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(HYPREP)

Every day brings new progress as the HYPREP Project Coordinating Office implements UNEP-recommended actions in Ogoni. Steadily, we are advancing on all fronts and recording remarkable milestones. These include soil and groundwater remediation, mangrove restoration, shoreline cleanup, potable water provision, livelihood restoration, and the establishment and operationalization of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), as well as efforts to designate the Ogoni mangrove wetland as a Ramsar Site. To improve access to public health services in Ogoni, we have strengthened some hospitals in the area with state-of-the-art equipment, provided a solar-powered electricity supply, and donated ambulances to support swift emergency response and referral services. In addition, the 100-bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital and the 43-bed Cottage Hospital

we are constructing in Ogoni are near completion. To restore sustainable livelihoods in Ogoni, we are intensifying training for Ogoni youth and women in high-demand skills, such as mechatronics. We recently graduated 100 Ogoni seafarers and secured licences for them to be able operate in the maritime sector of the economy. Our Air Cabin Crew trainees are doing well in Lagos. I spent Thursday, 26 February, with the cabin crew trainees and their instructors during cabin simulation, firefighting and water survival exercises, and I was impressed by their performance. In the coming weeks, we shall commence training in cybersecurity, full-stack development, GIS and crowd mapping, rope access, commercial diving/underwater welding, mudlogging, and agric skill enhancement.

In the August 2025 edition of the HYPREP Herald, we committed to conducting an internationally acceptable Human Biomonitoring Study in the Ogoni, in line with the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report. Recall that the UNEP report recommends “a focused medical study should be initiated to track the health of the Ogoni community over their lifetimes to ensure any possible health impacts are identified early enough and acted upon.”

Like the UNEP study that recommended a focused health study, the ongoing Ogoni health assessment requires an internationally credible investigator and acceptable

protocols. Thus, we cast our net widely and eventually contracted the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) to conduct the study in partnership with reputable local researchers. HYPREP will provide the necessary technical, logistical, and institutional support to facilitate the smooth conduct of the health study. The IARC research team has been in Ogoni in recent days, consulting with the council chairmen of the four local government areas (LGAs) in Ogoni, the kingdom majesties and paramount rulers, and opinion leaders. As always, the people of Ogoni are receptive to the study and committed to participating actively in the health assessment. In the various meetings held in the LGAs, women, youth, and men promised the study team their support for the mission and for the security of their lives and property while in Ogoni. This is a commendable social licence willingly given to the health study team, in the same way that the people are cooperating with the HYPREP PCO at various project sites. This sustained show of stakeholder ownership of the Ogoni Clean-up Project has contributed immensely to the milestones achieved so far.

The study aims to conduct a comprehensive health risk assessment of hydrocarbon pollution, build capacity among local health professionals, and provide data-driven recommendations for public health management in the region. The study findings will inform policy interventions, public health

planning, and long-term monitoring.

To build trust across the different strata of stakeholders, we have designed an inclusive protocol that involves the participation of community leaders, civil society groups, and health institutions, such as Rivers State University, from which most of the local team members are drawn.

We have reached a stage in the Ogoni clean-up Project where our resources and infrastructure are

key raw materials for the successful operation of other State and Federal Government-owned institutions in the area. The newly established Federal University of Environment and Technology will have free access to our land remediation and shoreline clean-up sites, as well as to the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, to support cutting-edge, innovative research in environmental management and development. The Ken Saro-Wiwa Polytechnic also stands to benefit

from our work and infrastructure, supporting the overall development of human capital and environmental remediation and restoration.

To do more, we ask for your continued support for HYPREP and the Renewed Hope Agenda, which have accelerated the Ogoni Cleanup.

Our help is the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey Debriefed by the IARC-WHO Team

In This Issue

Our March edition leads with the news of the implementation of a key recommendation of the environmental assessment of Ogoniland conducted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The UNEP report recommends that a health study be undertaken to determine the level of oil impact on the people. The International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization engaged for the study is in Ogoni. They have met the traditional and political leadership in the area to formally inform them of the commencement of field work to collect data on persons exposed to hydrocarbon. The study is expected to last for a period of about two and a half years.

The one hundred Ogoni youths trained in seafaring under the livelihood programme of HYPREP have completed their trainings. The report of the close out ceremony to round off the training is carried in this edition of the HYPREP Herald. The trainees were duly certified and licensed and can now operate as seamen in the maritime industry.

As the news of the operations of HYPREP spread far and wide, a team comprising officials from the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Central Review Delivery Coordination Unit in the Presidency were in Ogoni to see for themselves the projects and programmes being undertaken by the Hydrocarbon

Pollution Remediation Project. They were impressed with the quality of work done from soil remediation, shoreline clean-up and mangrove restoration, legacy infrastructure, potable water, livelihood intervention, health intervention to other projects implemented to improve the standard of living in Ogoni, fast tract development and stimulate economic growth.

From far away Saudi Arabia, we bring you the report of the meeting of the Middle East Green Initiative where the Honourable Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal and the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey represented Nigeria. The Middle East Green Initiative is a group of thirty countries in membership committed to plant fifty billion trees.

The milestone achieved of five million man hours without fatality on the Project was celebrated with field workers, community leadership, contractors and staff of HYPREP at Bomu base camp to drive home the message of safety culture and to appreciate the workers whose dedication and HSE consciousness had maintained a safe work environment across HYPREP sites in Ogoni and in the office.

HYPREP continues to place premium on strategic partnership and adherence to industry standards as it implements the Ogoni Clean-up project. The quarterly meeting of key regulators, asset owners and civil society organizations was held where stakeholders were briefed on the operations of the Project. The stakeholders were impressed with

development on the Project and made suggestions on how to improve performance.

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey was at the maiden matriculation of the newly established Federal University of Environment and Technology. Prof. Zabbey used the occasion to brief the University community of the achievements of HYPREP and how its works and infrastructure stand to contribute to learning and research.

And impressed with the performance of the HYPREP Boss, the Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences of the Ignatius Ajuru University of Education honoured him with an Award of Excellence for distinguishing himself in his current task of remediating hydrocarbon pollution in Ogoniland. We also bring you the report of a thank you visit that some professors who were on sabbatical leave in HYPREP made to appreciate Prof. Zabbey for the quality and productive time they had in HYPREP. Our series on major achievements in 2025 is continued in this March edition of the HYPREP Herald. We have maintained our poetry corner to enhance your appreciation of the environment. Take some time to go through the pages for detailed information on the operations of HYPREP in Ogoni and do reach us on ways to serve you better.

