodiversity has been observed in the area, with new species being sited.

She noted that part of the work of the mangrove project is to increase biodiversity, recalling that before now biodiversity reduced due to oil spill but with the restoration, mangrove seedlings are growing and a number of animals have returned from crabs, crustaceans, mangrove fauna and fishes are coming in, adding that they are part of the environmental recovery.

Prof. Hart explained that the cook stove is clean energy, and it will limit

the reckless harvesting of mangrove trees, reduce the negative impact of smoke on women who cook with firewood.

“It will also help in maintaining clean environment; it will not harm the environment. It will not be a culprit to climate change, instead it will help, because as they use the stove, the mangrove trees will grow and absolve the carbon dioxide in the air, and that will help reduce climate change and its effects”, she said.

On his part, a mangrove restoration officer, Uche Izuchukwu Callistus stated that the distribution and demonstration on the use of the cook stove was symbolic, explaining that HYPREP started mangrove restoration in Ogoni since January, 2024, and that it's been observed that as some of the mangroves have started to develop, the locals engaged in cutting down the mangroves and using them for firewood.



Prof. Hart Presenting Clean Cook Stove to a Beneficiary on behalf of HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey

“The core of what we are doing here today is conservation and sustainability. And so, we are trying to see how we can stop cutting down our mangroves, because very soon some of these mangroves will be mature enough for firewood, and so we are looking into the future to stop that process. So, we are running a pilot for clean cook stoves, giving them to the communities and getting feedback from them in terms of data, and let us see if this will help in reducing the way they are using our mangroves currently. The data will help us decide whether to scale the project up or to stop it.

“We have carefully selected people from the shoreline communities who solely depend on mangrove wood for cooking. On the feedback, we have created a

mechanism, we have their details and we have spoken to them, we will still follow them up, administer questionnaire to them. We will also call them for focus group interviews,” he disclosed.

Callistus further pointed out that the pilot scheme covers eight communities in Gokana where HYPREP is currently carrying out mangrove restoration. They are Bodo, Gbe, Goi, Lewe, Kpor, K. Dere, B. Dere and Bomu, adding that part of the feedback HYPREP wants from the people is on the availability, cost and process of using the charcoal.

Meanwhile, some beneficiaries of the cook stoves distribution scheme have expressed gratitude to HYPREP for the gesture.

A middle-aged lady from Bomu community, Leesi Teete commended

HYPREP on initiating the scheme, describing it as a welcome development.

She said the stove is better compared to mangrove wood, and that she will desist from indiscriminate harvesting of mangrove.

Amongst other beneficiaries who spoke, expressing joy for being selected and provided with the cook stove is Madam Barivan Nuate from Bodo community. She particularly thanked the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey for his commitment to restoring and preserving the environment.

She is optimistic that the step taken by HYPREP to preserve the mangrove will help bring back aquatic life and restore livelihoods of the communities.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER TASKS HYPREP NEW GC, BoT ON TRANSPARENCY

The Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman, Governing Council of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Balarabe Abbas Lawal has emphasized that the Ogoni clean-up goes beyond a national task to one that represents an international model for environmental justice, maintaining that its success will demonstrate Nigeria's integrity, capacity and commitment to sustainable development of areas where oil is mined.

Lawal stated this in Abuja at the inauguration of the newly reconstituted Governing Council (GC) of HYPREP and the Board of Trustees (BoT) for the Ogoni Trust Funds (OTF).

The Honourable Minister urged the newly inaugurated members of both governing structures of HYPREP to carry out their task of advancing the gains of the Ogoni cleanup Project with utmost commitment, insisting that they be transparent in the discharge of their functions and responsibilities.



Environment Minister, Lawal

Lawal identified three focal points of service that must be given serious attention which are: Transparency and Accountability, Community Engagement and Sustainability, and called for synergy between the Governing Council and the Board of Trustees.

He urged them to be mindful of maintaining stakeholders' trust, while ensuring that the Ogoni people are at the centre of HYPREP's interventions as stakeholders and beneficiaries in the delivery of sustainable solutions that secure health, economic empowerment and resilience.

In his remarks, the newly inaugurated Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ogoni Trust Funds, Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Deeyah thanked President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the appointment of eminent personalities into the Board and the Governing Council, and the Honourable Minister of Environment for his commitment to the Ogoni clean-up project.

He assured that the Board will work in synergy with the Minister and the Project Coordination Office of HYPREP to ensure that it fully delivers on its mandate.



Chairman, Ogoni Trust Fund, Deeyah

“We are determined to justify the trust placed in us. The Ogoni clean-up is not just about remediation; it is about restoring lives, securing health, driving economic empowerment, and ensuring resilience for present and future generations,” Deeyah remarked.

