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As we enter July, we are excited to reflect on the impactful events and partnerships forged in June. Last month was filled with significant milestones, from the critical documentation and reporting of **the Sokoto Metal Poisoning** to our engaging **Democracy Day Twitter Space**. Our **courtesy visits to UNICEF and Leadership Newspaper** opened doors to new opportunities and collaborations.

June also saw our participation in **the Nile University Career Fair**, and we proudly commemorated **World Environment Day 2024 with our partner, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Planted New Trees under the Earth Restoration Project**.

As we look forward to July, we are enthusiastic about the new projects and opportunities ahead. Each step brings us closer to our goal 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 COMMEMORATES DEMOCRACY DAY WITH TWITTER SPACE

25 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY

ANALYZING THE ROLE OF THE YOUTHS IN TODAY'S DEMOCRACY

HOST

Oloruntobi Adejare
Head of Communications
AYGF

GUESTS

Dr. Sam Amadi
Director, Abuja School of social and Political Thoughts

Motolani Oyediji
Youth Advocate and Governance Expert.

Earnest Iyagi
Political Analyst

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WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE, 2024

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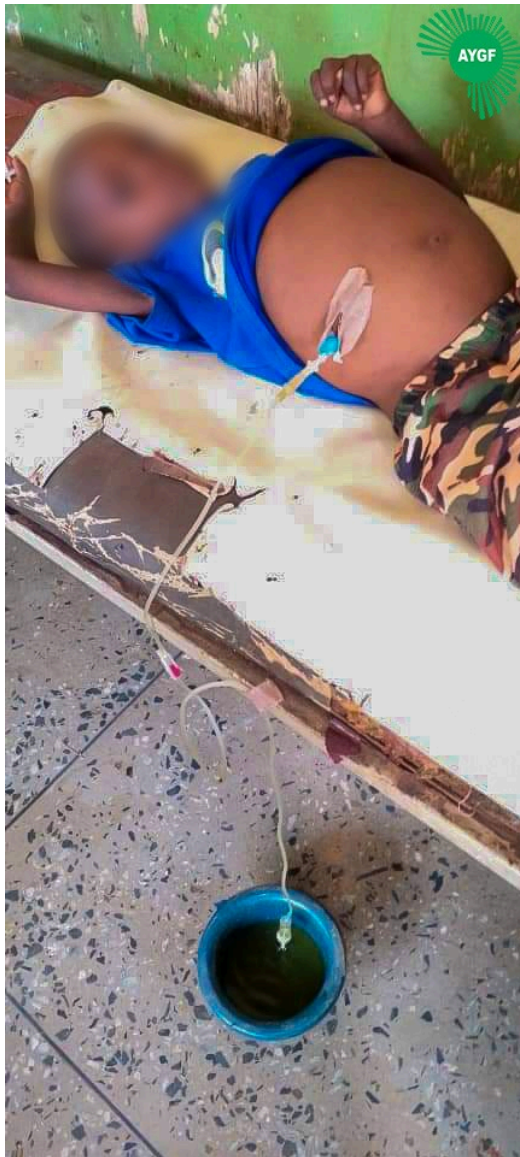
To commemorate 25 years of Nigeria's Democracy, we hosted a Twitter Space themed "25 Years of Democracy: Analysing the Role of the Youths in Today's Democracy." The event featured esteemed speakers such as Dr. Sam Amadi, Director of the Abuja School of Social and Political Thoughts; Motolani Oyediji, Youth Advocate and Governance Expert; and Earnest Iyagi, a Political Analyst. The session was hosted by AYGF's Communications Manager, Oloruntobi Adejare.

With over 100 participants in attendance, the speakers delved into the current state of democracy in our society, examining its successes and failures, the challenges it faces, and reflecting on past obstacles.

We hope you join our next space in July as we continue spotlighting and X-raying more development issues.

[Listen to the full Twitter space here](#)

AYGF PRESENTS CRITICAL REPORT ON SOKOTO HEAVY METAL POISONING AT WASH IN EMERGENCIES MEETING



AYGF played a crucial role in the recent WASH in Emergencies (WiE) Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting organised by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources (FMWR). Represented by Programs Officer Imaga Oji,

AYGF presented a significant report detailing the discovery of heavy metal poisoning in the Gaidau settlement of Sokoto State's Illela LGA.