News

HYPREP, IARC-WHO COMMENCE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH STUDY IN OGONI

One of the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report on Ogoniland is the conduct of a health study to ascertain the impact of hydrocarbon on the people.

To this end, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) had engaged the services of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization to carry out a comprehensive Human Biomonitoring Studies in Ogoni communities in compliance with the recommendation of UNEP to investigate, if any; the linkages between hydrocarbon pollution and

disease patterns in Ogoni.

The HYPREP's funded Health Study being conducted by IARC in collaboration with the Rivers State University, has taken off in earnest with visit to Ogoni Monarchs and Local Government Councils to formally inform them of the planned entry into the communities to collect data.

Speaking during the introductory meeting with the Gokana Divisional Council of Chiefs and Elders at Giokoo, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey, said the Project considers it imperative not to delay the commencement of the health survey as recommended by

UNEP, but to implement it concurrently with on-going projects and programmes of HYPREP.

The Project Coordinator, who was represented by the Director, Technical Services, HYPREP, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi, told the Gokana Council of Chiefs that the purpose of the meeting was to inform them of the commencement of the research, and to introduce the Research Team, comprising IARC and the Rivers State University to them.

He explained that the research is like the initial Environmental Assessment by UNEP, reaffirming HYPREP's commitment to a fruitful partnership with IARC in conducting



Officials of IARC-WHO, RSU and HYPREP at Giokoo, Gokana, on a Visit to Inform Gokana Chiefs and Community Leaders of the Planned Entry into Ogoni for the UNEP Recommended Human Biomonitoring Studies

an internationally acceptable health study and appealed to the community leaders to give the team unhindered access into Ogoni for the survey.

Also speaking, the Assistant Project Coordinator for the Research Team, Prof. Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu, who described the Health Study as groundbreaking, further said the Team was at Giokoo to pay homage, and to secure the permission of the King of Gokana Kingdom, HRM, Gberemene Festus Babari Paago Bagia to get the buy in of the communities towards the study.

Kakulu explained that the exercise in the communities will take few weeks, but the study will be about two and a half years, adding that the communities will be scientifically selected, the women, youth and others in terms of exposure to hydrocarbons. She clarified that they are not

contractors, but researchers, and would require accurate and verifiable information from respondents, reiterating that the essence of the exercise is to ascertain the impact of hydrocarbon on the health of the Ogoni people.

“Basically, we will speak to people in their homes in some scientifically selected communities. We will seek your permission to speak with community chiefs and to gain access to conduct our work.

“We are also interested in occupational hazards. People exposed by the nature of their work in and around Ogoniland will be subjects of interest. We will talk to them and seek their voluntary consent to participate in the study, which involves collecting some personal data and human samples, such as blood and urine,” she said.

In their separate responses on behalf of the His Majesty, the Gberemene of Gokana, the Legal Adviser to His Majesty, Barr. Monday Gbara-age, commended HYPREP for the study and expressed His Majesty's approval for the conduct of the study in Gokana communities.

He assured HYPREP and the research team of a conducive environment in terms of security and cooperation of the locals during the period of the study.

“This Health Study is a welcome development and most desired. We assure peaceful environment and cooperation with the team. We will help to inform the people through town crying, for them to understand the importance of the research, and the fact that you are not contractors,” he said.

Other speakers, including Chief



Officials of IARC-WHO, RSU and HYPREP at Tai Local Government Council, Saakpenwa on a Visit to Inform the Council Chairman of the Planned Entry into Ogoni for the UNEP Recommended Human Biomonitoring Studies

Kpakol Aleema Kpakol and the Paramount ruler of Goi community, Chief Stephen Kobani, buttressed their resolve to engage in extensive community sensitization, and further assured the team of adequate local security for the research team.

The HYPREP officials and the Research Team also paid homage to the Palace of Gbenemene Tai kingdom, HRM, King Samuel Nnee, and his Council of Chiefs at Kpite.

The Team was well received by the King and his Council, who were also informed of the commencement of the Health Study in the area, and appealed for access to the communities and their support for the study.

The Team informed the King that Tai was very significant in the UNEP study and remains so, even as the Health study is to be conducted, explaining that about 4000 participants will be involved in the study that will focus on persons involved in sand mining, farming, fishing, and other trades, assuring that their final report will be a true reflection of findings in the field.

The Remote Project Coordinator of the Research Team, Michael Cowing, recalled that one of the key recommendations of UNEP in the environmental assessment of Ogoni was this health assessment of the Ogoni population.

Cowing, who was the Project Coordinator of the UNEP Team that carried out the environmental audit of Ogoni between 2009 and 2011 further said the study, which is expected to last two and half years, began mid 2025 with desk work, mapping, and preliminary research.

“With your approval, we are going to engage in the fieldwork. Simply put, across Ogoniland. We're looking to

have approximately 4,000 participants representing the most impacted communities. We know where the epicentres of contamination are. We've plotted the communities on those maps, and they will be the impacted communities where we will focus the study. But we are also conducting studies in non-impacted communities for comparison.

“We will be looking at people involved in specific activities, whether farming, fishing, sand mining, or artisanal refining, to assess different levels of exposure to hydrocarbons. So, it's going to be a very comprehensive study,” he said.

Responding, HRM, King Nnee said he and the entire people of Tai kingdom are pleased with the activities and successes of HYPREP, and that the research should be conducted in any community the team chooses.

According to him, “HYPREP is our baby and we cannot stop breastfeeding it. I'm very conversant with what has been going on. As CRAC member, I'm also exposed to the work of HYPREP. The study in 2026 will be a work over because in 2009 there was no problem in Tai. The subject is very important to the people.

“Also, as Coordinator of the Supreme Council of Ogoni Traditional Rulers, I welcome the team for the Study to Ogoni and also give kudos to HYPREP for the success stories. From the royal point of view, HYPREP has done well. So, I give royal permission, and promise to support and cooperate with the Study,” the Royal Father said. On his part, the Executive Chairman of Tai Local Government Council, Hon. Friday Okpe Mbakpone, welcomed the Team, while meeting with him and members of his

Executive Council at the Executive Chamber of the Council Secretariat at Saakpenwa.

