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About CJID

The Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID) is a West African media innovation and development think-tank.

Founded in 2014 as a non-governmental organisation in Nigeria, and initially known as the Premium Times Centre for Investigative Journalism (PTCIJ), the Centre has been a leader in investigative journalism, innovation, open data, verification, promotion of the welfare and safety of journalist, elections, the freedom of information and expression. In 2020, the CJID expanded its footprint beyond Nigeria and moved into specific niches in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and The Gambia. This expansion has extended to parts of Central and Francophone Africa, including Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Mozambique and Senegal.

Our Mission

To strengthen West Africa’s journalism sector to promote democratic accountability for inclusive and sustainable development.

Our Vision

To enable a truly independent media landscape that advances the values of democracy.
It is like yesterday! Back in 2014, the challenge to give journalism a more consequential push led the Premium Times Centre for Investigative Journalism (PTCIJ) as a mechanism to help spread the practice of investigative reporting, inaugurate data journalism, and advocate for expanded freedom in the media, particularly the internet based ones.

By 2018, the PTCIJ was already carrying a payload of a dozen programmes like UDEME – our social accountability mechanism, the Campus Reporters, and a vigorous training programme spread across many genres of the profession. However, one significant product came online to respond to the emerging information dystopia in the wave of the digital revolution. We called it DUBAWA, a Hausa translation for ‘verification.’ DUBAWA was tasked with responding to and helping to stem the growing disinformation and misinformation threatening public policy, political healthiness, climate, and health information.

After establishing its credibility in Nigeria, PTCIJ opened its Ghana operations two years later, in 2020, as the inaugural moment for our expansion effort. That same year, we set the Campus Reporters programme in motion in four universities.
to help produce an elite crop of the next generation of newsroom leaders for the country. It is a homage to the indefatigable spirit of the young men and women of the organisation that we currently have the programme established in 34 Nigerian campuses, as well as in Ghana and Liberia.

Meanwhile, our expansion programme continued, and now covers the five English-speaking ECOWAS countries. Our remit has also expanded to accommodate technology and innovation offerings. By 2022, we had come to full awareness that the challenge of journalism in the digital era is fundamentally about how to use technology, data and investigative reporting to drive the key goals of promoting accountability, setting development agenda and gatekeeping demands as the triangular nodes of journalism. Invariably, in 2022, we changed the organisation’s name to the Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID) to reflect our current aspirations and future projections. As should be expected, we set up an innovation team of about a dozen brilliant young minds who are busy creating and innovating on a number of journalistic products and services.

No other media organisation in Africa has this type of capability, for which we are profoundly grateful to our team members, our board, and our funders - the trifecta that gives meaning and consequences to our mission to make journalism enable and renew democracy.

It is indeed morning yet on creation day!!!

Dapo Olorunyomi
CEO
Executive Director’s Note

I am proud to present the 2023 Annual Report of the Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID). The year was a period of significant progress, challenges, and opportunities for our organisation. We remain steadfast in our commitment to enabling a media landscape that promotes the values of democracy.

In 2023, we hosted the largest journalism conference in the country and possibly in the region – the West African Journalism Innovation Conference, which had over 400 attendees from 11 countries. The conference also hosted a first-of-its-kind art exhibition, which has since found similar expression in the activities of the Spanish Embassy and the Gates Foundation, among others. The conference put a spotlight on the safety of the press and placed the Centre in a pole position in the advocacy to enact press safety legislation.

We won seven awards for our work, including the most impactful fact-check globally from the International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN). Our investigation into the herbal medicine ‘Baba Aisha’ led to an arrest and a regulatory review of standards for pharmaceuticals in the country, thereby saving lives and demonstrating the impact of journalism on promoting democratic accountability.

The organisation faced significant challenges in the course of the year. A
global economic slowdown meant a reduction in philanthropic funding opportunities. A contentious election, followed by local hyperinflation, led to higher costs and talent retention challenges, with several top teammates joining the “japa train” and relocating. The declining security situation in Abuja also constrained operations. CJID was fortunate to have weathered most of these challenges through a combination of good fortune and a resilient team. Our strong fundraising team continues to tap into new donor funds, bringing in four institutions of support, thereby insulating the organisation from hyperinflation. We have also mitigated the talent turnover rate by allowing remote work options for exceptions.

In 2024, we are looking to significantly rejig our service offerings, moving away from high-competition capacity-building services to more niche product-based activities. These range from knowledge products, such as research papers, to technology products, particularly leveraging new artificial intelligence tools.

