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DR. FERDINAND DUMBARI GLADOM
Project Coordinator

The year 2022 offered and ushered me into the seat of the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP).

That was precisely on 8th March 2022 when the President, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari graciously approved my appointment as the substantive Project Coordinator. We quickly settled down to duty and my first assignment was to engage with the Ogoni people who the project was set up to serve. We had series of engagements from town hall meetings to workshops where I reeled out my vision for the project. The different meetings we held with the people provided us valuable feedback that we promptly synthesized and analyzed to update our programme of activities. We came in at a point where most of the existing contracts were tailing out, so our first task was to do a 'postmortem' of those projects with a view to correcting grey areas identified. The water contracts were the most affected as well as the remediation contracts.

The water projects as were originally conceived would have cost a fortune to run and sustain as huge resources were to be expended to power the pumps to supply water to the communities. This necessitated our concept of the Ogoni Power Project that we dedicated time and energy to develop and presented for consideration and approval. His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari has through this project demonstrated his abiding love for the Ogoni people and his interest in projects that will profit most of the society. He, therefore, approved the idea and later the contract for the phase 1 of the Ogoni

Power Project to link the area to the national grid for the overall socio-economic development of Ogoniland.

We also dedicated considerable time to the preparation of the plan of work for the remediation of oil contaminated coastlines. Furthermore, 37 lots configured within medium risk complex sites were considered and approved by the Federal Executive Council approved in December alongside the Power Project. Same energy and time were invested to bring up the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration which the architectural design has been completed, procurement processes advanced and ready to be developed into a physical structure of international reference.

2023 will see the manifestation of all the ground works that we committed great effort to develop in 2022. The Ogoni Specialist Hospital and a Cottage Hospital also took considerable time in the outgone year to put together the concept note and design. The ultra-modern specialist hospital is a hundred bed medical facility that will cater for ailments arising from chronic exposure to hydrocarbon pollution, other general ailments, and medical emergencies. It posits to form the answer to many unasked questions on the public health status of most Ogoni people who had lived and eked a living within petroleum hydrocarbon polluted lands for several decades. In addition to that, will be the commencement of the health cohort study that we will embark on in 2023, beginning with a pilot study during the first quarter of this new year.

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that the year 2023 will see to the groundbreaking and earnest start of these legacy projects and programmes. The phase 1 of the Ogoni Power Project which covers the construction of the transmission lines, substations, and injection stations, will not only power and industrialize

Ogoni, but will also boost socio-economic activities, and bring sustainability to HYPREP water projects. The takeoff of this project is to start early in the year.

We expect to complete and pump water from the on-going water projects and even award new contracts for more communities to be covered under our potable water supply to Ogoni. Remote and isolated communities will be provided with alternative energy through windmills that will harness wind energy to power water facilities. This will end, decades of lack of access to potable water and sanitation.

Our livelihood trainings in mega skill areas of aviation, mechatronics, seafaring, and creative arts for four hundred Ogoni people and the general skill acquisition training for ten thousand Ogoni youths will also come on stream this year. It will be a busy but rewarding year for HYPREP and the Ogoni people.

There are also the five hundred jobs for environmental vanguards that the contract was approved in the twilight of 2022 by the Federal Executive Council and will come on stream during the first quarter of 2023. The environmental vanguards will be great assets to the project as we enter the swamps for the remediation of the medium risk complex sites that are fragmented into an initial 18 lots for ease of contracting and work execution.

To achieve the retinue of projects and programmes lined up for 2023, we will ask from the Ogoni people nothing more than their cooperation, trust, and patience to deliver on time and to specification the projects we have sign-posted for the year. Finally, I welcome all and sundry to this glorious year of our Lord, 2023 with the abiding hope that together we can do it! Happy New Year!

In this Issue

This edition is our first for the year 2023 and therefore sets out the path for project delivery as elaborately outlined by the Project Coordinator in his column – The PC's Desk. The January edition leads with the big story of the approval of two major contracts by the Federal Executive Council being the Ogoni Power Project and the remediation of medium risk sites.

The procurement process for the engagement of a competent company for the building of the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration progressed to the financial bid stage and the report is carried in this edition.

More communities in Ogoni continue to

identify with HYPREP for the delivery of its mandate to the people. The latest group to call on the Project Coordination Office is the Yorla Oilfield Communities who pledged their sustained support for the Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom.

