



## Cleannation Foundation: Profile

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## **Introduction**

Cleannation Foundation is a non-governmental, non-partisan, non-profit organization and community based organisation working on both physical and mental health of the people of Ede and Osun State. The organization has since focused on the girl-child, her vulnerable mother, her education, her health, as well as the environment she grows which includes the ecosystem, and the male component. This is the reason we pioneered the Menstrual Hygiene Education in Osun State, thereby facilitating teachers from all the 30 LGAs of the State aside continual training of the girls on the concept; and the crafting of the re-usable menstrual pads.

Cleannation Foundation aims to see youth in the rural settings live better lives as their contemporaries in the urban. By better living we mean a holistic befitting of the young person through counselling), literacy programmes, environment programmes, health programmes, sexuality programmes, empowerment programmes, entrepreneurial programmes, spiritual understanding, etc.

Cleannation Foundation was founded in 2009 and Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in Nigeria issued Certificate of Incorporation in 2015 (IT/NO 79294). Our vision is to see Nigerian young person free from all forms of entanglement; spiritually and within his or her body, making him or her liberated for global relevance.

To achieve this vision, Cleannation Foundation believes that everyone need to be liberated from diseases, especially Malaria which has made Ede North Local Government Area an endemic zone. Being operational in Ede since 2009, Cleannation foundation understands the custom, norms and culture of the community. Ede is a people deeply entrenched in the traditional Yoruba life of incessant festivals, taboos, beliefs and a mind-set that could not be easily persuaded against. Aside the “Olofa Ina” icon (i.e. the arrow that spits fire), the talking drum is a symbol that cannot be traded for nothing in Ede; such that even the Queen of England had to specially invited the pleasure of this entertaining team at the Buckingham Palace, London (Laoye, 2017).

The goal of Cleannation Foundation is to reach 2 million young people with holistic information and action in Health, Environment, Education, Empowerment and their basic human rights by the end of 2025. Cleannation Foundation has its operational headquarter in Ede, the Osun State. Our office is moderately furnished, with a few internet compliant computers here and there.

### **1.1 Cleannation Foundation's Vision:**

Nigerian young person free from all forms of entanglement within his or her body, making him or her liberated for global relevance.

### **1.2 Cleannation Foundation's Mission:**

To breed young people and youth without dirt in heart, mind, body and environment.

### **1.3 Specific Objectives**

- To increase self-esteem among target groups.
- To reduce impact of life threatening diseases
- To fight illiteracy.
- To protect the child and youth.
- Environment sustainability

### **1.4 Programme Areas**

- a. Education:** Cleannation Foundation established Youth Educational Development Programmes) so as to encourage education and youth development in communities. Since there are restricted prospects and narrow choices in rural communities, youth and young people tend to become self-destruct leading a bleak future. In order to fight these difficulties, Youth Educational Development Program seeks to attend to educational development of youths and through increased sensitization and mobilization of young people, the youth are educated about their self-esteem, values, goals, environment and reproductive health.

- b. Child Protection:** Cleannation Foundation established with the purpose of informing and creating awareness on the rights of young and rural people since most of these people are not aware of their rights and are cheated of their right because they lack information on their rights and responsibilities from and to the government and in other segment of life.
- c. Environmental Sustainability:** Cleannation Foundation established the environmental programme in order to increase awareness on global warming and climate change. Cleannation Foundation also uses this avenue encourage afforestation, encourage recycling of household wastes via: recycling of nylon, PET bottles, can of drinks, broken (or unwanted) plastics, etc. and conducts public talks on clean environment.
- d. Health:** Cleannation Foundation has initiated Health Program so as to alleviate and ameliorate the health challenges of young and rural people. Cleannation Foundation understands that a sizable number of young and rural people cannot provide three square meals a day not to talk of taking cognizance of their health. Cleannation Foundation has therefore found ways to help this people to have better access to good health.
- e. Youth Empowerment:** Cleannation Foundation commenced Youth and Rural Empowerment Program to enable youth and rural people to become self-reliant through series of empowerment activities ranging from vocational training, equipment support access micro-credit facilities

