

Third Annual Reports: Web Updates

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Through assistance from the project, all six participating Local Government Authority (LGA)s have now developed fully functional websites through which they are providing project and financial information to the general public.

During the year, the project intensified efforts in capacity development for staff of the LGAs for improved service delivery. To this end, 59 officials and elected leaders across the six LGAs attended the Open College Network- (OCN)-accredited course on 'Transparency and Accountability in the LGAs'. A further 72 persons from four LGAs across two states attended the course on "Effective Partnership Working". The literary competition to raise awareness on good governance throughout the Niger Delta was finalised and winning entries awarded prizes at an impressive ceremony. These winning entries and some of the other top entries are currently being compiled and edited for publication. Two music CDs, each with eight-tracks have been produced by local artists for awareness-raising on good governance and are currently being distributed across the project states.

The project's challenge fund scheme is now fully operational and a total of nine micro projects have been funded in its first round. The process of micro project identification, appraisal, grant making and implementation is providing practical lessons to LGA officials in implementing needs driven projects. Quarterly good governance forums are held regularly throughout the year and are usually attended by a relatively high level local government official, who listens to the issues of the community people. Over a series of four Good Governance Forum (GGF)s, community people in attendance at these meetings have become more articulate and clearer in what they want.

For further information about this programme, please visit <http://goodgovernancenigerdelta.ning.com/>



GTF Partners at the Partnership Review Workshop in Omoku, Rivers State



Sagbama LGA Council Chairman and members of his council viewing the LG Council website and Server Computer with accessories provided under the GTF project



Gokana LGA Second Round GGF with the Secretary of Council (in jacket) now the new Chairman in attendance



Ethiopia West LG Chairman Rep Mr. Eguriase Odebala (in suit) signing the GTF Challenge Fund MoU on behalf of the LG



Challenge Fund Grant Micro-project MOU signing with a women group in Gokana LGA, Rivers State



Challenge Fund Grant Micro-project MOU signing with a women group in Kolokuma Opokuma LGA, Bayelsa State



A stage performance of "The Mouthpiece" watched by large audiences including senior civil servants in Isoko North LGA, Delta State



A stage performance of "The Mouthpiece" watched by large audiences including senior civil servants in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State



Cast of the Film and Broadcast Academy based in Ozoro, Isoko North LGA who performed "The Mouthpiece" in Isoko North LGA, Delta State