Dr. Giadom met with contractors in the phase 1 batches 1 and 2 of the remediation of contaminated sites. The meeting was to remind them of the need for proper house keeping on sites as they complete their contracts. It was a fruitful meeting that saw the contractors and HYPREP agree on the next line of action before the sites are finally closed out and handed over to the communities.

We bring you reports of two separate end of year get-together parties that the Project Coordination Office organized for staff and members of the Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) and the Zonal

Representative Committee (ZRC). It provided a proper environment to unwind after a full year of hard work.

We also have the report of the induction ceremony for members of CRAC and ZRC who were recently trained by the Project in Alternative Dispute Resolution. The colourful and memorable event is among the stories presented in this edition. All the other segments of the newsletter are continued in this edition. A page is introduced in this edition to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the Ogoni people.

We sincerely thank you for keeping in touch with our projects and programmes through out last year and invite you to continue with us in this new year. We wish you are a happy and prosperous 2023. For more information on project activities please reach us through the contact at the back page.

POETRY CORNER

ACTION FOR EARTH

By: Baridakara Kanee

Do not pollute, water and air,
Do not throw garbage; never and ever,
Search a solution; stop pollution,
say no to plastic, protest plastic.

When you see litter in the streets.
And the air smells of pollution.
When you feel it's all pilling up.
Remember there is a solution.

There is something each of us can do,
To keep the rivers clean.
To keep fresh the air we breathe.
And the forests green.

Clean a beach, recycle bottles and cans.
Help others find solution too.

It does not have to be a lot, if we do our share.
To show the environment that we care.

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HYPREP Operation Staff Collecting Water Samples

Project News

FG APPROVES CONTRACTS FOR OGO NI POWER PROJECT PHASE 1, MEDIUM RISK SITE REMEDIATION

As follow up to the earlier approval by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) to link Ogoni to the national grid to provide steady electricity in the area, which will power the water facilities being put in place by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) and boost economic development in Ogoni. The Federal Government of Nigeria, on 21st December 2022 approved the contract for the phase one of the Ogoni Power Project.

Council approved the sum of twenty-seven billion, five hundred and eighty-five million, five hundred and thirty-nine thousand, four hundred and ten naira, ten kobo (N27,585,539,410.10) for the immediate take-off of the electricity project that will supply power in the six Ogoni Kingdoms of Eleme, Tai, Gokana, Babbe, Ken-Khana and Nyo-Khana.

The Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi who doubles as the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP, disclosed this in Abuja at the end of the weekly Federal Executive Council Meeting where the approval was made.

Barr. Abdullahi further disclosed that Council also approved the sum of ninety-five billion, nine hundred and eight million, two hundred and eighty-four thousand, four hundred and fifty naira, ninety-one kobo (N95,908,284,450.91) for the remediation of simple medium risk hydrocarbon-impacted sites in Ogoniland.

The contract for the remediation of medium risk sites is coming on the heels of the completion of the clean-up



BARR. MOHAMMED H. ABDULLAHI
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

of phase 1 batches 1 and 2 oil impacted simple sites in Ogoniland.

He stated that the remediation of the medium risk sites would be handled by thirty-five contractors and has a completion period of twenty-four months.

“On behalf of the ministry of environment, I presented two memos to do with remediation and the power project in Ogoniland. These two projects actually resonate with the Nigerian government and the United Nations Environment Programme's objective of providing succour to the Ogoni people, particularly in the areas of livelihood and remediation.”

“The first memo is on the remediation of simple hydrocarbon impacted sites in Ogoniland to be carried out by thirty-five different contractors, with a completion period of twenty-four months. The cumulative value of the contract is N95,908,284,450.91.”

“The second memo also touches on

the livelihood of the Ogoni people, and it is the construction of 132KV 16 kilometres of transmission lines and 260MVA power substations in the phase one of the Ogoni power project, approved for N27,585,539,410.13 and has a completion period of twelve months.”

The Honourable Minister promised that with the renewed vigour of the project to deliver on its mandate that the two projects as well as others, removing every legal impediment, would be completed on time and to specification.

“So, we assure you that going forward with the funding that we have in place, with the strong supervisory that we have now in place, and then, of course, the assurances we have from the stakeholders, there should be reinvigorated pace in terms of project execution in Ogoniland.”

