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For the one year, one month that I have been in the saddle as the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution

Remediation Project (HYPREP), I can confidently say that the event of Friday 28th April, 2023 – when the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari performed the groundbreaking ceremony for the triad projects of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the Ogoni Power Project and the Ogoni Specialist Hospital; is so far one of the high points of my superintendency over the Ogoni clean-up project. That three projects of such magnitude and proportion were flagged off by such a personality as the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari is an unmatched feat in our recent history as a nation. While I give all glory to the Almighty God for making the day a huge success, I would want to express my sincere gratitude to President Buhari for deeming it fit to give that much to a people who had long yearned for development and to my people – the Ogoni people for turning up in a carnival like manner to give the President a rousing welcome. Again, it was one event in recent history that resurrected the Ogoni spirit of solidarity for one goal.

The inauguration is over and the work to see to the realization of that dream has just begun. It will take the cooperation and collaboration of all

stakeholders to actualize that vision of bequeathing to the Ogoni people a world class hospital, a research institute of international repute and an industry grade electricity. The commitment that I have made from the inception of the three projects and continue to make is that I remain resolute to translating what is on paper as the architectural and engineering designs of these projects to their tangible simulacra in real time. It is a tall order, but my people deserve nothing less especially as today has been long in coming. The contractors handling these projects were carefully chosen with consideration for quality and competence as they had delivered similar projects of scale elsewhere around the world. The question is not whether they can deliver but when they eventually deliver it would be true to type and specification.

The siting of these projects takes into consideration the four Local Government Areas of Ogoniland and accordingly evenly distribute these amenities based on equity with the main Power Sub-station already sited in Eleme, the two other sub-stations in Khana and Gokana, the Specialist Hospital in Tai and the extra Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration sited on the same stretch of land hosting the Power Sub-station in Khana. These projects are intended to stimulate socio-economic development and educational advancement in Ogoniland especially and the Niger Delta region in general. Though a product of political will, they are not in any way for political patronage and therefore deserve the support of all irrespective of political affiliation. Only then can we say, a society is truly advancing for the good of all.

Within such a short time, we have achieved tremendous success with our livelihood training programme. The first batch of our aviation trainees that we sent on training at the Crew Training Institute, Lagos is back with great results and some of them securing automatic employment with

airlines. It is a success story of acquiring lifetime economic skills and jobs. The second batch is expected to take off in a couple of weeks. It is a commitment we have made with the Ogoni people, and we are determined to keep. We will strive to uplift the standard of living of the people through the provision of decent jobs and a clean environment.

We have begun the handover of sites to our remediation contractors as well as commenced the training of community workers who will work with them. Their trainings come with certification so that they can use same to work on similar project elsewhere in the future. What we are doing deliberately is to groom a pool of skilled remediation workers with the requisite technical know-how to meet the growing demand for remediation of contaminated sites across the Niger Delta due to increasing spate of oil spills arising both sabotage and equipment failures. In the long run all the knowledge garnered from the remediation activities being carried out by HYPREP shall be domiciled in the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration to enhance research innovation.

We enjoy you to keep step with us as we together embark on this journey for a cleaner and greener Ogoniland.



Dr. Giadom

In this Issue

This edition leads with the long-awaited news of the groundbreaking for the triad of Ogoni Specialist Hospital, the Ogoni Power Project and the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration which the first two are initiatives of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) and the last a recommendation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) contained in the 2011 report it submitted to the Federal Government of Nigeria on the environmental assessment of Ogoniland. The groundbreaking was performed virtually by no less a personality than the President himself, His Excellence, Muhammadu Buhari. We bring you all the views of speakers at the historic event held at Wiiyaakara in Khana Local Government Area. It was one gathering in recent Ogoni history that attracted her sons and daughters across party lines and sat them under one canopy to rally round her development and future.

Closely following the groundbreaking is the story of the first batch of HYPREP sponsored air cabin crew trainees who left for the Crew Training Institute, Lagos and had successfully progressed to the final phase of their training. Details of their last practical and licentiate examination are featured in this edition. The sterling performance of majority of them earned them jobs with some airlines.

We also have in this edition, the news of the financial bid opening to prequalify contractors who are seeking to participate in the remediation of undocumented hydrocarbon polluted sites in Ogoniland.

HYPREP continues to meet with regulators and other industry players who have a stake in the clean-up exercise. It was a forum where the managers of the project reassured

regulators of their resolve to be transparent in the implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report. The regulators themselves and members of the Civil Society who attended the meeting brought forwards ideas on how best to go about the implementation of the report. You will find our regular menu of an environmental poem to create awareness on the need to protect mother earth from pollution and

extinction.

Facts about HYPREP is sustained and we hope you find useful information about the project from the page. The miscellaneous of health tips and pictures of the month add colours to he entire edition.

It is our hope that you garner as much information about the project from this edition of the HYPREP HERALD and you reach us via the contacts at the back page.