The Tai Council Chairman, who was represented by the Secretary of Council, Hon. Bank Gote commended HYPREP for the visit and for the initiative and expressed readiness of the Council to support the exercise in the area.

“We are happy about the commencement of the Study from Tai. The Council will provide all necessary support, including security for the success of the research in Tai communities”, he assured.

Other members of the HYPREP-IARC team were the IARC Lead Scientist, Dr. Ann Olsson, Joanne Kim, Michael Korenjac, the IARC Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Prof. Barineme Fakae, the RSU Team Lead, Prof. Faith Roberts, Prof. Kenneth Ordu, Prof. Vivian Oleforuh Okoleh, Dr Ibitoroko George-Opuda, Dr. Golden Ow'honda, Dr Benjamin Osaro, Dr. Nimi Hart and Dr Christine Brisibe.

The rest are the Head, Stakeholders Engagement, HYPREP, Richard Mkpe; Head, Public Health, Dr. Kpobari Nkpa; Head, Communications, Dr. Enuolare Mba-Nwigoh; Editor, HYPREP Herald, Kpoobari Nafo, among others.

The team also visited Khana and Eleme Local Government Areas to inform their leaders of the commencement of the health study.

100 OGONI YOUTHS COMPLETE SEAFARING TRAINING

The one hundred Ogoni youths sponsored by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) for a four-month-intensive training in seafaring have completed their course.

Seafaring is one of the first four high demand skills of aviation, mechatronics, creative arts that HYPREP had designed under its livelihood training programme to empower four hundred Ogoni youths besides the five thousand Ogoni women and youths who were trained in twenty different skill sets.

At the close-out ceremony held at the Charkins Maritime Academy in Port Harcourt for the graduands of the seafaring training, the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon

Pollution Remediation Project, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey urged the trainees to put the skills they have acquired and the certificates obtained to good use, as well as be good ambassadors of their respective families, Ogoni and the nation.

Prof. Zabbey congratulated the graduands on their dedication and commitment to completing the training programme, saying the people of Ogoni look forward to hearing how each of them are faring with the knowledge and certificates they have obtained by excelling in the maritime industry.

According to him, knowledge and certification are like fuel in a vehicle; they are meant to move one forward and inspire one to greater heights,

stating that HYPREP is proud to contribute to their journey of sustainable livelihood, and that the training and skills gained should not be left dormant but should serve as a springboard for self-reliance, dignity of labour, and long-term economic empowerment for the good of Ogoniland and the nation.

“Today is a special day, not just for the graduands, but for the entire project and the Ogoni people. It is a celebration of hard work, dedication, and a new chapter in the lives of these young individuals. We are also celebrating vision, resilience, and hope. Hope that it is being translated into skills, certificates, and tangible opportunities for a better future for the Ogoni youths.

“This passing-out ceremony is an important milestone in HYPREP's efforts to restore livelihoods and promote sustainable development in Ogoniland. The Seafarers Training Programme is of immense importance, not only to the youths who have directly benefited, but also to the wider livelihood restoration programme of HYPREP and the blue economy objectives of the Federal Government.

“By equipping our youth with globally relevant seafaring skills, we are opening doors to alternative sources of income while discouraging oil theft, artisanal refining, re-pollution, and other practices that threaten the integrity and productivity of the environment,” he said.

The Project Coordinator explained that the training aligns with the directives in the 2016 HYPREP



Prof. Zabbey



Some of the Seafaring Graduands and their Trainers with HYPREP Officials at the Close Out Ceremony

Establishment Gazette and reinforces the Project's commitment to the continuous implementation of the recommendations in the 2011 UNEP Assessment Report on Ogoniland.

He particularly commended the training partner, Charkins Maritime Academy, which he said remains one of the foremost maritime training centres in the country, believing that the partnership has delivered a high-quality outcome, which HYPREP intends to expand as it intensifies efforts to provide sustainable alternative livelihoods for the Ogoni people.

Prof. Zabbey emphasized that the Project has strong confidence in Ogoni youths as drivers of unity, peace, and progress, stating that he is pleased to note that the Ogoni youths have shown remarkable resilience and commitment to peace in the area, and that he is proud of the progress made so far, reiterating HYPREP's commitment to supporting the

aspirations of Ogoni youths and women.

“We hear your voices calling for restoration, and today, environmental and livelihood restoration are gradually unfolding before your eyes, bringing renewed hope. We continue to lay brick upon brick, building pillars of Ogoni development, as evidenced by the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), which is 93% completed,” he said.

The Project Coordinator believed that the Ogoni Specialist Hospital will improve tertiary healthcare services in the area, while the Buan Cottage Hospital and other public hospitals in Ogoni strengthened by HYPREP will improve access to healthcare in the rural communities and the underserved areas.

He pointed out that the ongoing Ogoni Power Project will connect the Ogoni communities to the national grid, boosting electricity supply to

support increased economic activity and sustain HYPREP potable water facilities and other infrastructure across Ogoniland, while the shoreline clean-up and mangrove restoration projects have led to significant ecosystem recovery with evidence of biodiversity return.

On the remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater at the medium-risk and complex sites, the Project Coordinator said work is progressing steadily, with continued engagement of all project stakeholders to sustain efforts and contribute to the project's success.

According to him, HYPREP's approach is to integrate all projects and activities towards the goal of environmental sustainability and accelerated development of Ogoniland, adding that every step taken, every action carried out, and every training intervention, such as the seafaring training for Ogoni youths, form the bedrock of lasting peace and



Cross Section of the Seafaring Trainees

progress in Ogoniland.

While appreciating the collective support, understanding and cooperation of the Ogoni people, Prof. Zabbey called on them to join hands with HYPREP to ensure that its goals are achieved in the overall public interest.

“This partnership must span the length and breadth of Ogoniland from Akpajo in Eleme to Kono Waterside in Khana, from the ends of Koroma in Tai to Sivibilagbara in Bodo in Gokana. Together, we must continue to walk as one united family, surmounting all challenges and building the Ogoni we desire. We must commit to peace and contribute our share to the Federal Government's restoration efforts in Ogoni,” Prof. Zabbey stressed.

In his goodwill message, the representative of Renaissance Africa Energy Company/JV Support Lead for HYPREP, Engr. Echioze Igbinomwanhia said the event marked more than a completion of a training, to a demonstration of the fact that HYPREP and the trainees have the ability to start a thing and finish it on a good note.