Execution of both projects will start early 2023 in keeping with President Muhammadu Buhari's commitment to the clean-up of Ogoniland.



Power Sub Station

DR. GIADOM TASKS CONTRACTORS ON GOOD HOUSE KEEPING

In his quest to restoring the Ogoni environment to a productive ecosystem as it were before the impact of oil, the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP Dr. Ferdinand Giadom has charged contractors handling soil contracts for the project to always take Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) into consideration and imbibe the industrial culture of good housekeeping on their respective sites.

Dr. Giadom gave the charge during an interface with the contractors on good housekeeping held at the Project Coordination Office (PCO) in Port Harcourt. The Project Coordinator expressed displeasure at the poor housekeeping culture of some contractors which negates the goal of the project to improve the environment by removing debris and contaminants of concern from the soil capable of jeopardizing the health of the people.

“We are here particularly because of our post action works at the completion of your contracts, to look at the services you have rendered and see if it is in line with the standard prescribed by the Project. There were ways you were to handle the sites as stipulated in your contracts and a general effect of a good housekeeping which in my opinion has been very poor.”

“In a good work manner, it is always required that when you finish the job you were paid to do,

that you return the site back to how you met it by removing all the debris and waste materials emanating from your operations. Identify, and carry out soil management and leave the environment better than you met it. That is why we paid you handsomely. Don't replace one environment problem with another.”

The Project Coordinator of

HYPREP described the event as an after-action review and an opportunity to share knowledge and ensure alignment, common ground and shared commitments to health, safety, and environment in HYPREP's operations.

The contractors unanimously agreed to return to site to check where they need to keep in order and thanked the Management of the Project for the opportunity to serve on the Ogoniland clean-up project.



Dr. Giadom Addressing Contractors at the House Keeping Meeting



Cross Section of Contractors at the House Keeping Meeting

HYPREP OPENS FINANCIAL BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Hydrocarbon Pollution and Remediation Project (HYPREP) has opened financial bids for pre-qualified contractors for the construction of Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration and Integrated Contaminated Soil Management Centre.

The Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom who was represented by the Director, Technical Services, Professor Philip Shekwolo, Director, Technical Services stated that the event signals a major milestone in the journey towards the implementation of the UNEP Report. Dr. Giadom noted that the Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi is passionate about the Centre of Environmental Excellence, and it is his desire that the centre be constructed by a qualified and technically competent contractor and that the Honourable Minister wants to see the project starts by the first quarter of 2023.

He assured the prospective contractors of transparency in the process. His words, “The process will be transparent; we will announce bid prices after which HYPREP will do the necessary corrections as required to ensure equity is observed and due process is followed. We will ensure fairness, openness, and accountability in everything.” He noted that HYPREP intends to build a befitting reference centre in environmental remediation.

The exercise was monitored by three Non-Governmental Organizations, namely, Salvage Africa Initiative; Media Awareness and Justice Initiative; and Cornerstone Liberty and Love Foundation.



Procurement Staff Sorting Documents during the Bid Opening for Centre of Excellence



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HYPREP NOW HAS NEW DEFINITION AND MEANING UNDER DR. GIADOM

-HRH Benjamin Kii

There has been a reengineering in the structure and scope of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) to enhance its performance in the delivery of the Ogoni clean-up project.

With the assumption of office early last year by Dr. Ferdinand Giadom as the new substantive Project Coordinator of HYPREP, the Management structure of the Project Coordination Office was strengthened leading to the creation of some Units and unbundling of others and the introduction of new projects geared towards the sustainability of the deliverables of HYPREP.

At an end of year get-together organized by the Project Coordination Office for members of the Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) and the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) to appreciate them for their valuable contributions to the success of the project in the out-gone year, a member of the ZRC, HRH Benjamin Kii – Mene Ka-Babbe IV, remarked that Dr. Giadom had made the project more impactful and service oriented. His words:

“The Project Coordinator has given HYPREP a new definition and meaning. You have given the Ogoni people, hope again. I say this because the name HYPREP was strange to some of us but when you came, you defined what HYPREP was supposed to be. Today it is visible, and we can see the evidence of your capacity and capability manifesting in the life of our people. Thank you, Project Coordinator, and may God bless you. You have not only given meaning to the Ogoni people, but you have also given capacity to your staff. That is another testimony. We in the ZRC and CRAC are equally beneficiaries of this. For us in the ZRC very recently,



HRH Benjamin Kii

HYPREP trained us in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and I can tell you that though most of what we learned was what most of us were already doing in our local palaces but the training gave a lot of consolidation to it and it has equally given us an opportunity to arbitrate on matters referred to us or matters before us and this was done by HYPREP.”