POETRY CORNER

EARTH IN NEED OF HEALTH

By: **Nwibubasa SukaBoma**

Mother Earth, endowed with beauty
Created to be clean and pure to behold
Look as she spreads out her mountain peaks
Rivers adorned in crystal blue
As plants of the earth grow
To bring healing and wealth to the people.

The earth so fertile and green
Offers a home to our crops
And welcomes the emergence of new life
Into the land we call our own
Take a deep breath with eyes closed
And feel the dew from the morning rise
The fragrance of nature as the birds hover
The protective ceiling above

What have we done to Mother Earth
For she cries all day long

Over the pollution of the blue planet
How much can she take anymore?
Her forest destroyed at man's approval
How much worst can she take?
To be poisoned in her belly, the soil
By mankind that she accommodates.

Oil pumping out toxins
Transporting same to her beloved oceans
The sea, once rich in colours
Now black and soaked in dirt!
Our lives at stake if we don't raise
awareness
Our foods contaminated from poison

Global warming heats the temperature
And earth malfunctions from the abuse
But we need a healed world
A Mother Earth who can raise grass.

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PRESIDENT BUHARI FLAGS OFF OGONI SPECIALIST HOSPITAL, OTHER PROJECTS

Nigeria's President, Muhammadu Buhari has performed the groundbreaking for the construction of three big ticket projects in Ogoniland namely, the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, and the Ogoni Power Project.

President Buhari flagged off the projects virtually from the State House, Abuja for the event that was held on one of the project sites at Wiiyaakara in Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State.

One of the projects – the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration is a recommendation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on the environmental assessment of Ogoniland and the other two – the Ogoni Power Project and the Ogoni Specialist Hospital are initiatives of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) – the body set up by the Federal Government of Nigeria to implement the recommendations of the UNEP Report.

President Buhari while inaugurating the projects recalled his electioneering promise he made to the Ogoni people in 2015 that if elected president he was going to implement the UNEP Report. “I pledged to implement the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on the Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland which was submitted to the Federal Government four years earlier if elected as the President. That assurance was redeemed on 2nd June 2016 when I flagged off the Ogoniland clean-up project at the Patrick waterfront in Bodo, Gokana Local Government Area.”

He expressed the confidence that the Power Project would boost electricity supply that will catalyze the socio-



President Muhammadu Buhari

economic development of Ogoniland and neighbouring communities and bring sustainability to HYPREP livelihood and development projects.

“The Ogoni Power Project upon completion will bring sustainability to the Potable Water Schemes, Livelihood Programmes, Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, and the Specialist Hospital projects being undertaken by HYPREP. It will also catalyze the socio-economic development of Ogoniland and create job opportunities for artisans and enhance entrepreneurial growth.”

The President said that the Specialist Hospital will bring succor to those who have been exposed to hydrocarbon pollution and other ailments associated with environmental pollution, while the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration will serve

as a training and research centre for the youths of Ogoni, the Niger Delta, and the world at large.

In his words, “The Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration on whose site we hold this ground-breaking ceremony is a centre that will provide capacity and research opportunities to scholars within Nigeria and around the world on environmental remediation. It will initiate studies on homegrown methods and approaches to addressing oil pollution in the Niger Delta and other parts of the country, Sub-Saharan Africa, and beyond.”

Speaking further, President Buhari stated that his administration is also constructing the Bodo/Bonny Road, a multi-billion-naira project, which passes through the heart of Ogoniland will bring tremendous benefits to the people as it connects Bonny Island – host to the Nigerian Liquefied Natural

Gas Plant; to the Oil and Gas Free Zone, Onne.

President Buhari announced that the Federal Government also approved contracts for the next phase of the remediation project, the training of five thousand Ogoni people in sustainable livelihood skills, and the engagement of five hundred Ogoni youths as environmental vanguards.

The President commended the Honourable Minister of Environment Barrister Mohammed Abdullahi for his doggedness in delivering on the Ogoni Clean-up project and other key objectives of the Ministry including biodiversity, wildlife conservation, land remediation, upland, and coastal erosion control. He applauded the Governor of Rivers State, Governor Nyesom Wike for his unflinching support for the Federal Government's developmental initiatives and the peace in Ogoniland and Rivers State.

President Buhari urged the people of Ogoni to provide all necessary support and assistance to the contractors and HYPREP to ensure the prompt completion of the projects.

“I hope that you will support the implementation of the project and

utilize the benefits for the present and future generations of Ogoniland.”

The Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi in his remarks expressed gratitude to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for fulfilling the promise he made a year ago on connecting Ogoni to the National Grid.

“I am indeed very pleased to join Mr. President and be associated with the commencement of this landmark event that sets the path for the prosperity of Ogoni. You may recall, it is almost a year ago to this day, during my maiden visit to Ogoniland, when I delivered a reassurance message of Mr. President to the Ogoni people of your commitment to implementing the UNEP Report.”

He stated that flagging off the triad of projects in Ogoniland on same day engraves President Buhari's name in the sands of time. He said that the sustainability and efficient management of the facilities flagged off would be a top priority to the ministry to enable the facilities to function effectively and serve the purpose for which they were

established.