We remain immensely grateful for the trust and support of our board, funders, and partners. We invite you to continue partnering with us in the noble mission of democratic accountability across Africa. Together, we can build a continent we all can be proud of.

Dr Tobi Oluwatola
Executive Director
Project Management Office: A Snapshot

At CJID, our mission is to leverage journalism, innovation, and open data to promote democratic accountability in the service of inclusive and sustainable development.

Portfolio Highlights

In 2023, CJID continued to offer a diverse array of services aimed at empowering journalists and media organisations. Our portfolio included:

- Research and knowledge products to address pressing issues
- Capacity-building workshops to enhance the skills and expertise of journalists

Akintunde Babatunde
Director of Programmes
Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID)
Conferences and policy convening to foster dialogue and collaboration

Verification and fact-checking processes to uphold information accuracy

Sub-grants for investigative stories and advocacy efforts

Creation of civic technology and AI tools to drive media innovation

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- Publication of **463** investigative stories across 57 media platforms
- Release of **841** fact-check articles debunking misinformation
- Tracking of **1,283** community projects
- Publication of **20** research briefs and knowledge products

In addition, our development of digital technology and AI tools revolutionised the media landscape in Africa, while showcasing the transformative potential of innovation in journalism and media development.
Together, we will continue to push boundaries, drive innovation, and shape the future of journalism and media development worldwide.

**Akintunde Babatunde**
Director of Programmes
CJID’s 2023 in Numbers
### Research and Knowledge Products

- **20** Research and Knowledge Products

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Research and Knowledge Products

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Capacity Building and Media Workshops

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Conferences and Policy Convening

84
Investigative Reports/Campus Reporter Stories

14
Sub-grants for Investigative Stories

3
Webinars and X (Twitter) Spaces

2
Cases of Institutional Support

1
Documentary Produced

458
Number of Persons Trained

2
Advocacy Projects

3
Media Appearances (TV and Radio)

1
Awards and Recognitions

1
Legislative Policy Draft
Fact-checking, Verification, Media Literacy Programme (Dubawa)

- **5** Research and Knowledge Products
- **16** Capacity Building and Media Workshops
- **841** Number of Persons Trained
- **6** Investigative Stories
- **13** Conferences and Policy Convening
- **841** Fact-checks, MIL Articles and Explainers Published
- **7** Awards and Recognitions
- **7** Elections Monitored
- **1** Sub-grants for Investigative Stories
- **6** Cases of Institutional Support
- **1** Documentary
- **3** Webinars and X (Twitter) Spaces
- **1** Civic Tech/AI Tools Developed
- **44** Media Appearances (TV and Radio)
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CJID Offerings
Research and Knowledge Products

In line with its mission, CJID produces research and knowledge products to support the media and inform advocacy for democratic accountability and sustainable development. In 2023, the Centre advanced its policy and research offerings, publishing 20 research reports and policy briefs.

Scan the QR Code below to view our Research and Knowledge Products:
Civic Technology

Within the framework of its mandate as a tech-driven think-tank committed to supporting the media, CJID built tech products to advance its work. With support from Google News Initiative (GNI), DUBAWA completed the development of an audio fact-checking tool to debunk misinformation and disinformation. Through this tool, it reached non-English speaking audiences with local language audio fact-checks in Ghana, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

Click the button below to access the Dubawa Audio Platform:

Dubawa Audio Platform
CJID recognises the capacity gaps in newsrooms across the West African region, which has limited effective reporting on critical issues. Hence, in 2023, it expanded its capacity-building programmes, training a total of 1,717 journalists across 300 newsrooms in Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger Republic. Journalists were trained in several thematic areas, including Climate Change Reporting, Fact-checking, Mental Health Reporting, Gender-Based Violence Reporting, etc.
Highlights

17th – 18th January 2023

Two-Day Training on Security Safety
CJID, in collaboration with the Canadian Fund for Local Initiative (CFLI), implemented a two-day workshop on “Holistic Security Safety,” from 17th–18th January 2023, which trained 60 journalists on essential skills in holistic security safety, ahead of the 2023 presidential election in Nigeria.

7th – 8th March 2023

Two-Day Virtual Training for 2023 U-Monitors
50 U-Monitors were trained virtually and onboarded to track and report developmental projects in Nigeria.

29th – 30th March 2023

Two-Day Capacity Building Training on Climate Change Reporting
CJID trained 30 journalists from five newsrooms each in Ghana and Nigeria, with support from Centre for Investigative Journalism (CIJ) and UNESCO.

December 2022 – March 2023

Kwame Karikari Fact-Checking Fellowship
In 2023, Dubawa convened the fourth cohort of the Kwame Karikari Fact-Checking Fellowship. Upon completing a three-month rigorous programme, 20 fellows graduated, comprising journalists from Nigeria, Ghana, and Sierra Leone.