The newly inaugurated members of the Governing Council are Loanyie Barituka Victor, who represents Non-governmental Organizations focused on the environment, Bright Onyebuchi Jacob and Henry Obiabure, who represent the Niger Delta communities.

Others are Professor Barinedum Michael Nwibere and Barrister Baride Abdul Gwezia who both represent the Ogoni Community on the new Council.

The nine oil-producing states have two representatives on the

Council: Gideon Onyebuwa Melfor and Dr. Ibikunle Omotehinse. There are four alternative members of the Council, representing Ogoniland and the Niger Delta: Rev. Canon Dr. Abraham Olungwe and Engr. Maeba Power Ekpobari are the alternate members of the Council representing Ogoniland. Joseph Akedesuo and Beauty Warejuwei are representing the Niger Delta.

Permanent representations on the Governing Council are the serving Minister of Regional Development, Minister of Budget and National Planning, the Joint Venture Partners, Office of the National Security Adviser, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The Board of Trustees has Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Nwiika Deeyah as

Chairman. The members are Fred Mbombo Igwe and Dr. Fred Barivule Kpakol who represent Ogoni communities and stakeholders on the board. Mrs. Dorcas Amos represents the other Niger Delta communities, while Chief Jide Damazio, who was reappointed, represents the Non-Governmental Organizations dealing with environmental issues.

The Board of Trustees has permanent members being the serving Minister of Finance, Minister of State for Environment, Minister of State, Petroleum Resources, the Joint Venture Partners and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP and Secretary of the Governing Council, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey attended the inauguration.



Members of HYPREP Governing Council, Board of Trustees with Environment Minister, Lawal after their Inauguration

PROF. ZABBEY SEEKS SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TO DELIVER ON MANDATE

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has called for collaboration and development of effective strategies from members of management for the smooth and speedy implementation of the Ogoni clean-up project.

Prof. Zabbey made the call at the 2025 management retreat of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) held in Port Harcourt.

The HYPREP Coordinator stated that effective and strategic management of personnel and resources will facilitate attainment of corporate goals and objectives in the task of cleaning up Ogoniland and restoration of livelihoods.

“Effective management is what we need. Effective performance evaluation, effective planning, effective communication. All these

things are very topical and helpful for our work. Team building is one thing that I always emphasize that there is need for us to work hand in hand. The project has units that are focused on specific aspects of the work so linking what you are doing to what the other person is doing is very crucial.”

He maintained that training is a key requirement to achieving success

on the project as it provides opportunities to broaden staff knowledge and keep them abreast of new trends, methods and technologies needed for delivering on the mandate of the project.

“There is always need for us to learn and in this instance, there is need for us to learn together. I would suggest that at our next retreat we



Prof. Zabbey



Prof. Baridam Addressing Participants at the 2025 Retreat for HYPREP Management Staff and Team Leads



Management Staff and Team Leads During the 2025 HYPREP Retreat

should have lectures, and we should also have sufficient time for us to look at the internal climate, opportunities for reflections. Opportunities for all of us to look at what has been going well and what has not been going well so that collectively we can do proper analysis, we can brainstorm solutions and have consensus.

“In the first management retreat that I attended when I joined HYPREP, I used that opportunity to provide what I called the guiding principles for effective clean up of Ogoni. I feel that because we have new staff who are now working with us, it is important that we share that document with all our staff once again. So that we will be guided by the framework. And then in 2024 we tried to reemphasize or reecho some of the key things or concepts or guiding principles in that framework document. For me, this year the emphasis is about result. It is about development results. It is about how do we ensure that we achieve adequate

results. Output, outcome and impact.

For us to do that it is very important that we work as team. Utilizing all the lessons we have learned in this retreat and to always ask ourselves why are we in HYPREP? Where are we on the project? How do we improve our performance? How do we resolve conflict? How do we resolve all those complex situations we meet in the field and in the office.”

Prof. Zabbey noted that the retreat was apt and timely and advised participants to put to use the knowledge they have acquired, stating that 'the most important thing is that with all the things we have learned here, we should go back to practise them. The good thing is that you have been provided with a compendium of all the lectures for personal reference.’’

He challenged the management staff to go beyond the immediate recommendations contained in the UNEP report by looking at related areas that will add value to the land

and lives of the Ogoni people.

“We should not go back and dump this important compendium of knowledge because these are key pieces of knowledge that will guide us in what we are doing to ensure that the Ogoni clean-up remains on course and that we continue to advance the course of the clean-up and also record unintended outcomes. So, there are things not specified in the scope of our work either in the UNEP report or the gazette that establishes HYPREP but as we are implementing the project we should be able to add value and that takes us to return on investment.