The Minister noted that the actualization of the Power Project will mark the transformation of the socio-economic potentials of Ogoniland and increase agro-allied activities which will return Ogoni to its erstwhile status as the food basket of the Niger Delta and provide sustainable and affordable electricity to power cottage industries and households.

Barr. Abdullahi while updating the President on the progress made in the restoration of oil-impacted sites in Ogoniland said that Twenty (20) out of the sixty-five (65) UNEP sites have been remediated, and that HYPREP recently awarded contracts for an additional seventeen (17) sites and contractors are mobilizing to site.

On the progress of the water project, he said that 153km of the planned 337km of reticulation in the communities have been completed and that work on the six water schemes, spread through the four (4) local government areas of Ogoniland are at various stages of completion.

He attributed the successes recorded so far on the project to the leadership and youths of Ogoni communities and



Hon. Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi Flags Off the Three Projects on behalf of President Buhari

charged Royal Fathers, elites, youths, and other stakeholders to create a peaceful environment for contractors to deliver the HYPREP projects on target, on cost, and on time.

The Board of Trustees Chairman of HYPREP, Dr. Mike Nwielaghi conveyed the gratitude of the people of Ogoni for the clean-up project and the other projects that have come out of the clean-up. He also appreciated the President for considering two Ogoni sons worthy to hold strategic positions on the clean-up project.

“You took it upon yourself to make sure that two key Governing Structures of HYPREP are led by Ogoni sons. I am the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Ferdinand Giadom is the Coordinator of the Project Office. The two of us are besides the other Ogoni professionals that you appointed to the Governing Council and the Board of Trustees. We are most grateful for considering Ogonis worthy to pilot the affairs of the project.”

Dr. Nwielaghi said that the Board is committed and prudent in the

management of funds in its care and in ensuring that funds are released on time for the smooth operations of the project. He added that the BOT runs a transparent financial system that takes into cognizance the interest of the Ogoni people.

He assured the President of the support of the people of Ogoni in ensuring that the clean-up project is a success and appealed to the President for more funds to run the project effectively.

“Your Excellency, the Ogoni people's love for you and support for this project will not diminish. We are more than ever willing to create a conducive atmosphere for contractors engaged by the project to carry out various services for the project.”

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP Dr. Ferdinand Giadom said that the flag-off is one of the high points of Buhari's administration as it addresses the age-long agitation of the people of the Niger Delta and Ogoni. He stated that President Buhari's administration will be remembered as one that identified with the Niger Delta,

addressed their plight, brought succor to the region, and appreciated President for his kindness and commitment to the cause of bettering the lives and environment of the Ogoni people.

Dr. Giadom said that the Ogoni Specialist Hospital is strategically located in an epicentral position to service Rivers, Akwa Ibom, and Cross River states and enjoined the President to adopt the Ogoni Specialist Hospital as a Federal Medical Centre. He pledged that the Project Coordination office will continue to ensure the timely delivery of projects.

Some highlights of the Flag-off ceremony were the cutting of the tape by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who was represented physically by the Honourable Minister of Environment, Barrister Mohammed Abdullahi, and the conferment of the traditional title 'Gbene Goh of Ogoniland' meaning the Great Eagle of Ogoniland on President Buhari by the Supreme Council of Ogoni Traditional Rulers.



L- R: Dr. Ferdinand Giadom & Hon. Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi
During the Groundbreaking at Wiiyaakara

BATCH 1 AVIATION TRAINEES AT FINALS

After weeks of intensive trainings to be air cabin crew members, the first batch of trainees sponsored by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) to the Crew Training Institute (CTI), Lagos have proceeded to the final stage of their trainings involving ditching, swimming, and firefighting.

The simulation exercises which were carried out at separate locations – the Police College, Ikeja Lagos and the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos were in partial fulfilment of requirements for the issuance of the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) Crew Operational License to successful trainees.

At the end of the exercise, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom who was on hand to monitor the performance of the trainees remarked that HYPREP decided to train the youths in such a capital intensive and specialized field as aviation that has the potential for international exposure because it considers human capital development as the surest way for sustainable livelihood.

“I am very impressed that you have a life skill now and I can only imagine what the future holds. Take these

trainings and drills very seriously because this is what you are going to be doing. In this career that you have chosen, you are going to be in the skies, so I will no longer say the sky is your limit, because the sky is now your starting point.”

While expressing excitement about the partnership with the Crew Training Institute, he stated that the institute has impacted positively on the trainees changing them from whom they were before leaving Port Harcourt and transforming them into confident individuals ready to take on the world.

In his words, “I am convinced that this is a journey that will open the entire world unto your palms, internalize all you have been taught by CTI. Keep acting it and that will transform you from the person you were five weeks ago when you left Port Harcourt, to the person that you will eventually be if you keep and live the dream. That is the fastest way to transformation. So, keep it up, I am very proud of you.”