10th – 12th May 2023

Three-Day Capacity Building Workshop on Corrosive and Constructive Capital
21 participants (19 journalists and two CSO representatives) were trained on the concept of Corrosive and Constructive Capital in Nigeria, towards setting the agenda for improved foreign financial flows in the country. The training was supported by the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE).
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3-Day Capacity Building Workshop on Conflict Reporting in Nigeria

Through its Conflict, Security and Human Rights Project, CJID trained journalists and researchers to effectively report conflict and insecurity in the West African region. The workshop, which held from 12th to 14th of July, 2023 built the capacity of 21 journalists and researchers.

Workshop on Mental Health Reporting for Media Professionals

In partnership with Mental Health KAFE and the Association of Psychiatrists in Nigeria, CJID carried out this training for media professionals on best practices for mental health reporting.

Two-Day Capacity Building on the Extractive Sector

CJID carried out a training for media professionals on reporting the extractive sector. Sixteen journalists were selected for this programme from over 300 applicants across different newsrooms in Nigeria.

Two-Day Capacity Building Workshop on Climate Change Media Reporting

With support from the European Climate Foundation (ECF), this workshop was held to enhance the capacity of the media to report climate change issues, raise public awareness on the climate and hold the government accountable for climate action. The workshop, which ran between the 9th and 10th of August, 2023, trained 40 journalists across five newsrooms in Nigeria.
Three-Day Capacity Building Workshop on Climate Change Reporting

With support from the Public Diplomacy Section of the US Embassy in Abuja, CJID conducted a training for 40 journalists to build their capacities for promoting sustainable climate practices, fostering public engagement on the issues involved, and supporting the development of policies and strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation in Nigeria through effective reporting.

Training on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Reporting

CJID, through its Media in Gender Project, conducted a training for 40 campus journalists across Nigeria on reporting gender-based violence.

Four-Day Training on Campus Journalism

Through its Campus Reporter Project, CJID trained 45 campus journalists in Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS). The capacity-building workshop featured sessions like “Introduction to Newsgathering and Sourcing”, “Data Journalism”, “Multimedia Journalism”, and “Features Writing”, among others.

Three-Day Training on Data and Investigative Journalism in Cameroon and Chad

CJID, through its Conflict, Security and Human Rights Project, in collaboration with ADISI Cameroun and with support from Open Society Foundation, carried out a three-day training on “Data Journalism and Investigative Journalism on the Conflicts Around Lake Chad.” Fifteen journalists from Cameroon and Chad were trained to leverage data and investigative journalism in reporting conflict in the Lake Chad Quadrangle.
Training on Storytelling for Gender Equality

The Media in Gender Project of CJID partnered with GSAI and NUJ to train 50 journalists and editors on advancing gender equality and inclusion through storytelling.

February – December 2023

Capacity Building Workshop on Fact-Checking

Through its Fact-checking, Verification and Media Literacy Programme, CJID conducted 16 trainings on fact-checking for non-urban-based journalists in Ghana, Liberia, The Gambia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The highlights included:

- Participation of four hundred and eighty-seven (487) practising journalists across the five West African countries through the Google News Initiative Project, from February to September 2023.

- Officials from over 60 government parastatals benefited from the workshops held in Liberia, The Gambia and Sierra Leone.

16th – 19th October 2023

Three-Day Training on Conflict Reporting

Through its Conflict, Security and Human Rights Project, CJID held a three-day capacity-building workshop for journalists and researchers in Niger on “Reporting Human Rights Violations in the Lake Chad Basin.” The training was held from the 19th to the 21st of December, 2023, and 15 journalists and researchers benefitted from it.

- Twenty journalists were trained in Abuja in partnership with Casa Africa and the Spanish Embassy in Nigeria.

- With the support of the US Embassy in Ghana, 58 journalists based in the Bono, Volta and Western regions of Ghana, had their skills built in thematic areas between November and December 2023.