Mene Kii thanked the Project Coordinator for providing quality leadership for the project and promised their continuous support for him to succeed.

“On behalf of the members of the ZRC and CRAC; PC, I want to say thank you. One thing I will assure you is that the members of the ZRC will give you all the maximum support that you need to succeed in all these projects you mentioned which President Buhari has approved. They are for our good. We, as the people at the grassroots will do all we can to ensure that in the years to come Ogoni is transformed. That is our dream.”

On his part, a member of CRAC, Chief Deebari Keeper Gbaranor commended President Muhammadu Buhari on his sustained interest in the well being of the Ogoni people which he again demonstrated in his recent approval of the contracts for the Ogoni Power Project and the remediation of medium risk complex sites.

He stated that the Power Project will be a visible project for those who say that the Ogoni clean-up is not impactful on the people.

“The Ogoni Power Project will be more visible for those who claim that they do not think that there is anything called clean-up in Ogoniland. The light coming from the Power Project will be very visible for them to see. We must embrace the project and speak to our people, for some of them are not patriotic. We should educate the people about the project, and we are happy that God has given the Ogoni people a Project Coordinator who has the wellbeing of his people at heart.”

Dr. Giadom appreciated them for the support they have given to the project since his assumption of office in March last year and President Buhari who he said had done so much for the Ogoni people.

“I fixed this end of year get-together not knowing the gift that God had in store for us as Ogoni people. I just felt that no matter how the year may have been that we should just come together. Just two days ago, the President, His Excellence, Muhammadu Buhari graciously approved for award two very interesting projects to Ogoniland amidst a series of other projects that he had approved and will approve. Three weeks ago, he approved for award a project for the engagement of five hundred Ogoni youths as environmental vanguards. Five hundred Ogoni youths from all over Ogoni who are taken off the labour market into some form of paid employment is significant. The multiplier effect of that on the Ogoni



HRM King Barile Deebom with Dr. Giadom and Management Staff during the HYPREP End of Year Party

economy is huge and just as though that was not enough the President again approved for award the remediation of certain semi complex sites in Ogoni. And again, he also approved for award the star project, the Ogoni Power Project.” The Project Coordinator said with the take-off of the Power Project several

Ogoni technicians and electrical engineers would be engaged to work on the project. “Imagine the number of technicians that will have instant jobs from installation and maintenance of electrical fittings that the Power Project will provide,” he enthused.



ZRC Members at the End of Year Party Organised for Them by the PCO

YORLA OILFIELD COMMUNITIES PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR DR GIADOM

The communities of Kpean, Kwawa, Buan, Wiyakara, Baen, Teera-ue, BusuuYattaa, Duburo and Teenama - host to the Yorla Oilfield in Khana Local Government Area have decaled their total support for the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom in the implementation of the United Nations Environment Report on Ogoniland.

The communities made their stand known when they paid a courtesy visit to the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt.

Leader of the delegation and Chairman of the Yorla Oilfield, Chief Gilbert Warine (JP) commended President Muhammadu Buhari on the appointment of Dr. Giadom as the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, stating that it an appointment well deserved considering his contributions to the improvement of the environment.

Chief Warine therefore pledged the support of the Yorla Oilfield communities towards the realization of the Ogoni clean-up project under the leadership of Dr. Giadom as the Project Coordinator.

“We sincerely thank you for all what you have done, and we indicate our willingness to stand by you both in

spirit and faith and also advise that you carry out all your activities without any distraction. We are proud of you and shall continue in our fervent prayers that the good Lord gives you wisdom and strength to excel in your assignment.” Chief Warine stated on behalf of the group.

He specifically thanked the Management of HYPREP for the on-going water project in Kpean, the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration sited in Wiyakara, the Cottage Hospital in Buan and others within the Yorla Oilfield which have given the communities a sense of belonging in the on-going clean-up of Ogoniland.

