

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT WATCH FOUNDATION



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SPOTLIGHTING NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT WATCH FOUNDATION

Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation (aka NEW Foundation) is an advocacy and interventionist, non-governmental and not -for-profit organisation. It became registered in July 2009 with the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja, with registration number IT/33938. NEW Foundation has the United Nations ECOSOC consultative status. From a humble beginning, NEW Foundation has grown to become one of the frontline environmental and social justice organisations in Nigeria and in the world.

Our program areas include Environment (Climate Justice; Natural Resources Governance; Biodiversity Conservation); Agriculture and livelihood; Water, Sanitation & Hygiene; Democracy and Governance; Peace Building & Conflict Management.

Our Vision: *To become the most reputable frontline advocate for sustainable environment and social justice.*

Mission: *Our mission is to mobilize action and empower communities as champions of sustainable environment and social justice. Also, to strengthen response to the protection of human rights and gender equity.*

Core Values: *The core values of NEW Foundation are rooted in equity, innovation, integrity, hard work, and empathy.*



Since its formation, NEW Foundation has achieved great milestones in leadership and impact.

- Between 2012 -2013 NEW Foundation raised in nursey and planted 30,000 economic trees in three communities of Abakaliki LGA.
- NEW Foundation is passionate about environmental health and is a frontline advocate for climate and environmental justice in Nigeria.
- NEW Foundation has trained over 500 small holder farmers in smart agricultural practices and farmers financial literacy.
- Trained over 150 community leaders on Grassroots Budgeting and Charter of Needs.
- NEW Foundation Comprehensive behavioural change intervention in HIV/AIDs contributed to the reduction of disease burden in Ebonyi State. The medical team of NEW Foundation has also provided free Hepatitis B & C screening for Ebonyi citizens living in Abakaliki, Ebonyi and Ohaozara LGAs.
- NEW Foundation is concerned about the Business and human rights of Mining Host communities in Ebonyi state and has carried out series of capacity building training and research on mining, environment, and social rights of mining host communities.
- NEW Foundation trains indigent Ebonyians in various livelihood skills and provide them with empowerments materials and opportunities.
- NEW Foundation runs the Abakaliki Leadership School in partnership with Centre for Leadership, Strategy and Development.
- NEW Foundation conflict resolution and peace building efforts in the southeast has led to training community members on conflict early warning signs and emergency response actions.
- NEW Foundation also with support from the Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development carried out peace advocacy across the five eastern states to identify causes of conflict in the zone and actions to promote peace, unity and development in the southeast of Nigeria.

NEW Foundation program strategies include advocacy, research and documentation, capacity building and awareness creation, community mobilisation and social action.

NEW Foundation is the Nigeria Contact Point for the following Coalitions and Network in Nigeria:

- Catalyst 2030 Nigeria Chapter
- GEF / CSO Nigeria Network
- Southeast Zonal Headquarter for Publish What You Pay Nigeria
- Southeast Zonal Headquarter for the Green Alliance Nigeria
- Southeast zonal headquarter of the Society for Water and Sanitation in Nigeria.

And has received various merit awards by international and national organisations.

NEW Foundation activities has been supported by

- UNDP
- USAID
- UNICEF
- Community Resources Exchange
- Ashoka Global
- Global Rights
- WEP Nigeria
- Catalyst 2030
- Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy & Development (SCDDD)

And also, belongs to many coalitions and networks in Nigeria and globally.

NEW Foundation Executive Director and Founder, Okezie Kelechukwu (PhD) is a globally recognised social entrepreneur, an Ashoka Fellow, Ford Fellow and ARNOVA -AROCOSA Scholar. He has travelled extensively within and outside the African continent and has served in plenaries and presented expert and scholarly papers at International and National Conferences.