

DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY

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CEDSI NIGERIA

Here's what happened in the month of March!

Welcome to the third release of our DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY newsletter for the year 2026. We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community. At CEDSI Nigeria, we remain committed to advancing human and environmental development through innovative, community-driven, and evidence-based approaches.

This month, CEDSI supported a two-day workshop on Transnational Education (TNE), bringing together academic stakeholders from Rivers State University to explore global academic partnership and strategies for strengthening higher education in Nigeria. The workshop focused on building participants' understanding of Transnational Education as a model that enables students to access internationally recognised qualifications without leaving their home country.

Moving forward, we intensified our Voter Education and Participation efforts as Project V.O.I.C.E., in partnership with Rivers State University, collaborated with staff of the Independent National Electoral Commission to ensure that every eligible student registers for and obtains their Permanent Voter's Card (PVC). This outreach effort, which spanned the first three weeks of March was an objective success with over 600 registrants.

Conclusively, we paid a visit to the Community Secondary Schools in Amadi-Ama and Abuloma to close out a chapter that began in 2025, where we saw to promote helpful climate and environmental practices through community engagement, youth inclusion, and sustainable development.

This newsletter provides a synopsis of our activities for the month of March.



TNE Workshop at RSU

Day 1's session of the workshop introduced participants to various TNE models, including joint and dual degree programmes, franchising, and online collaborations., while emphasising the importance of quality assurance, regulatory compliance, and institutional readiness. Participants also examined the strategic benefits of international partnerships, such as improved teaching quality, research collaboration, and enhanced institutional visibility.

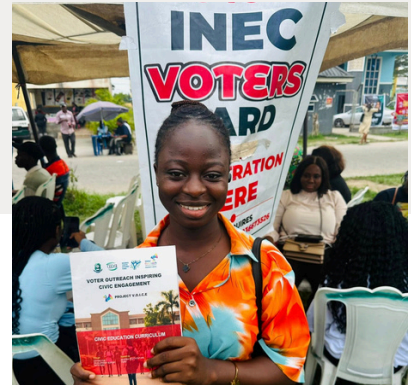
Day 2 focused on practical implementation, including partnership design, curriculum co-creation, governance structures, and employability outcomes. Interactive exercises enables participants to identify opportunities within their institutions and develop strategies for integrating global academic practices into local systems.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

In preparation for this year's International Women's Day, Professor Ogbanga attended a one-day national conference on gender and climate change on the 5th of March. The keynote address was delivered by the Director, Department of Climate Change, Federal Ministry of Environment. A highlight of the event was the presentation of a paper on Mainstreaming Gender and Climate Change in the Work of Public and Private Institutions. This attendance further buttresses our founder's commitment to ensuring sustained societal change in relevant sectors within which change can be effected.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE AT RSU



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The V.O.I.C.E. team from CEDSI encouraging students from Rivers State University to register for their PVCs and make their voices heard. Our team took to the campus grounds, sharing the message of active participation and the role of every student in shaping the nation.

The Process

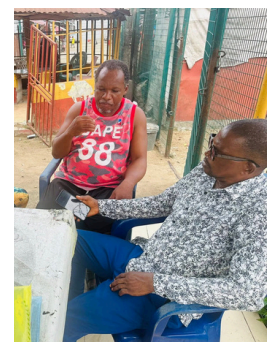
For weeks on end, we maintained momentum, continuously engaging with students and encouraging them to register and collect their voter's card. Much work was also done in ensuring that those who registered were convinced to vote, come election period.

Showing Appreciation

The students celebrated registering for their PVCs with support from CEDSI. The joy and excitement from students remind us of why this work matters. We are proud to be part of a movement that inspires young Nigerians to take action, and be part of the democratic process.

WRAPPING UP OUR CASUD PROJECT

We closed out a meaningful chapter of impact across Community Secondary Schools in Amadi-Ama, Abuloma, and Azuabie communities. Through the GEF and CASUD project implemented by CEDSI, we sought to shape the next generation of climate leaders. This involved setting up a Climate Action Club, providing students with a platform to lead green initiatives. Executives were appointed in each of the schools, tasked with promoting environmental responsibility and driving impactful change.



Recognising Impact Makers



Jesam Abam

This month, we appreciate the efforts of Jesam Abam, who has served as Head of Fundraising and Resource Mobilisation at CEDSI for the better part of 1 year. In her role, Jesam has successfully built and nurtured partnerships with donors, stakeholders, and partners, ensuring that our initiatives remain well-supported by helping to secure the resources that make our programmes possible. A Business expert with a degree from the University of Cross River, her academic background has provided a strong foundation for her work in fundraising and resource mobilisation.

Beyond her professional expertise, Jesam maintains an ever-cheerful disposition and is known within the organisation as a team player. Her contributions not only elevate our fundraising capacity, but also inspire those around her to aim higher.

What to expect in April...

APR 6

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

APR 7

United Nations' World Health Day

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