Chief Warine however appealed for more inclusion of the people in the livelihood training of HYPREP which he said will go a long way to alleviating the sufferings and poverty in the communities.

The communities also appealed for the assessment of more areas that were not covered in the UNEP report due the prevailing insecurity that was in the area when UNEP first carried out the assessment of polluted sites in the Yorla Oilfield communities.

In his response, the Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom

thanked the communities for identifying with him and the project.

Dr. Giadom assured them that the Yorla Oilfield is of paramount importance to the project and would be given the attention it deserves. He stated that the Yorla Oilfield area was adequately assessed during the UNEP study but promised that if there were new spills after that they would be attended to also.

The Project Coordinator assured them that the livelihood training opportunities provided by HYPREP would be properly distributed among Ogoni communities so that no community is left behind. He promised that under his watch as the Project Coordinator, communities where projects are sited will be given a fair share of participation in the contracts as a way of empowering them.

Dr. Giadom called on them to be patient with the project to deliver on its mandate as more projects and programmes have been lined up for the people of Ogoni. He said the remediation of shorelines will soon come on stream and will begin from B-Dere, K-Dere, Kpor, Mogho and extend to the other coastal communities of Ogoni.



Dr. Giadom with Chiefs/Elders of Yorla Oil Field Communities and HYPREP Management Staff

NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ARBITRATORS INDUCTS CRAC/ZRC MEMBERS AS ASSOCIATES

The newly inducted members into the fold of the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators have been charged to be good ambassadors of the Institute by adhering to the code of ethics in their places of work and placing public interest above self-interest in the discharge of their duties. President and Chairman, Governing Council of the Institute, Professor Fabian Ajogwu (SAN), gave the charge while welcoming the inductees into the league of professional Arbitrators, at the 2022 Annual Investiture Ceremony held at the Eko Hotel and Suites in Lagos, Nigeria. The ceremony was themed: 'The future of Arbitration/ADR in Africa: Development and Sustainability,

Some members of the Central Representatives Advisory Committee

(CRAC) and the Zonal Representatives Committee (ZRC) of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) were among those inducted as certified Associates of the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators (NICArb).

Keynote speaker and Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, Justice Amina Augie, stated that the induction was a milestone for the institute as more ambassadors are inducted and enjoined the inductees to “always ensure that Arbitration/Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is promoted always.”

Registrar of the Institute, Mrs Shola Oshodi-John congratulated the newly inducted members on the successful

completion of their trainings and other qualifying processes for their certification and enjoined them to uphold the standards set by the institute as they arbitrate between parties in disputes.

Spokesperson of CRAC, HRH Mene Dr. Baridam Suanu, who was inducted as an Associate of the institute appreciated the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr Ferdinand Gaidom (MFR) for the opportunity given to members of CRAC/ZRC to participate in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) training. He noted that the knowledge gained from the training will enable them carry out their duties of resolving conflicts that may arise because of HYPREP operations in Ogoni communities.



CRAC/ZRC Members at the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators Induction Ceremony

The members of CRAC/ZRC inducted as Associates of the Institute are HRH Mene Samuel Nnee, HRH Mene Dr. Baridam Suanu, High Chief Nengi James, Pst. Emmanuel Fienemika, HRH Mene Benjamin Kii, Chief Sunday Nsanee, and Chief Oluji Bartholonew. Also inducted are Mr. Emmanuel Osaro and Ms Faith Deekor who both serve on the CRAC secretariat.

The inductees were dully issued their certificates and scrolls. The 2022 Annual Investiture Ceremony had as its theme, 'The future of Arbitration/ADR in Africa: Development and Sustainability.'



Cross Section of Participants at the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators Induction Ceremony

INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY IN 2023, DR GIADOM URGES STAFF

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Giadom has encouraged staff of the Project to surpass their performance in 2022 as more projects and activities are lined up for implementation in 2023.

Dr. Giadom gave the encouragement at a Christmas carol and end of year party for Management and Staff of the Project held at the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt.