Engr. Igbinomwanhia noted that without empowering people, restoration cannot be complete, saying Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited is proud to be part of the efforts to restore life, reassuring the company's commitment to a continued support for HYPREP.

While congratulating beneficiaries of the training, he said as hope of their families, they should allow discipline to guide their actions, and to be worthy ambassadors of Ogoni and the country.

Giving a general overview of the training and the prospect of seafaring, a Head of Department in Charkins Maritime Academy, Captain Jonathan Hamond recounted his forty years' experience in the maritime industry, charging the graduands to be disciplined, humble and committed to service delivery, and commended HYPREP for sponsoring the youths in such a lucrative industry.

Captain Hamond emphasized that indiscipline is not tolerated at sea, and that submission and a ready-to-learn spirit are of high value.

On his part, the Executive

Director, Training and Strategic Planning, Captain Joseph Awodeha, who represented the Chairman of Charkins Maritime Academy, Chief Charles Wami, re-emphasized the importance of humility, discipline and safety in seafaring, admonishing the graduands to focus on the finished line, ask questions, and to remain trainees until they get to the top.

Captain Awodeha, who said he has spent over fifty-one years in the industry, further called on the youths to always think safety, take care of themselves, and their colleagues, obey simple instructions, and to know that the training is just the beginning of their career in the maritime industry.

Also speaking, the Training Consultant, Barr. Dornu Barida Nwinang congratulated the trainees on their successful completion of the training, and expressed appreciation to the Project Coordinator for approving the training, and Charkins Maritime Academy for the professional and standard training offered.

Speaking on behalf of the graduands, Ms. Mercy Chujor Olungwe thanked HYPREP for giving them the opportunity to be trained and be certified as professional seafarers. She also commended the competence of the trainers and promised to put the acquired skills to good use.

On his part, the Director of Technical Services, HYPREP, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi, congratulated the trainees, urging them to make HYPREP and the Ogoni people proud by being diligent and responsible maritime workers.

About five different certifications were presented to each of the graduands being statutory requirements to operate as seafarers.

PRESIDENTIAL POLICY COORDINATION OFFICE COMMENDS HYPREP ON PROJECT DELIVERY, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- *ADVOCATES PARTNERS' SUPPORT FOR HYPREP*

A unit in the Presidency charged with the responsibility of monitoring and coordinating quarterly and annual performance reviews of Federal Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) - the Central Review Delivery Coordination Unit (CRDCU), has commended the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), on the number of projects and programmes conceived and delivered, as well as its effective engagement of critical stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) recommendations on Ogoniland.

As part of its responsibilities of tracking the implementation of policies, projects and programmes of Ministries, Departments and Agencies, officials of the CRDCU, and experts from the Federal Ministry of Environment, were in Ogoni to see for themselves the several projects executed by HYPREP under the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

Speaking after being conducted round some completed and ongoing projects of HYPREP in Ogoni, a Coordinator in CRDCU and leader of the team, Esege Ebei Esege commended the HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey and the entire HYPREP team for the significant improvement in the quality of development projects delivered on schedule, particularly, in the last two years, and the pool of qualified personnel engaged on the Project.

The CRDCU officials also lauded HYPREP for ensuring that the



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey Leads CRDCU Officials On Inspection of Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, Wiiyaakara

communities are carried along in the implementation of projects as observed during the field trip and from their interactions with the locals, including community workers at sites.

“As you are aware, CRDCU was established by Presidential Executive Order 12 of 2022 (amended as Executive Order 13) on “Improving Performance Management, Coordination and Implementation of Presidential Priorities of the Federal Government of Nigeria. It serves as central mechanism to ensure that public officers and MDAs are accountable for their performance, directly supporting the President's vision for effective governance. So, CRDCU, led by the Special Adviser to the President on Policy and Coordination, Hadiza Bala Usman, facilitates accountability, including monitoring the implementation of ministerial performance Bonds.

“Our responsibility, therefore, is to tract, manage, and report on the progress of high-impact priority policies, projects, and programmes of the Federal Government of Nigeria, to ensure that the projects are done in line with the UNEP recommendations. We have seen what HYPREP has done over the period, and our coming here indeed has opened our eyes to see what HYPREP is doing in respect of the projects they are implementing,” Esege said.

“We've seen the Cottage Hospital, we've gone to the Power Plant, we've gone to the Center of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER). We've gone to another Power plant. And we've gone to a completed and some ongoing remediation sites.

“We've seen a lot, but one thing is that, from the projects we have seen, most of these projects are being completed within or being

implemented within the last two years, and they've done so much in the implementation of these projects," he remarked.

Esege further commended the Ogoni communities for taking ownership of the projects sited in their communities, and called for further support from Agencies and other partners for the project, acknowledging the efforts of organizations that have supported HYPREP in carrying out its mandate and praised the leadership of HYPREP for its commitment to the execution of Project mandate.

"We must also commend other organizations or institutions that are supporting them and especially the host communities. I think so far, we've not heard of any incidents of insecurity or any of their equipment being stolen on sites. There is that

cooperation, and one important thing that strikes us is that there is ownership by the local communities. There's ownership by the Local Government, there's ownership by the State Government, including the people themselves.

"The leadership of HYPREP, we believe they are also committed to the work they do. I think it's a good thing because one thing we want to do is that the issue of Ogoni cleanup is being addressed clearly in line with UNEP recommendations. The CEER should be an Institution rather than just a centre. We are ready to work closely with HYPREP to succeed, especially the infrastructural development projects, livelihood programmes, sustainability need and on-going projects affected by variation. We will take it up with the Presidency,

and we must put our eyes on the projects even after handing over, say for five years," he said.

Esege assured of exploring areas of collaboration identified from the visit to ensure speedy completion of the Ogoni Clean-up Project and urged HYPREP to prioritize the issue of sustainability of the various projects done in the communities.

Other members of the team particularly called for objectivity in the recruitment of the Director and other personnel for the CEER, saying the recruitment exercise should not be delayed, noting that not more than three of such project scales can be found in the world.

"The Centre is a site to behold. We encourage maximization of knowledge economy on the project. The water project is a test case for future water supply systems; the



Prof. Zabbey and CRDCU Officials at Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, Wiyiakara

mangrove project is massive, but we should put the best foot in scoping and characterization of the sites. And for sustainability, entering into Memorandum of Understanding with communities and partners will guarantee long life for the projects”, they said.

