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# THE PC'S DESK



DR. FERDINAND DUMBARI GIADOM  
Project Coordinator

One of the demands of the Ogoni community on the Project Coordination Office of HYPREP is that the project be brought

closer to the people. They had insisted that there was need to site area offices in each of the Local Government Areas of Ogoni to make it easier for them to reach HYPREP easily on matters that affect the project and vice versa as it will also avail the Project an excellent medium to communicate its programmes and activities to the grassroots. The Project Coordination Office also considered that an area office in the Local Government Areas will serve as a hub to mobilize and coordinate field operations for timely and efficient service delivery.

As a responsive and responsible organization, HYPREP quickly made arrangements to kick-start the construction of area offices in Eleme, Tai, Gokana and Khana Local Government Areas. The offices were specifically proposed to be sited in the Local Council Secretariats. The Chairmen of the four Local Councils were very cooperative as they promptly volunteered spaces within their council complexes for the office project.

The architectural design for a uniform four office space bungalow was submitted to the contractors and work began. Today except for the Gokana Area Office that is nearing completion, the rest three offices in Eleme, Tai and Khana have been completed and commissioned for use. We have in the spirit of leveraging on

one of the core areas in our mandate to stimulate socio-economic development for the people, drawn up the manpower requirements that will run the offices. This is strategic and innovative to give the people a sense of belonging and acceptability of the project.

Several times when we are constrained by time and distance, work has had to drag on than necessary but all of that will be well taken care of with the operationalization of the area offices. Materials and personnel will now have a safe resort until mobilization. It will be our earnest appeal to the Ogoni community for which these offices are built that they protect the facilities and make the best use of them for their benefit and that of the project. The hitherto cost of reaching the project has been reduced as the people can now access

HYPREP office next door. We have indeed equipped the offices with communication gadgets that will facilitate instant link with the Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt. It is our way to ease and smoothen engagement and integration with the Ogoni communities.

We appreciate the Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi under whose watch this is achieved and for the immense support he has given to the Project Coordination Office. We also will appreciate the former Minister of Environment, now Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Mahmood Abubakar for the pioneering work he did on the area offices.

In the coming days more projects especially potable water will be delivered to more communities of Ogoniland.

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Dr. Giadom Cuts the Tape on HYPREP Area Office

# In this Issue

The world will convoke on the green city of Sharm el-Sheikh, South Sinai, Egypt this November for the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Conference of Parties of one hundred and ninety-eight countries will continue its advocacy for the industrialized nations to take bold and immediate actions towards cutting down on carbon emission which is largely responsible for climate change.

Nigeria is one of the signatories to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and will participate at the 27th session of the conference through the Federal Ministry of Environment.

Though not a major contributor to the global carbon emission index, Nigeria is taking decisive actions towards boosting carbon sequestration through its great green wall programme in the north and mangrove re-vegetation effort in the south of the country. The mangrove re-vegetation programme is being handled by the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) – an interventionist project under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Environment. HYPREP is on the Nigerian

contingent to COP 27 Egypt to showcase its programme of action to reversing climate change through mangrove forest restoration. The Project (HYPREP) plans to plant a total of five million mangrove seedlings in Ogoni wetland area. It is a restorative work to re-vegetate the once thriving mangrove forest decimated by oil pollution being a component of the mandate of the Project to clean-up oil rich Ogoniland in southern Nigeria.

The planned planting of the five million mangrove seedlings is the front page story of the November edition of the HYPREP Herald, which report is the outcome of a workshop on shoreline remediation organized by HYPREP to intimate stakeholders on the programme of activities of the project.

The message of 'greening the earth' is transgenerational that requires the younger ones to run with it. In this regard HYPREP is inaugurating Environmental Clubs known as 'Green Frontiers' in select Secondary Schools in Ogoniland. The inauguration of the club has been performed in three schools with more schools to be reached. The green frontiers are HYPREP's ambassadors to the larger Ogoni community.

We also bring in this edition, the report of the study tour of contaminated sites in the United Kingdom organised by UNEP to educate managers of the Ogoni clean up project using the success recorded on similar projects.

Other stories on national recognition of the Coordinator of the Project, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom for his professional service to the country in environmental remediation are included in this edition.

We have added a sonnet on the mangrove to call attention to the important role that the plant plays in the global effort to reduce carbon footprint. We enjoin you to go through the pages of the November issue for details of those reports and more.

Your feedback is anticipated and appreciated. You can reach us through our contacts at the back page.

## POETRY CORNER

### OILED MANGROVE

**By: Kpoobari Nafu**

Rhizophore sturdy home of crustaceans,  
Pride of Niger Delta snaky water.  
Adornment of our swampy coastlines and oceans.  
From your burrows, tables are served better,  
Food for our children and fuel for our home.  
Your roots, fishes take for maternity.  
Before you were untimely ferried home,  
By spoilers of gang confraternity,  
Who punctured crude nerves that worm through your womb.  
Your once bushy head is now bare hairless,  
Hung up like portrait in a lonely room.  
But your case is not in any way hopeless.  
Cleaners have come who chant remediation,  
Miracle, we pray manifestation.