**2.0 Governance Structure**

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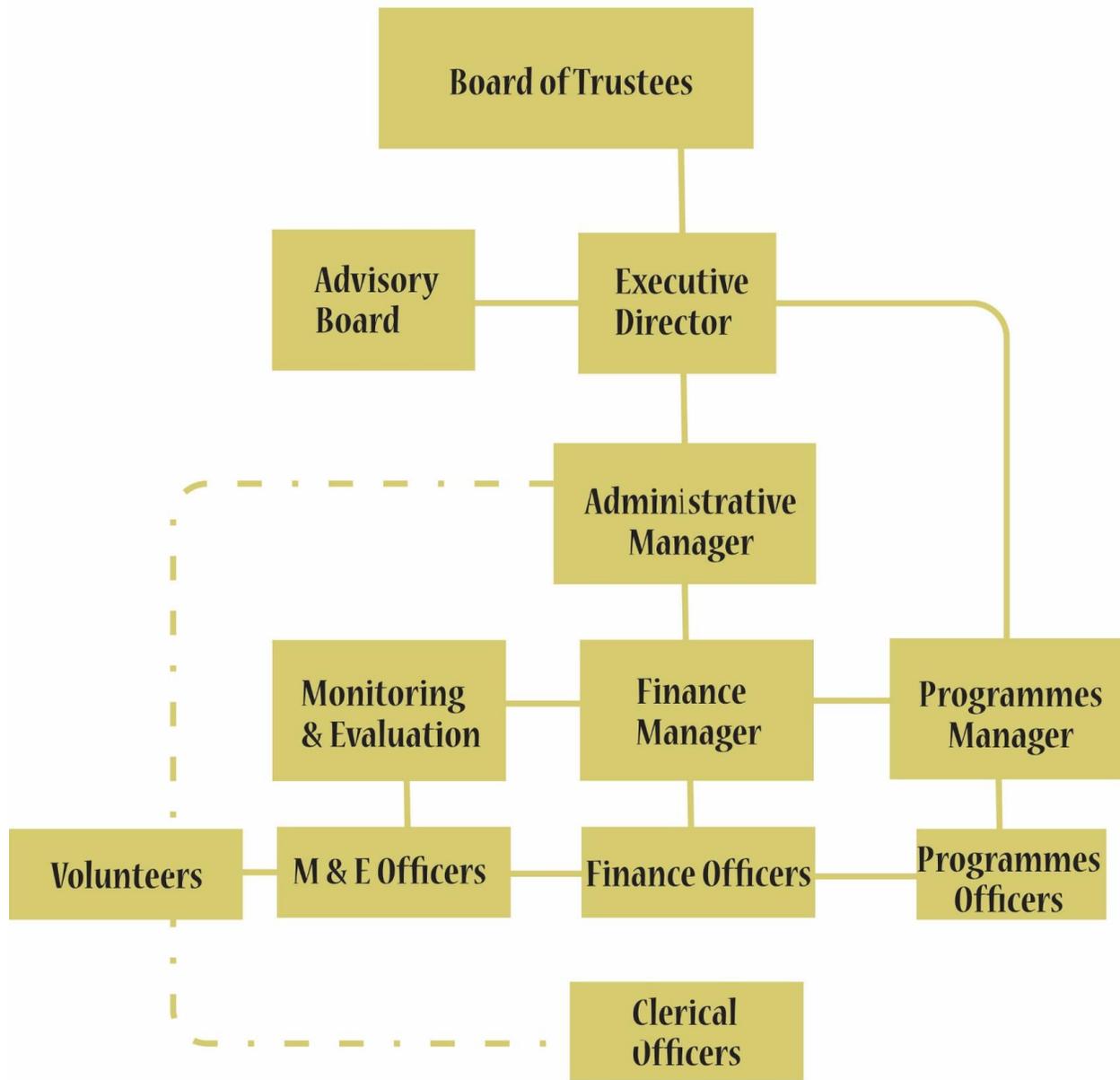


Figure 1: Governance Structure of Cleannation Foundation

Cleannation Foundation operates a two-tier governance structure aside the volunteers. The first is the board of trustees, headed by the chairman. The second is the programmes management team led by the executive director. The board consists of five (5) Trustee members. These are people of great intellectual and a resourceful output with great social standing in the community and on the national stage.

The Board of Trustees comprises seasoned people of great repute in the health sector, renowned in the social work profession, influential in the religious circle and professional at legal matters. The advisory board on the other hand are a team at par with the executive director. These crew are young professionals in their respective fields: Economics, Education, Law, Medicine and Community development. They perform advisory roles to the executive director as related to their professions in relation to programmes or projects at hand.