While also commending the baseline information on the projects, especially the Ogoni Power Project, they said the provision of sophisticated treatment and scanning machines at the Ogoni Specialist Hospital will address the paucity of such machines in the country.

Conducting the team round the project sites, HYPREP Coordinator, Prof Nenibarini Zabbey expressed optimism that their coming would help in speeding up projects' approval and execution, stating that HYPREP is currently implementing UNEP recommendations concurrently.

“The Ogoni Clean-up Project is a priority project under the Renewed Hope Agenda, and we have the mandate of the Federal Government to accelerate the process, that is why at the moment we are implementing all the UNEP recommended actions concurrently.

“For this particular visit, we at the Project Coordination Office of HYPREP are very excited because the Central Results Delivery Coordination Unit is under the Presidency. They are in charge of documenting the deliverables of the Federal Government. So, every quarter we send them reports on what we've been able to do, milestones that we've been able to achieve. So, reading reports and seeing photographs is different from seeing the efforts and the infrastructures on ground. So, we've been expecting their

visit since last year. Here they are, so that makes us very happy,” he said.

Prof. Zabbey disclosed to the visiting team that the Project has over 100 sites in Ogoniland, which have created jobs for over 7,000 youths and women of Ogoni, expounding that HYPREP is working in line with its mandate, which is remediating impacted lands and wetlands in Ogoni and providing alternative sources of livelihoods for the people, adding that one sustainability step HYPREP has taken is the ongoing power project to support all other projects in the area.

“We have built capacity in environmental management, strengthened public health because this is an opportunity to remedy the situation in Ogoni, to get a template for future projects to be replicated in other parts of the country. We want the very best for our people,” he stressed.

“For our mangrove restoration, phase one, which is the pilot scheme that has to do with restoring multi-species of mangroves in 560 hectares of oil-degraded mangrove swamps, we have completed it 100%. The mangroves are doing very well. Our monitoring system is robust, and we have recorded considerable recovery of water-bound diversity, especially key species that support the livelihoods of the people, such as periwinkle, crabs, prawns and even fishes,” he explained.

He said phase one of the shoreline cleanup has reached 72% completion, while site work is about to start on phase two of it. He also listed interventions in public health to include building the 100 bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital and the Buan Cottage Hospital, strengthening of four health facilities, donation of five ambulances to the Rivers State

Ministry of Health for health care services in the four Local Government Areas in Ogoni.

On his part, Renaissance Africa Energy Company's Support Lead for HYPREP, Ehioze Igbinomwanhia, said the company is committed to ensuring that the Ogoni cleanup project succeeds. “At various levels we've provided support in terms of funding and also in terms of project support, which is also the task I'm here to do, and I must say that in going around, I've seen good quality work being done both for the projects that support the livelihoods of the Ogoni people and also for the remediation works themselves.

“I am very pleased that the Government has also shown their support. We are willing to work with them, and we will continue working with them to ensure that our desire of seeing the Ogoni cleanup exercise done and completed, and that people are able to really enjoy the benefits of all that have been outlined in the UNEP 2011 report is realized,” he stated.

The CRDCU and the Federal Ministry of Environment Expert team were conducted round several HYPREP's facilities and work places which include, the Buan Cottage Hospital, Ogoni Power Project site in Wiiyaakara, Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, Wiyaakara, in Khana Local Government Area, the Bodo Sub-station of the Ogoni Power Project in Gokana Local Government Area, the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, Kpitem in Tai Local Government Area, and the reticulated water facility in Eteo, Eleme.

On day two, the team visited the mangrove restoration site in Bomu,

where members of the team took turns to plant mangrove seedlings, the Kegbara Dere shoreline remediation site, the soil and groundwater remediation sites in Eleme, including the famous Isisioken complex site, and the Ebubu water facility, where water supply has resumed after the sad incident of the rupture of the ground tank.

Responding to issues raised during

debriefing at the end of the tour, the Director, Technical Services, HYPREP, Prof. Paul-Damian Aguiyi, assured the team of HYPREP's commitment to doing the right thing, especially, ensuring sustainability of the various projects in the communities. According to him, it will be a disservice if HYPREP put in huge funds into project execution without ensuring sustainability.

He further said HYPREP, however, needs closure on the things discussed and agreed on for success to be achieved, thanking the team for their visit and stating that HYPREP's mantra is "Come and See," as there are proves of achievements on ground.

The visitors were presented with copies of the Project Status and Activities by the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit of HYPREP.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER, HYPREP COORDINATOR REPRESENT NIGERIA AT MGI MEETING IN SAUDI ARABIA

The Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the HYPREP Governing Council, Balarabe Abbas Lawal and the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey were among participants across the globe that attended the Middle East Green Initiative (MGI) Meeting held in Saudi Arabia.

The Middle East Green Initiative has 30 countries in membership, including Nigeria, with the bold objective of planting fifty billion (50) trees, equivalent to restoring 200 million hectares of degraded land.

The MGI meeting was held at the Hilton Hotel in Jeddah and had two segments, the Executive Committee Meeting (ExCom) and the Ministerial Council Meeting. At the ExCom meeting, which HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey was the Nigerian delegate, the draft decisions of the second MGI Ministerial Council meeting were reviewed and endorsed for submission to the intervening Ministerial Council.

Some of the issues reviewed by the ExCom include the rotational



Environment Minister, Balarabe Abbas Lawal with HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey at MGI Meeting in Jeddah

methodology for the MGI Ministerial Council Chairpersonship, workplan and budget, capacity building, technical research, and strategy for tracking regional efforts towards achieving the MGI targets. The outputs and recommendations of the ExCom were subsequently reviewed and validated by the Ministerial Council.

Back home in Nigeria, HYPREP,

under the Ogoni Cleanup Project has planted 1,537,885 seedlings to restore 560 ha of oil-degraded mangroves in Ogoni and has launched its second phase of mangrove restoration covering 438 ha. Overall, HYPREP has mapped over 3000 ha of oil-degraded mangroves for restoration in Ogoni, which aligns strongly with the objective of the MGI.

FIVE MILLION MAN-HOURS LTI-FREE, PROOF OF HYPREP'S HSE CULTURE - *PROF ZABBEY*

As the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) celebrates its attainment of five million man-hours without fatality or Lost Time Injury (LTI), the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey said the landmark achievement did not happen by chance, but the outcome of HYPREP's effort and dedication to safety standards, which highlights a good HSE culture on the Project.