The Project Coordinator used the occasion to inform the trainees that HYPREP will pay for their International Passports and allowances before the end of their training. He also assured that he would be checking on them to see that the

training sessions and the content they are being exposed to meet the standards in the industry.

Mrs. Franca Akpasobi, a safety inspector with the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority, who was on ground for oversight during their drills, expressed confidence in the trainees as she was all smiles during the conduct of the firefighting and ditching simulation exercises. She disclosed that firefighting and ditching are two of the many core skills that crew members are expected to acquire during their training.

‘I am here oversighting the cabin crew from CTI. They are on the verge of ending their training. They are fighting the fire, and we are here to ensure they do the right thing. At the end of the day when they pass their NCAA exams, we will give them a license then they can be checked out as full-fledged cabin crew for the Nigerian State.’

The trainees underwent simulated firefighting and ditching exercises at the Police College, Lagos, where they demonstrated practical skills on how to handle emergencies. At the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, they also underwent a simulated emergency evacuation to validate and determine evacuation time for aircraft passengers in the event of an emergency. The exercise was supported by Dana Air.

The first batch of fifteen Ogoni youths left Port Harcourt on 12th March 2023 for the Crew Training Institute, Lagos to be trained as air cabin crew members and the second batch will follow upon the completion of their training. A hundred Ogoni youths have been penciled down by HYPREP for training in aviation. The other mega skill areas are mechatronics, seafaring, and creative arts which the screening of applicants have been concluded awaiting commencement of training. A hundred Ogoni people also are to be trained in each skill area.



HYPREP Sponsored Cabin Crew Trainees during their Ditching Drill

HYPREP AVIATION TRAINEES SECURE JOBS AS CABIN CREW PERSONNEL

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Dumbari Giadom has announced that ten (10) pioneer HYPREP crew trainees have secured employment with different airlines after having obtained their Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) license.

Dr. Giadom made the announcement during a town hall meeting on the 'State of the Clean-up', organized to create a forum for interaction with members of the Ogoni community and critical stakeholders, held at the Gbene Gininwa hall at the Tai Council Secretariat.

He also stated that the project has also approached Emirates and Qatar Airlines to absolve some of the crew personnel on their international routes. He added that the project is also working hard to deliver the needs assessment training of ten thousand (10,000) youths on sustainable alternative livelihood skills of mechatronics, sea faring, and the creative arts.

Dr. Giadom also briefed Ogoni

stakeholders on the status of the clean-up project ahead of the visit of President Muhammadu Buhari to Ogoniland for the ground-breaking ceremony for the Ogoni Power project, the Ogoni hundred-bed Specialist Hospital and the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration. He said that the first phase of the array of projects which will have direct impact on the people of Ogoni will commence immediately after the ground-breaking ceremony, while phase two of the power project with a series of injection stations that will be sited in the six kingdoms of Ogoni land will also commence towards the end of the phase 1.

He stated that the location of the state-of-the-art Specialist Hospital was carefully selected to enable neighbouring states of Abia and Akwa Ibom have access to it. According to the Project Coordinator, the Centre of Environmental Excellence which is designed as a modern Centre of Excellence will train Ogoni youths and other Niger Deltans to the highest

level of environmental research, which will afford them opportunities to ply their trade in environmental restoration.

On the status of the remediation project, he said that HYPREP will be embarking on the remediation of the semi-medium risk sites in the coming weeks and appealed to the people of Ogoni to eschew violence, and litigations and maintain peace to enable HYPREP deliver on its mandate.

The Project Coordinator expressed appreciation to the Ogoni community for the level of support given to HYPREP so far adding that the progress so far made on the project attests to this. He reaffirmed the commitment of HYPREP to implement the UNEP Report to the letter. 'I pledge that we will be transparent and truthful and submitting ourselves to you for scrutiny.'

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT), HYPREP Dr. Mike Nwielaghi Speaking during the



HYPREP Sponsored Cabin Crew Trainees being shown Operations in the Cockpit

meeting commended the Project Coordinator on thinking out of the box and bringing in projects that will have a direct impact on the people of Ogoni. He appealed to the people to come out in their numbers to welcome the President to Ogoniland for the groundbreaking for the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, the Ogoni Power Project and the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration.

Similarly, HRM Mene Dr. Suanu Baridam, Spokesperson for the Central Representatives Advisory Committee (CRAC) of HYPREP speaking on behalf of the Supreme Council of Ogoni Traditional Rulers assured HYPREP that the traditional council will continue to support the project and ensure a peaceful environment for project execution.

In his intervention, Mr. Emma Deeyaa, President of KAGOTE expressed gratitude to God for the results of the Ogoni struggle. He notes 'I am glad that the struggle we started many years ago is yielding positive results. We should come together as a people, there is no need for another struggle. We have to work together as a team and reduce the acrimony'. He appreciated Dr. Giadom for conceptualizing the Ogoni Power Project and reiterated his support for the realization of the mandate of HYPREP.

