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Message from the Executive Director

The year 2023 was eventful for ANEEJ as our interventions were prominent in different areas such as the environment and climate change, peace building, security and crime prevention, asset recovery, budget transparency, anti-corruption, debt and development. All the interventions were part of the organization's efforts to achieving its mission of Africa without poverty. This annual report highlights significant accomplishments made by the organization while working collaboratively with other organizations, partners, and donors.

The monitoring of the utilization of \$322.5m recovered Abacha loot under the Monitoring of Recovered Assets in Nigeria through Transparency and Accountability (MANTRA) project was concluded in 2023. The MANTRA Model has gained traction globally and has been acknowledged as a global best practice for citizens participation in asset recovery and management. ANEEJ final report was presented during the 10th session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption which took place in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, from December 11-15th, 2023. With the implementation of the MANTRA project, ANEEJ was able to demonstrate the application of GFAR Principles.

We are glad that our strategic engagement with investors and shareholders of oil and gas companies as part of our environment and climate change projects, has yielded result. Today, investors are beginning to realize the bad side of fossil fuel and they are gradually withdrawing their funding. This year we will sustain our pressure on government, oil and gas companies and their investors to support the quest for a just energy transition. We are encouraged by the decision of Church of England, a major investor in Shell and other oil companies, to stop funding fossil fuel projects, as the Church rightly accused the oil companies of abandoning climate commitment for short term profit and announced investment shifted to the demand side – manufacturing of electric car etc. This decision will in the long run contribute to reducing the negative impact of climate change in the lives of the people.

As part of ANEEJ contribution to peace, security and crime prevention, the organization supported over 288 youths and 544 students in 6 communities in Bayelsa and Edo States with psycho-social support through resilience building messages against serious and organized crimes and with different vocational skills to reduce their vulnerability against crime such as cultism, cybercrime, irregular migration, and drug abuse.

Our work on debt and development is progressing as we carried interventions and campaigns to build citizens capacity and awareness on rechannelling of the Special drawing Rights and debt relief issues to help citizens make informed demand on government to end debt crisis which is one of the major challenges in Nigeria and West Africa.

We will sustain the work in 2024 and explore other areas that supports our vision and mission. Our profound gratitude is extended to our Donors, who gave ANEEJ the funding necessary to carry out intervention. Without them, we would not have been able to carry out these interventions and produce these outcomes. We express our gratitude to the following organizations: Brot Fur die Welt (Bread for the World), Africa Center for Energy Policy, Africa Climate Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Pallidum and USAID, SUNRISE Project, Swiss Embassy, TAG International, OSIWA and AFRODAD. We are also grateful to our and other public institutions that implement some of the recommendations from our reports and advocacy effort, CSO partners, community organizations, youths, women and the media.

Our Mission, Vision and Core Values



THEMATIC AREAS

Aid and Development
 Cross Cutting Issues - Gender & Socio-Inclusion
 Governance and Anti-corruption
 Environmental Justice
 Migration and Global program

