

Press Release

Empowering Citizens to Hold Government Accountable



Every year, massive funds meant for providing services to citizens in Nigeria end up in private pockets. Nigeria was rated one of the highly corrupt nations in 2012 with a score of 27 by Transparency International. The World Bank estimates that over \$400 billion dollars of oil money has been stolen from Nigeria since 1960. In 2012, Nigeria made over \$100 billion dollars from oil export, much of which could not be accounted for. As a direct result, 61% of Nigerians have become impoverished and lack access to basic services. Over a 100 million Nigerians live on less than \$2 dollars a day; 63 million have no access to affordable shelter; 63.6% of the population lack access to portable water and only 32% have access to good sanitation.

What We are Doing

CLP is empowering grassroots people and communities to hold government accountable by equipping them with necessary knowledge, skills and resources. We build the capacity of Community –Based Organisations to understand government budgets and monitor the implementation of projects in their communities. We empower them to demand transparency and accountability in the way public funds are utilised; to work with Local Government Officials to get the real needs of the community included in the budgets, which ensures that money is appropriately allocated.

When more and more citizens and grassroots Leaders become enlightened and are able to hold their elected officials accountable, there will be a reduction in corruption and

misuse of public funds. This, in turn, will bring about better access to basic services, reduced poverty and improved quality of life for the majority of the Nigerians that are currently living below the poverty line.