Also, the Executive Chairman of Tai LGA speaking on behalf of his colleagues advised HYPREP to continually engage in projects that will turn around the fortunes of the people of Ogoni.

Interventions were also made by former Minister of State for Commerce, Chief Kenneth Kobani, Comrade Menele Nzidee, Chief Priscilla Vikue, comrade Emmanuel Barinuazor, and others.

The town hall meeting which recorded a massive turnout provided an opportunity for members of the communities to interact with officials of HYPREP and clear misconception and misinformation about the project.

SHORLINE REMEDIATION CONTRACT PROGRESSES TO FINANCIAL BID OPENING

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Giadom has assured companies bidding for the phase 1 clean-up of undocumented hydrocarbon impacted sites (shorelines) in Ogoniland of transparency in the selection of competent contractors for the job.

Dr. Giadom gave the assurance at the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt during the financial bid opening for the remediation of undocumented hydrocarbon impacted sites in Ogoniland.

The Project Coordinator who was represented by Mr. Paul Ugbaha said the Management of the project attaches great importance to quality work and will therefore not award contracts to companies that do not have what it takes to deliver on a specific assignment, promising that only competent contractors would be selected for the job.

He assured the companies that made it to the financial bidding stage that the evaluation committee will do a thorough job to ensure that only those that have the necessary requirements are given the job.

Dr. Giadom sounded it loud and clear to those that will eventually win the contracts that nothing short of quality work is expected of them to justify their claims of competence.

Shoreline remediation is carried out in an inter-tidal area characterized by high and low tides which will require the use of special technology and personal protective equipment (PPEs) and involves the removal of oily-soaked debris and stumps, raking of alga mats, flushing of sediments, recovery of waste crude to a treatment center, and most importantly the re-vegetation of mangrove after the clean-up and it is a process that requires a lot of labour.



Officials of HYPREP Procurement Unit During the Financial Bid Opening for Remediation of Undocumented Sites

REMEDICATION

DR. GIADOM TASKS CONTRACTORS ON LOCAL MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Giadom says the project will continue to give attention to training of local manpower to give them competitive edge over their peers in the field of environmental remediation.

Dr. Giadom stated this at a meeting held at the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt with the Managing Directors of the thirty-nine companies that were recently awarded contracts for the remediation of hydrocarbon impacted sites in the phase 2 batch 1 medium risk sites.

The Project Coordinator told the contractors that one of the terms of their contracts is the training of community workers in the arts and science of remediation as a way of giving them life skills with which they can work on similar project anywhere in the world. In his words: “We are supposed to train community workers, who will help us do the work and beyond doing the work, it is also for capacity building. We have a feeling that sometime in the future there will be opportunities for remediation works such as this. We want these community workers not only to have the field experience but also some theoretical backing with the field experience.”

Dr. Giadom stated that the experiences from phase 1 batches 1 and 2 have made necessary that there is constant interaction between the project and the contractors to share knowledge and updates and address any grey area that may impact on the progress of the work.

The Project Coordinator observed that though phase 1 was tagged simple sites there was nothing simple about it as the volume of work and level of contamination far exceeded what was called complex sites in Europe where

management of the project visited last year on a guided tour of polluted sites and made it clear to the contracts that the onus was on them to deliver a world class remediation to the people of Ogoniland.

Dr. Giadom emphasized the need for adherence to specification in the design and construction of the engineered bio-cell and the creation of the natural conditions that will energize microbes to degrade the pollutants on sites.

“We are in agreement that what we embarked on was to be bioremediation. Bioremediation that was to be carried out using the engineered bio-cells. Size is precise, and the process of bioremediation through the use of the engineered bio-cell will also be precise. We all know that know limiting conditions that will conduce to bioremediation is known. Any one of you here can google it and find the limiting conditions that make bioremediation to happen. By saying that it bioremediation it means that we are using naturally occurring microbes particularly the hydrocarbon utilizing bacteria or fungi to carry out these

activities and if you have to rely on naturally occurring microbes to do this, it means you have to create condition for them to carry out their work optimally as they should.”

Dr. Giadom reminded the contractors that staff of the Remediation Unit of HYPREP would be empowered to monitor their operations on sites and report same to the office three times a day (at the start of work, during and at close of work).

The contractors unanimously agreed to work in synergy to achieve best results and promised to abide by the terms of their contracts. Speaking on behalf of the contractors, the Managing Director of Earthpro Unique Integrated Limited, Prof. Bernard Bolaji said the contractors have a common platform to get themselves in touch on all matters relating to their contracts.

“The PC himself suggested that we should put together a WhatsApp group so that all Managing Directors are there and even suggested that about three or four of their principal staff and themselves should be members and we have already done that.” He said.



A Cross Section of Contractors in a Meeting with HYPREP

HYPREP PROMISES TRANSPARENCY IN ITS CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Giadom says the project will continue to open its operations to the scrutiny of industry regulators in compliance with the laws on environmental remediation to deliver a world class clean-up for the Ogoni people and the nation at large.