# Project News

## HYPREP TO PLANT FIVE MILLION MANGROVE SEEDLINGS IN OGONI

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) having recorded appreciable success with its phase 1 batches 1 and 2 remediation contracts it awarded in 2019 and 2020 respectively for the clean-up of oil polluted simple sites (57 lots), has concluded plans to move into the remediation of the complex sites being the clean-up of the shorelines.

The remediation of this inter-tidal area will culminate in the re-vegetation of the damaged mangrove platforms that once formed a green cover for the aquatic lives that lived there. HYPREP is planning to plant about five million mangrove seedlings to restore the fragile ecosystem to a green belt of flora to accommodate life as it were. About 2196 hectares of shorelines, mudflats have already been mapped for the restorative exercise by the Shoreline Clean-up

Assessment Technique (SCAT) Team of HYPREP.

Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Giadom made this known during a sensitization workshop for shoreline clean-up held at the Gberesaakoo Hall, Gokana Local Government Council Secretariat, Kpor. The workshop, according to the Project Coordinator, which is the first in the series of scheduled activities to commence the shoreline remediation works, was organized to inform Ogoni stakeholders especially the impacted communities on the next phase of remediation works which is the clean-up of shoreline inter-tidal areas, and to prepare them ahead of time to benefit from the opportunities that would emanate from the project.

Dr. Giadom said that the anticipated shoreline remediation which is

classified under the semi-complex and complex sites will provide job opportunities for the people of Ogoni. In his words “It is the phase of remediation that most of you have been waiting for considering the vastness of pollution and damage to the saline environment and the swarming biodiversity that it hosts. In addition to that expectation is the fact that remediation in this area can generate multiplied job opportunities for our teeming youths and thus enhance their livelihoods and that of their dependents.”

The Project Coordinator informed the gathering that HYPREP in readiness for the take-off of the shoreline inter-tidal remediation has assessed a total area of 2,196 hectares and allotted it into 549 grids of 200m by 200m per grid in the coastal line areas of B-Dere, K-Dere, Kpor and Goi communities of Gokana Local Government Area which is arguably the largest mangrove ecosystem restoration effort in the world.

The HYPREP Boss hinted that HYPREP will be transparent and



Mangrove Seedlings in Nursery

Photo: HYPREP



principled in choosing the workforce that will be on site. He further stated that the Bodo Mediation Initiative (BMI) model of open balloting will be adopted in selecting sixty per cent the workers while the remaining forty per cent will be supplied by the community leadership.

He announced that the site workers who must be swim certified would be trained and certified in the International Maritime Organization (IMO Levels 1 and 2), while the site supervisors would be trained to IMO Level 3. Dr. Ferdinand noted that the IMO certification component of the shoreline remediation will empower the youths of Ogoni to work on similar shoreline remediation projects in any part of the world.

The Project Coordinator while intimating the people on the jobs to be carried out said the inter-tidal remediation will include the removal of oily soaked debris and stumps, raking of algae mats, removal of nipa palms, flushing of sediment, recovery of waste crude to treatment centres and the re-vegetation of mangrove, which will create jobs for those who will nurse mangrove seedlings, and advised the people of Ogoni to seize this opportunity to boost their income as the project will be requiring about five million mangrove seedlings.

He said that the shoreline clean-up exercise will engage both skilled and unskilled labour and that the size of the workforce would be determined by the quantum of work on each site.

Dr. Giadom appreciated the Chairmen of the four Local Government Areas of Ogoni for their continuous support towards the clean-up project and playing host to HYPREP at various times. He used the opportunity to appeal for patience and support of traditional rulers, political leaders, youths, and various interest groups to enable HYPREP deliver on its mandate of remediating the environment and restoring livelihoods of impacted communities.

“I will solicit the support of the

communities and the larger Ogoni community for HYPREP to achieve set goals and objectives. We need not fight ourselves rather we should close ranks at this time and work together. The doors of the Project Coordination Officer are open to you at any time for enquiries and whatever assistance we would be privileged to render to you” he stated.

## **CRAC, ZRC MEMBERS TRAINED IN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

In a bid to enhance service delivery as well as boost the capacity of members to effectively carry out their functions of ensuring a harmonious working relationship between HYPREP and Ogoni communities, the Hydrocarbon Pollution and Remediation Project (HYPREP) has put together a capacity training for members of its Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) and the Zonal Representative Committee (ZRC) in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Techniques at the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, Lagos, Nigeria.

Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Institute, Mrs. Shola Oshodi-John during the flag-off of the training stated that Alternative Dispute Resolution is geared towards complementing the Federal Government's Policy on ease of doing business, pointing out that the institute has capacity in equipping trainees with time tested techniques in dispute resolution. She said that the training is packed with all forms of ADR processes to suit the needs of the members of CRAC/ZRC to enable them resolve issues in the communities in which they operate.

At the end of the week long training, The Spokesperson of CRAC, HRH Mene Dr. Suanu Baridam appreciated the Project Coordinator, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom and the Management of HYPREP for the

training opportunity. “I want to appreciate the PC, who is doing everything to promote human capacity development and to ensuring that the people of Ogoni feel the impact of the Project. We have learnt a lot on negotiation, mediation, and community issues. Our work will improve significantly, and we will use the knowledge gained to ensure there is no breakdown of operation in HYPREP and the companies that are coming in the field.”

