

The July Issue of Our Monthly Newsletter.

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INTRODUCTION

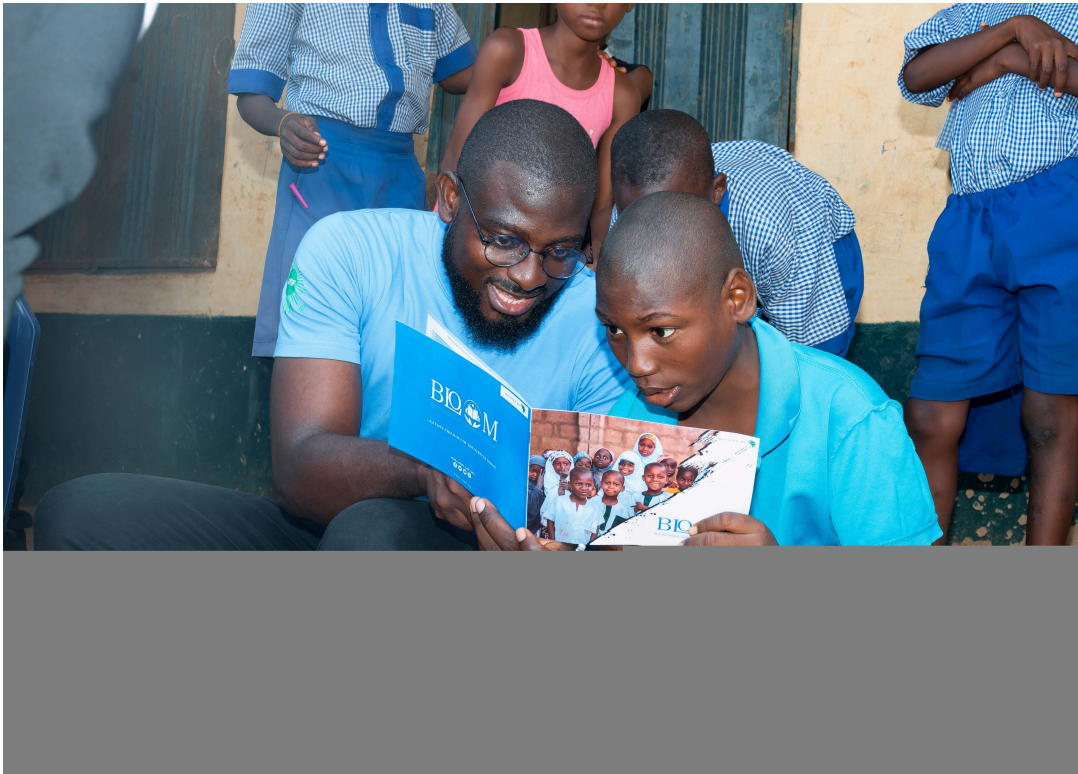
As we welcome August, we're thrilled to share the exciting highlights from July with you. It was a vibrant month, marked by the launch of impactful projects and the establishment of new partnerships with the United Nations World Food Programme and UNODC. We also celebrated Nelson Mandela Day at the UN House, reinforcing our commitment to global unity and service.

Our courtesy visits to NAPTIP and the Ministry of Environment further strengthened our collaborative efforts, paving the way for future initiatives. Additionally, our participation in the Nile University Symposium allowed us to voice our concerns regarding the recent 50% salary reduction for the House of Representatives in Nigeria.

Looking ahead, we are filled with optimism about the new projects and opportunities that August 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 this journey with AYGF. Let's continue to drive impact together!

AYGF LAUNCHES THE BRIDGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUT- OF-SCHOOL MINORITIES (BLOOM) PROJECT



According to a 2024 report by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Nigeria has one of the highest rates of out-of-school children globally, with girls disproportionately affected, comprising 62% of the over 20 million children lacking access to education. This figure represents a significant rise of over 96% from the previous estimate of 10.5 million in 2021.

In response to this alarming increase, AYGF pre-launched the Bridging Learning Opportunities for Out-of-School Minors (BLOOM) project, directly addressing the core issues outlined in Sustainable Development Goal 4: Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The pre-launch took place on July 4, 2024, at LEA Primary School in the Karomajigi community, FCT Abuja. Key stakeholders, including representatives from UNESCO, FCT-UBEB, CSACEFA, and Karomajigi community leaders, graced the event.

The event featured a welcome rendition and a drama performance by the pupils, showcasing the impact of drug abuse on young people. To inspire these students and keep education at the forefront of their minds, AYGF paid the fees for 65 at-risk students and will enroll 30 out-of-school pupils from the community into the school by September 2024.