Speaking at the formal celebration of 5 million man-hours without fatality held at the mangrove restoration site in Bomu, in Gokana Local government Area, Prof. Zabbey expressed joy over the achievement and congratulated everyone who contributed in one way or the other towards the attainment of such a feat.

The Project Coordinator, who was represented by the Director of Technical Services, HYPREP, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi, said the 5 million man-hours LTI free is a major milestone for everyone working on the Ogoni Cleanup Project, and a clear sign that commitment to safety and teamwork is producing great results.

“Today, we are celebrating the people behind the success, including the management, staff, contractors, and field workers. However, we must continue to adhere to HSE rules as they protect people and the environment, reduce accidents and incidents, improve productivity, efficiency, save cost and enhance the reputation of HYPREP.

“Each person here played a role, whether in the office, in the field, or behind the scenes. By following safety procedures and looking out for one



Prof. Aguiyi Presenting a Gift to Contractors' Representative

another, we have shown that safety is truly everyone's responsibility,” he said.

Prof. Zabbey particularly commended the HSE officers, who ensure that site activities are conducted safely; the site nurses, who care for the personnel; the civil security at the site, who keep the sites secured; the community workers, who carry out the tasks on site; and the cleaners, who keep the environment tidy.

Also commended were the contractors, who manage the sites; the community contact persons, administration officers, and all others who give their best every day for smooth operations at sites, offices and during movements on the roads.

He reminded everyone that the project is like a relay race and each person must hand over the baton properly for the next person to

succeed. “Your work is connected to the other person's duty. That is why we must continue to do our work carefully, safely, and responsibly. Every role matters. Every effort counts,” Prof. Zabbey noted.

As part of the celebration, the Project Coordinator approved the distribution of water flasks to all staff, assuring that he will continue to prioritize staff welfare, explaining that the gift is a recognition of their effort and a reminder of the Project's official stance against the use of plastics, urging them to lead by example in protecting the environment.

On his part, the Renaissance Africa Energy company/JV Representative in HYPREP, Engr. Ehioze Igbinomwanhia congratulated HYPREP, the contractors and the entire workforce on the Project for the landmark achievement, noting that 5 million man hours without fatality or



Participants at the 5 Million Man Hours LTI-Free Celebration

lost time injury is outstanding and worth celebrating.

He used the opportunity to reiterate the commitment of Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited to support HYPREP and the provision of necessary technical and financial support for the overall success of the Project, while urging all workers to continue to observe safety rules and regulations.

Speaking on behalf of the paramount rulers and chiefs present, the Paramount Ruler of Bomu Community, HRH Benedict Tenalo congratulated HYPREP on achieving the 5 million man hours without fatality and appealed to the management of HYPREP to ensure strict monitoring of its contractors.

The Paramount ruler who was represented by the Chairman, Bomu Council of Chiefs, Chief Kpoobari Vinla, reassured HYPREP of their

commitment in ensuring peace in the community and on all HYPREP sites.

He however, appealed to HYPREP management to continue to take community involvement and stakeholder's engagement seriously.

The other Paramount Rulers present at the event who commended HYPREP on the safety milestone and effective community engagement include the Paramount Ruler of Eteo community in Eleme LGA, HRH Chief Tek Akobe, JP; and the Acting Paramount Ruler of K. Dere Community, Chief Isaac Gberetee.

They further called on all stakeholders to continue to support the Project Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey for him to remain focused and carry everyone along in the implementation of the Project, while appealing that impacted communities should be given due attention.

On their part, the contractors

expressed appreciation to HYPREP for giving them the opportunity to work on the Project in the various communities.

The spokesman of the contractors, Renshaw Benjamin said though, it's not been easy but HYPREP has worked harmoniously with them and has not compromised safety standards and regulations.

Also, the representative of the community workers, Mr. Godwin Fii, thanked HYPREP for empowering them, saying life would have been tough for them but for the HYPREP work.

He reassured the Project Coordinator of their commitment and readiness to carry out their assigned responsibilities as community workers. "We will continue to work safe", Mr. Fii assured.

The Lead, HSE in HYPREP, Dr. Boma Amadi expressed appreciation

to everyone in attendance, saying she is excited that no life has been lost nor fatality or incident of injury recorded on the Project since commencement of work, attributing it to commitment and consciousness of all task bearers.

She called on the workers and all drivers of the Project not to cease in

discharging their responsibilities diligently and in line with safety procedures.

The HYPREP's million man hours without fatality event also had in attendance the Paramount Ruler of Gbe community, HRH, Chief Friday Dimkpa, the Paramount Ruler of B.

Dere, HRH Chief Kadilo Sooh, the Paramount Ruler of Gio, HRH Chief Fidelis Nkerelo, representative of the Paramount Ruler of Goi community, Chief Baridi Kobani, and Chief Goddy Nwikpo, who represented Wiiyaakara Community, among others.

REGULATORS, ASSET OWNERS IMPRESSED WITH HYPREP'S SUCCESS, ASSURE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

Strategic regulators and other stakeholders have expressed satisfaction with the pace, quality and magnitude of work carried out by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), in line with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) recommendations on the clean-up of Ogoni.

In their separate speeches at a Key Regulators/Asset Owners Meeting held in Port Harcourt, the strategic stakeholders commended HYPREP for the significant milestones achieved with great efficiency and transparency, which they said demonstrate capacity and commitment to sustaining collaboration with development partners for the overall success of the Project.

The regulators particularly lauded HYPREP for the landmark success in the areas of environmental remediation, provision of potable water, livelihood trainings, health interventions, construction of legacy infrastructure like the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the Ogoni Power Project, adding that their independent field reports have shown that HYPREP is making progress even beyond its core mandate.



Participants at the HYPREP/Regulators/Assets Owners' Meeting

Following a slide presentation on status of HYPREP Projects by the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, participants made observations on areas of concern, and reassured HYPREP and by extension the people of Ogoni of their continuous support for the success of the Project, and also appealed that the quarterly review meeting be sustained as it enables them to report, evaluate and proffer solutions to areas of concern.

Goodwill messages were made by representatives of the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Centre for Environment and Human Rights Development (CEHRD), Society for Women and

Youths Affairs (SWAYA), Stakeholders Democracy Network (SDN), and the Federal Ministry of Environment.