“2023 is yet another year. What I want to tell us here is that 2023 will offer us another opportunity to achieve much more than we did in 2022 and the indices are already here. We laboured, we toiled for the past six, seven months to bring to birth projects that will better the lives of Ogoni people for which HYPREP was set up. It has not been an easy journey. Within the past



HYPREP Choir at Christmas Carol/End of Year Party

three weeks we have achieved projects that will touch and change the lives of the Ogoni people and make all of us proud as people that have collaborated on this project.” “The Federal Executive Council and Mr President, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari approved the

project for five hundred Ogoni youths to be engaged by HYPREP as environmental vanguards. Just yesterday the Federal Executive Council under the guidance of the President also approved two landmark projects for HYPREP which is the remediation project

for the semi complex sites and the Ogoni Power Project. These two projects are particularly very important to me because they show that HYPREP is making progress in the actualization of the recommendations of the UNEP report and beyond.”

The Project Coordinator promised staff that in the new year their welfare would be given more attention but insisted that they have to work to justify it. He declared that there was no place for indolence as reward would be strictly on merit and warned against late coming to work.

Dr. Giadom advised staff to be safety conscious all through the holidays and avoid spending unnecessarily as they have responsibilities to take care of in the new year.

In his goodwill message at the event, the Director Technical Services, Prof. Philip Shekwolo urged staff to show love to one another as that was the central message of Christmas.



Dr. Ferdinand Giadom Poses with Music Sensation, Austin De Bull at HYPREP End of Year Party

Similarly, the Director Support Services, Mr. Benjamin Oyinloye thanked God for His protection all through the outgone year and for the grace to achieve the much that the project did in 2022. He prayed for more achievements for the project in 2023 and beyond.

Ogoni born music sensation, Austin De Bull thrilled staff to his

new release, 'Shey Be You Dey Whine Me.' Also, to entertain staff was Port Harcourt stand-up comedian, Prince Hezekiah and some cultural troupes from Ogoni.

Special highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to deserving members of staff.



FROM THE COMMUNITIES

The Ogoni ethnic nationality is a distinct people with a distinct culture within the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. Rich in natural resources especially crude oil that forms the bulk of Nigeria's export, the Ogoni people also have a rich cultural heritage to espouse to the world. At specific months of the year, there are specific dances and masquerades that are showcased for public spectacle. In this edition we introduce the Kanu Tete Cultural Troupe of Bodo City. The sociable speaking masquerades of this troupe go round the village interacting with residents on trending societal issues. Their comic comments are intermittently truncated by swaggering dance steps.

In B-Dere community, there is the annual Miigia festival that is celebrated at the beginning of the farming season. On the final two days of the three-month festivities, assorted masquerades go on parade at the town square in the traditional African theatre setting for dance drama. Some are friendly to spectators; others are dreadful and fearful to watch.

There is also a burgeoning trend in Ogoni that is worth commending and celebrating. Communities organize and engage themselves in seasonal road walks and inter and intra community friendly football matches. HYPREP Herald monitored these novelty steps to fostering peace and development in Ogoniland.

We bring you pictorial scenes from Bodo, B-Dere, K-Dere, Mogho, Bomu, Kpite, Kaani, Okerewa Eleme and the Khana Cultural Festival.



Facts About HYPREP

STRUCTURE OF THE PROJECT COORDINATION OFFICE

(1) There shall be appointed by the Minister, a Project Coordinator for HYPREP (in this Notice referred to as the Project Coordinator.

(2) The Project Coordinator shall –

a. be appointed based on advert in line with international best practice

b. possess a minimum of Master's Degree and be experienced in the field of Environmental Sciences;

c. be a person of proven integrity

d. be responsible to the HYPREP Governing Council for the day-to-day administration of the Project Coordination Office;

e. hold office for a term of 4 years in the first instance and may be reappointed for another term of 4 years and no more;

f. be paid such remuneration as may be determined by the HYPREP Governing Council; and

g. be in charge of Monitoring and Evaluation.

(1) There shall be established a HYPREP Coordination Office under the supervision of the Project Coordinator.

(2) The HYPREP Coordination Office shall consist of the following Units-

- (a) Environmental Remediation;
- (b) Livelihoods and Sustainable Development;
- (c) Communication and Community Engagement;
- (d) Security;
- (f) Procurement;
- (g) Finance and Administration; and
- (h) Legal Services.