“So, we have invested resources in the project. We have invested quality time in this retreat. We have had the opportunity of being taught by some of the best when it comes to Management Science in this part of the world. Return on investment is about what do we take out of here. How does it translate or what do we do to improve our individual performance and the project

performance. And the key to improving our performance is to work collaboratively within HYPREP and with external stakeholders and the ability to adapt. The ability to solve the problem we meet from time to time. So, I think it is a wonderful opportunity to come together like this to listen to professionals talking to us about key concepts that we need in our daily operations.”

The retreat was facilitated by the Port Harcourt School of Management and Economics and featured renowned experts who took participants through some management and communication courses.



HYPREP Herald Editor, Kpoobari Nafu making an Intervention during the 2025 Management Retreat

GWARA, BANE WATER STATIONS, OTHER PROJECTS NEARING COMPLETION

the Gwara and Bane water projects in Khana Local Government Area where work on both stations have gone beyond 90% and would be ready for commissioning soon.

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project has in total provided potable water to more than forty Ogoni communities in the last one year. The last four water projects that were commissioned are in Bodo in Gokana Local Government Area, Uegwere-Boue, Taabaa in Khana Local Government Area and Eteo in Eleme Local Government Area.

When these additional two water projects and others under construction are completed and commissioned, HYPREP would have progressed further on its mandate to providing potable water to more Ogoni communities.

The HYPREP Coordinator also stopped over at the two transmission sub-stations for the Ogoni Power Project in Wiiyaakara and Bodo in Khana and Gokana Local Government



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Inspects Facilities for the Ogoni Power Project

In his avowed commitment to ensuring that projects being undertaken by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) conform to standards and specifications and delivered within the time frame as quoted in the contractual agreement, the Project Coordinator of

HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has visited some sites of the Project to see that contractors are using the right quality and quantity of materials for the work.

The projects inspected cover electrification and water works. Specifically, Prof. Zabbey inspected



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Inspects Facilities at the Gwara Water Station

Areas respectively.

The Ogoni Power Project (OPP) is conceived with the goal of linking the area to the national grid and ultimately

boosts socioeconomic activities and drives sustainable development in Ogoni and its adjoining communities. In the past few months, HYPREP has

received shipment of power equipment from overseas and civil and foundational works at both Sub-stations have progressed appreciably.



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KNOWLEDGE LEGACY OF HYPREP MANGROVE RESTORATION PROJECT

The flourishing mangrove restoration project of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) comes with a knowledge legacy and lessons learned that can improve the art and science of mangrove restoration around the world.

First phase of the Mangrove project in Bomu has reached a 94% grid and hectares completion rate and 1,415,255 multi-species mangrove seedlings have been planted. Monitoring has shown that 97% of planted mangrove seedlings survived after 1 month while 90% and 85% survived after 6 and 12 months, respectively. New contracts for restoration have been awarded in 7 new communities and approximately two million new seedlings will be planted covering 438 hectares of degraded mangroves.

At the Bomu site, which is phase 1 of the mangrove restoration project, a total of over million, four hundred thousand mangrove seedlings have been planted in collaboration with community people (mangrove

vanguards) who were trained by HYPREP in the science of mangrove nursery and restoration. The training is a deliberate effort by HYPREP to bequeath a knowledge legacy to the locals on how to nurse and plant mangrove even after it has completed its work in Ogoni.

To record a successful mangrove restoration the key element of ground truthing must be strictly followed as it helps in:

1. *Identifying areas with major mangrove losses, helps break up the algal mat building up on the sediment.*
2. *Identifying areas with severe insect infestation.*
3. *Leading to quicker corrective action, such as the removal of invasive Nipapalm and seeds.*

In the last one year of mangrove restoration efforts, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project has gained some practical knowledge that can enhance mangrove planting and recovery especially in polluted environment. The project observed that the black and white mangroves

species have a higher survivability rate compared to red mangrove. The black and white mangroves also showed more resistance to insect infestation than the red mangrove.

In the area of growth rate, it varies depending on several factors, such as sediment type and tidal inundations with a survivability of 97% after one month and 89% after one year of planting and given proper cleanup and effective restoration there would be return of key faunal biodiversity. Measuring growth entails determining the height of tree, leaf count, plant condition and girth. Other factors are evaluating prop roots/pneumatophores and the branches.

So far, an area of 530 out of 560 hectares of degraded mangroves have been restored at the Bomu Creek. The planting was done by mimicking the natural zonation pattern before the pollution that wiped out the once thriving mangrove forest in the area. Accordingly, the planting ratio is 8:1:1 of red, black and white mangroves respectively.



Mangrove Seedlings Showing Growth 6 Months Apart

The process leading to the restoration of mangrove involved the application of low-pressure high-volume flushing to ensure the release of trapped oil in sediment, collection and disposal of released oil, removal of oil-covered and dead stumps and debris, raking and breaking of algal mat and invasive Nipa palm.

