

The August Issue of Our Monthly Newsletter.

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## INTRODUCTION



**“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”**

— **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

As we step into September, we're thrilled to look back and share the highlights from August. The month was filled with impactful collaborations and partnerships across our state offices, underscoring our collective dedication to meaningful change.

In August, we honoured World Humanitarian Day with a heartfelt tribute to the incredible AYGF team members who embody the spirit of humanitarianism every day. Don't miss the video where our team reflects on the true essence of being a humanitarian.

We also proudly celebrated International Youth Day, embracing the theme **'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development.'** This theme highlights the pivotal role youth play in addressing global challenges. Be sure to watch the video highlights.

Amidst a busy month, the AYGF team also took time to relax and recharge with a fun-filled bonding session. We enjoyed games and shared moments of relaxation—catch the highlights of these joyful moments below.

Looking ahead, we're optimistic about the new projects and opportunities that September will bring. Each step we take brings us closer to our mission of building, projecting, and protecting the future of Africa.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Let's continue to drive meaningful impact together!

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**AYGF COMMEMORATES WORLD  
HUMANITARIAN DAY: ACT FOR  
HUMANITY**



World Humanitarian Day 2024, celebrated annually, honours the dedication of humanitarian workers around the globe. This year's theme, 'Act for Humanity,' highlights the vital importance of compassion in our increasingly complex world.

At AYGF, we are proud to be part of a community committed to bringing hope and assistance to those in need. Humanitarian work is more than just a job; it is a profound commitment to making a positive difference, one life at a time.

On this day, we proudly recognize and celebrate the tireless efforts of all AYGF staff, volunteers, and humanitarian workers worldwide. Let's continue to move forward in our mission to uplift and support one another, confident in our collective ability to create lasting, positive change.

Here's a video from the humans of AYGF

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## 2024 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

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As we celebrate International Youth Day 2024, we recognize the immense potential and energy that young people bring to our communities. This year's theme, 'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development,' underscores the critical role that youth play in addressing global challenges, from climate change to social justice.

In Nigeria, we are at a pivotal moment due to our vibrant and dynamic youth population. With over 70% of the population under the age of 30 and 42% under 15, the future of our nation is firmly in the hands of these young individuals. They are not just tomorrow's leaders - they are today's changemakers."

Youth empowerment is crucial for addressing today's most pressing challenges, from reducing unemployment and poverty to tackling social issues and improving community well-being

Watch the highlights from last year's International Youth Day [here](#)

## AYGF RECEIVES REPRESENTATIVES FROM PREMIUM TIMES



AYGF was delighted to host Premium Times Newspaper representatives at our Abuja headquarters. The visit marked a significant step toward exploring collaborative efforts to address key thematic areas of mutual concern, including health, migration, security, and the environment.

The Premium Times team, known for their commitment to investigative journalism and advocacy, was warmly received by Executive Director, Dr. Arome Salifu and AYGF's Communications Department. The discussions centred around the potential for joint initiatives that leverage the strengths of both organisations to amplify awareness and drive meaningful change in these critical areas.

During the meeting, Dr Arome Salifu emphasised the importance of strategic partnerships in advancing AYGF's mission to support vulnerable populations and address pressing societal challenges. The exchange of ideas



with Premium Times representatives highlighted a shared vision of harnessing the power of media and communication to influence policy, inform the public, and foster a more informed and engaged society.

AYGF looks forward to a fruitful collaboration with Premium Times, as we continue to work towards our shared goals of creating positive change in society.

## AYGF KOGI STATE TEAM INITIATES NEW PARTNERSHIPS



The AYGF team in Kogi State recently conducted a series of courtesy visits to the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning of Nigeria and the Kogi State House of Assembly to discuss key issues aligned with our thematic areas and the development of the state.

During a meeting with Mr Tanimu Abubakar, Director of Budget at the Ministry of Budget and Planning, the AYGF team emphasised the importance of revolutionizing governance to enhance the welfare of the state's vulnerable population. Discussions also focused on bridging gaps in the education system, raising public health awareness, and promoting eco-friendly practices to combat climate change.

Mr Tanimu Abubakar acknowledged the pressing need for these changes and welcomed AYGF's expertise, assuring that their initiatives would be supported through the proposed partnership.

Continuing the mission to foster new collaborations, the AYGF team also visited the Kogi State House of Assembly to address the urgent need to tackle migration challenges and promote good governance among the youth. Building on the success of the ANRiN project in Kogi State, the team highlighted the importance of improving nutrition and food security across other regions of the state.

In response, Mr. Ahmed Sule-Chugodo, Clerk of the State House of Assembly, recognized the gravity of these issues and pledged to facilitate AYGF's partnership proposal with the Assembly. He emphasized that such a mutual partnership would strengthen the Assembly's commitment to enacting legislation that protects and uplifts the people of Kogi State.