Our Donors and Partners

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TAG International



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PROJECT**



**Africa
Centre for
Energy Policy**

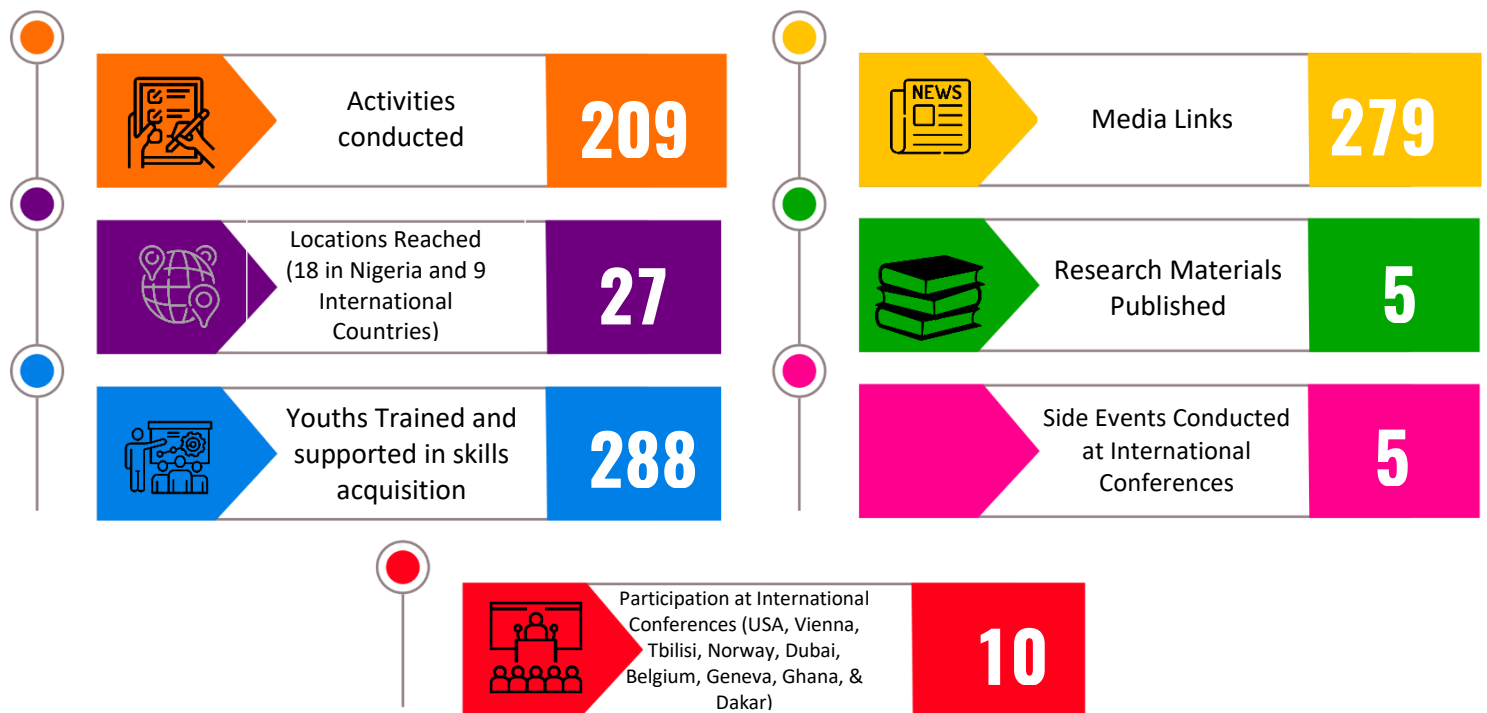


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Summary of Key Intervention



Summary of Results Achieved



- MANTRA Model acknowledge as global best practice for citizen participation in asset return and management at the 10th session of the Conference of States parties to the United Nations Convention Against corruption in Atlanta, Georgia, USA- December 11-15th, 2023. The MANTRA project engaged more than 1460 field monitors and completed the validation of over 10% of beneficiaries of \$322.5 million return Abacha loot disbursed to 1.9 million poor and vulnerable Nigerians under the National Cash Transfer Programme.
- Increased evidence on Nigeria's implementation of international anti-corruption commitments through the assessment of GFAR and London Anti-Corruption commitments.
- The National Social Security Commission (NASSCOM) bill for the Regulation, Management And Administration Of Social Security Benefits And Services, And Other Related Matters passed into Law in 2023.
- ANEEJ supported the development of the draft Anambra State Social protection Bill. There was also increased commitment by Sub-national governments to social protection issues.



- 📌 Oil and Gas in the Niger Delta responded ANEEJ recommendations through the USAID-SCALE project. The publishing journal on its activities, updates of official website with project information, review of funding mechanisms, among other areas.
- 📌 Declining investors support for fossil fuel projects have been observed through the intervention of ANEEJ and other organisations. The Church of England withdrew their investment from Shell, others accusing them of abandoning climate commitment for short term profit and shifted investment to the demand side – manufacturing of electric car. More investors like the Dutch healthcare pension fund PFZW have also dump some oil companies for lack of credible climate strategy.
- 📌 A total of over 288 youths and 544 students in Bayelsa and Edo States diverted and disengaged from cultism, cybercrime, irregular migration and drug abuse through resilience trainings and vocational skills.
- 📌 Increased knowledge of Stakeholders advocating for a debt relief, transparency, and accountability in the management of debts in West Africa for Nigeria and other West African Countries through publication of written articles.
- 📌 ANEEJ conducted three side events in partnership with Star initiative, World bank, Spotlight on corruption institute and East West Management Institute to showcase the MANTRA success story at the 10th session of the Conference of States parties to the United Nations Convention Against corruption in Atlanta, Georgia, USA- December 11-15th, 2023.
ANEEJ co-organized a side event with Climate and Energy Environmental Defense, Canada titled 'Addressing Oil and Gas sectors Liabilities and Decommissioning in the Energy Transition' on the 5th of December at COP 28 held in Dubai.