- One hundred and fifty-eight (158) volunteers were trained in October 2023, and 158 schools were reached during Dubawa’s annual media and information literacy campaign tagged “Week for Truth.”
Some 2023 Program pictures
In 2023, CJID established itself as a media innovation and development think-tank with unique convening power, fostering dialogue through high-level conferences, summits and events, which brought stakeholders from diverse sectors together. Major conferences hosted by CJID in 2023 include:

Conferences and Policy Convenings
West Africa Journalism Innovation Conference (WAJIC)

Between 24th and 27th July, 2023, the Centre hosted the inaugural West African Journalism Innovation Conference (WAJIC), which explored innovations, technological models and tools, to strengthen journalism in the region. Themed "Accountability Journalism: Nurturing Innovation for a Sustainable Future," the conference attracted 400 delegates and 70 experts from 11 countries. With eight panel sessions and six technical workshops, the discussions focused on the state of accountability journalism in West Africa, the impact of innovation on its evolution, and considerations for improving journalism education. Key topics included AI integration, sustainable business models, media ethics, professionalism, media representation, community engagement, and the future of journalism. The workshops covered the media’s role in elections, journalism in conflict zones, and innovative trends in verification, while offering hands-on skills in AI, data, and technology tools. The opening ceremony featured the #Safe4Press Art Exhibition, which raised over N1 million to address the challenges faced by journalists and support psychosocial therapy for those in distress.
Media and Development Conference’ 23

CJID hosted the foundational Media and Development Conference from the 13th to the 15th of November 2023 in Abuja, Nigeria. Anchored on the theme of “Bridging Democracy, Innovation, and Media Sustainability in West Africa,” the conference provided a platform for thoughtful examination, engagement, and discourses on the multifaceted development issues and concerns prevalent in West Africa. The event brought together a diverse array of over 200 development experts representing various sectors, including the media, academia, donor agencies, and policymakers. Central to the conference’s purpose was to ignite inclusive and forward-thinking conversations on media innovations, technological models, and actionable policies that can assist the region in overcoming its developmental challenges. It also served as the launch pad for novel approaches to fostering and maintaining cross-sectoral collaborations, while crafting effective strategies for enduring and inclusive development in the West African region.
National Animal Feed Summit

CJID partnered with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Sahel Consulting to host the second edition of the National Agricultural Feed Summit in Abuja on the 11th and 12th of April, 2023. The summit, themed, "Harnessing Alternative Feed Resources for Sustainable Animal Feed Supply," brought together stakeholders from the private and public sectors, feed millers (toll, commercial and on-farm) and academics to chart the way forward for developing Nigeria’s feed sector.
**Nigeria Mining Week**

CJID participated in the Eighth Nigeria Mining Week, which held between the 16th and 18th of October, 2023 and had over 1,500 attendees. The Centre moderated two panel sessions on “Women’s Inclusion” and “Youth Integration in the Mining Ecosystem.”

**National Security, Media, and Safety Symposium**

In collaboration with the Canadian Fund for Local Initiative (CFLI), CJID organised a “National Security, Media, and Safety Symposium” in January 2023, which brought together more than 121 individuals from newsrooms, CSOs, government agencies, political parties, and other pertinent stakeholders.
Dialogue on the Safety and Protection of Journalists

CJID hosted a dialogue with media executives on the safety and protection of journalists towards the 2023 General Elections. The dialogue sought to foster and strengthen the efforts of the Coalition for Whistleblower Protection and Press Freedom (CWPPF) to protect press freedom by seeking a safe environment for journalists to practice in, through multi-layered actions to address the multifaceted challenges facing them that cannot be tackled individually. Find the communique here.

CJID, through its various programmes, provided 85 sub-grants to journalists and newsrooms to conduct deep dives into various sectors of the economy. Some of these are outlined below.
The Natural Resource and Extractives programme of the Centre mobilised three journalists with sub-grants to engage deeply on mining-related issues.

The Climate Change project provided grants to support 21 journalists to carry out in-depth storytelling on climate change issues in Nigeria.

The Climate Change project successfully set up climate change desks in 10 newsrooms and supported the publication of 84 news reports under the CJID/UNESCO project in Nigeria and Ghana.

The Climate Change project supported a journalist in producing 11 stories from the Africa Climate Summit held in Nairobi, Kenya in September 2023.

The UDEME project supported 12 journalists with grants to track and report on foreign investments in Nigeria.

The Health Reporting project funded 15 journalists to conduct deep dives into issues around primary healthcare centres and health policies in Nigeria.

The Climate Change project successfully set up climate change desks in 10 newsrooms and supported the publication of 84 news reports under the CJID/UNESCO project in Nigeria and Ghana.

The Media in Gender project supported 11 student advocates and journalists to embark on storytelling and advocacy projects on GBV reporting mechanisms available on campuses across Nigeria (in Maiduguri, Niger, Ebonyi, Plateau, Sokoto and other states).