Others are the Rivers State Ministry of Environment, Rivers State Ministry of Health, National Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), Rivers State Ministry of Power, Rivers State University, Rivers State Ministry of Water Resources and Rural Development, and Renaissance Africa Energy Company Limited.

Prof. Iyenemi Kakulu of the Rivers State University commended HYPREP for improved community and stakeholders' engagement and the



Participants at the HYPREP/Regulators/Assets Owners’ Meeting

pace and quality of project delivery. “We commend HYPREP for quality work done at sites. The progress is phenomenal, because HYPREP is scoring good grade, above average,” she said.

In his speech, the Director, Technical Services, HYPREP, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi commended the regulators for their cooperation with the Project and for making themselves available for field works

and review meetings.

He reiterated HYPREP's commitment to best practice in waste management, particularly waste generation and disposal, calling on the regulators for effective logistics supports, saying HYPREP's priority is to focus on the core recommendations by UNEP, especially, remediation, provision of potable water, interventions in public health care services and sustainable livelihood for

the people.

Prof. Aguiyi further highlighted the status of the Project, the successes made in all thematic areas, and assured that in the coming days, HYPREP will complete most of the ongoing projects and roll out others, explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to review the progress of the Ogoni cleanup, ensure quality control, and foster effective collaboration.

HYPREP SETTING FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH, HANDS ON TRAININGS FOR STUDENTS – Prof. Zabbey

The Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), and the ongoing soil remediation, shoreline clean-up and mangrove restoration projects of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), are foundational works that scholars around the world and students of the

newly established Federal University of Environment and Technology (FUET), Koroma/Saakpenwa can leverage for innovative research towards the preservation and sustainability of the environment.

Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey gave

this indication at the maiden matriculation ceremony of FUET, noting that the projects were designed in line with HYPREP's mandate to build capacity in environmental management, thus engendering cutting-edge research in environmental science and allied fields.



Prof. Zabbey Addressing Staff and Students of FUET at the Maiden Matriculation Ceremony of the University

In his words, "I thank President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for establishing this very important University in an era that is globally referred to as Anthropocene - characterised by significant, long-lasting impact on earth's ecosystems and geology. HYPREP, as you know is responsible for the remediation of impacted lands and wetlands, and the restoration of mangroves.

"One of our responsibilities is to build capacity in environmental

management. So, our mandate aligns with this University. We are already building the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) - that will serve as an international hub for research in environment for development. It has two faculties; a Faculty for Research and Development that will serve as a postgraduate hub for cutting-edge innovative research in environmental remediation and management. The other is the Faculty of Vocational

Studies.

"What that means is that we are already setting the foundation for innovative postgraduate research for this university - the Centre and the University being in Ogoni, we will work very closely."

Prof. Zabbey further assured the university that HYPREP will open its project sites to students, providing them with hands-on training opportunities, adding that it is part of HYPREP's internship programme to build human capacity in the region.

"I want to assure you that we will provide training opportunities for the students of this university. We will open our research centre, and all our remediation sites to students as well. Students of this university will have the opportunity to intern with HYPREP, in addition to using our sites for their research for development," he announced.

Prof. Zabbey, while congratulating FUET on their maiden matriculation, offered to give free lectures to the students.



Students of FUET at the Maiden Matriculation Ceremony of the School

PROF. ZABBEY BAGS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HYDROCARBON REMEDIATION

The Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt has conferred on the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Professor Nenibarini Zabbey an Award of Excellence in Hydrocarbon Remediation.

The Award was presented to Prof. Zabbey at the Faculty's 7th Annual Conference 2026, with the theme 'Science Re-Imagined: Leveraging Technology & Innovation for a Sustainable Future.'

Prof. Zabbey, who delivered a keynote lecture entitled "Science Re-Imagined: The Ogoni Cleanup Experience," expounded on HYPREP's efforts at re-imagining science through its projects, underscoring the need for a multidisciplinary approach to addressing environmental challenges.

The HYPREP Coordinator explained that the theme is in line with HYPREP's approach to implementing various projects, such as mangrove restoration, shoreline clean-up, soil remediation, and innovative research, which are producing knowledge legacies and value addition through the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

He highlighted the 'Science Re-imagined' initiatives of HYPREP in the areas of mangrove restoration that is applying indigenous knowledge with science, the use of growcoons biodegradable bags in place of plastics to plant mangroves, the use of indigenous microbes to formulate biofertilizer to enhance soil fertility

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and crop yield in NOSDRA closed-out sites, the bloody cockle culture to restore the seafood to Ogoni creeks, the construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) to serve as a repository of the quantum of data generated from the Ogoni Cleanup Project, providing an environment for innovative and cutting-edge research in environmental remediation and management, authored manuals on sustainable mangrove management and restoration, among others.

Prof. Zabbey stated that HYPREP's inclusion of community people through training and mangrove planting is part of its strategic sustainability plan, aimed at giving them ownership and protective responsibilities.

He made a case for community science that equips people with the knowledge and information to protect their environment, noting that science is reimagined when it is domesticated through the training of non-scientists to collect scientific data useful to

scientists and to influence policy decisions, and opined that consideration be given to how science is communicated to influence policies, by minimising the use of scientific jargons.

Prof. Zabbey challenged researchers and institutions to align with global advocacy for environmental stewardship by conducting eco-friendly studies with minimal environmental impact, emphasising inclusivity, innovation, community-driven, science-based environmental monitoring, and internship and hands-on training for students.

Meanwhile, the Head of Administration, HYPREP, Mr Roland Ngor was conferred with an award for excellence in administration.

Earlier, the HYPREP Project Coordinator, alongside members of the Conference Planning Committee, had paid a courtesy call on the Acting Vice Chancellor of the Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Prof. Okechuku Onuchuku.



Prof. Zabbey Receives an Award at Ignatius Ajuru University of Education

DON'T ABANDON THE PROJECT, HYPREP COORDINATOR APPEALS TO SABBATICAL PROFESSORS

Impressed with the contributions of a set of Professors who have been on sabbatical leave at the Project Coordination Office of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), the Project Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey has appealed to them not to withhold their support as they conclude their programme in HYPREP, but to continue contributing to the success of the Project as professionals.

Prof. Zabbey made the appeal when the six Professors embarked on a thank you visit to the Project Coordination office in Port Harcourt following the rounding-off of their specialized research and temporary professional development programme on the Project.

He described their contributions to the Project during their stay as invaluable.