Dr. Giadom stated this at the 2023 first quarter meeting with stakeholders and regulators of the project held in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. The meeting was organized to provide a forum for HYPREP, regulators and key stakeholders to interact and suggest the best way forward for the successful implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme's report on the environmental assessment of Ogoniland.

To engender a robust discussion, HYPREP made presentations to the stakeholders on the status of its remediation programmes.

The Project Coordinator, Dr. Giadom

stated HYPREP's resolve to uphold set standards in its operations and urged the regulators to make it a point of duty to discharge their oversight function on HYPREP's activities.

“As regulators and stakeholders on the right side of the table, I have come here clean that on this other side. HYPREP will not hide its nakedness. The regulators are shining light on what the status and the standards are, and I want to tell the regulators, please do not pity HYPREP. This is a scientific process, it is precise, it is repeatable, it is empirical and by so saying, if you are expected to inspect or to observe one litre of water, one litre should be one litre not one and half or half litre or zero point nine litre. It should be precise and when we do not meet up, write it, no verbal communication, document it. If there were Standard Operating procedures (SOPS) to follow in terms of taking measurement, in terms of collecting sample, no abbreviations. It should be exactly as the SOPs stipulate.”

Dr. Giadom expressed delight over the

response of the regulators to regular meetings with the project, saying that it is a demonstration of their commitment to seeing to it that HYPREP succeeds in the delivery of its mandate.

“I am very encouraged by the array of persons that are around this table. On my left is my own team which are the managers of this project and on my right is the team of the regulators. The people who are ombudsmen of this project, who will tell us and tell the world that we are indeed carrying out the assignment that was given to us according to the technical scope and specifications of the work.”

He redirected the attention of all stakeholders on the assignment given to HYPREP which is the remediation of oil impacted sites in Ogoniland and the restoration of livelihoods of impacted communities.

“The task at hand is centred about the restoration of oil impacted sites in Ogoni land and that the state of the environment in Ogoniland as in other



Cross Section of Participants during HYPREP Stakeholders Meeting Held at Saakpenwa

parts of the Niger Delta is something that has been in the front burner of discussions for over three (3) decades. People have been yearning for a form of restoration of impacted sites that have direct impact on their livelihood and so the Federal Government decided that it was time to answer these so many questions. This project is starting from Ogoniland but we know that it's a regional problem.”

“Our intervention at impacted site aimed at restoration is a very serious nation building activity. Nation building in the sense that the Federal Government of Nigeria is coordinating the restoration of impacted sites at great cost. The ultimate of carrying out this project is to restore livelihood to the locals. If we succeed in Ogoni, then it opens the region because there are other parts of the Niger Delta that are having similar problems.”

The Project Coordinator, Dr. Giadom also informed the regulators and other

stakeholders that HYPREP commits to real time reporting of progress made in the field and that the way to achieve this is, is the assigning of a tablet to every site supervisor to file in live reports.

Dr. Kenneth Aroh, Head of Laboratory of the National Oil Spill Detection Response Agency (NOSDRA) who stood in for the Director General of the Agency, Idris O. Musa stated the commitment of his boss to the success of the clean-up project.

“The director general of NOSDRA is one person you all know is committed towards ensuring that this project succeeds and in view of the past activities that have taken place, there are quite a number of milestones that have been achieved within the very first and the second batches of phase one and now we are gradually drifting to the semi medium sites which will take off any moment from now. At least it's very proper that some of the big faults that were identified during

the first phase are noted and proper action taken. I am fascinated by the fact that technology, this time around is going to play a very important role. It is very important we do it right and get it properly done to achieve the transparency that it requires in order to reflect that international colour on the project.”

The representative of the Nigerian Pipelines and Storage Company (NPSC), Henry Tipping promised the cooperation of his organization towards the realization of set goals and objectives of HYPREP.

Other participants at the meeting were representatives of the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), the Federal Ministry of Environment, Rivers State Ministry of Environment, Social Democracy Network, Society for Women and Youth Affairs (SWAYA), among others.



Cross Section of Participants during HYPREP Stakeholders Meeting Held at Saakpenwa

Facts About HYPREP

REVOCATION AND SAVINGS

1. The Notice of the Establishment of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Restoration

Project Unit, Ministry of Petroleum Resources, 2014 is revoked.

2. Nothing in this Notice shall invalidate or otherwise prejudicially affect anything done or purported to be done under the revoked Notice.

INTERPRETATION

In this Notice -

“Fund Contributors” shall mean companies, entities, including Participating Entities or individuals contributing to the Ogoni Trust Fund or any Trust Fund established pursuant to this Notice. “Joint Venture Partners” means NNPC and the international oil companies currently operating in Nigeria.

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Environment or any

such person or officer so designated.

“Ministry” means the Federal Ministry of Environment unless otherwise stated “HYPREP” means the activities to be carried out in accordance with this Notice for the implementation of the recommendations of the UNEP Report on Ogoniland.