Director Technical Services, Prof Philip Shekwolo (middle) Presenting a Prize to a Member of Staff



Director Support Services, Benjamin Oyinloye (left) Presenting a Prize to a Member of Staff



Head Legal Services, Barr. Sweet Okundaye (middle) Presenting a Prize to a Member of Staff



OGONI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES & AGRICULTURE

Setting the pace for economic development

MESSAGE OF COMMENDATION

The Ogoni Chamber of commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture heartily commend the President and Commander-In-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **MUHAMMADU BUHARI** GCFR for the approval of the construction of phase 1 of the Ogoni power project. This demonstration of Government's willingness to improve the lives of Ogoni people through this project is strategic and timely.

The Chamber also thank the Honourable Minister of Environment, **Mohammed H. Abdullahi** for the commitment deployed in initiating the project and decisive steps taken in securing its approval. We commend the leadership of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) led by the Project Coordinator, **Dr Ferdinand D. Giadom** for being resolute and committed to its working plan towards the realization of the power project in Ogoniland.

This laudable gesture, conceived at a time when Ogoni is in dire need of economic recovery, will in no small measure create new frontiers for rapid economic growth. The power project which is consistent with the dreams of Ogoni people, when completed, will ultimately promote peace in Ogoniland, enhance economic development through skilled and unskilled entrepreneurship, industrial growth and overall prosperity of Ogoniland. Undoubtedly, this project will provide sustainability to the water scheme and help facilitate the restoration of the Ogoni environment. Employment and empowerment opportunities will come along for a substantial number of our youths who will become productive and self reliant.



MOHAMMED H. ABDULLAHI
Hon Minister of Environment

We are indeed grateful for this benevolence and appeal for its speedy completion while assuring of our support throughout the period of execution.

BARIZAAGE A. NORTEH
President,
Ogoni Chamber of Commerce, Industry,
Mines and Agriculture



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GENERAL SAFETY TIPS FOR THE YULETIDE

- **Beware of your surrounding (stay alert, don't be easily distracted).**
- **Avoid walking or driving or stopping along dark and lonely roads.**
- **Ensure your personal vehicle is serviced and in good working condition.**
- **Keep traveling/vacation plans discreet, only inform trusted relatives or neighbours to keep an eye on your residence.**
- **Always keep your car doors locked and windows completely wound up to avoid intruders in traffic.**
- **If your car is bumped, do not stop to fight. It could be a ploy to get you out of the car. Drive to the nearest public area or police station.**
- **Plan your route in advance; consult maps indoors before leaving your hotel or home.**
- **Always keep your phone secured, charged, and recharged with airtime.**
- **Do not drink alcohol in transit.**
- **Do not throw objects out of your car while in transit.**
- **Do not give or take free ride overtures.**
- **Do not post your travel vacation plans or activities on the social media.**
- **Eat healthy, do not overeat or drink.**
- **Secure your luggage and make it distinct.**
- **Travel with your medical prescription and routine medications.**

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS FOR THE YULETIDE

- Locate places on your route where you can go for help in times of emergencies.
- Use nose mask in dusty areas and avoid allergy triggers.
- Use sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- Drink sufficient water, avoid dehydration.
- Spend wisely, remember responsibilities await you in this new year.
- It's always safer to have a fire extinguisher in the house and in the car to fight fire outbreaks.
- When lodged in a hotel, don't invite strangers to your room, always meet them at the reception. Call the front desk to verify the identity of room service, repair persons, etc., especially if you did not call for them.
- It's safer to make plans for this year if you haven't already so that you can have a great year.
- In an emergency call 112. An emergency exists when there is a life-threatening police matter, a medical emergency, fire, etc.
- **112** will get you police, fire and medical services.

Stay Safe And Have A Pleasant Year Ahead!

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Project Coordinator, Dr Giadom & HRH Mene Dr. Suanu Baridam at HYPREP End of Year Party



ZRC Members at the End of Year Party Organised for them by the PCO



Chief Deebari Keeper Gbaranor at the End of Year Party Organised by the PCO



Head Communications, Kpoobari Nafu (left) Presenting a Prize to a Member of Staff



Head Stakeholder Engagement, Enuolare Mba-Nwigho (left) Presenting a Prize to a Member of Staff



HYPREP CDOs (L-R) Peter Zabbey, Pakinson Nko, Barisi Sampson & Emma Osaro



Eleme CDO, Emma Osaro (middle) Presenting a Prize to a Member of Staff



Head Admin, Ledor Togi (4th from left) Poses with Staff during HYPREP End of Year Party