Similarly, King Samuel Nnee, Gbenemene Tua Tua Tai who doubles as a member of CRAC stated that the primary responsibility of CRAC is to maintain peace in communities where HYPREP is operating for a better working environment. He said that the training was impactful and that HYPREP will get return on investment. In his words, “we have been provided with the skill to enable us to make our people to understand the very reason for HYPREP. This programme is a call to duty, and we are going to use the knowledge gained back home, which will produce optimal result for the project.”

In his submission, HRH Mene Kadilo Kabari, the Paramount ruler of Barako – a benefitting community of HYPREP's water project, commended the Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi and Dr. Ferdinand Giadom on putting the Ogoni people at the centre of the Project and developing human capital through trainings in the implementation of the UNEP Report.

According to the monarch, exposing traditional rulers, members of CRAC and ZRC to robust sessions on dispute resolution, conciliation and mediation is putting the project on the path of success. He said that the beneficiaries of the training have been well equipped in conflict resolution. Mene Kabari assured the Federal Government and HYPREP of the support of the Ogoni people in their attempt to clean-up the Ogoni environment, and urged the Ferdinand



Participants at a Capacity Training for CRAC, ZRC, Others in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) at the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, Lagos, Nigeria

Giadom led administration to continually engage with the people of Ogoni. “The perception improves by the day and should be consolidated upon. We need to keep talking to our people about the project.”

HRH Mene Benjamin Kii, a member of the ZRC said the training has changed his perspective of traditional rulership.

“Being taught by the experts and listening to them has given me an insight into what I have been doing but in an unprofessional manner, but this

has become an eye opener for us to put things in the right perspective.”

He said that the knowledge gained from the training would be brought to bear on the functions of the ZRC.

The Paramount Ruler of Bera community and a member of the ZRC, HRH Mene Magnus Adumene in his submission expressed gratitude to President Muhammadu Buhari for keeping the promise he made to the people of Ogoni to implement the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report if he won

in the 2015 Presidential Election. He promised to share the knowledge he acquired with the chiefs of his community.

Participants were taken through a five-day intensive course on Arbitration, Mediation, Negotiation, Conciliation, Communication, and Legal Framework for Mediation. Moot sessions were held, where participants demonstrated various skills acquired in the course of the training.

## UNEP TAKES HYPREP OFFICIALS, OTHERS ON REMEDIATION STUDY TOUR IN UK

The Honourable Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi has said that the recent study tour of polluted sites and laboratories in the United Kingdom by a combined team of officials of the Ministry, HYPREP, industry regulators and members of the National Assembly was aimed at exposing handlers of the Ogoniland Clean-up to best practices that will enhance their performance back home.

Barr. Abdullahi who stated this at the commencement of the study tour in



Photo:HYPREP

An Official of ALS Briefing Handlers of the Ogoni Clean up Project on Visit to the Facility



London, United Kingdom, assured that the experience gained would be put into practice to ensure that the Ogoni clean-up project is a success.

“We must see the best thing exhibited here for our possible adoption back home so that we ensure that remediation exercises back in the country are world class, are in accordance with best practices and to also ensure that we indeed give a clean environment to the Ogoni people.”

Some of the landmark sites visited include the Australian Laboratory Service (ALS) in Wales, Hanson Cement Factory in Chester Flint shire, Dredging Environmental and Marine Remediation site in Glasgow. At the Australian Laboratory Services, the team was put through the processes in testing and certification of contaminated ground water and soil samples.

Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom who was on the study tour commended the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on organizing the study tour to broadening the knowledge of the team on environmental remediation.

On the team were Chairman of the Board of Trustees of HYPREP, Dr. Mike Nwielaghi, the Senator representing Rivers South-east Senatorial District, Dr. Barry Mpigi, the Member representing Khana/Gokana Federal Constituency at the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. Dumnamene Dekor, Manager of the SPDC Ogoni Restoration Project, Dr. Vincent Nwabueze and the Director General of the National Oil Spill Detection Response Agency, Mr. Idris O. Musa.

Others are Environment Rights Activist and Member of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Mr. Celestine Akpobari, another member of GC, Mr. George Feyii, Spokesperson of the Central Representative Advisory Committee of HYPREP, HRH Mene Dr. Suanu Baridam, HRH Stephen Kpea, and other officials of HYPREP and UNEP.



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Hon Minister of Environment, Barr. Mohammed Abdullahi in Company of other Team Members during the UK Study Tour



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L - R: Dr. Giadom, Dr. Nwielaghi, Sen. Mpigi, Barr. Abdullahi during the UK Study Tour

## ENGR. YOWIKA CELEBRATES DR. GIADOM ON AWARD OF MFR

### ...Hosts a Dinner for Him

Engineer John Eebu Yowika an entrepreneur and an illustrious son of Ogoniland has organized a reception for the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Dr. Ferdinand Dumbari Giadom on his investiture as a Member of the Order of the Federal Republic by His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari.