“Ogoni Trust Fund” means the Trust Fund established pursuant to paragraph 14 of this Notice for the implementation of the UNEP Report recommendation in Ogoniland.

"Ogoni Restoration Project" means the activities to be carried out in accordance with this Notice for the implementation of the UNEP Report recommendation in Ogoniland.

"Participating Entities" means NNPC, international oil companies or entities contributing to the Ogoni Trust Fund.

"Petroleum Operations" shall be as

defined in the Petroleum Profits Tax Act.

“President” means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

“Project” means such restoration work programme as may be approved by the HYPREP Governing Council at any given time.

“Public Officer” means a person holding any office specified in Part II of the 5th Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.



Dr. Ferdinand Giadom Poses with Regulators and HYPREP Staff after a Stakeholder Meeting on Remediation

DR. GIADOM VISITS BARAKO AHEAD OF COMMISSIONING OF WATER SCHEME IN COMMUNITY

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Giadom has commended the leadership of the Barako community for creating a peace environment for the contractor handling the HYPREP water scheme in the community.

Dr. Giadom gave the commendation when he paid a working visit to the community in preparation for the planned commissioning of the water scheme which is now completed.

The Project Coordinator called on other communities where HYPREP projects are sited to emulate the Barako example by cooperating with

contractors working in their communities to deliver on their contracts aimed at bringing development to Ogoniland.

Paramount Ruler of the community, HRH Mene Kadilo Kabari thanked the Project Coordinator for not betraying the trust reposed in him by the Ogoni people who were clamouring for an Ogoni son to head the HYPREP Project Office, stating that history would be kind to him and generations to come would always remember him for the big-ticket projects he initiated for Ogoni especially the Power Project.

Mene Kabari also thanked President

Buhari for standing by the Ogoni people in the several approvals he had made for Ogoni development and especially for implementing the UNEP Environmental Assessment Report on Ogoniland.

The Project Coordinator was accompanied on the visit by some members of Management of HYPREP and was received by chiefs and elders of the community who were pleased with the work HYPREP is doing in the community.

Barako community plays host to one of the six water schemes in the phase 1 of the provision of potable water to Ogoni communities.



L-R: HRH Mene Kadilo Kabari Exchanging Pleasantries with Dr. Ferdinand Giadom

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**HAPPY
WORKERS' DAY CELEBRATION**

**YOU ARE THE FOUNDATION
OF ANY PROSPEROUS
SOCIETY.**

**FROM MANAGEMENT AND
STAFF OF HYPREP TO ALL
NIGERIAN WORKERS WHO
TOIL DAILY TO KEEP THE
COUNTRY GOING.**

The Management and Staff of
HYPREP wish our children a happy
2023 CHILDREN'S DAY.

YOU ARE THE FUTURE OF SOCIETY



HEALTH TIPS

HYPERTENSION

Hypertension is another name for high blood pressure. It is defined as blood pressure above 140/90 for three consecutive checks and considered severe if it is above 180/120.

Hypertension occurs when the force that a person's blood exerts against the walls of their blood vessels is too high. It can lead to severe health complications and increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, and even death.

CAUSES

The cause generally is often idiopathic (i.e often not known).

SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

Most people with high blood pressure have no signs or symptoms even if the BP readings reach dangerously high levels; that is why it is often called “SILENT KILLER”. However, few persons with high BP may have headaches, insomnia (difficulty in sleeping). In severe cases, sweating, anxiety, and shortness of breath.



TYPES : There are two types of high blood pressure:

PRIMARY OR ESSENTIAL HYPERTENSION

This may result from the following;

- High Salt Intake
- Excessive Alcohol Intake
- Smoking
- Sedentary Lifestyle
- Obesity
- Stress

SECONDARY HYPERTENSION

Secondary hypertension has specific causes and is a complication of another health problem such as;

- Diabetes
- Kidney disease
- Hypertthyroidism (an overactive thyroid gland)

MANAGEMENT/TREATMENT

- Eating healthier diet
 - Reduce salt intake
 - Exercising regularly
 - Quit smoking
- Limit the amount of alcohol intake
 - Increase water intake
 - Reduce stress
- Maintain a healthy weight or lose weight if obese
- Monitor blood pressure even at home
 - Having enough sleep
 - Medication in severe cases

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Hon. Minister of Environment Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi during the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Wiiyaakara



L-R: DG, NOSDRA, Idris O. Musa, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom & Hon. Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi



L- R: HYPREP BOT Chairman, Dr. Mike Nwielagi, MD, CCECC, Nigeria, Han Shuang during the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Wiiyaakara



L-R: Chika Chiwah, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom, Prof. Barineme Faka, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi, Prof. Iyenemi Kakulu, & Engr. Ekiyokenegha Clark



Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi & Dr. Ferdinand Giadom Decorated by Ogoni Traditional Rulers



Members HYPREP Governing Council, Mr. George Feyii during the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Wiiyaakara



Cross Section of Dignitaries during the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Wiiyaakara



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PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Hon. Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi in a Symbolic Handover of Site to a Contractor while the PC, Dr. Giadom Looks on.