This report sheds light on a severe public health crisis in the Gaidau settlement, where high levels of mercury, lead, cadmium, nickel, and zinc oxides have been detected in water, soil, and local produce. The contamination has impacted the community's health, with 55% of water showing E. coli contamination.

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AYGF EDUCATES THE PUPILS AT LEA 1 WUSE ZONE 2 ON SAFE PRACTICES TO PREVENT CHOLERA



Nigeria has had to grapple with an unexpected increase in Cholera cases in the last few weeks.

A situation report from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) indicates over 1000 suspected cases, across 31 states.

As part of our ongoing efforts to combat the Cholera Outbreak in Nigeria, AYGF took the awareness campaign to LEA 1 Wuse Zone 2.

The team engaged with over 100 pupils, emphasizing the critical importance of handwashing, and other ways to prevent the spread of cholera..

Handwashing with soap can significantly reduce the transmission of cholera and other infectious diseases. It's one of the simplest yet most effective measures to prevent the spread of germs.

By educating children, we are empowering the next generation to adopt healthy habits that can protect their families and communities.

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AYGF TAKES CLIMATE EDUCATION TO 100 STUDENTS OF JSS KADO-KACHI AND JSS GARKI II.



In a bid to continue protecting the environment and raising young environmentalists, AYGF, in partnership with NESREA, the Federal Ministry of Environment, and other organizations, visited JSS Kado-Kuchi and Jss Garki 2 to educate the Young Farmers' Club on the importance of tree planting.

Trees play a crucial role in our ecosystem acting as windbreakers by reducing wind speeds and protecting crops and soil from erosion. Additionally, trees improve air quality by absorbing pollutants and releasing oxygen, contribute to biodiversity by providing habitats for wildlife, and help combat climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide.

Educating young farmers on these benefits encourages sustainable agricultural practices and fosters a greater appreciation for environmental stewardship.

50 plants were planted around the school to encourage and further drive home the importance of tree planting and through this initiative, we impacted over 100 students in the schools and educated them on ways to safeguard the earth.

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AYGF NIGER STATE PARTICIPATES IN FLAG-OFF OF OPTIMISED MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH WEEK IN MINNA



AYGF Niger actively participated in the flag-off of this year's first round of Optimized Maternal and Child Health Week (MNCHW) in Minna. AYGF, a proud sponsor of all MNCHW rounds in the state, reaffirms its support and collaboration with the Ministry of Primary Health Care and the state government.

Stakeholders from ANRiN, AYGF, UNICEF, and WHO were also present, underscoring the broad support for this vital health initiative.

AYGF PARTICIPATES IN NILE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA'S 2024 CAREER FAIR



AYGF proudly participated and exhibited at the 2024 Career Fair hosted by the Nile University of Nigeria, a pivotal event designed to connect esteemed partners with the university's talented students eager to explore career opportunities.

The AYGF delegation, led by Executive Director Dr. Arome Salifu, included Senior Human Resource Officer Ms. Ese Mowoe, Head of Programs Department Mr. Nelson Egbunu, and Media Officer Jeremiah Ifeanyichukwu.

The team engaged with the students, sharing the core values of AYGF and discussing the thematic areas of the organisation's operations. This interaction allowed AYGF to establish a pool of interested individuals who signed up for various opportunities within the organisation.

The event further strengthened AYGF's commitment to youth empowerment and professional development.

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AYGF PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO UNICEF



In our ongoing commitment to improving the nutritional health of mothers and children, AYGF recently paid a visit to the UNICEF team.

The team was led by the Executive Director, Dr. Arome Salifu with the Head of the Programs Department, Nelson Egbunu and Programs Officer, Imaga Oji. The meeting centred on sustainable strategies to address the nutritional needs of children under five, pregnant women, and lactating mothers, particularly in the context of the post-ANRiN (Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria) program.

We are enthusiastic about future collaborations with UNICEF to promote continuous healthy lives for these vulnerable groups.

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AYGF PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER

Foundation Seeks Partnership With LEADERSHIP On Devt Initiatives

BY SAMSON ELIJAH, Abuja

A non-governmental organisation (NGO), Africa Youth Growth Foundation (AYGF), has expressed interest in partnering with the LEADERSHIP Media Group to enhance development activities within communities.

During a visit to the LEADERSHIP corporate headquarters in Abuja, AYGF's executive director, Arome Salifu, highlighted the critical role of media in sustainable development.

He stressed that the partnership

aims to amplify AYGF's impact and share its successes with partners and stakeholders.