Mangrove restoration is a scientific endeavour that entails the

use of technology to get accurate results. In this regard it involves remote sensing using GIS technology for the delineation of planting areas in grids to enable tracking during planting and monitoring. The grids have unique alphanumeric codes, development of maps and the use of mobile applications on-site in real time to determine grids and tracking.

Restoration is usually a long-term

effort; initial results from HYPREP's multi-species mangrove restoration have shown tremendous success, and evidence of biodiversity recovery is increasingly apparent. Sustainability of the restoration effort will be crucial in the coming years and for it to serve as a template for the restoration of other degraded areas in Nigeria's Niger Delta where oil is mined and elsewhere around the world.

HYPREP INSPECTS ITS E-LEARNING FACILITIES INSTALLED IN BMGS

The Technical Team of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) that installed solar-powered classroom projectors and computer units at the Senior Secondary Section of the Birabi Memorial Grammar School (BMGS), Bori has paid a follow-up visit to the school to check on the facilities.

The team led by Mr. Chris Newson was received by the Principal of the Senior Secondary School, Barr. Bob Agbozi in company of the staff and students of the school.

The HYPREP team inspected the facilities, engaged with members of staff and students, and reviewed how the equipment has been deployed to improve teaching and learning in the school.

Mr. Newson commended the Principal and other members of staff on the effective management and utilization of the facilities, disclosing that HYPREP remains committed to strengthening digital literacy and expanding e-learning opportunities in the school.

The Principal, Barr. Agbozi thanked HYPREP for its sustained support for the school and assured that



HYPREP E- Learning at BMGS, Bori



Tech Expert, Chris Newson with Students of BMGS, Bori

they would continue to protect, maintain and put to good use the facilities and other projects sited in the

school by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP).

HYPREP SUCCESS INSPIRES US – S' African Environment Activist

As the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) continues to make giant strides in all thematic areas of the Project, attracting both local and international attention, a delegation of South African Environment Justice Activists who were on a visit to HYPREP sites have commended the management of the Project on the success recorded thus far, saying they are inspired by the physical evidence of projects implemented on ground.

The South African Environment Justice Activists and some Nigerian Civil Society leaders who took turns to validate the success stories of HYPREP, were impressed with the value and significance of the facilities on ground, the commitment and proficiency demonstrated by the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey and all those who have contributed to the success of the Ogoni clean-up project.

Spokesperson of the South African Activists, Mbekezeli Mbuthuma said they are inspired by what they have seen, and that they would go home to advocate for better opportunities and development projects that would be sustainable like what the Ogoni struggle has brought to the people through HYPREP.

She noted that even though the consciousness and tenacity of the people of Ogoni led to the creation of HYPREP, the various developments in the areas of mangrove restoration, livelihood and human capacity growth, potable water provision, soil and ground water remediation and public health intervention would not



HYPREP Official Addressing South African Environment Rights Activists and their Nigerian Counterparts at Bomu Mangrove Restoration Site

have been possible without the commitment, prudence and capability of drivers of the Project.

Mbuthuma said the Ogoni story will always be referenced because it has produced worthwhile results, appealing to the people of Ogoni and potential beneficiaries of the HYPREP facilities to utilize them well and sustain the ideals that brought to fruition these developments.

“We have followed the progress of the Ogoni cleanup with great interest and admiration. The work being undertaken by HYPREP is not only a landmark effort within Nigeria but stands as a beacon of hope for communities across Africa struggling with the long-term impacts of extractive industries activities.