AYGF's dedication to collaboration with government institutions is poised to bring about positive changes in the lives of Kogi State's vulnerable population, setting a precedent for similar initiatives across Nigeria and Africa.

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## **NIGER TEAM EXPLORES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ACRESAL NIGERIA**



Still, on partnerships the Niger Team, led by the Project Coordinator, Mr. Job Onuche, paid a courtesy visit to the State Project Coordinator Agro-Climate Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscape (ACRESAL), Dr. Raji Abdul Kareem to discuss potential collaboration and forge a new partnership.

The AYGF team presented an overview of the organisation, emphasising its thematic focus on the environment and climate change. They also highlighted the successes of the ANRIN project, showcasing their commitment to impactful initiatives.

In response, the ACRESAL team shared a brief of their current projects, expressing enthusiasm for building a strong and mutually beneficial partnership with AYGF.

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## **AYGF EDO TEAM EXPLORES STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS TO ADVANCE THE RESTIPP PROJECT**



In light of our commitment to reintegrate more victims of human trafficking in Edo state, the Edo team visited the Edo State Ministry of Health, the National Directorate of Employment (NDE), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to introduce the RESTIPP project and explore opportunities for collaboration.



The Ministry of Health expressed keen interest in partnering with AYGF to support victims of exploitation through their rehabilitation centres while the NDE noted it was committed to working with the team to provide training for beneficiaries, with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) currently in progress to formalize this partnership. Additionally, the IOM welcomed AYGF into its network of NGOs in Edo State, proposing joint efforts to offer enhanced incentives to beneficiaries.


We look forward to forging fruitful partnerships with these organizations in the ongoing fight against human trafficking in Edo State.



# UNDERSTANDING MPOX: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW


## PREVENTING COMMUNITY MPOX TRANSMISSION




**AVOID SKIN-TO-SKIN  
AND SEXUAL CONTACT**

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**ISOLATE IN THE  
HOME IF FEASIBLE**

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**AVOID SHARING CLOTHING,  
BED LINENS, AND OTHER SOFT,  
POROUS MATERIALS THAT MAY HAVE  
COME INTO CONTACT WITH A LESION**

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**AVOID SHARING EATING OR PERSONAL  
HYGIENE UTENSILS, SUCH AS RAZORS;  
IF ITEMS MUST BE SHARED, WASH AND  
DISINFECT AFTER EACH USE**

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**AVOID EXPOSING OTHER PEOPLE TO LESIONS  
WHEN IN PUBLIC OR SHARED SPACES; COVER  
ALL LESIONS WITH CLOTHING,  
BANDAGES, OR GLOVES**


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**WEAR A MEDICAL MASK IF IN  
CLOSE PROXIMITY WITH OTHER PEOPLE  
FOR MORE THAN A BRIEF ENCOUNTER**

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As we continue to navigate public health challenges, it's important to stay informed about the outbreak of MPox also known as Monkeypox. At AYGF,

we are committed to raising awareness and providing accurate information to help our community stay safe and healthy.

### **What is MPox?**

MPox is a viral disease caused by the monkeypox virus, which is related to the smallpox virus. It is typically found in Central and West Africa but has been reported in other regions, including some parts of Asia and the Americas.

Symptoms and Transmission Monkeypox symptoms can resemble those of smallpox but are generally milder. Key symptoms include:

Fever

Headache

Muscle aches

Backache

Swollen lymph nodes

Chills

Exhaustion

Rash, which usually starts on the face and then spreads to other parts of the body

### **How It Spreads**

The virus spreads through close contact with infected people or animals, and contaminated materials.

### **Prevention Tips**

- Avoid contact with potentially infected animals.
- Practice good hygiene, including regular handwashing.
- Use protective clothing and disinfectants if necessary.

Stay Informed and Stay Safe We encourage everyone to stay informed about monkeypox and follow recommended health guidelines. For more information, please consult trusted health sources and reach out to local health officials if you have concerns.

Together, we can contribute to a healthier and safer community.

## AYGF UNWINDING MOMENT



As we wrap up the month, the AYGF Team had a team bonding experience where they got to unwind.

From laughter-filled activities to moments of relaxation, it was an experience that strengthened our team spirit and left us all feeling refreshed.

Enjoy these highlights





As we conclude our August newsletter, we want to express our sincere gratitude to each of you for your steadfast support and dedication to our mission. Your engagement and enthusiasm inspire us to reach new milestones and create a significant impact in our communities.

We look forward to sharing more updates, successes, and stories of change in the coming months. Together, we can continue to drive positive transformation and create a brighter future for all.

Let's continue to work hand in hand to make a lasting difference!

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