The dinner which was held at the Faarah Coffee Lounge in Port Harcourt had in attendance mentors, professional colleagues, members of the Board of Trustees, Governing Council, Central Representative Advisory Committee, and staff of HYPREP, family and friends of Dr. Giadom.

Engineer Yowika in his opening remarks said as an Ogoni man he takes pleasure in celebrating any Ogoni son or daughter who has distinguished himself or herself in one way or the other. He said that informed his putting together the dinner for Dr. Giadom on his conferment as a Member of the Order of the Federal Republic in recognition of his service to the nation as an environmental expert.

“I am an Ogoni son and I celebrate Ogoni. Once any Ogoni man or woman achieves a stride in life, I celebrate that person unless I am not aware of it, because we are a very deprived people. We have suffered a lot. So once any of us is recognized at the national level or by an institution, I celebrate the person. Dr. Giadom is a young man, and his national award is a thing of pride to us.”

He called on Ogoni people to keep the bond of brotherhood and forge a common front to attract development home as well as deal honestly in all their endeavours.

“Any level in life, we find ourselves, let us be honest. We are honest and straightforward people. Ogoni People



Engr. John Eebu Yowika

are not criminals, and the sky is our starting point for whatever we want to achieve. So, I want to encourage the young ones to be focused on every meaningful activity they are involved and also celebrate others on their success. I am only setting an example for them.”

Chairman, Board of Trustees of HYPREP, Dr. Mike Nwielaghi who graced the occasion commended the Dr. Giadom on the bold initiative to electrify Ogoniland, stressing that the funds to carry out the Ogoni Power Project and other deliverables of HYPREP are there.

“The effort he started by taking very ambitious projects for our people is commendable. The first being the Ogoni Power Project. After the Power up Ogoni, we will do the Centre of Excellence, after the Centre of Excellence, we will provide more fourteen water projects for our people, and we will also do the livelihood programmes. The funds for all these projects have been provided.”

Dr. Nwielaghi assured the Ogoni people that the funds in the custody of the Board are safe and would be used for the purpose earmarked but appealed to the people to exercise

some patience for HYPREP to deliver on its mandate.

“The Ogoni people's money is safe. No money has been spent other than what has been spent. So, I want our people to be patient. I will ask them to give the Project Coordinator some time. Let us bury the hatchet, let us not behave the way they say we behave. If we were complaining before of somebody who has not done so well or led well or who was not the type we thought of, now you have your own. Let us give benefit of the doubt to the one who is just coming and support him. This is an opportunity to let my people know that the Ogoni clean-up is on course. It could have been delayed because of the procurement processes and of course you must go by the rule of the procurement process of the country.”

The awardee and special guest at the dinner, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom thanked his host, Engr. John Eebu Yowika for the honour and pledged his renewed dedication and commitment to the cause and development of Ogoniland.

“If I dedicated say - sixteen to eighteen hours a day to the cause of Ogoniland, I will now work nineteen



to twenty hours a day. The Power Project is the focal point of our economic development. We shall provide this power to all Ogoni communities. We have reached an advanced stage. And as Chairman of HYPREP BOT said, the funding that will support this project has already been released by the Shell Petroleum Development Company and we have no excuse.”

Dr. Giadom stated that the new projects of HYPREP also include the construction of a specialist hospital to address the health needs of the Ogoni people. In his words:

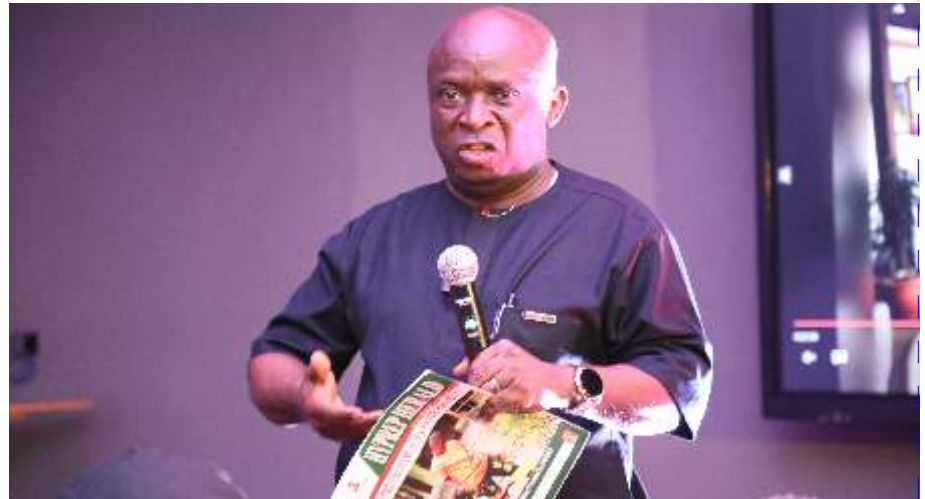
“Again, because the health of the people has been seriously compromised, we plan to build a hundred bed specialist hospital that will address the needs of the people. What we will do is something that you will be proud of. There are other projects that we have lined up. Like they say, Rome was not built in a day and so, I appeal to everyone here, and our friends who are outside, to have patience with us. All that we promised, we will deliver on them.”

