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Conversations, Connections, and Quiet Progress.

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Greening the Future Together. One Community at a Time.

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers,



February has been a month of deliberate action and quiet progress. As I reflect on the work we've done, I am reminded that meaningful environmental impact doesn't always make headlines, it is built in meetings, conversations, and careful groundwork.

This month, our focus was on advocacy visits, data gathering, and engaging directly with students and communities. Each visit and interaction reminded me that environmental stewardship is not just about projects, it's about presence, trust, and relationships. Our advocacy work this month was about listening, learning, and ensuring that our programs respond to real needs. Every conversation, every observation, every piece of data collected brings us closer to interventions that matter.

I am proud of our team for showing up consistently, for their dedication, and for carrying the TGED mission into spaces where it can inspire action. I am equally grateful for you, our community, for walking this journey with us. Your belief, support, and engagement are the fuel that keeps our initiatives alive and growing.

As we continue into 2026, I invite you to explore this edition of our newsletter: from our reflections and field work to fun environmental quizzes and surprising "Did You Know?" facts. Stay tuned - our 2026 Eco Savers School Project (ESSP) is coming back soon, bigger and better than ever.

With gratitude,

Oluwaseyi Ebenezer, Esq.

Founder/Team Lead,

TGED Foundation



At a Glance [Highlights]

- **Climate Action Plan Consultation**
- **Flood Resilience Baseline Assessment**
- **Ministry of Environment Engagement**
- **Youth Leadership Partnerships**
- **Treevolution Community Dialogue**

Impact Snapshot

- 3** Policy engagements
- 2** Community Stakeholder Meetings
- 2** Government Consultations
- 1** Youth Leadership Engagement
- 1** Community Baseline Assessment

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Bees communicate through dance. Some species, like the honeybee, perform a “waggle dance” to tell hive mates where to find food. This tiny choreographed movement impacts the pollination of thousands of plant species.



Elephants can detect rainstorms miles away. Their low-frequency rumbles allow them to sense distant weather changes, helping herds find water before droughts intensify.



Tree leaves can reduce airborne bacteria. Certain trees, like maple and pine, release natural antimicrobial compounds that improve local air quality.



Even simple handwashing saves lives. Proper hand hygiene prevents thousands of infections yearly and reduces environmental contamination from pathogens.



Eating too much processed food can harm your microbiome. A healthy gut supports not just digestion but immune function and mental health.

Strengthening Institutional Partnerships in Ekiti State.

As part of our continued effort to strengthen partnerships with key institutions, TGED Foundation paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Sunday Omoya, the newly appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ekiti State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.

The TGED team, led by our Founder/Team Lead Oluwaseyi Ebenezer and accompanied by Program Officer Adeyanju Olalekan, shared updates on our ongoing initiatives and upcoming programs focused on climate action, environmental education, and community resilience in Ekiti State.

Dr. Omoya warmly received the team and expressed enthusiasm about the Foundation's work, noting that the Ministry's priorities align closely with TGED's mission. He also conveyed his readiness to collaborate in advancing shared environmental goals for the state.

As we continue to expand our partnerships, engagements like this remain vital for building the collaboration needed to drive meaningful and lasting environmental impact across Ekiti.





Ekiti State Climate Action Plan: Youth Public Consultation

On 25th February 2026, the Ekiti State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources convened a Youth Public Consultation Forum on the Ekiti State Climate Action Plan. The forum brought together youth representatives and civil society organizations, including TGED Foundation.

During the session, Oluwaseyi Ebenezer, Founder of TGED Foundation, presented the summary of findings of the Ekiti State Climate Action Plan, highlighting key priorities such as climate adaptation, renewable energy transition, sustainable agriculture, waste management, and ecosystem restoration.

TGED Foundation was also represented at the forum by Program Officer Adeyanju Olalekan and Communications Officer Lauretta Etta. Youth participants actively shared their perspectives, with a key concern being the need for stronger public sensitization, particularly in rural communities, to ensure broader awareness and participation in climate action across the state.



Ekiti Climate Action Plan: PWD Stakeholder Consultation

As part of ongoing consultations on the Ekiti State Climate Action Plan, the Ekiti State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, supported by Disability Not A Barrier Initiative (DINABI), convened a Public Consultation Forum for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) on the Ekiti State Climate Action Plan.