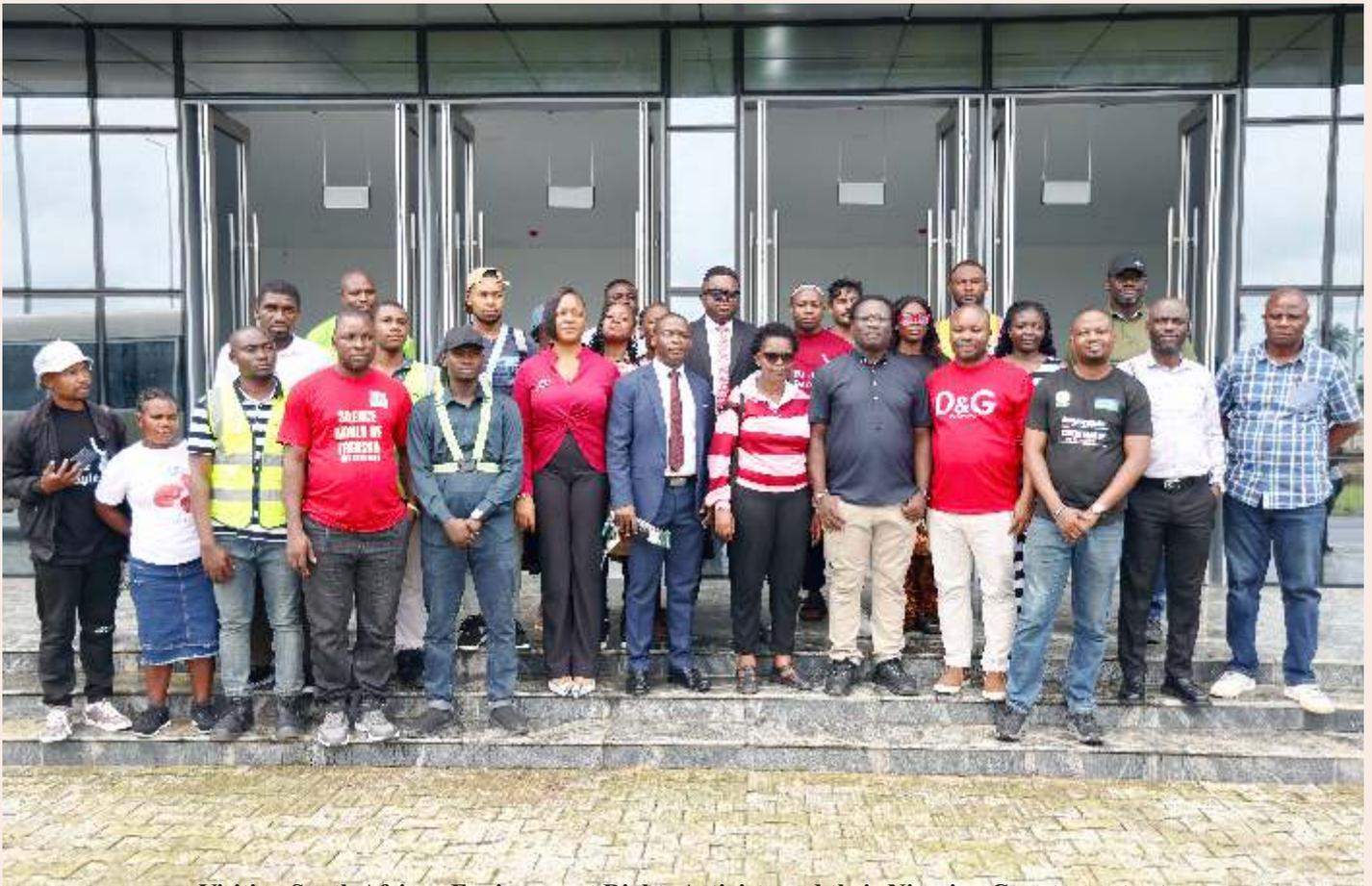
“The attempt to restore lands, water, and livelihoods devastated by decades of pollution is both commendable and inspirational,” she said, adding that amongst other things,

the delegation is eager to learn from the technical, institutional and community aspects of the cleanup process.

Specifically, the aim of the visit to HYPREP sites, according to the foreign activists, was to enable them observe firsthand the progress and challenges of the remediation work in Ogoniland; engage with HYPREP officials, and community stakeholders; and exchange ideas and strategies for building environmental justice movements across the continent of Africa.

Also speaking, the group's facilitator and Nigerian, Ken Henshaw commended HYPREP on opening its doors for the engagement and visit, even at short notice, saying it's exceptional of most public institutions.

Henshaw, who is the Executive Director of “We The People,” otherwise called Centre for Social



Visiting South African Environment Rights Activists and their Nigerian Counterparts at Centre of Excellence for Environment Restoration, Wiiyaakara

Studies and Development, said the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration is pivotal, adding that although, a lot of successes have been made by HYPREP, there are still monumental challenges for HYPREP in cleaning Ogoni and other parts of the Niger Delta that are also heavily polluted by hydrocarbon.

He further called for more funding for HYPREP by Government and Oil Multinationals to enable it surmount the environmental and livelihoods challenges in Ogoni.

On his part, the Coordinator of Pilex Centre for Civic Education Initiative, Courage Nsirimovu said the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration built by HYPREP is good news for the people of Ogoni and the Niger Delta.

Nsirimovu congratulated the people of Ogoni on the achievements

recorded by HYPREP, saying it is a testimony of perseverance, sacrifice and courage exhibited in a struggle that no other ethnic group has been able to do, adding that sustainability of the facilities put on ground is key for the people and government.

Earlier, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey had welcomed the visitors to the Project Office in Port Harcourt and approved their tour of the project sites. Represented by the Director of Technical Services, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi, Prof. Zabbey said HYPREP is committed to and upholding the ideals of the Ogoni struggle that midwived the Project, adding that a lot of achievements have been made in the implementation of the Project.

He reiterated that the Project is focused and meeting stakeholders'

expectations, urging the visitors to make objective criticisms of what they see on ground in the communities, as HYPREP has nothing to hide from public scrutiny.