He thanked President Buhari for appointing him the Project Coordinator of HYPREP and for honouring him with the national award of a Member of the Order of the Federal Republic.

Monsignor John K. Wangbu who has been a mentor and priest to Dr. Giadom expressed joy at the height the



Monsignor John K. Wangbu



Dr. Mike Nwielaghi

young boy he brought up has attained in life. He recalled that Dr. Giadom is among several others who attended the Sacred Heart Seminary, Rumuibekwe that have done the school proud.

“This father is happy when he sees his son growing and growing and even growing more than himself. I was so elated that as young as he is, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will recognize him. Only a few of them have been so recognized from his class for national honours, though many of them have become Professors and Commissioners. And that is why I'm happy that I can look back and see those I tutored, being elevated to an unimaginable height.”

The respected Priest urged him to bring home more honours and work towards re-writing the history of his people.

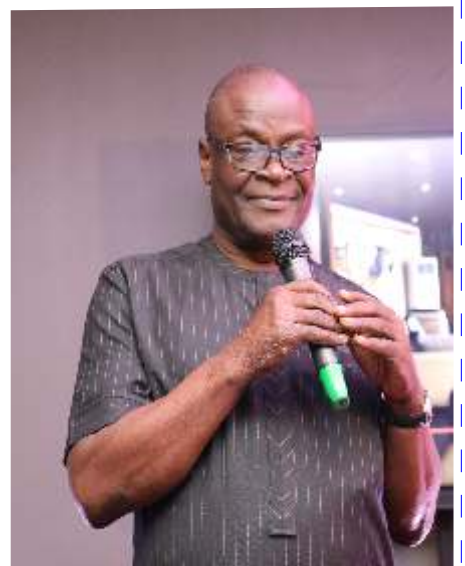
Present at the event were, some serving members of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Dr. Fred Kpakol and Mr. Celestine Akpobari. Also present were some members of the Central Representative Advisory Committee of HYPREP, HRH Mene Dr. Suanu Baridam, Mr. Nakwaasah Otua Hart and a former member of the Governing Council of HYPREP, Prof. Ben Naanen. The rest are, a mentor to Dr. Giadom, Prof. T.K.S. Abam, international journalist and columnist, Donu Kogbara, Chief Pricilla Vikue, HRH Mene Kadilo Kabari and Mrs

Florence Kpoobe.

Within the space of a week, Dr Ferdinand Giadom was given three awards – the Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR), Fellow of the National Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (FNAEGE) and Environmentalist of the year 2022.

And immediately after the award of Member of the Order of the Federal Republic by President Buhari, a member of the Board of Trustees of HYPREP, Adokiye Ikpoki organized a mini reception for Dr. Giadom at his Abuja residence.

The reception drew a circle of friends of both Adokiye Ikpoki and Dr. Ferdinand Giadom.



Prof. Joseph Vipene

## DR. GIADOM IS COMMITTED TO OGONI DEVELOPMENT – SENATOR ABE

Senator Magnus Abe – the Governorship Candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in Rivers State has expressed admiration at the innovative and enterprising approach adopted by Dr. Ferdinand Giadom in the implementation of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Report on Ogoniland.

Senator Abe expressed his position in Port Harcourt, Nigeria at the dinner organized for Dr. Giadom in celebration of the national honour conferred on the HYPREP Project Coordinator.

He stated that Dr. Giadom is a perfect interpreter of the recommendations contained in the UNEP report on Ogoniland, maintaining that where others saw impossibility in the implementation of the report, Dr Giadom sees vast opportunities for the development of Ogoniland, which he said is a justification of his earlier position that HYPREP could be used as a special purpose vehicle for the



Sen. Magnus Abe

upliftment of the living condition of the Ogoni people.

“Today, we are gathered here to celebrate a friend, a brother, and most importantly, somebody who is committed to doing what is right for his people at the right time. A lot of you may not remember the history of the Ogoni clean up and I will say a few

words about the history of the Ogoni clean up and how we got to where we are. When we talked about the clean-up. And we talked about how we got to the point we got to, people will remember that we went around Ogoni with a slogan, \$1 billion. And our promise to the Ogoni people was that when this thing happens, our lives will change. Because of that, I made a personal commitment that I will take no benefit from HYPREP, so that I will be able to say the truth. And when we saw the way HYPREP was going we talked about leaving lasting legacies for our people. We talked about power. We talked about health. We talked everything we talked about, and they said it was not in the report.”

“And then a young man comes up, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom. Suddenly, all those things that were not in the report are now possible. Ogoni people are looking forward to a specialist hospital. We are looking forward to power for every Ogoni community. We are looking forward to all the things that we have thought and prayed about. The things that they said were not possible and could not be done. Today, we stand here to hear that those things will be done, because we have somebody with the right frame of mind, the right attitude, the right actions at a time when we need it most. That is why I came here today to celebrate you.”

Senator Abe urged the HYPREP helmsman not to relent in his determination to bequeath a legacy of industrialization and development to the Ogoni people. “You may have been surprised when the people called you from the Federal Ministry of Special Duties to say, they are giving you a national award. We are not surprised, you deserve it. And by the time you finish what you are doing here, you will get international awards. So, I congratulate you. I urge you not to rest on your oars to do more.”