At the forum, Oluwaseyi Ebenezer, Founder of TGED Foundation, presented the summary of findings of the Climate Action Plan, highlighting priorities such as climate adaptation, renewable energy transition, sustainable agriculture, waste management, and ecosystem restoration.

TGED Foundation was also represented by Program Officer Adeyanju Olalekan and Communications Officer Lauretta Etta. Participants emphasized the need for inclusive climate initiatives and emergency planning that ensures persons with disabilities are fully considered in state climate action efforts.

The session provided space for stakeholders to reflect on existing gaps and identify practical steps to ensure that the implementation of the Ekiti State Climate Action Plan remains inclusive and equitable for all communities.



Community Engagement | TGED Visits Igbemo-Ekiti Ahead of Treevolution & International Women's Day 2026.

On 26 February 2026, the TGED Foundation team [Adeyanju Olalekan & Koiki Nimota] visited Igbemo-Ekiti as part of early preparations for the upcoming Treevolution Project and International Women's Day activities planned in collaboration with the community.

During the visit, the team met with His Royal Majesty, Adewumi Daramola, and Chief Mrs. Alabi, the Women Leader of Igbemo-Ekiti, to formally share the planned initiatives and seek the community's support and participation.

The engagement created an opportunity for dialogue with community leaders, ensuring that the planned activities reflect local priorities and perspectives.

As preparations continue, this visit marks an important step toward implementing programs that are inclusive, community-driven, and rooted in strong local partnerships.



Baseline Spotlight: Graceville Community Flood Resilience Assessment

In February, TGED Foundation carried out a baseline field assessment in Graceville Community, Ilokun, Ado-Ekiti, to better understand the flooding challenges affecting residents and explore possible nature-based solutions.

The visit, led by Program Officer Adeyanju Olalekan, included engagement with the Chairman and members of the community's Landlords' Association and a physical inspection of the affected river channel.

Key observations included:

- Persistent seasonal flooding impacting homes and household property
- Visible soil cracking and gradual riverbank expansion along an estimated 1.5 km stretch near residential buildings
- Strong community interest in a tree-planting initiative as a long-term mitigation strategy.

The team also administered a short questionnaire to gather baseline information on community structure, flooding patterns, and local readiness to support the intervention. Insights from this visit will guide our next steps as we explore practical ways to support the community through sustainable, nature-based solutions.



Partnership & Presence | TGED at JCI N EKSU Convention.

On Saturday, 14 February 2026, TGED Foundation represented by Koiki Nimota Adunola [Admin Officer] participated in the 37th Convention and 38th Investiture Ceremony of Junior Chamber International Nigeria EKSU (JCIN EKSU). The event, which also featured the maiden edition of TOPA and the inauguration of a Patron, was held under the theme “Continuity, Commitment, and the Future We Build.”

As an organization deeply committed to youth development, leadership, and sustainable impact, we value showing up for youth-led initiatives that align with our mission and values. Our participation reflects our ongoing commitment to youth development, leadership, and strategic partnerships that drive positive change.

We look forward to strengthening this partnership and exploring more opportunities for joint impact in the future.



Volunteer Spotlight

Introducing Edi-Ima. TGED Foundation Current Volunteer.

At TGED Foundation, our work is strengthened by volunteers who bring their skills, passion, and creativity into everything we do. Udokang Edi-Ima Anietie is one of those individuals whose diverse talents and commitment continue to add value to our mission. Here's a glimpse into who she is and her experience with TGED Foundation.

- **Can you tell us a little about yourself?**

I am Udokang Edi-Ima Anietie, a graduate of Joseph Ayo Babalola University from the department of English. I'm currently a serving Corp Member in Osun State as a Diction Coach. Professionally, I am a content, copy, and academic writer, voiceover artist, presenter, fashion designer, and video editor. My key areas are academics, sustainable environment, arts, education, and work. I love to play guitar, piano, sing, dance, learn new languages and go on adventures and draw for fun.