The Trustees are basically in charge of mobilization of resources for the sustainability and smooth running of organization. They are the ones that provide strategic and policy paths, while also performing the functions of either authorizing or disapproving decisions of the management team after thorough deliberations. The Trustees also provide supervision to the management of the organization on allocation of resources, policy formulation, and advocacy visit in the project sites/communities, programmes and resource mobilization.

They are proposed to meet at least once in a quarter. Members and volunteers in their respects also bear oversight tasks over some programme-areas in aspects they have suitable skills or related traditional knowledge. Cleannation Foundation has a highly effective management team in place that reports to the Trustees on a regular basis through the instrumentality of her monthly reports. With this, the board of Trustees is kept abreast of organizational activities frequently.

## **2.1 Programme Management**

The programme management system of any organisation is the summation of general activities going on in the organisation which affects her governance and routine functioning in-house and in the community it is meant to serve.

For Cleannation Foundation there are three (3) divisions of this. They are:

- (i) **Administration & Finance:** The administrative unit and finance staff manages the organization's funds, funding sources as well as provide assistance and support to collaborating organizations so as to enable smooth and enhanced systems for accountability. This includes procurement, and book keeping functions.
- (ii) **Programmes:** The programme staff have the technical know-how in conducting community mobilization, sensitization, enlightenment and capacity building. We are able to provide capacity building, campaigns, camping and programme management support.
- (iii) **Monitoring & Evaluation:** The Monitoring & Evaluation unit helps to improve performance and achieving result in the organization. The team monitors and evaluates programme activities to improve current and future management of outputs, outcomes and impact. The unit has the capability for conducting surveys, social mobilization, baseline surveys for projects, monitoring of the projects and end of project evaluation. The unit also conducts research into several areas of the organization's operations. Till date, some of the outcomes of researches have been disseminated in newspapers, academic journals, conferences and newsletters.

This management system has been designed to be able to face the ever-increasing challenges that face her work in the present time. The organization place high importance on development, accountability and trust; these have paved way for training and re-training of staff to continuously increase their knowledge and technical know-how. This has led to the sustainability of the highest levels internationally accepted standard of business practice in our office.

The organization has developed different manuals, policies and procedures that guide our activities within the framework of results oriented project management. External and internal financial audit systems and programmatic monitoring & evaluation permit us to continually evaluate our activities and inspire improvement.

### **3.0 Field Experiences**

Cleannation Foundation was established because of the passion to see youth in the rural-urban centres live better lives as their contemporaries in the urban. By better living we mean a holistic refitting of the young person through counselling (Case work), Literacy programmes, Environment programmes, Health programmes, Sexuality programmes, Empowerment programmes, Entrepreneurial programmes and Spiritual thoughts. It has since then been one of the leading non-governmental organizations on rural development and youth empowerment in Osun State. The success of the organization has been incremental and has always depended on emergent requirements of the communities where the organization works.

Community ownership is built into her activities so that the community can see the project as their own and therefore make sure the project is done correctly from the onset. This has ensured sustainability of projects in community where Cleannation works. The foremost characteristic of our vision is that every programme has communal presence. This involves youth groups and the integration of persons from these groups in decision making process from the community.

Since its inception, Cleannation Foundation has:

- Been involved in potential building, nurturing the future leaders, mentoring and empowering young people through various programmes. Prominent among these are: Youth Camps, Seminars, Symposiums, workshops, organizing debates and quiz for in-school youth.
- Contributed to education intervention in Ede community of Osun State. Since 2009, Cleannation Foundation has worked with over 15,000 Out-of-School and In-School youths, 500 teachers and over 50,000 community members in the rural to promote positive attitudinal change towards malaria prevention, sanitation and hygiene, HIV/AIDS prevention and provision of services to orphan and vulnerable children.

- Provided comprehensive Malaria prevention and control intervention to 2,000 community members in Ede North local government area.
- Provided malaria prevention and control, HIV/AIDS prevention education, care and support for PLHIVs and HIV Testing and Counselling (HTC) environmental awareness and hygiene promotions particularly among young people in rural communities of Ede North Local Government area.
- In partnership with Hope for Family development Initiative designed and implemented a project (Global Fund Malaria Round 9) that centred on mobilizing vulnerable communities for malaria prevention and control through advocacy, drama, inter-personal communication, rally, road-shows, etc.
- In partnership with Hope for Family Development Initiative has conducted Rapid Diagnostic Test for over 2,500 community people in Ede North Local Government area
- Organized training for 120 teachers in Osun State to be good influence for students as well as build a well-rounded youth.
- Stage Global hand washing programmes across Osun in conjunction with Rural Water and Sanitation Agency, Osun State (RUWESA) holding programmes on air, via the Osun State Broadcasting Corporation (OSBC), in religious places, in schools, market places; as well as in road blocks.
- Training of about 400 teachers from the 30 LGAs of State of Osun on the concept of Menstrual Hygiene Management and how this directly affects the lives of the menstruating girls in the communities.
- Over 500 students have been instructed on Menstrual Hygiene education, as well as training a large portion of this on the process of crafting re-usable menstrual hygiene sanitary pads.