“We appreciate your various efforts and contributions to the success of the Project. We have mixed feelings, as you prepare to go. We will miss you, because you all have been very supportive. Most importantly is the fact that you made personal contributions in advancing the Project.

Describing the 2025/2026 set of sabbatical Professors as a wonderful team, Prof. Zabbey noted that the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER) being constructed by HYPREP still requires their academic contributions, adding that the Project is an opportunity the people of Ogoni have longed for, and everybody has a role to play to ensure that the opportunity is

well utilized.

“This cleanup is an opportunity we should not miss. Government has given us the opportunity that some people are joking with. This opportunity is not common,” the Project Coordinator noted.

He further said they can always reach out to the Project Coordination office, recounting the numerous benefits and opportunities the Project offers, particularly an opportunity to remedy the degraded environment, and streamlining future engagements and job creation.

The Project Coordinator explained that HYPREP is making progress in mangrove restoration, land and shoreline clean-up, potable water provision, and sustainable livelihood programmes; creating jobs, making interventions, providing academic scholarships, and trainings in Creative Arts, Air Cabin Crew, Mechatronics, Software Development, Cyber Security, GIS, Commercial Diving etc., which is a kind of subtle economic rebirth in Ogoni.

He expressed optimism that if at

least 30% of beneficiaries of each of the various interventions are employed and make good use of acquired skills, it will translate to positive impact on their communities and national development.

Leader of the team, Prof. Adaubobo Ibitoru Hart, thanked the Project Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey and the entire HYPREP structures for giving them the opportunity to serve as sabbatical Professors, adding that they had good time working on the Project with the support of the Project Coordinator.

“We have come to say thank you to the Project Coordinator and all those who have worked with us during the period. We're grateful, and it is our prayer that the Project Coordinator will continue to do good, reach out to people, and show capacity as a true and fit person he is.

The Professors have been on sabbatical in HYPREP on an extended and authorized period of leave from their workplaces, for study and personal development.



Sabbatical Professors on a Thank You Visit to Prof. Zabbey

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

(Contd. from Previous Edition)

In this edition we continue the serialization of major achievements of the Project in 2025.

CONSTRUCTION OF Ogoni SPECIALIST HOSPITAL

The construction of the Ogoni Specialist Hospital has recorded substantial progress and it is currently at 78% completion.

Major milestones achieved include:

- a. Installation of windows across key sections of the facility
- b. Installation of air-conditioning systems to support climate control and patient comfort
- c. Completion of wall screeding in several wards and service areas.

The Specialist Hospital is designed to serve as a tertiary-level referral facility for Ogoniland and beyond, providing specialized medical services and significantly improving access to quality healthcare. Ongoing works are focused on internal finishing, installation of medical fittings, and preparation for equipment installation.

CONSTRUCTION OF BUAN COTTAGE HOSPITAL

The Buan Cottage Hospital project is nearing completion and currently at 98% completion.

Major milestones achieved include:

- a. Comprehensive wall screeding
- b. Interior and exterior painting
- c. Installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems to enhance security
- d. Installation of water heaters and other essential fittings.

With construction largely

completed, the facility is now at the final construction and readiness stage. Upon completion, the hospital will provide critical secondary healthcare services and decongest existing facilities within the catchment area.

STRENGTHENING OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IN Ogoniland

To ensure reliable and sustainable power supply for critical health services, HYPREP procured and installed 36kW solar power systems at the following health facilities:

- a. *Onne Primary Health Care Centre*
- b. *Nonwa Primary Health Care Centre*
- c. *Kpita Primary Health Care Centre*
- d. *Kwawa Primary Health Care Centre*
- e. *Bodo General Hospital*

The solar installations are designed to support uninterrupted healthcare

delivery, power essential medical equipment, and reduce dependence on fossil fuel-based energy sources. Surgical and laboratory equipment and other medical consumables were also procured for the General Hospitals and Health Centres in Ogoni.

Ogoni Human Biomonitoring Studies

The Ogoni Human Biomonitoring Studies, being conducted by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization (WHO), have officially commenced. This landmark public health initiative aims to assess human exposure to environmental contaminants and generate evidence-based data to guide long-term health interventions in Ogoniland.



HYPREP Team Inspects MRI Machine for Ogoni Specialist Hospital in Germany



Ogoni Specialist Hospital (78% Completed)



Buan Cottage Hospital (98% Completed)

HYPREP DONATED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR HEALTH INTERVENTION IN OGONI



HYPREP DONATED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR HEALTH INTERVENTION IN OGONI



PICTURES OF THE MONTH



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey at Middle East Green Initiative Meeting in Saudi Arabia



VC, IAUE, Prof Okechukwu Onuchukwu Plays Host to Prof. Zabbey



Prof. Zabbey with Officials of CRDCU



Officials of IARC-WHO, RSU and HYPREP with Staff of Eleme LGA, during the Visit to Inform the Council Chairman of the Planned Entry into Ogoni for the Human Biomonitoring Studies



Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi, Prof. Barineme Faka, Prof. Faith Roberts and Prof. Iyenemi Kakulu



Prof. B.B Faka, Dr. Anne Olsson and Mike Cowing



Head, Admin, HYPREP, Roland Ngor Conferred with an Award of Excellence



Prof. Zabbey Presents Certificate to a Graduand of HYPREP Seafaring Trainee

OGONI CLEAN-UP ...HYPREP SPEARHEADING MANGROVE RESTORATION

POETRY CORNER

MOTHER MANGROVE

By: Dum Syl Aminikpo

To the lone mother at Bomu, who stood her ground,
Where the black tide offered only a poisoned ground,
We sing this song
For the legion of life you sent out to the bay.

Oh, matriarch of the mudflat, what calculus of survival did
you employ?
What pact with the haline gods allowed you to bear so much
In soil made venomous, in water thick with death?

We applaud not merely your existence,
but your furious, regenerative love.
Fifteen thousand - a census of hope, a cohort of siblings,
You launched them into the turbid estuary, a green armada
against oblivion.

So rest easy, noble mother, in your girdle of mud and memory.
The forest you have seeded is a testament, a living manuscript
Where your legacy is written in the rising tide of green.

For you have inscribed upon this landscape a profound truth:
That from the crucible of loss, a singular will can forge
a world.

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THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARBLE

"To plant trees is to give body and life to one's dreams of a better world."

-Russell Page

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