Program Area 1: Democracy and good governance

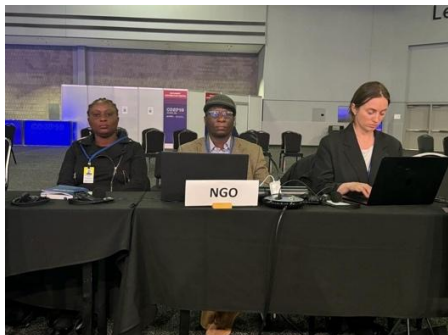
Anti-corruption and Asset Recovery

Enhanced citizen participation in anti-corruption initiatives and Nigeria's asset recovery and management framework

The inclusion of CSOs in the monitoring of the return \$322.5 million Abacha loot disbursed under the conditional cash transfer programme of the Federal government of Nigeria was facilitated through ANEEJ engagement with federal ministry of Justice and the establishment of the MANTRA project. The MANTRA Model which demonstrated CSOs participation in promoting transparency and institutional reforms in the disbursement of the fund was a acknowledge as global best practice in Asset Return management at the 10th session of the Conference of States parties to the United Nations Convention Against corruption in Atlanta, Georgia, USA- December 11-15th, 2023. ANEEJ Executive Director, Rev David Ugolor, made presentation on the implementation of the GFAR Principles through the MANTRA project in Nigeria at the GFAR Action Series segment at the StAR Day.

The MANTRA intervention monitored the disbursement of \$322.5M to over 1.9million poor Nigerians at the upstream level, engaged more than 1460 field monitors and completed the validation of over 10% of beneficiaries of the fund in 35 States and FCT, as it kept track of the disbursement between 2018 to 2023. The MANTRA model also demonstrated Nigeria commitment to the implementation of four GFAR principles (4,5,9 & 10) and the London Anti-corruption commitment.

Other ANEEJ intervention during the 10th session of the COSP aimed at strengthening asset return and promoting compensation for victims of corruption includes delivering a statement at the plenary session under Agenda 6; Asset Recovery and international cooperation. The presentation was on "GFAR; From principle to Action, the case of MANTRA". Organized a second side event by in collaboration with Spotlight on corruption on "the compensation of victims of corruption. The presentation was mainly on the Glencore case and the need for compensation of victims of corruption in Nigeria and Congo. While the last side event organized by ANEEJ in partnership with East West Management Institute was on the NEAT Initiative. The theme was "Exploring Multi-faceted approaches to prevent corruption and enhance accountability.





ANEEJ MANTRA report presentation and participation at CoSP 10/Launch of the NEAT Initiative in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Promoting Stronger institutions to fight corruption through Research- Based Advocacy

The overall success rating of a public sector operation is based on assessments, thus the process of producing the annual report of assessment of the Implementation of Nigeria's international Anti-Corruption/Asset Recovery commitments (including GFAR and London Anti-Corruption commitments) by ANEEJ with the purpose of ascertaining the extent of Nigeria's implementation of the commitments invariably put a mandatory task on government and the relevant institutions.

One key institutional reform celebrated and acknowledged at the COSP 10 event in Atlanta is Nigeria's commitment to the adoption of the Beneficial Ownership and transparency in asset recovery. The consistency of Nigerian CSOs engagements include ANEEJ with stakeholders in extractive sector over the years contributed to the adoption of Beneficial ownership register in Nigeria today.

The study made numerous findings in critical areas like average rating of the implementation of anti-corruption commitments, inadequate knowledge and awareness of stakeholders, operational dependency of the Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs), weak implementation of existing legislative framework, Political interference, poor Coordination of anti-corruption activities, poor collaboration and partnership, inadequate funding of ACAs among other things and several recommendations were made to be implemented for full implementation of Nigeria's international anti-corruption commitments, including urgent development and deployment of the Beneficial Ownership Portal etc.

Similarly, key results were also achieved at the sub-national levels with respect to oil and gas institutions in the Niger Delta region under the "*Enhancing Anti-corruption and Social Inclusive Reform Initiatives in Nigeria*" project implemented by ANEEJ. This was made possible through ANEEJ research reports that was used to engage the institutions to comply to the recommendations in the research report.