"We recognise the media's critical role in sustainable development, and we seek to amplify our impact and share our successes with immediate partners and stakeholders," Salifu stated.

He said the organisation, founded in 2003, focuses on young people, women, and children across eight strategic thematic areas: migration, environment and climate change, education, public health, nutrition and food security, livelihood, and governance.

He said the organisation has collaborated with numerous international, multilateral, and bilateral institutions and federal, state, and local governments across Nigeria.

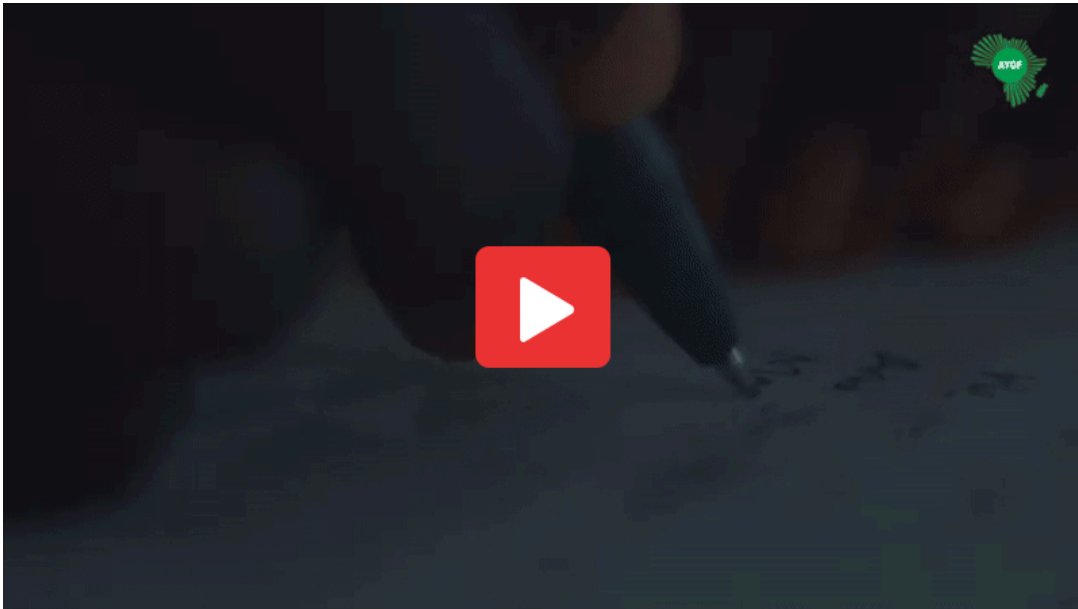
Salifu highlighted a notable project focused on labour inspection and labour law enforcement in sectors and workplaces where migrant workers are present. In collaboration with the European Union (EU) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), this pilot project assessed the protection of migrant workers' rights in Kano, Lagos, and Abuja.

The Executive Director of AYGF, Dr Arome Salifu, led the Communications team on a courtesy visit to the Managing Editor of Leadership Newspaper Nigeria, Raliat Ahmed-Yusuf and her team.

Collaborating with them will enable us to effectively communicate our initiatives and successes to a broader audience, amplifying our impact and furthering our objectives.

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AYGF COMMEMORATES CHILDREN'S DAY 2024



Mental health issues can affect anyone, but men often face unique challenges. Societal expectations and traditional gender roles, especially in Africa, make it difficult for men to express their emotions and seek help which sometimes leads to feelings of isolation, making mental health struggles even harder to manage.

With high rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide among men, it's crucial to remind every man that it's okay to speak up and seek help. Being vulnerable doesn't make them any less of a man.

In commemoration of Men's Mental Health Month, we put something together to remind the men that we see them and will always offer them support.

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AYGF MOVIE TIME OUT (FUNMILAYO RANSOME KUTI)



To wrap up the month, we share our Cinema moment with you which was an opportunity to bond and learn at the movies, over a movie biopic of **FUNMILAYO RANSOME KUTI**.

AYGF is a strong advocate of educating the girl child, good governance and promoting increased participation of women in leadership positions and governance which were some of the highlights of the movie. The movie also touched on the importance of preserving our nation's history, the role of religion in governance, promoting unity, peace, and love, and the role of education in nation-building.

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti continues to be a beacon of hope to young girls and women that nothing is impossible to achieve through tenacity, dedication and hard work.

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Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

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