Shun Illegal Oil Refining It Destroys the Environment

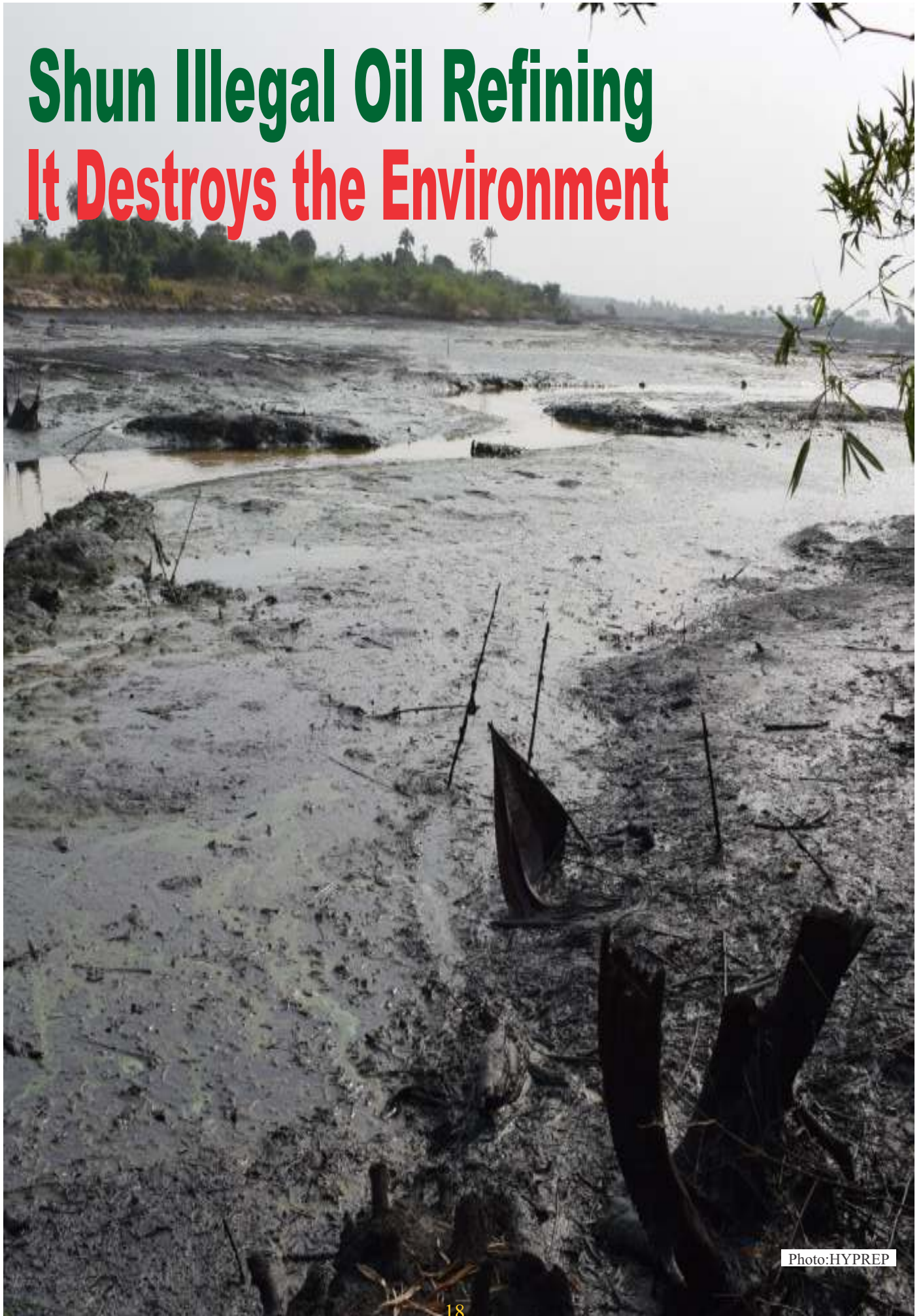


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THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARBLE

People 'Over-Produce' Pollution Because They Are Not Paying For The Costs Of Dealing With It.

- Ha-Joon Chang

Remediated Land

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... for a cleaner and greener Ogoniland

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