In 2022, through support from the Justice for Journalists Foundation, the Media Freedom project provided grants to support five investigative newsrooms in Nigeria to conduct investigations and feature stories on the safety of journalists. Four stories were published in this regard in 2022, and the remaining three were published in 2023.
The Conflict, Security and Human Rights project commissioned 16 journalists and four researchers to conduct in-depth reports on the economy of insecurity in the Lake Chad region. One of the published stories, “Inside Secret Details of How Chinese-allied Miners Bribed Dogo Gide Terror Group to Access Mining Sites in Niger State” made an impact, as the Niger State government profiled miners in the state following the publication of this report. It also propelled other banditry-torn states — Kebbi and Zamfara — to ban mining activities, as authorities cited a nexus between the unending insecurity and illegal mining.

Dubawa commissioned an investigation, “Baba Aisha,” to unveil the harm in an herbal concoction being sold on the streets of Abuja. This investigative story received wide recognition and resulted in a clamp down on producers of the herbal concoctions by the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) in Nigeria. This story won seven national and international awards, including the Wole Soyinka Award for Investigative Reporting.
Advocacy

CJID employed several levers across its programmes to drive advocacy for democratic accountability and sustainable development. The advocacy efforts championed in 2023 included:
1. The Centre’s Media Freedom project fostered increased media collaboration of 22 newsrooms/CSOs to advocate for a national legislative framework to protect press freedom in Nigeria.

2. After a CJID-funded campus advocacy campaign at the University of Maiduguri, the institution’s student affairs division pledged to create a hotline for students to report cases of gender-based violence, while introducing GBV sensitisation as part of the student’s orientation at the beginning of each session.

3. The Media Freedom project facilitated an evacuation fund to relocate a distressed journalist to a safe zone.

4. CJID established a collaborative platform for 25 journalists to openly share their experiences on safety and security.

5. CJID provided advocacy and psychosocial support for two journalists during their ordeals in facing reprisal attacks for their work.

6. With support from the Heinrich Boll Stiftung (HBS) Foundation, CJID hosted an Art Exhibition and launched a fundraising advocacy to shed light on press freedom in Nigeria. The exhibition, hosted in July 2023, gave a creative voice to the plights of journalists in West Africa by using art to tell the story of press freedom violations. The event successfully raised N1,380,000 from art purchases, and the amount raised was dedicated to the psychosocial welfare of journalists.

7. CJID, through its Climate Change project, planted 20 economic trees in two secondary schools in Abuja to commemorate the 2023 International Day of Forest. During this event, students were educated about the significance of tree planting and were further encouraged to take on active roles in environmental protection.

8. CJID partnered with the Ploggin Nigeria Club to mark the 2023 World Cleanup Day, with an exercise called the Ploggathon.
To mark the Media Literacy Week, Dubawa observed its annual Week for Truth, which is designed to support efforts at countering misinformation and disinformation by equipping citizens with the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to engage with the media and information ethically. The 2023 Week for Truth campaign reached over 10,000 students across five West African countries, increasing the level of media and information literacy of citizens in the region.

CJID partnered with the National Youth Service Corps’ (NYSC) SDG Community Development Service to commemorate the 2023 World Health Day celebration in Dakibiu community in Abuja.

CJID participated in a two-day event to mark World Milk Day, with a theme, “Pathways to financing Nigeria’s Milk Revolution.”
Verification, Fact-Checking, Media and Information Literacy

In 2023, Dubawa enhanced its reputation as the foremost fact-checking and verification platform in West Africa. Its work increased awareness of information disorder in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Gambia.

1. Dubawa published 623 fact-check reports.


Election Monitoring

Given that 2023 was an election year in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, CJID contributed to advancing democratic engagement through election monitoring.

1. CJID observed Nigeria’s general and sub-national elections, deploying 63 observers.

2. CJID partnered with the West Africa Network for Peace Building (WANEP) for live election fact-checks in Sierra Leone and Liberia. The partnership supported Dubawa’s expansion agenda in those two countries.

3. In partnership with the Media in National Election (MiNE) project, the Campus Reporter project deployed 63 campus journalists to observe the 2023 Nigerian general and gubernatorial elections. Observers were selected from 34 tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

4. Leveraging its media coalition, the Centre’s election-day blogging reached over 92 million people.

Institutional Support

CJID remain a strategic partner to government agencies, CSOs and media organisations, providing technical and institutional support to them.

1. It was selected Co-chair of the Open Government Partnership’s (OGP) Media and Communications Thematic Working Group (TWG) in Nigeria.

2. The Centre, through its Media Freedom project, supported five newsrooms in Nigeria with safety kits. These are ICIR, Daily Trust, The Cable, Humangle, and Premium Times.