## **4.0 Partnerships and Capabilities**

Cleannation Foundation has over the years built very strong partnerships with several institutions and organizations round the world in the course of implementation of our programmes and activities; in the areas of malaria control, tuberculosis control, HIV/AIDS control, education, environmental sustainability, poverty reduction, human-rights, policy implementation, rural development and youth development.

Cleannation Foundation has collaborated with educational institutions, educational authorities, in-school and out-of-school youth especially for our Malaria prevention programmes, Tuberculosis prevention programmes, HIV prevention programmes and environmental sustainability programmes. Cleannation Foundation has conducted outreach programmes in all the schools in Ede North Local Government Area of Osun State.

### **4.1 Partnership**

Cleannation Foundation have over the years worked together with Civil Society in Malaria Control, Immunization and Nutrition (ACOMIN), and through some means the TB Network, Association of NGOs working on Orphan and Vulnerable Children, Civil Society Network on HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (CiSHAN), Networks of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (NEPHWAN) at national and states level, Association of Person with Disabilities, religious organization, ministries, department and agencies of governments. We also belong to Network of Civil Society Organisation Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL), Network of Non-Governmental Organization in Osun State (NETNOS), Coalition for Education for All (CSACEFA) and Nigeria Association of Social Workers (NASoW), Network of Nigerian NGOs (NNNGO).

The partnership has helped us to reach several Non-State Actors; we have also worked with non-governmental organizations and faith based organizations on projects around Malaria prevention

/Tuberculosis prevention, Sanitation and Hygiene, civic education, budget transparency and accountability, HIV prevention, care and support services.

Cleannation Foundation has also participated in community awareness campaigns on youth development, Health, Human right and Environment sustainability programmes. We have partnered with Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN), NASFAT and ITHIHAD. We have also participated in community awareness campaigns for roll back malaria programmes through health education and demonstration of correct use of insecticide treated nets. Similarly Cleannation Foundation has built the capacities of mothers with under-five year old children in malaria prevention and control strategies.

We have established collaborations with physicians and other cadres of health workers in three tertiary institutions care facilities and two General Hospitals. Some of these sites are used for referral of our clients while we have supported others with relevant materials.

Cleannation Foundation have been contracted and involved as external Monitoring and Evaluation outfit to evaluate impact of project of intra-organizations due to the organization's experience in Monitoring and Evaluation of projects for instance in Osun State, monitored and evaluated Millennium Development Goals projects and the translated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For instance the WASH projects of the UNICEF in which we acted as a member of the State Task Group on Sanitation (STGs).

Cleannation Foundation has collaborated with several Out-of-School and In-School youth and rural communities especially on Malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV prevention programmes. Cleannation Foundation has conducted several outreaches in rural communities and schools in Ede North Local Government area.

## 4.2 Staffing

Cleannation Foundation staff includes highly qualified, competent and experienced managers which sub-divide into three primary focus areas:

- (1) **Finance and Administration:** The finance team is led by the Administrative director and assisted by the finance manager. The finance manager is responsible for management of funds, including; financial reporting to fund donors, putting in place internal control system, accounts payable and receivables, grants and contracts management. The administrative director oversees finance and administration of the organisation which includes the human resource unit. This individual adopts transparent and objective approaches in recruiting the best, dedicated and motivates members of staff in the unit. In Cleannation, employees are adequately matched to responsibilities and encouraged through supervision to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in contributing to the organizational goals.
- (2) **Programmes:** The Programme team is led by the Programme Manager. The Programme Manager is responsible for the coordination of programme activities of the organization under the following initiatives; Youth Educational Development Programmes, Youth and Rural Empowerment Programmes, Human-Right Programmes, Health Programmes, Environmental sustainability Programmes and monitoring and evaluation.
- (3) **Monitoring and Evaluation:** The Monitoring and Evaluation team is led by M&E manager who ensures that organization programmes are well monitored, and that inputs are effectively and efficiently used to get a commensurate output. The M&E Manager conducts oversights on the activities of the programme team.