To be a part of this project, [click here](#)

AYGF PARTNERS WITH WFP FOR A PROJECT IN KATSINA STATE



We are also thrilled to announce a groundbreaking partnership between the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and AYGF to address the food crisis in Katsina State. This collaboration will see the distribution of Ukrainian wheat to 86,389 households in five Local Government Areas, (Batsari, Safana, Detsinma, Kurfi and Danmusa) providing critical support to families facing food insecurity.

This partnership marks the beginning of a long-term commitment to addressing food insecurity in Katsina State and beyond. By working together, we are paving the way for sustainable solutions that can be replicated in other regions facing similar challenges.

[Read the full article here](#)

AYGF KICKS-OFF RESTIPP PROJECT IN EDO STATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNODC TO TACKLE HUMAN TRAFFICKING.



July brought a wave of good news as we launched a new project in Edo State called the **Reintegration, Empowerment, and Sensitization for Trafficking in Persons Program (RESTIPP)**. This initiative, in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), aims to combat human trafficking by providing support and empowerment to women and girls, while raising awareness about the dangers and realities of trafficking.

To kick off the project, the Edo team led by the Program Manager, Adams Omoba paid a courtesy visit to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) Edo Zonal Office. The team was received by the Zonal Coordinator Mr Ganiu Agangan, who commended AYGF for its effort in tackling issues related to trafficking and illegal migration. He expressed NAPTIP's commitment to collaborating with AYGF for the success of the RESTIPP project.

[Read the full article here](#)

AYGF HONORS THE LIFE OF NELSON MANDELA AT UN HOUSE CELEBRATION



In the course of July, AYGF joined the rest of the world to commemorate the Nelson Mandela day at the UN House to honor the life and legacy of the remarkable leader and human rights champion. The event brought together

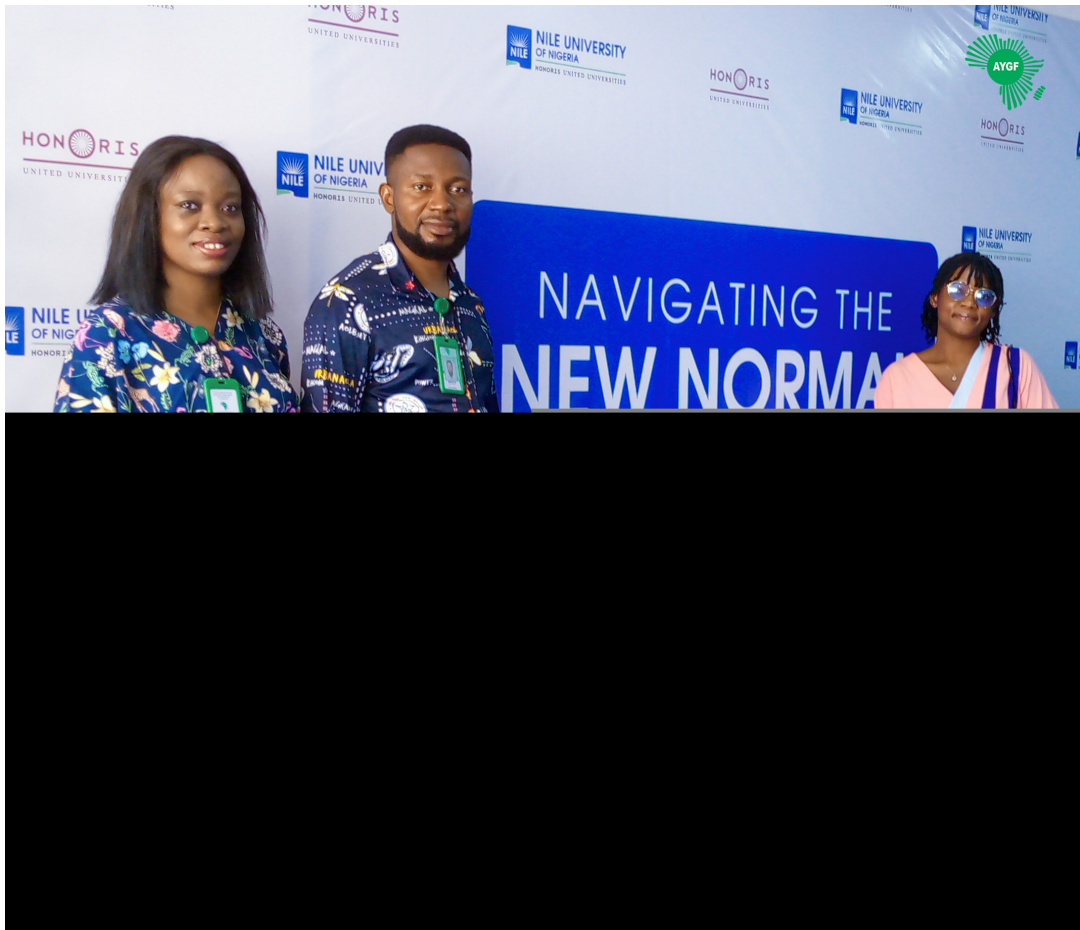
leaders and advocates from around the world to reflect on Mandela's enduring contributions to social justice, equality, and human dignity.

