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AYGF ANNUAL RETREAT 2024

# RESET

REPOSITION AND ENERGIZE  
TO SUSTAIN EXCELLENCE  
THROUGH TRAINING



Climate Change Initiative



Courtesy visit to the Honorable Commissioner, National Commission for Refugee, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons

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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter, landing hotter than ever (both figuratively and literally!). Are you feeling the climate shift?

In this latest edition, there is an in-depth article explaining the recent heatwave phenomenon. I encourage you to read it and get a grasp on why there is so much heat in our environment.

We also bring to you excerpts from our very enlightening and fun-filled retreat which had tons of speakers who came to gear the team for the year ahead.

We encourage you to immerse yourselves in the stories we share from operations across Kogi, Niger and Katsina states, reflect on the impact we have collectively made to the society, and find inspiration to keep driving positive change.

Additionally, the SENSE podcast is back and our latest episode on “Integrity in Governance” is a MUST watch. For being an integral part of our journey, thank you.

Stay connected, engaged and see you next month!

## AYGF CALLS FOR COLLABORATIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS NATION'S INSECURITY AND ECONOMIC WOES.



*L-R: Mr. Boniface Imo, Internal Auditor/Compliance Manager, Dr. Arome Salifu, the Executive Director of AYGF, Mrs. Omonike Onungbogbo, Manager (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) at the RESET 2024 Annual Staff Retreat Press Conference. Photos: @AYGF 2023/Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu, AYGF Communications Officer*

To kickstart the year in grand style, AYGF held its annual staff retreat which lasted for a period of 5 days with intensive and insightful discussions from speakers across the development sectors.

Our teams came in from Kogi, Niger and Katsina States in a bid to promote synergy amongst us all.

To kickstart the retreat, it was imperative we address the pressing issues of insecurity and economic hardship that is plaguing Nigeria, and this was done via a press conference.



## RENEWED PARTNERSHIP FOR REFUGEES, MIGRANTS, AND IDPS: AYGF MEETS NEW COMMISSIONER



*L-R: Honourable Commissioner of the National Commission for Refugee, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, (NCFRMI), Hon. Tijani Aliyu Ahmed, Executive Director AYGF Dr. Arome Salifu, Programs Cluster Head Earnest Iyagi.*



*Cross section of AYGF staff and NCFRMI staff*

In a move to strengthen collaboration and explore new initiatives, the African Youth Growth Foundation (AYGF) led by Executive Director Dr. Arome Salifu, along with management staff, paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Honourable Commissioner of the National Commission for Refugee, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), Hon. Tijani Aliyu Ahmed, earlier today.

The visit yielded a productive and engaging discussion focused on building partnerships and developing projects to address the challenges faced by refugees, migrants, and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Skill acquisition, capacity building, and food security emerged as key areas of collaboration, aiming to provide tangible solutions for these vulnerable communities.

Reaffirming its commitment to community and national development, AYGF emphasized its continued collaboration with the NCFRMI on impactful projects. This strategic partnership holds significant promise for improving the lives of refugees, migrants, and IDPs across Nigeria.

## ADVANCING CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE: AYGF'S COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION



*AYGF staff participating in sanitation of local community.*



*Volunteers participating in community sanitation and holding placards raising awareness towards climate change.*

Climate change poses a growing threat to sustainable development, particularly affecting marginalized communities with minimal contributions to greenhouse gas emissions. The 2022 Climate Vulnerability Index highlights Sub-Saharan Africa as a region at higher risk, impacting countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Chad, Guinea-Bissau, Sudan, Central African Republic, Niger, Zimbabwe, and Eritrea. This aligns with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's confirmation that Central Africa, West Africa, and East Africa are prominent global theaters for human vulnerability to climate. Climate-friendliness, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion are paramount.

The Environment, Climate Change, and Migration cluster diligently work towards enhancing climate resilience and adopting a low-carbon development path, aligning with the third Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025. AYGF's impactful projects include the Earth Restoration Campaign launched in 2022, emphasizing sensitization, education, and empowerment. The SEE Project, funded by ECOWAS, provided vocational skills training, including Green Skills, for refugees. In 2022, AYGF collaborated with various governmental and non-governmental entities such as the Federal Ministry of Environment, Federal Ministry of Health, NIMASA, NOSDRA, and the Nigerian Conservation Foundation for the Earth Restoration Campaign. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about practices contributing to climate change. Additionally, AYGF addressed extreme flooding in Nigeria through a Press Conference, urging the Federal Government and stakeholders to commit to tackling this critical issue.



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## THE S.E.N.S.E PODCAST: THE GROWING ISSUE OF HEART FAILURE



Welcome to another episode of the S.E.N.S.E Podcast; Sustainability, Education, Nutrition, Social Justice & Environment.

According to extensive research and statistics, the world is currently experiencing a rise in Heart Failure especially amongst young people and pregnant women.

In a new episode of our SENSE Podcast, a Family Health Expert of the Nigeria Customs Medical Service, Dr. Adesida Adewumi shares valuable insights on how we can take better care of our heart.

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## AYGF ON VALENTINE'S DAY



In the spirit of love and the values of St.Valentine's Day, our Team of volunteers at Katsina, beaming with smiles, visited the LGAs where the ANRiN project is making a difference.

Our volunteers spent the early part of their day distributing essentials like Zinc/ORS, Albendazole, Vitamin A for children under 5, and MNP, iPTP, and valuable services like MIYCN for pregnant and lactating mothers.

These acts of kindness are key to achieving SDG 3.8: ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all.

Spread Love in your own way!