3. Through its Media in Gender project, CJID supported Media Mentors Network to host the Niger Women in the Media Summit.
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The Centre, through its Media in Gender project, supported Wikkitimes to produce a 12-series podcast titled “Unheard Voices”. The podcast is designed to amplify women’s unique socio-cultural and economic experiences in Northern Nigeria.

It supported the Federal Ministry of Environment to host a national dialogue on desertification.

**Project Tracking**

CJID accelerated its public accountability initiatives, tracking government spending and project implementation.

- It tracked government procurement and exposed corruption by a federal lawmaker, which led to an investigation by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) into Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) contracts in Borno State.

**Multimedia Production**

CJID complemented the narratives on its programmes and projects with strategic visual storytelling, as in the following instances, when it produced:

- A documentary on the $300 million abandoned Greater Abuja water project;
- A 40-minute documentary on “Safe for Press Documentary: Shining a Light on The Dark Side of Journalist Safety and Press Violation”;

Following a UDEME report and town hall meeting, which uncovered the condition of an abandoned hospital project in Ukanafun, Akwa Ibom State, the Centre secured the commitment of the Akwa Ibom State government to complete the project. The project was captured for completion in the 2023 Akwa Ibom State supplementary budget.

UDEME tracked the abandoned Abuja Light Rail project. Following its report, the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) gave the contractors, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), an eight-month deadline to complete the project.
Documentary on plastic pollution in Nigeria to commemorate the 2023 World Environment Day, and which had the theme "Solutions to Plastic Pollution";

A vox pop on the streets of Abuja to assess the public’s view on food security and tree planting.

A short video in celebration of World Press Freedom Day 2023;

A vox pop on citizen accountability during UDEME’s #GetInvolvedWeek

A YouTube video series in commemoration of #16DaysOfActivism against Gender-based Violence

25+ video summaries and highlights of capacity-building workshops, events, and project activities.
Webinars and X Spaces

CJID leveraged several levels of policy dialogue to enhance the conversation around its programme areas. These included the hosting of webinars and X Spaces conversations.

8th February 2023

CJID organised a Twitter Spaces conversation on “Understanding the New Mental Health Act.” Discussants were drawn from different sectors: government, private institutions, and academia, to discuss the new Mental Health Act and its implications.

8th March 2023

To commemorate International Women’s Day in 2023, the Centre organised a Twitter Spaces event on “Nigeria Media, Political Leadership, and Women Equity” in partnership with the Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Journalism.

20th March 2023

On the heels of elections in Nigeria, the CJID, in partnership with Women’s Radio and the Nigerian Women Trust Fund, hosted a conversation on Twitter Spaces to discuss Nigeria’s governance and quadrennial electoral cycles through a gender-balance lens.

21st March, 2023

CJID organised a Twitter Spaces dialogue on “Forest and Health” to commemorate the 2023 International Day of Forests.

6th April, 2023

Through its Health Reporting project, the Centre organised a Twitter Spaces discussion on the role of media in universal health coverage.

14th April 2023

Within the frame of its Campus Reporter project, CJID organised a Generations in Conversations series with the theme of “The Future of Journalism: Emerging Skills and Enduring Values.”
27th April 2023

To commemorate the 2023 World Earth Day, the Climate Change project of the Centre organised a Twitter Spaces dialogue on the “Shrinking of the Lake Chad Basin.”

1st May 2023

CJID hosted a Twitter Spaces conversation to discuss the impact of fuel subsidy removal on the Nigerian economy.

10th May 2023

Through its Media Freedom project, the Centre facilitated a Twitter Spaces conversation that hosted 265 active listeners to discuss “Press Freedom, Political Participation, and Development in West Africa.”

23rd May 2023

To mark the 2023 World Hunger Day, CJID held a Twitter Spaces discussion with the theme of “Food Standard Saves Lives.” 51 participants were in attendance.

16th June 2023

Through its Accountability Programme, the Centre organised a Twitter Spaces dialogue to discuss the “ICPC Amendment Bill: Implications on Nigeria’s Democracy and Fight against Corruption.”

27th June 2023

In partnership with the Federal Ministry of Environment, CJID convened a national dialogue to mark the 2023 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. This event was themed “Facilitating Responsible Land Governance and Ownership Rights of Land for Women as a Panacea for Addressing Land Degradation.”

8th August 2023

The Centre collaborated with the National Council on Climate Change to host a Stakeholder workshop on “Unpacking the Outcome of the Fifty-Eighth Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB58) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.”
CJID at International Events

In 2023, CJID featured in 11 international conferences and events across three continents.
February - March 2023
CJID’s Project Manager for its Natural Resource and Extractives Programme (NAREP), Felicia Dairo, and Osaruonamen Ibizugbe, the Project Officer, Media in Gender, participated as Fellows in the Orange Nuffic Fellowship organised by Radio Netherlands Training Centre (RNTC) in Haarlem, Netherlands.