On the whole, these members of staff have great experience in malaria social mobilization in Ede North Local Government; they understand the norm, culture, religions and language of the people of Ede North Local Government area. Cleannation Foundation has five (5) members of staff and over 50 volunteers that are always on ground for project implementation.

### **4.3 Office and Infrastructure**

Cleannation Office is located in Ede Township, Ede North Local Government Area of Osun State. We have so chosen this site for our office because of its easy access to everyone within the Ede North local government jurisdiction, Ede as a community, as well as for partners from various parts of the State (Osun), our nation (Nigeria) and the entire globe. It is on the way to Oshogbo city, which is the capital of the Osun State. Our programmes have permeated almost all the sub-communities in Ede North Local Government, as well as the South.

Our office is one convenient for the staff of centre as well as the volunteers and young people visiting in terms of furniture and other restrooms. We also have computers to process our regular and expected activities with a suitable access to the internet. Other facilities in our office include the HIV Testing and Counselling Centre [HTCC], Career Counselling Unit [CCU], Social Welfare Unit [SWU], Youth Centre and project vehicle.

## **5.0 Financial Management Capacity**

This aspect describes good practice in the specific tasks of financial management – for example, planning and budgeting and financial controls. It gives examples of how Cleannation as an organization build her own capacity. It also considers what the leadership does to guide the organization’s longer-term direction and improve governance and it describes other financial management aspects such as building reserves that can be built into an organization’s structure to make it more sustainable.

### **5.1 Financial System and Procedure**

Cleannation has highly qualified finance and administrative officers with experiences ranging from 3 to 10 years in grants management. We have equipped the department with workable criteria of internal controls that ensure accountability and probity. Our financial manual covers specific areas like: petty cash holding, budgeting, renovations and chart of accounts and job descriptions of the core finance personnel.

The organization has policies and guidelines for all financial operations. These had been developed into Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that the organization uses for any financial operation.

### **5.2 Budget Preparation, Implementation and Control**

Cleannation Foundation understands that projects are usually at different levels of implementation by end of a standard year. Consequently, the organization usually comes up with a budget variance review at the onset of formulating the budget for another year. The organization uses a mixture of at least three years past budgets and activity-based budget. Budget variance and addition to cost project activities for the new financial year make up the budget for the coming

year. Finally, the organization maintains a purely activity-based budget for different donor projects.

### **5.3 Accounting Project Funding**

Cleannation Foundation has in its policy to keep bank accounts for every project with reputable banks in Nigeria. For instance, our **ACOMIN dedicated Account** with Unity Bank remains: 0025029558 (CLEANNATN/ACOMIN/GF/NFMMA).

Cleannation Foundation's financial operations are system-compliant, both manual and electronic. All Financial reports are developed from our financial records and reported according to donors' guidelines. Where there is no guideline for financial reporting, the organization provides reports using internationally accepted template of reporting for financial report. In situations where donors provide a format of reporting, it is our style to naturally follow suit strictly, knowing that he who plays the piper solely dictate the tune.

### **5.4 Grant Experience**

Cleannation Foundation has managed several projects; most of the projects that have been managed came from donations from Board of Trustees of the organization. Also the organization has also received grants from both national and international development partners/donors among who is Hope for Family Development Initiative (HFDI) such as National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP), Rural Water and Sanitation Agency, Osun State (RUWESA), and Vitamin Angels. We had the opportunity of the Global Fund through the ACOMIN Global Fund social mobilization activities for malaria grant under the new funding model. The privilege to have this grant is another opportunity to prove we can perform and make our world sustainable. Aside all of these, we have got a few sponsorship through UNICEF for workshops on Menstrual Hygiene Management among stakeholders in educational sector Nigeria.

## **Conclusion**

We live at a time when communities are in dire need of interventions and only civil societies are the last resort of the people as governments and several voluntary organisations have failed. We at Cleannation Foundation believe that sincere donors are usually with the interest of supporting organizations with capacity building measures; and would allow for sustained growth in challenging circumstances and affect lives positively. This is the reason we express positive interest in every project that comes our way, trusting that our interest could be considered. We know “a deficit in financial management capacity is common in NGOs” but we hope to deliver and prove integrity is still possible if given an opportunity.

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