Specifically, Edo State Oil and Gas Producing Areas Development Commission (EDSOGPADEC) updated project information on its official website. The Imo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (ISOPADEC) have a functional website and the Abia State Oil Producing Development Commission (ASOPADEC) published a journal that contains the commission activities, executed in the past five years. ASOPADEC now also have a website where it is sharing information with the public. The governor is considering an upward review of funding to the Commission from the statutory 13% derivation accruing to the state monthly to enable the commission to have adequate resources to finance its programmes and projects in the State.



Engagement visits to Chairman, ISOPADEC and ASOPADEC in Imo and Abia States respectively.

Aid Effectiveness

ANEEJ began intervention aimed at increasing the knowledge of CSOs and Media on the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) through organizing high-level conferences and workshops to build their capacity to trigger improved reportage on SDRs and debt issues in both print and electronic media in Nigeria.

First, through one of the projects implemented by ANEEJ and AFRODAD, ANEEJ intervention led to increase the knowledge and awareness of critical stakeholders on the various mechanisms of SDR allocation and the need for transparency and accountability in the use of SDRs in African Countries.

Secondly, ANEEJ continue the training and advocacy of a transparent and accountable management of Special Drawing Rights and other global financing instruments for a faster and increased sustainable financing for a green and economic recovery in Nigeria and Ghana under the OSF-Africa project implemented by ANEEJ in partnership with OSIWA. Many of the stakeholders were trained on SDR and debt issues and how to lead campaign in their various constituencies.

The major results achieved were increased knowledge among many stakeholders advocating for a debt relief, transparency and accountability in the management of debts in West Africa for Nigeria and other West African Countries through publication of written articles.

- ↳ -<https://guardian.ng/business-services/stakeholders-seek-debt-relief-for-nigeria-other-african-countries/>
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[https://www.netzeroinvestor.net/news-and-views/chandra-gopinathan-on-bondholder-stewardship-we-have-to-create-new-accountability-mechanisms.](https://www.netzeroinvestor.net/news-and-views/chandra-gopinathan-on-bondholder-stewardship-we-have-to-create-new-accountability-mechanisms)

On the 8th of December, ANEEJ joined Civil Society action at the Expo Center calling for the cancellation of Debt of poor countries to enable them to meet their climate obligations to end global warming calling on all creditors to cancel illegitimate debts owed poor countries. On the strength of these developments, ANEEJ issued a press statement which was widely circulated welcoming the operationalization of the loss and damage funds and the pragmatic move to phase out fossil fuel.



Panel discussion and group photo of participants at the 2-day National Conference on Debt and Development.

Social Inclusion and Investment

ANEEJ continued to push for improved implementation and awareness and on social investment protection (SIPs) by the federal and increased advocacy on domestication of the policy at sub national governments.

One of the key interventions at the Federal level is the submission of five-point observations and five recommendations to the Senate Committee to the proposed bill for An Act to Establish the National Social Security Commission (NASSCOM) For the Regulation, Management and Administration of Social Security Benefits and Services, And Other Related Matters.

The bill was passed into law in 2023, also, the one-year action plan of the draft Anambra State Social protection Bill (April 2022-April 2023) for the State stakeholders is still in practice showing government continuous support for the implementation of SIP and increased commitment by Sub-national governments to social protection policy.



ANEEJ ED, Rev David Ugolor, flanked by government and CSO representatives at a National conference on SIP in Abuja.



Program Area 2: Migration and Global Program

Livelihood and Psycho-social support

Reaching out to vulnerable youths in the Society with psycho-social support and livelihood skills to prevent young person's participation in serious and organized crimes which is ravaging the society today was one of the priorities of the organization as stated in ANEEJ strategic plan.

ANEEJ through the Brighter futures project completed two interventions in 2023 in Edo and Bayelsa states reaching over a total of 288 youths and 544 students from 6 schools located within 6 communities in both states with psycho - social support and livelihood to divert and disengage them from crime.

This was achieved through resilience building messages centred around behavioural change, increased social skills and participation in recreational activities such sports and empowering them with different vocational skills and entrepreneurship training to reduce their vulnerability to crime such as cultism, cybercrime, irregular migration and drug abuse. There was also increased government supports to target beneficiaries in both states for instance, the government of Bayelsa State through the ministry of youths provided starter pack to some target beneficiaries.