May 2023
CJID was represented by Busola Ajibola (Deputy Director, Journalism Programme) and Stephanie Adams-Douglas (Project Manager, Media Freedom) at a cross border knowledge exchange on whistleblowing platforms in Amsterdam supported by Free Press Unlimited and Global Leaks.

June 2023
The Centre was represented by Felicia Dairo at a regional workshop on “Conflict Prevention and Management Mechanisms related to Mineral and Hydrocarbon Resources in West Africa” organised by Goree Institute in Dakar, Senegal.

September 2023
CJID was represented by Ijeoma Okereke as a panellist at the Forum for Accountable Investment organised by the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) in Istanbul, Turkey.

September 2023
The Centre was represented by Busola Ajibola at the Global Investigative Journalism Conference held between 19–22 September in Gothenburg, Sweden.

October 2023
Represented by Monsur Hussain (Innovation Lead) and Silas Jonathan (Fact Checker/ Research Officer), CJID presented its audio fact-checking tool at the Africa Facts Summit in Port Louis, Mauritius.

October 2023
The Centre was represented by Busola Ajibola at the International Festival of Freedom of Expression and Press (FILEP) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, where she spoke in a panel session on “The Role of Media in Times of Conflict.”
**November 2023**

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The Centre, represented by Maxine Danso, participated in the National Democratic Institute’s (NDI) conference on “Misinformation, Disinformation and Malinformation and its Impact on Africa’s Democracy” in Assinie, Côte d’Ivoire.

**December 2023**
CJID was represented by Monsur Hussain at META’s “Voice and Expression in Africa, Middle East and Türkiye Summit” in Cape Town, South Africa.

**December 2023**
At the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association’s (CPA) Conference on “AI, Disinformation and Parliament”, Silas Jonathan spoke on a panel.
Awards

CJID received several awards for its work across various programmes.

Out of 2,110 submissions from 37 African countries, the Wikimedia Foundation announced a story funded under the Centre’s Media in Gender project as the second place recipient of the Open the Knowledge Journalism Awards.

A DUBAWA investigation, “Baba Aisha,” won seven national and international awards, including:

1. The Wole Soyinka Award for Investigative Reporting
2. IFCN Global Fact Highest Impact Fact-check
3. BudgIT Active Citizen Award
4. Africa Check Awards
5. AAAS Kavli Science Journalism Award
6. 32nd Diamond Awards for Media Excellence (DAME)
7. Premium Times Story of the Year Award
Communications Report
CJID/DUBAWA current social media numbers across all projects and channels stands at 825,497 thousand with a percentage growth of 71.32%, and total web users/visitors in the year so far are 433,944, making a total of 1,259,441 current digital strength.

Here’s the breakdown:

Dubawa Whatsapp Audience: 743,123

Twitter

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NB: Dubawa whatsapp channel was first created in 2023
Facebook

In Figures:
- CJID: 5,513
- DUBAWA: 5,592
- C.R: 797
- UDEME: 606

Total: **12,508**

Percentage(%) Increase/Decrease:
- CJID: 24.01% Increase
- DUBAWA: 28.60% Increase
- UDEME: 17.21% Increase
- C.R: 17.21% Increase

AVERAGE FACEBOOK GROWTH PERCENTAGE: **17.45%**

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Instagram

In Figures:
- CJID: 1,462
- DUBAWA: 1,607
- UDEME: 339

Total: **3,408**

Percentage(%) Increase/Decrease:
- CJID: 58.20% Increase
- DUBAWA: 16.39% Increase
- UDEME: 8.65% Increase

AVERAGE INSTAGRAM GROWTH PERCENTAGE: **27.75%**
LinkedIn

In Figures

2,741

815

Total: 3,556

Percentage(%) Increase/Decrease

112.56% Increase

37.43% Increase

CJD

DUBAWA

Average LinkedIn Growth Percentage

74.99%

Mailchimp

In Figures

4,642

554

Total: 5,178

Percentage(%) Increase/Decrease

70.00% Increase

90.44%

CJD

Average Mailchimp Growth Percentage

NB: Dubawa Newsletter was first published in 2023
YouTube

In Figures

157
CJID

112
DUBAWA

Total: 269

Percentage(%) Increase/Decrease

60.20% Increase

174.49%

CJID

AVERAGE YOUTUBE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Total Growth

In Figures

Total: 825,497

Percentage(%) Increase/Decrease

71.32%

TOTAL PERCENTAGE GROWTH RECORDED
Website Usage

In Figures

Total: 433,944

Website usage per project:
- CJD: 19,000
- Dubai Wa: 384,000
- Udeme: 1,061
- C.R: 27,375
- P.A.T: 2,508
Media Appearances