Mr. Igo Weli



Similarly, a Director in Shell and friend of the celebrant, Igo Weli recalled his working experience with Dr. Giadom and how very rewarding it was. In his words:

“I led the Shell team driving the Bodo clean-up since 2015 and I am so happy because Ferdinand was a key member of that team and whatever success, we are recording there today his input is critical to that success. I told this to my country chair and said, country chair, the first thing you notice is that the quality of these people is very high. I really appreciate you and I am not really surprised that you are getting all this recognition that you are getting. Together with Dr. Giadom and the rest of the team we broke a lot of new grounds, and we broke some records also by the excellent outcomes being recorded in the Bodo clean-up.”

Igo enjoined Dr. Giadom look beyond the present achievement and strive for more success as he has both the intellectual capability and character to achieve more.

“I celebrate with you today my friend and I believe that this recognition you got from the President of the country is a call to duty. Now you have no choice, you must succeed, so, if before you were having any doubt, the doubt should go away. Failure is not an option, you must succeed. A member of the Order of the Federal Republic can not afford to fail in an important national assignment as the Ogoni clean-up. My friend, Dr. Giadom is an excellent intellectual, academic, and professional. You need to listen to him, and you will get carried away. To be honest, each time I think about you my friend, what come to the fore is your humility, openness, an unassuming nature, and office has not changed that. When he got this appointment as Project Coordinator, he called me and said, Igo, this is what has happened, I am coming to see you, and he came.”

“You have achieved so much but there is still a lot you can achieve. Use this as a platform to achieve more. You have not yet arrived, there is a lot of better news coming for you. You have all it

takes to make history and you have an opportunity ahead of you to do just that. And finally, all of us - his family, friends, and well-wishers, please let us support him.”

Also Prof. Joseph Vipene an associate of Dr. Giadom called on the Ogoni people to give him the necessary support that will enable him deliver on his assignment.

“Let our writings be positive and be things that will support this young man to succeed. The project is ours, let us not see it as if we are dragging each other. For once let us get some light within the Ogoni community that has been neglected for this long. We thank God for the blessing of light that has come to Ogoni in the person of Dr. Giadom and I wish him well.”

Several other speakers extolled the brilliance and capacity of Dr. Giadom and expressed the confidence that he will do a good work as Project Coordinator of HYPREP.



L-R: Mr. Otua Hart Nakwaasah, Sen. Magnus Abe, Donu Kogbara, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom, Chief Priscilla Vikue during the Reception for Dr. Giadom on His National Award



## **HYPREP INAUGURATES GREEN FRONTIERS' CLUB IN SELECT SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

As part of efforts to inculcate environment stewardship in youths of Ogoni, The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has inaugurated Environmental club - The Green Frontiers, in select Secondary Schools in Ogoni beginning from Khana Local Government Area.

The schools where the HYPREP Environment Clubs have been inaugurated are, Birabi Memorial Grammar School (BMGS) Bori, Ken Poly Comprehensive Secondary School, Bori, and Community

Secondary School, Bori. The “Green Frontier” club members were inaugurated by the Head, Livelihood Unit of HYPREP, Mrs Josephine Nzidee.

Mrs Nzidee addressing the newly inaugurated club members, said that the club was established with the aim of expanding the frontiers of environmental consciousness in students and by extension improving the state of the environment for quality living.

She charged the newly inaugurated

club members to see themselves as HYPREP ambassadors to the communities. “The objective of this club is for you to support HYPREP in sensitizing the Ogoni community on what HYPREP is doing in respect to cleaning up the environment”.

She enjoined them to initiate activities that will make the environment a better place to live in and promised that HYPREP will equip the club with tools to enable them carry out their functions effectively.

She educated members on the core



**Members of Environmental Club, BMGS Bori with HYPREP Staff**



four thematic working areas of HYPREP which are: remediation of impacted sites, provision of alternative livelihood, provision of potable water and health impact study. Mrs Nzidee hinted that HYPREP will from time to time engage experts to lecture them on the environment.

While congratulating the newly inaugurated members, Head Communications, HYPREP, Kpoobari Nafu enjoined them to stay away from practices and activities that cause harm to the environment especially illegal oil bunkering and refining which he said are major causes of environmental pollution and ill health.

Mr. Nafu urged the students to imbibe the culture of cleanliness and protection of the environment as that will go a long way to fast track the realization of the mandate of HYPREP in remediation.

On his part, Head Stakeholders' Engagements, Mr. Enuolare Mba-Nwigoh expressed hope that the club would advance the interest of HYPREP and bring the project closer to the people. He stressed the need for club members to be worthy ambassadors of the Project and noted that HYPREP will provide all the information that would be needed for members to excel in their tasks.