ANEEJ intervention in both states also included series of micro campaigns held on the streets to sensitize young people in the states on the dangers of participation in crime couple with the monthly radio programs anchored by NEEM Foundation, another partner of the Brighter futures project.





Photos of target beneficiaries engaged by TAG team, delivery partners and during sports activities in Edo and Bayelsa State.



Program Area 3: Environment and Climate justice

Supporting countries to keep up with the rising costs associated with the climate crisis was one of the organization's core areas of intervention that spans from raising awareness, building citizens capacity and most especially engaging direct investors of fossil fuel in the Niger Delta of Nigeria.

ANEEJ press statements directed to the Church of England calling on them to withdraw their investment in Shell as the oil company abandoned climate commitment for short term profit. Also, consistently mobilizing the people's AGM platform members to engage industry players and government Ministries during the 6th Nigeria International Energy Summit (NIES) to discuss and take resolution on concrete issues affecting the people of Niger Delta and other frontline communities suffering environmental degradation and loss of livelihood due to oil and gas exploration activities.

These advocacy in the climate sector continue with other prominent investors who were targeted and engaged which led to the people of Niger -Delta Delegation led by ANEEJ Executive Director, Rev David Ugolor to visit Norway to engage the Norwegian fund, one of the biggest investments in fossil fuel in the region. These engagements was further strengthened with ANEEJ participation at COP 28 in Dubai and co-organized side event with Climate and Energy Environmental Defense, Canada titled 'Addressing Oil and Gas sectors Liabilities and Decommissioning in the Energy Transition' on the 5th of

December at conference of party, COP 28 of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

All these interventions made the Church of England shift investment to the demand side – manufacturing of electric car etc. Consideration of Norwegian oil fund stakeholders, increased CSOs participation and over \$400 million was raised, host country UAE and Germany both pledged \$100m (£79m) to the loss and damage startup fund, which will aim to keep up with the rising costs caused by extreme weather and slow-onset disasters such as sea level rise, ocean acidification and melting glaciers during COP 28 meeting held in Dubai are some of the important milestones achieved.



GIF of ANEEJ delegation to Norway to engage the Norwegian oil fund on Shell's irresponsible investment in the Niger Delta.



Program Area 5: Human Rights

Human Rights Awareness and People's Action




ANEEJ has been in fore front of human rights protection especially in the Niger Delta where they have been demanding justice for victims of environmental degradation and destruction of livelihoods of the locals.

In pursuit of our work in advancing human rights protection, ANEEJ is building a partnership Centre for Civil and Political Rights (CCPR Centre), Geneva during the organization engagement meeting with the Director of the Center in Geneva last year. The discussion was center around the UN tools for tracking and reporting of Rights abuses and violations in the country so that victims can seek redress in appropriate quarters.

The Director of the CCPR center in Geneva promised to partner with ANEEJ in the fight against corruption and to provide every assistance needed in the area of civil and human rights. He presented copies of their annual reports and some UN Human Rights documents to ANEEJ.



Key Challenges

-  **The Controversial Naira redesign policy:** At the heat of the campaign for the 2023 general elections, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) came up with the Naira redesign policy which was intended to check counterfeiting, strengthen the economy, reduce expenditure on cash management, promote financial inclusion and enhance the CBN's visibility of the money supply. However, there was acute cash crunch following the poor implementation of the policy by CBN. This resulted in protests across several states of the country. According to a report by the UN, the cash crunch caused by the policy crippled Nigeria's economy during the period.
-  **The 2023 General Elections:** Another important issue that shaped the year 2023 was the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria. While the Presidential and National Assembly Elections held on the 25th of February 2023, that of the Governorship and State Houses of Assembly took place on the 11th of March 2023. According to reports, the 2023 general elections were marred by violence which occurred before, during and after the elections. The failure of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to adhere to its earlier directive to transmit the elections electronically stirred up controversy on the authenticity of the election results particularly the Presidential polls. The candidate of the All Progressive Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Tinubu was declared winner of the election and later sworn in on the 29th of May 2023 as the President of the country despite reservations by the opposition party candidates- Peter Obi of the Labour Party (LP) and Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).
-  **Insecurity:** Insecurity remained a major issue to Nigeria in 2023. Across Nigeria, violent attacks by bandits, terrorists, secessionist agitators and farmer-herder clashes claimed many innocent lives. In the NorthEast of the country, the Boko Haram terrorist group partly curtailed continued its reign of terror, abducting and killing at will without any provocation. Data released by the International Centre for Investigative Reporting (ICPR) showed that over 7,000 Nigerians were killed in between January and October 2023. In the Northcentral states of Plateau, Benue and Kaduna, several people were killed by insurgent groups parading themselves as herders while kidnapping for ransom became rampant across the country. In the same vein the violent agitation for Biafra by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) through the compulsory Monday Sit-at-home order. The Sit-At-Home Order affected the Economic Growth of Southerners while many who attempted to ignore the order met their untimely death. In the Southwest ritual killing and kidnapping occurred frequently while crude oil theft continued unabated. According to media reports, Nigeria lost N16.25trn between 2009 and 2020 alone. The high insecurity level has led to food insecurity as farmers could not access their farms for fear of being kidnapped or killed. According to Cadre Harmonise (CH), the unified tool for consensual analysis of acute food and nutrition insecurity in the Sahel and West Africa, 4.4 million people would face hunger from June to August 2024 in the Northeastern states of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe.



