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Building Climate Resilience Through Partnerships, Innovation and Community Action



Message From Leadership

Second quarter of 2026 marked another important milestone in CSDevNet's mission to advance climate resilience, environmental governance and sustainable livelihoods across Nigeria.

Working alongside government institutions, development partners, academic institutions, local communities and civil society organisations, we expanded programmes that strengthen climate adaptation, promote inclusive climate governance, empower young people and women, restore degraded ecosystems and improve livelihood resilience in vulnerable communities.

From supporting youth participation in Nigeria's NDC 3.0 implementation to promoting climate-smart agriculture in conflict-affected communities, our work this quarter demonstrates that locally led action remains central to achieving national and global climate ambitions.

This edition highlights key milestones from across our programmes and partnerships.

Quarter At A Glance

During Q2 2026, CSDevNet:

- 7 states reached through climate resilience, environmental governance and sustainable livelihood programmes.
- *Over 1,800 people engaged through trainings, workshops, community dialogues and awareness campaigns, including youth, women, farmers, journalists, policymakers and community leaders.
- 1,505 households surveyed across Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States to generate evidence for climate resilience, livelihood support and peacebuilding interventions.
- 200 smallholder farmers, women and youth trained on Climate-Smart Agriculture, sustainable aquaculture and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), resulting in the establishment of 20 community savings groups.
- 60 vulnerable households equipped with Climate-Smart Agriculture starter kits to strengthen food security, livelihoods and resilience in the Lake Chad Basin.
- Over 50 journalists and media professionals trained to improve climate governance reporting, gender-responsive communication and environmental journalism ahead of COP31.
- 800 economic tree seedlings planted, alongside the validation of a Community Green Action Plan (CoGAP), advancing ecosystem restoration and community-led environmental governance in Kogi State.
- Strategic partnerships strengthened with universities, government institutions, development partners, civil society organisations and local communities to advance locally led climate action.

YOUTH CALL FOR STRONGER CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

National Convening Advances Youth Participation in Nigeria's NDC 3.0

With support from GIZ and in partnership with ActionAid Nigeria, CSDevNet co-convened the National Young People's Convening on NDC 3.0 and Climate Action in Abuja.

The two-day dialogue brought together young leaders, policymakers, civil society organisations and development partners to strengthen youth participation in Nigeria's climate governance processes.

Participants developed recommendations that will contribute to implementation of Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0), while advocating stronger accountability mechanisms and greater inclusion of young people in climate policy implementations.

The convening reaffirmed that achieving Nigeria's climate commitments requires meaningful youth leadership, stronger state-level climate policies and sustained multi-stakeholder collaboration.



STRENGTHENING CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

World Environment Day 2026

CSDevNet partnered with Abdulkadir Kure University, Community Development and Climate Care (CDCC) and Green Tech Hub to commemorate World Environment Day 2026.

Held during the University's matriculation ceremony, the campaign engaged newly admitted students through environmental awareness activities promoting sustainable lifestyles, climate action and environmental stewardship.

The collaboration demonstrates CSDevNet's commitment to integrating climate education within higher institutions while nurturing the next generation of environmental leaders.



PROMOTING EVIDENCE-BASED CLIMATE COMMUNICATION

Media Capacity Strengthened Ahead of COP31

Recognising the importance of credible environmental communication, CSDevNet joined partners including Endvocas and the Women Environmental Programme (WEP) to train over fifty journalists, broadcasters and communication professionals on climate governance, gender mainstreaming and the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

The training strengthened participants' capacity to communicate complex climate issues accurately, promote science-based reporting and improve public understanding of climate policy processes ahead of COP31.

The initiative also reinforced the critical role of media in strengthening transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in climate governance.



GOOD NUTRITION MATTERS IN SICKLE CELL CARE:

THE MESSAGE BEHIND THE EGG-CELLENT INITIATIVE 2.0

Climate and Sustainable Development Network (CSDevNet), in collaboration with the Sickle Cell Free Society Initiative (SCFSI), commemorated World Sickle Cell Day 2026 with the implementation of the Egg-Cellent Initiative 2.0 at the Paediatric Ward of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH), in line with this year's global theme, "Good Nutrition Matters in Sickle Cell Care."

The initiative was designed to draw attention to the critical role of nutrition in the care and management of sickle cell disorder while strengthening awareness on the need for holistic approaches that improve the wellbeing of people living with the condition.

Sickle cell disorder remains one of the most prevalent inherited blood disorders worldwide, affecting millions of individuals and presenting significant public health challenges, particularly in developing countries. Despite advances in healthcare and treatment, many individuals living with sickle cell disorder continue to face barriers that impact their quality of life, including limited access to adequate nutrition and comprehensive healthcare services.



RESTORING LANDSCAPES AND LIVELIHOODS IN KOGI STATE

Scaling Community-Led Climate-Smart Agriculture

Implementation accelerated under the GEF Small Grants Programme project addressing land degradation and climate change in coal mining communities in Ankpa LGA, Kogi State.