The event featured the election of the Club ExcOs - the President, Secretary and Public Relations Officer. The following persons were appointed to

serve in various capacities:

**Comprehensive Secondary School**

**Bori:**

President: Dumsuka Barilee  
 Secretary: Esther Prince Ledum  
 PRO: Lucky Muekara Godsgift

**Community Secondary School**

**Bori:**

President: Favour Eretor  
 Secretary: Esther Kpobari

PRO: Dumbari Loveday

**Birabi Memorial Grammar**

**School Bori**

President: Sylvanus Faith  
 Secretary: Koale Barine  
 PRO: Dornubari Doris

Highpoint of the event was the branding of club members by the Head, Livelihood HYPREP. The event will be replicated in the other



Members of Environmental Club, CSS Bori with HYPREP Staff



Members of Environmental Club, Ken Poly Secondary School Bori with HYPREP Staff

# Facts About HYPREP

## ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE Ogoni TRUST FUND

**(1) The Ogoni Trust Fund shall be managed by a Board of Trustees answerable to the Minister.**

**(2) The Board of Trustees shall consist of the following -**

- a. Chairperson to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;
- b. Minister of State for Environment
- c. Minister of Finance
- d. Minister of State for Petroleum Resources / Group Managing Director, NNPC
- e. Participating International Oil Companies (SPDC, AGIP and TOTAL)
- f. two representatives from Ogoniland;
- g. one representative of other communities in the Niger Delta and two alternates;
- h. one representative of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are active in environmental matters, and
- i. one representative of the United Nations Environmental Programme ( U N E P ) as an observer.

**(3) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall be a person of proven integrity and experience in financial management.**

**(4) The supplementary provisions set out in the Second Schedule to this Notice shall apply in relation to the**

**proceedings of the Board of Trustees and other matters therein specified.**

**(5) Tenure of office of Board of Trustees**

Members of the Board of Trustees, other than the ex officio members, shall hold office-

- (a) on part-time basis for a term of 4 years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of 4 years and no more; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letter of appointment.

**(6) Cessation of membership of the Board of Trustees**

A member of the Board of Trustees shall cease to be a member where the member -

- (a) resigns appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees by notice, written by the member and

- addressed to the Minister;
- (b) ceases to be a representative of the entity the member represents;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind;
- (d) becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with creditors;
- (e) is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty or corruption;
- (f) becomes incapable of performing official duties either arising from an infirmity of mind or body; or
- (g) the President is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Trust Fund or public for the person to continue in office as a member.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Trustees, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the predecessor, and the successor shall represent the same interest as the predecessor.



**Front View of HYPREP Area Office**

Photo:HYPREP



# CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. FERDINAND GIADOM (MFR) AND HIGH CHIEF NENGI JAMES (OON)

The Management and Staff of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) deeply appreciate the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR) on the several approvals of big-ticket projects for the Ogoni people under the Ogoni Clean-up Project. We are grateful for upcoming projects like the Ogoni Power Project, the Ogoni Specialist Hospital, the Centre of Excellence in Environmental Restoration, among others.



Dr. Ferdinand Giadom being Conferred MFR  
by President Muhammadu Buhari

We are equally grateful to His Excellency for the recent conferment of Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR) on the Project Coordinator, Dr Ferdinand Dumbari Giadom. Thank you, Your Excellency, and congratulations to Dr. Ferdinand Dumbari Giadom on the well-deserved national honour in recognition of your meritorious service to your fatherland and on the second honour that came the day after as Fellow of the National Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (FNAEGE). May you attain more lofty heights in your career as an environmental expert.



High Chief Nengi James (OON)

Congratulations also to the Member of the Central Representative Advisory Committee of HYPREP, High Chief Nengi James on the conferment of the Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) on you by the President. We celebrate you!

From Management and Staff of HYPREP

# SAFETY TIPS

## SAFETY TIPS ON HOW TO PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS IN THE WORKPLACE

**Slips**



**Trips**



**Falls**



The best way to prevent slips, trips, and falls is to be vigilant in your daily work habits. While this may seem overwhelming and probably too much to remember, there are some basic steps that you can take to protect yourself, colleagues and your employees from these hazards.

**Here are some tips to help reduce the chances that you, your colleagues and probably your employees will suffer a slip, trip, or fall while at work:**

- Make sure the area where you work is clean and free of clutter. If you have to use boxes, make sure they are stacked neatly and are the appropriate size for the area.
- Keep floors free of debris. Make sure that mud and puddles are cleaned up quickly and that the floor is dry.
- Wear the proper footwear for the job. If your job requires you to work on a slick surface, make sure to wear non-slip shoes. If you have to walk on a wet surface, rubber boots may be a better option.
- Know when to take a break. Take short breaks if you are working on a slippery surface and take frequent breaks if you are working on a wet surface.
- Stay alert and watch your surroundings.





## Standards For Slip, Trip And Fall Hazards

- 01 Slip-resistant surfaces must be maintained**
- 02 When wet conditions are expected, appropriate flooring must be used**
- 03 Loose materials must be removed**
- 04 Unfixed cracks must be repaired**
- 05 Unfixed holes must be plugged**
- 06 Broken glass must be removed. - Hazards must be eliminated**
- 07 A warning sign must be put up if there is a serious risk of a fall.**
- 08 A sign must be put up if there is a minor risk of a fall.**

### Conclusion

Slips, trips, and falls are one of the most common types of non-occupational injuries. These hazards can be avoided by taking the proper precautions. To prevent slips, trips, and falls, you can keep the work area clean and free of clutter, use slip-resistant surfaces, provide appropriate footwear, and provide regular first aid training to your employees. By following these tips, you can protect yourself, colleagues, and your employees from these hazards.