Some frontline Civil Society leaders and advocates were on the visit to the Project Coordination Office of HYPREP and they include, Comrade Celestine Akpobari of Peoples Advancement Centre, and Friday Nbani of Lekeh Development Foundation.

The South African Environmental Justice Activists and Civil Society Leaders visited Kporghor water station, soil and ground water remediation sites, mangrove restoration site, Bomu, and the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, Wiiyaakara.

SHORELINE CLEAN-UP PHASE 1: 66.1% COMPLETED

The phase 1 clean-up of hydrocarbon impacted wetland covering five communities of B. Dere, K. Dere, Bomu, Kpor and Goi in Gokana Local Government Area is 66.1% completed in three hundred and twenty-two (322) out of the four hundred and eighty-seven (487) grids earmarked for clean-up by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP).

The three hundred and twenty-two (322) grids cover an area of 980.06 hectares of oil-impacted wetland so far cleaned and ready for chemistry closeout sampling for mangrove planting.

From the cleaned 980.6 hectares of wetland, a total of one million, nine hundred and eleven thousand and forty two (1,911,042) tons of oily sludge and two million, three hundred and thirty thousand, eight hundred and fifty one (2,330,851) tons of solid waste have been recovered.

By virtue of the ecosystem intervention there are now visible indicators of gradual and early ecosystem recovery, notably the

reappearance and spread of periwinkle colonies (*Tympanotonus fuscatus*) across several areas already cleaned.

Another species spotted is oyster which was rarely seen before the cleanup activities. This natural recolonization signifies that the wetlands are beginning to regain their ecological functions and productivity, pointing to the restoration of vital ecosystem goods and services.

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project had first carried out shoreline clean-up assessment technique (SCAT) verification activities in the grids so far cleaned, followed by chemistry verification sampling and an ongoing review of remediation action plan for artisanal refinery sites.

Below are photos and table showing level of work accomplished:



Oysters on Mangrove Prop Root on Restored Mud Flat in Bomu



SCAT Verification on-going



Periwinkles on Restored Mud Flat in Bomu

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S/N	Community	Contractor	Lot No.	Waste Generated to date		Waste Evacuated to date	
				Oily Sludge (L)	Solid Waste (Kg)	Oily Sludge (L)	Solid Waste (Kg)
1	B-Dere	Geoquest Int. Services Ltd	SLC 001	217,032	249,300	211,000	199,300
2		Weltime Nig. Ltd	SLC 002	366,638	92,821	82,000	
3		Fortified City Technologies	SLC 003	51,915	15,479.00		2,761
4		Dinetuks Nig. Ltd	SLC 004	65,500	810,000	52,000	414,000
5		Ekham Ventures Ltd	SLC 005	117,722	161,500	61,000	136,000
6		Rivdel Engineering Consultancy Limited	SLC 006	120,549	48,954	40000	
7		Navante Oil and Gas Ltd	SLC 007	123,700	190,000	33,000	65000
8		Yok Daniel	SLC 008	4,000	11,100	0	0
9	K-Dere	Surez Global Resources Nig Ltd	SLC 009	21,230	3,127	0	0
10		Mus Engineering	SLC 010	24,840	128.7	11000	8000
11		Geo-Kooy Environmental Services	SLC 011	35,250	1276.7	0	0
12		ZGM Investment	SLC 012	10,357	25600		
13		Cagewox Dot Net Ltd	SLC 013	4,000	750	0	0
14		DLK Oil & Gas Environmental Serv. Ltd	SLC 014	51,787	4,903	10,000	0
15		Bussdor and Company	SLC 015	13,759	11,825		30,000
16		Galembic Int'l Ltd	SLC 016	150,858	2,610	12,000	
17		Carlton Concepts Projects Ltd	SLC 017	27,890	1000	0	0
18		Amazing Environmental Solution Int'l Limited	SLC 018	137,965	5,280	0	0
19		Aniset / Shiwinis Integrated Services	SLC 019	5,125	3113.6	0	0
20	Kpor	Serock Energy Services Ltd	SLC 020	14,525	273		
21		Chavyn Nig. Ltd	SLC 021	52,000	100.7	49,000	
22		Wiz China World Engineering	SLC 022	31,300	850	28,300	
23	Bomu	Iris Eagle Nig Ltd	SLC 023	1,720	4,820	0	0
24		Transcend Construction Nig. Ltd	SLC 024	10,000	110,000		50,000
25		Trutech Engineering Consultant Serv.	SLC 025	0	9,586		
26		Abduganas Nig Ltd	SLC 026	15,850	261,295	0	0
27		Step Engineering Nig. Ltd	SLC 027	10,200	8,750	0	
28		Sikodris Nig Ltd	SLC 028	27,560	5,112		
29		Camyota Limited	SLC 029	4,515	6,970		
30		Icren Services Limited	SLC 030	24,805	62,040	10,000	31,310
31		Brant Technologies Ltd	SLC 031	30,350	138,700	20,000	152,200
32		Gbereogoni Oil & Gas Ltd	SLC 032	17,100	2,833.00	8,000	
33	Goi	Prime Logistics	SLC 033	74,000	70,000	25,000	45,000
34		TMCH	SLC 034	47,000	10,753		
TOTAL				1,911,042	2,330,851	652,300	1,133,571