- **What motivated you to volunteer with TGED Foundation?**

I was drawn to volunteering with TGED Foundation because of its exceptional work in sustainability and climate change, especially sanitation advocacy, which resonates with my passion for promoting a cleaner environment. I'm impressed by the organization's holistic approach to creating awareness and offering workable solutions to these important but neglected issues, and I'm excited to be part of it.

- **Can you share a memorable experience or highlight from your volunteer work?**

One memorable moment was crafting an email campaign about TGED Foundation's tree-planting initiative. I helped compile all initiatives with related pictures and activities done. Sharing the impact of this effort and inspiring others to join in was truly rewarding.

- **How has volunteering with TGED Foundation impacted you personally and professionally?**

Volunteering with TGED Foundation has been incredibly enriching, as it deepened my passion for environmental sustainability and gave me a sense of purpose, personally. Professionally, I've gained valuable experience in content writing, email newsletter drafting, leadership, using new project management tools, facilitation, and teamwork that will benefit me in my future endeavors.



Volunteer Spotlight

Continuation

- **What skills or knowledge have you gained through your volunteer experience?**

As a volunteer with TGED Foundation, I've gained valuable skills in email-related tasks, including writing engaging email newsletters, drafting effective email campaigns, and creating compelling content that resonates with the audience and supports the foundation's mission. I have also gained teamwork skills, facilitation skills, critical thinking and communication.

- **What advice would you give to someone considering volunteering with TGED Foundation and what do you think sets us apart from others?**

To someone considering volunteering with TGED Foundation, I'd say: "Go for it!" TGED Foundation stands out for its dedication to environmental sustainability and community empowerment. As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to relate with real life situations, make a meaningful impact, develop new skills, and be part of a passionate team. I believe what sets TGED Foundation apart is its collaborative approach, innovative solutions, and genuine commitment to creating positive change.

- **Is there anything you'd like to see our organization focus on in the future?**

Yes, I'd love to see TGED Foundation continue to expand its reach and impact by exploring new partnerships, innovative projects, and community-led initiatives that promote environmental sustainability and social justice. Additionally, it would be great to see more youth engagement and mentorship programs, empowering the next generation to become environmental leaders.

Missed Our February blog posts? No worries.

Here's another chance to explore insights and stories we've shared. Catch up on conversations around climate action, community engagement, and sustainability.

<https://tgedfoundation.org/blog/from-waste-to-income-why-women-must-lead-nigerias-circular-economy-transition/>

<https://tgedfoundation.org/blog/how-green-skills-are-transforming-womens-economic-power-in-africa/>

Also, read our latest Green Brief Newsletter here and subscribe:

<https://www.linkedin.com/build-relation/newsletter-follow-entityUrn=7421668258094665729>



Don't tell me you missed our first newsletter of the year [January Edition]!

No worries at all. We've got you covered. Catch up on the reflections, highlights, and stories that set the tone for our year. Click the link below to read the January edition.

<https://tgedfoundation.org/newsletters/january-2026-newsletter/>

In the spirit of shared growth, we're highlighting a few opportunities that may be useful to members of our community. Kindly review and take advantage where applicable.

Fully Funded AFAS Master's Program

Website: <https://lnkd.in/eM9qBzED>

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Cornell University Nature Education Course [4-week global online course]

Website: https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_20oLzFfBUrBST9Q

Deadline: March, 29, 2026

Thank you

The Eco Savers School Project (ESSP) 2026 is returning soon, and we're excited about what lies ahead. As one of TGED Foundation's initiatives, ESSP continues to equip young minds with the knowledge, values, and practical skills needed to protect the environment and become climate-conscious leaders in their communities.

As we prepare for another impactful year, your involvement remains essential. Whether you participate in our programs, share knowledge, support our initiatives, or simply stay informed, every action you take strengthens our mission and helps build healthier, more sustainable communities.

You can be part of this journey by supporting TGED Foundation and the programs that drive environmental education, community engagement, and climate action by donating using the link provided or scan the QR code provided:



- Support TGED Foundation: <https://tgedfoundation.org/donate-now/>
- Support the Greener Minds Project: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/build-greener-minds-for-a-sustainable-future/>

Together, we can turn ideas into meaningful action and action into lasting impact. With your continued support, ESSP 2026 and other TGED initiatives will reach more communities, inspire more people, and create a brighter, greener future for all.



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