# PICTURES OF THE MONTH



L-R: Ugwu Emeka James, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom, Dr. Fred Kpakol during the Reception for Dr. Giadom on His National Award



L-R: Celestine Akpobari, Dr. Ferdinand Giadom, Hon. Confidence Deko at HYPREP Shoreline Remediation Workshop



Extended Family Members of Dr. Ferdinand Giadom During the Reception for His National Award



L - R: Sen. Magnus Abe, HRH Mene Kadilo Kabari During the Reception for Dr. Giadom on His National Award



Associates of Dr. Ferdinand Giadom During the Reception for His National Award



Family & Friends of Dr. Ferdinand Giadom During the Reception for His National Award



Guests at the Commissioning of Eleme HYPREP Area Office



Dr. Ferdinand Giadom taking Chiefs and Leaders of Tai on Guided Tour of HYPREP Area Office



# Shun Illegal Oil Refining It Destroys the Environment

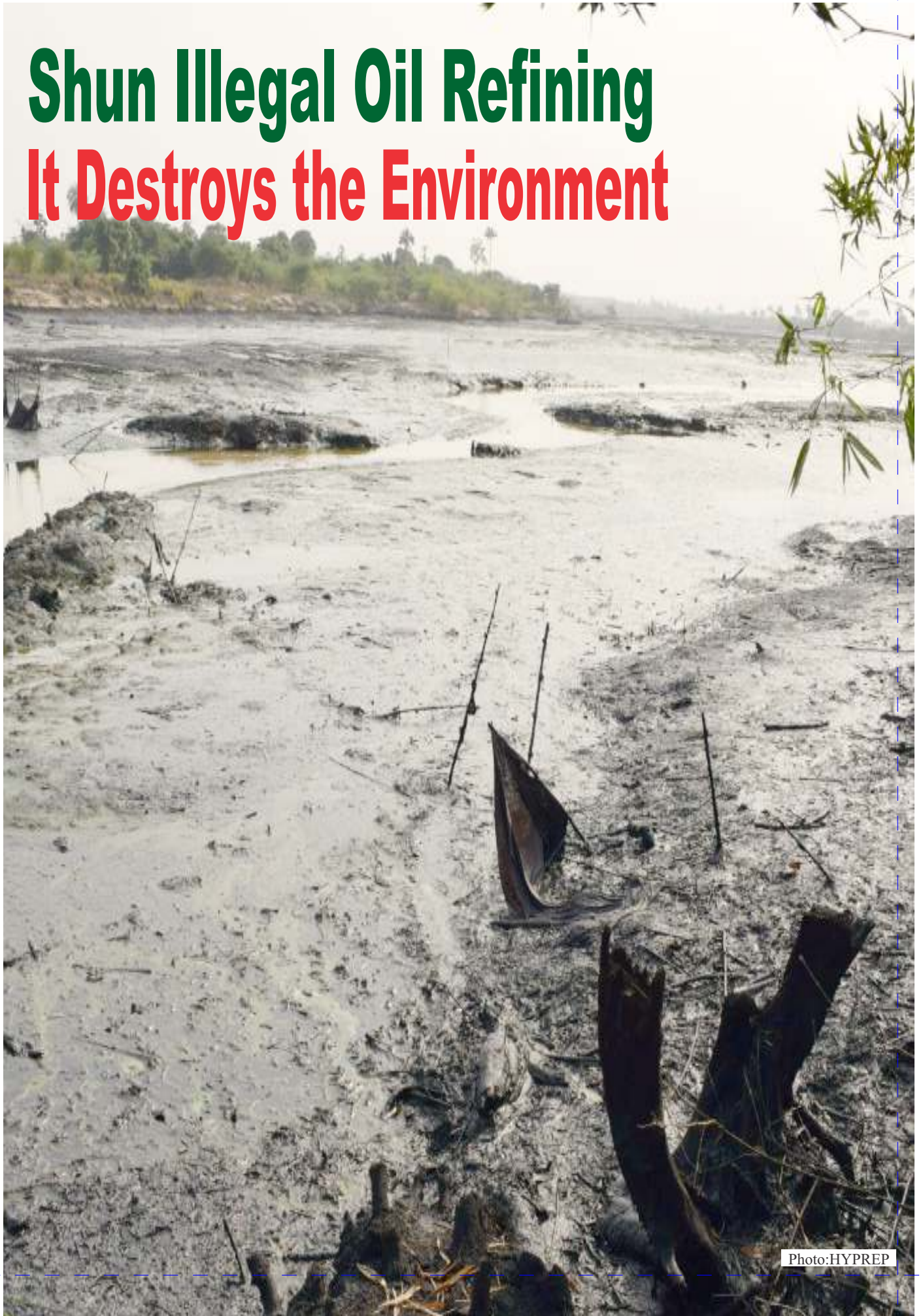


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## **THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARBLE**

**The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.**

**- Pope John Paul II**

**Remediated Land**

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**... for a cleaner and greener Ogoniland**

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