In 2023, CJID engaged the traditional media through several radio and TV appearances and newspaper coverage, contributing to burning policy issues in Nigeria. These included:
### Media Features

#### Television
- Channels
- ARISE News
- News Central
- NTA
- ait
- Trust
- MTV
- Starr TV

#### Radio
- ATR Akwa Ibom
- HOT FM
- SLBC
- Epic
- Starr
- Newcruse FM
- Passion FM
- Hot FM
- Vision 92.5
- Classic FM

#### Newspapers
- Premium Times
- Tribune
- Punch
- GhanaWeb
- Daily Observer
- Oracle News Daily
- Business Day
- Vanguard
- Daily Sun
- The Guardian
- Independent
- Daily Trust
- Nation TV
- GNA
CJID Across Africa

15 Major Projects implemented in 11 Countries
CJID recognises the crucial role of partnerships and collaborations in fostering inclusive and sustainable development. Hence, in 2023, we leveraged meaningful partnerships with the bodies in the public and private sectors and non-governmental organisations for the implementation of our programmes.
**Highlights**

**Dataphyte**

In partnership with Dataphyte, CJID organised a hackathon on the sidelines of our Media and Development Conference. The event, which took place on the 15th of November, 2023, brought together tech innovators, journalists, and researchers to brainstorm on various ideas for fostering media development collectively. CJID also collaborated with Dataphyte to implement its JET Minerals Challenge Project on “Constraining Corruption in the Green Minerals Sector” in Nigeria, Ghana, DRC and Mozambique.

**Debt Management Office (DMO), Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), and Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)**

CJID partnered with the Debt Management Office (DMO), Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), and Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), to facilitate a training on constructive and corrosive projects in Nigeria.

**Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) and Sahel Consulting**

CJID partnered with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Sahel Consulting to host the second edition of the National Agricultural Feed Summit in Abuja on the 11th and 12th of April, 2023. The summit, with the theme of “Harnessing Alternative Feed Resources for Sustainable Animal Feed Supply,” brought together stakeholders from the private and public sectors, feed millers (toll, commercial and on-farm) and academia to chart the way forward for the development of Nigeria’s feed sector.

**Federal Ministry of Environment**

To mark the 2023 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, CJID collaborated with the Federal Ministry of Environment to convene a national workshop titled "Facilitating Responsible Land Governance and Ownership Rights of Land for Women as a Panacea for Addressing Land Degradation." in Abuja on 20th June 2023.
EyeMark

Through our accountability programme, CJID collaborated with EyeMark to track the implementation of federal government projects in Nigeria.

US Embassy Accra and UniMAC – GIJ

To commemorate the International Fact-checking Day on 2nd April, DUBAWA Ghana, in partnership with the US Embassy Ghana and UniMAC-GIJ, held a symposium with the theme “Building Communities for The Fight Against Misinformation and Disinformation.” The event, which took place on 3rd April 2023, provided a platform for fact-checkers and journalists to share their experiences about misinformation/disinformation with student journalists. They also shared knowledge on how to combat these concerns.

Nigeria Media Innovation Program (NAMIP)

CJID collaborated with the Nigeria Media Innovation Program (NAMIP) and the International Centre for Investigative Reporting (ICIR) to organise the Journalist Safety Summit. This event, which was held on 8th June 2023, was designed to address the pressing challenges faced by journalists in Nigeria with regard to their safety and security.

National Accountability Summit

The Centre partnered with Paradigm Leadership Support Initiative (PLSI), Accountability Lab, CODE, Open Government Partnership (OGP) and others to host the National Accountability Summit (NAS) in November 2023.

Mental Health KAFE and Association of Psychiatrists of Nigeria

The Centre developed a 55-page mental health tool kit for media professionals in partnership with Mental Health KAFE and the Association of Psychiatrists of Nigeria.

Tech Radio

CJID, in partnership with Tech Radio, hosted a webinar on the 11th of May, 2023 to mark Press Freedom Week in Ghana. The webinar on “Who Stole the News?: Is the Press under a Digital Siege?” dissected the role and impact of digital technology on media freedom.
Our Partners

Our work in 2023 was made possible through the generosity of our funding partners. CJID appreciates this continued support, and we are committed to accelerating our impact in 2024.
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