Cross Section of Contractors during the Handover of Remediation Sites



L-R: Ejike Asiegbu, Basoene Tariah, Dr. Giadom, Mrs Josephine Nzidee, Francis Duru, Segun Arinze, Celestine Akpobari & Kpoobari Nafu



Comrade Menele Ziadam Nzidee at HYPREP Stakeholders Meeting



Dr. Giadom Posses with Ogoni Traditional Rulers during the Groundbreaking at Wiiyaakara



Dr. Giadom in a Group Photograph with HYPREP Sponsored Air Cabin Crew Trainees



Members of NYCOP During their Visit to the Project Coordination Office



HYPREP Sponsored Crew Trainees During one of their Emergency Drills

Shun Illegal Oil Refining It Destroys the Environment

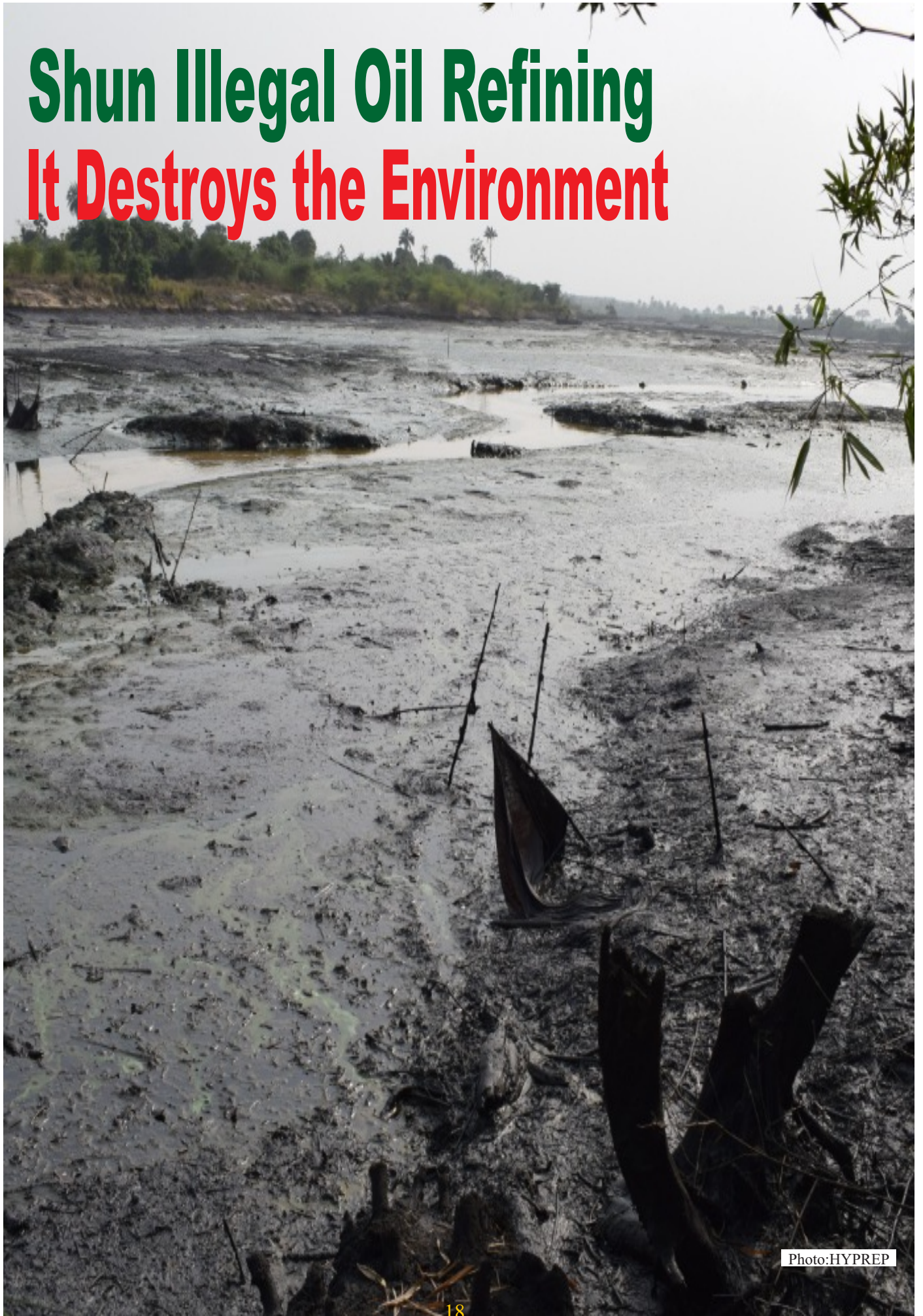


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THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARBLE

**There's one thing you can say for air pollution,
you get utterly amazing sunrises.”**

- Terry Pratchett Neil Gaiman

Remediated Land

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... for a cleaner and greener Ogoniland

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