Subsidy Removal: In his inaugural address on 29th May, 2023, President Ahmed Bola Tinubu declared that subsidy was gone. It would be recalled that efforts by previous governments to remove subsidy were met with protest across the country. According to the president the removal of subsidy on petroleum products would help save trillions of Naira for investment in infrastructure and social services. The International Monetary fund (IMF) had consistently urged Nigeria to remove subsidy on Petrol as it does not benefit the vulnerable groups in the country. However, the removal of fuel subsidy in Nigeria has thrown up several challenges exacerbating the poverty level in Nigeria. In its Post Financing Assessment With Nigeria , IMF noted that stalled per-capita growth, poverty and high food insecurity has exacerbated the on-going cost-of-living -crisis in Nigeria. The impact of the subsidy removal has negatively affected the citizens especially the vulnerable groups who lack the basic social safety-net to withstand the shocks of the subsidy removal as well as the unification of the country's exchange rate with the major the dollar and other foreign currencies. There have been violent protests across the country due to the hardship brought about by the removal of fuel subsidy. In response to the high cost-of-living crisis, the government distributed palliatives to cushion the effect of the subsidy removal. However, the palliatives are too little to make any impact in the lives of the citizens. More so, there was no transparency and accountability mechanisms to monitor how those palliatives are distributed. Hence, the suffering of the masses continues. The value of the country's currency continues to depreciate thereby leading to rise in prices of essential commodities in the country.



Financial Summary Report

INCOME:

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Unexpended Grant/ Deficit B/F	10,798,104
Foreign Exchange Gain	1,505,644

Grants Received during the Period

• AFRODAD	38,795,500
• SUNRISE PROJECT	47,092,597
• SWISS EMBASSY	8,220,000
• TAG (BRIGHTER FUTURES)	94,291,339
• USAID SCALE PROJECT	64,647,328
• BREAD FOR THE WORLD - (ESPPIN)	46,716,664
• BREAD FOR THE WORLD - (ESPPIN 2)	42,000,000
• OSIWA FOUNDATION	22,771,039
• AFRICAN CLIMATE FOUNDATION (ACF)	18,399,465
• OTHERS	47,500,000

Total Grant Received in the Year	430,433,932
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Total Available Income	442,737,680
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EXPENDITURE:

Personnel Cost	128,004,001
Programmatic Cost	245,660,417
Fixed Asset Cost	4,200,000
Administrative Cost	10,394,948

Total Expenditure for the Year	388,259,366
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Unexpended Grants C/F	54,478,314
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About ANEEJ

The Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ) is a non-government organization whose goal is to amplify the voice of the weak, the less privileged and the marginalized groups in the society including women, youths, and People Living With Disabilities in order to increase their participation in the democratic decision-making process. As its basis, ANEEJ believes in a democratic system for managing human interest and operates within two broad focal areas namely environmental and economic justice. Specifically, ANEEJ implements projects relating to governance and democracy, human rights (including migration and development issues) and anti-corruption, peace building and conflict resolution, development effectiveness, environment including water, sanitation and hygiene among others.

Since 1997, ANEEJ has championed the call for stoppage of illicit financial flows from Nigeria and other developing countries to the secrecy jurisdictions in western countries. It has in same vein championed the campaign for the repatriation of looted assets of Nigeria stashed in Western banks and was active in call for a UN instrument against corruption, money laundering and illicit financial flows. In April 2016, the UNCAC Coalition Coordination Committee (CCC) approved ANEEJ's application to become an Ordinary member of the new Association: *UNCAC Coalition*.