Our Executive Director, Dr Arome Salifu, along with Head of Programs Nelson Egbunu and Legal Officer Joan Anosike, represented AYGF at this significant event.

This year's theme, **"Combating Poverty and Inequality, It's in Our Hands,"** serves as a powerful reminder of Mandela's impact and serve as a call to action. The theme emphasizes the importance of kindness, community service, and upholding human rights in addressing global challenges. The symposium also called for the urgent need for prison and penal reforms in Nigeria. Under the theme #PrisonersMatters, the gathering explored how the reforms can combat poverty (SDG 1) and achieve sustainable peace (SDG 16). The discussions highlighted the importance of humane treatment and rehabilitation for prisoners, aligning with Mandela's belief in the dignity and rights of all individuals.

As we celebrate Nelson Mandela's legacy, AYGF remains steadfast in our commitment to his vision of a just and equitable world. We believe that by working together and taking meaningful actions, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by poverty and inequality.

AYGF PARTICIPATES IN NILE UNIVERSITY DIGITAL SYMPOSIUM



AYGF proudly participated in the Nile University 2024 Symposium, themed “Navigating the New Normal: Building a Digital-Ready Nigeria.” This event focused on the challenges, opportunities, and strategies to advance Nigeria in the digital age.

The symposium featured notable speakers, including former Minister of Communication Prof. Isa Ali Pantami and SSA to the President on Entrepreneurship Engr. Jennifer Adighe, among others. The keynote address emphasized that we are currently in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, marked by the fusion of physical, biological, and virtual worlds. The speaker outlined key challenges and offered solutions to help Nigeria become a digital-ready country.

As an organization committed to innovation and a digital future, we believe that transitioning to purely digital systems will enhance transparency, accountability, and governance. However, it is crucial to prioritize human development alongside infrastructure advancements.

We are optimistic about Nigeria's journey towards becoming a digital-ready nation and are excited to be part of these transformative events.

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS



In commemoration of World Day Against Trafficking in persons, the AYGF Edo Team partnered with NAPTIP for a road walk to raise awareness about the dangers of human trafficking. During this road walk, we engaged with community members, shared vital information, and provided resources to help identify and report trafficking activities. We believe that awareness and education are key to combating this menace.

1 in 3 victims of human trafficking globally is a child and with the launch of the Reintegration, Empowerment and Sensitization for Trafficking in persons Program (RESTIPP) project in Edo State, our goal is to educate and empower communities to recognize the signs of trafficking and protect their families from becoming victims.

We believe in the power to make a difference and not leave any child behind. Together, we can fight against the menace called human trafficking till it becomes a thing of the past.

The theme for this year is “**Leave No Child Behind**” in the fight against human trafficking.

AYGF STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY WITH VISIT TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT



In the spirit of forging new partnerships, AYGF recently paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of State for Environment, Dr. Iziaq Adekunle Salako, reinforcing our dedication to tackling climate change and promoting environmental sustainability.

As a leading organization in environmental advocacy, AYGF is committed to implementing and monitoring impactful initiatives that protect our planet for future generations.

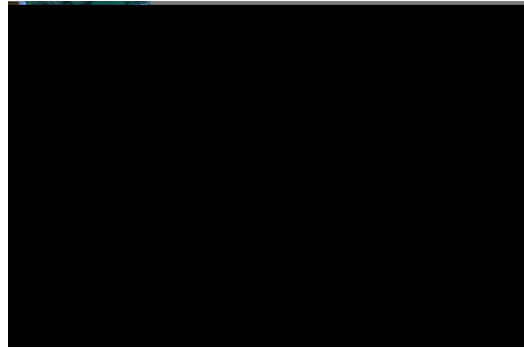
Led by our Executive Director, Dr. Arome Salifu, the meeting focused on collaborative efforts to address pressing environmental issues and drive meaningful change through the AYGF Earth Restoration project. During the meeting, Dr. Salifu emphasized the importance of partnership in achieving environmental goals. "Tackling climate change requires a unified approach, and we are eager to collaborate with the Ministry to advance national initiatives," he stated.

Dr. Salako expressed the Ministry's openness to supporting youth-led initiatives, noting, the ministry is committed to collaborating on projects that enhance environmental awareness and sustainability.

The meeting concluded with a shared vision of a greener, more sustainable future, and a pledge to continue working together to achieve these goals.

GALLERY





As we wrap our July newsletter, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your unwavering support and commitment to our mission. Your involvement and enthusiasm drive us to achieve greater heights and make a meaningful impact in our communities.

July has been a month of significant progress and promising beginnings, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. 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.

Thank you for being an integral part of the AYGF community.

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

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