HYPREP INTENSIFIES PAYMENT PROCESS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS ON OGONI POWER PROJECT RoW

In demonstration of its commitment to the actualization of the Ogoni Power Project, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) is putting finishing touches to the process for the disbursement of funds to genuine claimants whose properties are along the Right of Way (RoW) of the transmission lines and sub-stations for the Project.

The exercise which took place at the Gokana Area Office in Kpor recorded a huge turnout of prospective payees.

According to the consultant handling the payment procedure, Mike Baah and Partners, the process started with field assessment, delineation and valuation, and then progressed to the point of payment to

each claimant.

Explaining the process further, Mr. Nwinte Deekor, from Mike Baah and Partners, said to show transparency and diligence, the claimants were called one after the other, and their documents were verified, using the schedule, their passport photograph and data forms to confirm the validity of their claim(s).

He further explained that the schedule would be sent to the bank for money to be transferred to the authenticated claimants.

“To avoid proxy payment and ensure accuracy, and for the right person to get his or her money, either the community representative, community development committee chairman or the community chiefs identified each claimant at the

verification stage, before the schedule is sent to the Bank for transfer of money to any claimant.

“So far, claimants from Nweol, Lewe, and Bomu communities in Gokana Local Government Area have been verified and payments to them have commenced.

“Claimants from other communities like Gbe, Bodo, and Yeghe that are on the HYPREP Power Line right of way are also bid to be verified for payment in the coming days,” Mr. Deekor disclosed.

Expressing gratitude to HYPREP for the verification exercise, one of the claimants, Mr. David, from Bomu community, described it as seamless, and commended the coordinator of the programme for being diligent.

He also pleaded that the payment ethic that ensured the smooth exercise should be maintained, disclosing that the crops on his land were properly assessed and verified by the field officers.

“I really appreciate HYPREP for all these good works it's been doing, and I also appreciate the Federal Government of Nigeria for supporting this project. I really appreciate everyone that is a part of this great project. Certainly, I'm satisfied with the project, and hopeful that with the process and the way things are going, it will end well. The Power Project is a good idea, and I believe it will bring development to Ogoni,” Mr. David said.



Property Owners During the Payment Verification Exercise

LIVELIHOOD TRAININGS: HYPREP GIVES STARTER PACKS TO TRAINEES

The training of five thousand Ogoni women and youths by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) in different skill sets to provide them with alternative means of livelihood

was generally a success as the trainees have completed their programmes and have been supported with starter packs to ply their respective trades.

The process of distribution of starter packs to beneficiaries has been

largely peaceful and successful, and in the table below, we provide the graphic details of the training, the number of trainees, the number that has received starter packs and the trainers:

S/N	Name of Companies	Skill Areas	Number Assigned	Numbers that are yet to Receive	Numbers Received
1	M-R International	Computer Basics	180	0	180
		Website Designing, Digital Marketing	222	0	222
					0
2	Competent Samco Technical Nigeria Limited	Onshore/Offshore Skill Set	79	0	79
3	Kaygrill Service Nigeria Limited	Industrial Fire Fighting	119	9	110
		Scaffolding	46	2	44
4	Annaire Art and Fashion Academy Limited	Fashion and Designing	150	0	150
		Photography and Video	122	0	122
		Hairdressing	60	0	60
		Catering	149	0	149
5	Tuas Global Resources Limited	Fashion and Designing	100	0	100
		Argon Welding and Metal Fabrication	70	0	70
		Crane Operation	301	90	211
6	Grecoson International Nigeria Limited	Argon Welding and metal Fabrication	50	0	50
		Crane Operation	150	150	0
7	Gesbi Engineering	CCTV/Solar Installation	252	0	252
8	Camilia Baldwin International Limited	Fashion and Designing	146	0	146
9	Anchor & Bolt Professional Services Limited	Catering	50	0	50
10	Febi Consult	Website Designing	150	150	0
		Computer Basics	100	50	50
		Fashion and Designing	70	0	70
11	Buafa Agro	Fish Farming	346	0	346
		Poultry Farming	109	0	109
12	Dynamo Global Resources	Fashion and Designing	100	0	100
		Paint Production	104	63	41
13	J Bender Synmar Associate Limited	Crane Operation	82	82	0
14	Farmsby	Fish Farming	98	98	0
15	Pejeon Enterprises Nigeria Limited	Tiling, POP, Plumbing and Carpentry	88	3	85
		Hairdressing	100	5	95
16	Earthpro Limited /D.Mckinsey & Associates	Crane Operation	100	100	0
17	Chavyn Jerry Welding Company Nigeria Limited	Automobile Repairs	78	0	78
18	Doekwa Consulting Nig LTD	Aviation	36	36	0
		Computer Basics	293	43	250
19	ODK Construction LTD	Crane Operation	150	150	0
		Scaffolding	63	0	63
		Catering	200	0	200
20	Menuchimso	Driving	127	0	127
21	Thompson & Grace Investment	Argon Welding and metal fabrication	273	273	0
22	Scotchville Industrial Consortium Ltd.	Non-destructive Testing	87	0	87
			5000	1304	3696