ANEEJ worked with over 100 civil society organizations while hosting the Secretariat of the *Publish What You Pay* (PWYP) Campaign, Nigeria from 2004-2008 and the Nigerian Network on Stolen Assets. The organization also coordinated CSOs that were involved in monitoring repatriated Late General Sani Abacha loot under the Public Expenditure Management and Financial Accountability Review (PEMFAR), a tripartite agreement between the World Bank, Civil Society and Nigerian governments.

Additionally, ANEEJ is a founding member and currently the Chairperson of Board of Trustees of the Reality of Aid (RoA) Africa, a Sub-sect of Reality of Aid International. It is currently the Nigerian Focal Point for Civil Society Organisations Platform for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) and has contributed to Reality Global and Africa editions since 2004. At the country level, ANEEJ mobilises other CSOs to engage the National Planning Commission (NPC) on development effectiveness and has over the years represented a very strong voice for more effective, people-centred aid regime which guarantees transparency and accountability on both donors and the Nigerian government.

We have been working in partnership with EURODAD since 1997, based on the memorandum of understanding earlier mentioned. This development led to the organization of our first International Conference on debt in West Africa, which was only next to the launching of Jubilee 2000, Ghana, in April 1998. The conference on debt was organized in Djregbe, Republic of Benin in collaboration with EURODAD and pan African Center for Social Prospects with support from OXFAM UK, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). We have also worked with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and again, the UNDP in organizing the follow-up HIPC/ESAF Conference in Togo. The forum was used by the Breton Woods Institutions to consult with the civil society Organizations which preceded the G-8 meeting in Cologne, Germany.

In July 2005, the Group of 8 (G-8) proposed a debt cancellation deal for 18 countries, 14 of which are in Africa. In September same year, the World Bank and IMF approved this deal through the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative (MDRI). The MDRI grants debt cancellation to countries that meet certain eligibility requirements, including adherence to economic policies and programs that the World Bank and IMF deem satisfactory. As at December 2007, the World Bank and IMF have approved MDRI debt relief for 25 countries, 19 of which are in Africa. In 2005, Nigeria benefited from debt cancellation of \$32billion by the Paris Club of debtors after Nigeria paid \$18.124b following increase in oil revenue savings. This provided an annual \$1bn debt relief to the Federal Government to finance development

in the country under a Policy Support Instrument (PSI) developed from the Nigeria Economic Empowerment Development Strategy (NEEDS) document approved by the IMF. ANEEJ is also a member of the Jubilee Debt Movement calling for the cancellation of illegitimate debts of poor countries.

ANEEJ is working with the Initiative for Youth Awareness on Migration, Immigration, Development and Reintegration (IYAMIDR), Edo Women's Initiative and the Associazione Iroko Onlus, Italy, to undertake governance work around migration and development in Nigeria. Much of the effort has been on creating enabling environment for our teeming youth with a view to reducing crime, violence, youth restiveness to curb illegal migration and anti-social vices in our society as well as re-integrating returnees back to the society. Also ANEEJ is working with PublicEYE organization on Stop Dirty fuel Campaign in Africa.

ANEEJ advocates the importance of supporting the Nigerian national and state governments in delivering equitable economic development for the Nigerian people. In the last three years, ANEEJ worked with four state governments in the Niger Delta region to build the capacities of five major stakeholders: Executive, Legislature, civil society, media and local authority under the project, "Resource Governance Enhancement" project (REGOND), in the delivery of their work.

ANEEJ has been granted Special Consultative Status of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by the United Nations with all attendant privileges and Africa Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (ANEEJ)Nigeria Accreditation Document Reference Number : A/CONF.165/5/Add.2

Our Vision

Africa without Poverty

Our Mission

To contribute to the emergence of a just and equitable African society through socio-economic and environmental rights protection, institutional strengthening and peoples' empowerment.

Our Objectives

ANEEJ exists to:

- Create platforms where civil society voices connect into critical masses on key national issues and where/when necessary, advance civil society interest on socioeconomic and environmental rights protection.
- Build the capacity of civil society actors to better appreciate local, national and international economic governance issues and their connection to poverty incidence, resource conflict and the over-arching economic rights of Nigerians.
- Mobilize civil society groups for social action to demand socio-economic rights and good governance at all levels of society.

Conduct research on key economic governance and environmental

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