Major achievements during the quarter included:

- Formation of 20 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)
- Training of over 180 farmers, women and youth in sustainable aquaculture and financial literacy
- Establishment of demonstration farms integrating aquaculture, maize, cassava and vegetable production
- Installation of a solar-powered borehole supporting climate-smart farming
- Planting of 800 oil palm seedlings across community land
- Validation of the Community Green Action Plan (CoGAP)

These activities are creating sustainable livelihood opportunities while restoring degraded landscapes and strengthening local environmental governance.



BY THE NUMBERS

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| 200+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED | 20 (25 members per VSLA) VSLA GROUPS FORMED | 10,000 CATFISH JUVENILES STOCKED | 800 OIL PALM SEEDLINGS PLANTED |
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EVIDENCE DRIVING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE LAKE CHAD BASIN

Livelihood Assessment Completed Across Three States

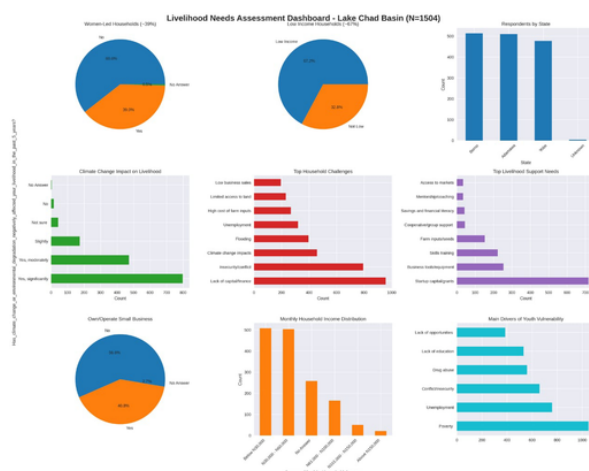
Under the UNICRI-supported project on Building Climate-Resilient Communities to Counter Illicit Economies and Terrorism, CSDevNet completed an extensive livelihood needs assessment across Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States.

The assessment generated over 1,500 household responses alongside key informant interviews and focus group discussions.

Findings confirmed the strong relationship between climate change, livelihood insecurity and vulnerability to illicit economies, providing a robust evidence base for targeted interventions including Climate-Smart Agriculture starter kits and resilience-building activities.

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Empowering Women and Youth Through Climate-Smart Agriculture

Building on the assessment findings, CSDevNet implemented integrated Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE), Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) and livelihood support activities across Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States.

Participants received practical training on climate-smart farming techniques alongside CSA starter kits containing improved seeds, organic fertiliser and home gardening tools.

The integrated approach strengthens food security, improves household resilience and addresses the underlying socio-economic vulnerabilities that can contribute to insecurity.

By connecting climate adaptation with livelihood development and peacebuilding, the initiative demonstrates how locally driven solutions can simultaneously advance environmental sustainability and community stability.



ADVANCING FLOOD RESILIENCE IN THE NIGER DELTA

Bayelsa Workshop Promotes Community Preparedness and Youth Accountability

CSDevNet convened a landmark workshop at Hensard University focused on strengthening community flood preparedness and youth-led climate accountability.

The workshop brought together scientists, government agencies, academia, civil society and community leaders to develop practical solutions for improving flood resilience across Bayelsa State.

Technical sessions explored flood early warning systems, remote sensing technologies, community preparedness, youth environmental accountability and mangrove restoration as a nature-based solution.

Participants committed to expanding community flood preparedness groups, strengthening environmental monitoring systems and scaling up ecosystem restoration initiatives throughout vulnerable communities.



Celebrating Our People

At CSDevNet, we believe that our greatest asset is our people. We are committed to fostering a positive, inclusive, and supportive workplace where every staff member is respected, valued, and empowered to thrive.

Celebrating milestones such as birthdays is one of the many ways we recognize the individuals whose passion, dedication, and teamwork drive our impact. By promoting a healthy and people-centred work environment, we continue to nurture a culture where everyone is motivated to give their best while growing both personally and professionally.

Looking Ahead

As Nigeria prepares for increasingly complex climate, environmental and socio-economic challenges, CSDevNet remains committed to delivering evidence-driven, community-led and partnership-based solutions.

In the coming quarter, our priorities include:

- Scaling climate-smart agriculture interventions.
- Expanding community resilience programmes in fragile regions.
- Strengthening youth participation in climate governance.
- Advancing ecosystem restoration initiatives.
- Deepening partnerships with governments, academia and international development partners.
- Mobilising innovative climate finance for locally led adaptation.

Together with our partners, we will continue to build resilient communities, strengthen inclusive climate governance and accelerate sustainable development across Nigeria.

Staff Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday, MERCY PETER!
27 April

Wishing you a year filled with joy, good health, success, and continued impact. Thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and valuable contributions to the work of CSDevNet. Your commitment helps advance our mission of building resilient communities and promoting sustainable development. The entire CSDevNet family celebrates you and wishes you every happiness in the year ahead. May this new chapter bring fresh opportunities, personal fulfilment, and continued excellence.



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