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERS AMBASSADOR OF CHARITY ON PROF. ZABBEY

The Congregation of the Mission and the Vincentian Family, Nigeria has conferred Ambassador of Charity Award on the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Professor Nenibarini Zabbey in recognition of his philanthropic service to humanity.

The award, which was presented to Professor Zabbey at an event to mark the 400th anniversary of the Congregation of the Mission of Saint Vincent De Paul, in Ikot Obong Edong, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State is in acknowledgement of his 'outstanding selfless service to the poor.'

Founded in 1833, the Conference of Charity, also known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, focuses on practical service to the needy and society generally, with principles and services emphasising person-to-person service, dignity, justice, and spiritual growth.

Over the years, as an academic, environmentalist and an ardent Catholic, Professor Zabbey has passionately committed to community service and humanity by extension.

In 2022, Prof. Zabbey won the global ASLO Ruth Patrick Award "for research and engagement with a

critical impact on the recovery of the Niger Delta ecosystem from oil spills and environmental justice for affected communities." He is the only African recipient of the Ruth Patrick award since it was instituted twenty-six years ago.

As Project Coordinator of one of the world's most significant remediation projects, HYPREP, Prof. Zabbey is engineering environmental remediation and justice, bridging gaps and closing socio-economic and cultural divides and ultimately rekindling hope in individuals and communities in Ogoni and beyond.



Director, Technical Services, HYPREP, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi (L) Hands over the Ambassador of Charity Award to Prof. Zabbey



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
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PUBLIC NOTICE
DISCLAIMER ON FRAUDULENT EMPLOYMENT OFFERS

The attention of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has been drawn to the activities of unscrupulous individuals who are fraudulently soliciting payments of Twenty Thousand Naira (₦20,000) from unsuspecting members of the public with the false promise of securing employment or placement opportunities at the CEER or any of its projects.

The Management of HYPREP wishes to categorically state as follows:

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The general public is hereby advised to exercise caution and report all suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities.

Signed,
Management

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Environment Minister & Chairman, HYPREP Governing Council Lawal with BoT Chairman Rt. Hon. Deeyah



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Poses with Ambassador of Charity Award



Prof. Don Baridam Presents Certificate of Participation to Prof. Zabbey at the HYPREP 2025 Management Retreat



Prof. Zabbey Presents Certificate of Participation to Prof. Aguiyi at the HYPREP 2025 Management Retreat



Participants at the HYPREP 2025 Management Retreat



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Representatives of Nigeria Pipelines & Storage Company Limited with HYPREP Remediation Team during a Technical Meeting

OGONI CLEAN-UP ...HYPREP SPEARHEADING MANGROVE RESTORATION

POETRY CORNER

MAN, NOT CLIMATE

By: Kpoobari Nafo

It is not climate that is changing
 It is not heat waves that are rising
 It is not ocean that is surging
 It is not carbon that is increasing
 It is not flooding that is swelling
 It is not drought that is spreading
 It is not iceberg that is melting
 It is not forest fires that are burning
 It is not desertification that is encroaching
 It is not green house gases that are hissing
 It is not biodiversity that is wasting and mutating
 It is not food and water security that is diminishing
 It is not animal and human health that is pining

Although that is true in a sense:

It is human indiscipline that flows from drains to sea
 Carrying along atrocious plastics that corrupt our oceans
 It is the greed of factories emitting gases into air
 And poisoning our airways with carcinogens
 It is the corruption of man
 Which at every turn sabotages same earth he lives on
 It is the foolishness of the soul
 That has blinded the eye from the consequences of action
 It is failure in responsibility
 To care for the planet - our source and sustenance
 It is talking tongue in check at conferences
 And going home to do the opposite
 It is man's pleasure and profit at earth's loss
 And everyday the refrain sings climate change,
 Change that will soon sweep men unless they change.

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“Planting a tree is an act of charity.”
 – Zara Humaira

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