



SCRAP-C Investigative Endowment

MEDIA ENDOWMENT FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS

From year two of the project, we began the endowment for investigative journalists across all tiers of media in Nigeria. The aim was to empower select journalists through a competitive bidding process to apply for grants of up to N500, 000 to do investigative stories on the four themes of the project which are: POWER, EDUCATION, HEALTH and TAXATION and the stories are to be investigated and reported from the six project states of SCRAP-C.

Believing that the media, being the most significant force in the public sphere, is the most important and viable stakeholder to blow the lid on corruption, telling the story of the social cost of corruption in Nigeria. The engagement with the media was to write one investigative story/produce an investigative programme on issues around the realities of the relationship between moral and infrastructural decay and corruption in Nigeria.

SELECTION OF JOURNALISTS

A call for proposal was sent to the journalists through all SCRAP-C social media handles; through journalists' platforms, directly to media houses social media handles and to the editors of the mainstream media in Nigeria.

Selection was usually done by a team comprising of seasoned investigative journalists from CCSI assisted by ACTIONAID officers. Selected journalists are spread around the four themes and through the six project states.

CRITERIA FOR STORIES

- The story will detail how one or more specific cases of corruption have negatively affected the lives of Nigerians, deepened social and infrastructural decay and have negatively impacted the mindset of people.
- The story must detail the negative impact the act(s) of corruption has had on the lives of real, individual people with quotes and relevant images.
- The story must be investigative and make determined efforts to identify what or who is responsible for the act(s) of corruption and what has or has not been done to hold this person/organization/ agency to account.
- The story must shun support for any political party, partisan political statements, religious orientation and any other tendentious orientation.
- The story must avoid libelous claims, character assassination statements and strictly conform with all the ethics of journalism and media practice.
- The sponsoring media organisation must be committed to publishing or airing the story.

IMPACTS

In the whole, 29 journalists across the print and online media were endowed to report on corruption during the process of the project. Aside from blowing the lid on concealed infractions, journalists using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and employing undercover activities were able to point out various abandoned projects passed off as executed. This led many of the contractors and agencies to return to the site to finish the projects. Also, Lagos State House of Assembly has set up a probe panel to look into some of our reporters findings.

Name	Organisation	Story Title	Link
Ruth Olurombi	Per Second News	Pregnant women in Kaduna put to bed in dilapidated structures, despite award letters to contractors running into several million naira	Click
Joel Duku	The Nation	RUINED BY INSURGENTS: How Military and Borno officials profit from Baga fish market corruption	Click
Oladehinde Olawoyin	Premium Times	Undercover reporting of fake medical reports by Lagos state officials	Click
Mojeed Alabi	Premium Times	How corruption grounds Lagos General Hospital Renal	Click
Mojeed Alabi	Premium Times	Lagos Assembly Sets up probe panel on General Hospital	Click
Ololade Olatunji	The Nation	Ikeja Electrics devious power supply corruption	Click
Timothy Olanrewaju	The Sun	In Borno, Rats Are Eating Masses' Taxes	Click
Kolawole Omoniyi	Cool/Wazobia/ INFO FM	Kano Examination Fraud Centre Exposed	Click
Omoniyi Kolawole	Nairaland	Kano Examination Centre Exposed: Nigerians Demand Closure	Click
Victor Emeruwa	National Wire	In Kano, Fake and abandoned hospitals everywhere	Click
Victor Emeruwa	National Wire	After the Story, Contractor moves back to site	Click
Ayo Ibikunle	New Dawn	Constituency Projects Tears Enugu Community Apart	Click
Isioma Madike	New telegraph	Tax Fraud Exposed in Lagos	Click
Hanafi Afeez	The Punch	Covid -19 Palliatives Fraud exposed in Lagos	Click
Aderemi Ojekunle	Dataphyte	Half a billion Covid Contracts went to Fake contractors	Click

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Aderemi Ojekunle	The Cable	How N48m Covid Sanitizer Contract went to unverified Contractors	Click
Aderemi Ojekunle	ICIR	Fraud in Covid Contracts	Click
Arinze Chijioke	Thisday	In Enugu. Corruption and Diversion mars Covid palliatives	Click
Emmanuel Bagudu	TNG	Kaduna: Traces of Corruption Mars COVID Palliatives Distribution	Click
Emmanuel Bagudu	Leadership	Citizens call for probe of Palliatives Distribution in Kaduna	Click
Kolawole Omoniyi	Factual Times	People in High Places Converted Kano Covid Palliative	Click
Kola Omoniyi	Solace Times	How Officials Diverted Covid Funds	Click
Kola Omoniyi	Nairaland	Foul Play in Kano Covid Fund	Click
Remi Oladayo	Premium Times	In Akwa Ibom, citizens lament fraud in Covid	Click
	African Quarters	Tales of Corruption Mars Abuja Covid response	Click
	InfactNG.com	In Abuja: Anguish Over Covid Palliative	
Omoniyi Kolawole	INFACTNG.com	Kano govt in multi-billion fraud allegation	Click
Mayowa Tijani	The Cable	Multimedia Story on Why Nigerians Evade Taxes	Click
Richard Dambo	Daily Trust	Exposing the Corruption at Rigasa Train Station	Click
Kelechi Iruoma	ICIR	The reporter presented himself as unemployed youth to expose corruption in Enugu Tax Office	Click
Patrick Egwu	RipplesNG	Kaduna students studying under the tree were unaware N160m budgeted for classroom was stolen	Click
Oyewale Oyelola	PlusTV Africa	Public students in Borno learn in deplorable conditions, but where is the money budgeted for classrooms	Click
Amadin Uyi	PlusTV	Informal Operators Fleece Akwa Ibom Tax Payers	Click
Ibanga Isine and Edidiong Udobia	The NEXT EDITION	In Akwa Ibom, Power Companies flees Customers as undercover report reveals	Click
Dayo Emmanuel	National Wire	Despite N150b budget for education in Lagos, a community in the heart of the state has nothing to show for it	Click

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Dayo Emmanuel	National Wire	After National Wire Story, Lagos Government Makes Feeble Attempt At Righting The Wrongs	Click
Okechukwu Onuegbu	Blueprint	Health Care suffocates in Enugu State as Corruption Allegation Rifes	Click
Okechukwu Onuegbu	Blueprint	Bad Times for Health Care Workers In Enugu	Click
Emma Ogbu	Radio Nigeria	Development Stops in the City as Rural Schools Left to Rot in Enugu	Click
Amadin Uyi	Development TV	Despite Evidence, Akwa Ibom Govt Turns Blind Eyes As Citizens Are Fleece of Tax	Click
Ololade Olatunji	The Nation	Following Kidney Failure of Nigerian Journalist, Lagos State Govt Says It is Addressing Inadequate Infrastructure in Hospital	Click
Ted Odogwu	The Punch	In Kano, Maternal Mortality Is High Because of Inadequate Facility, But Who's To Blame?	Click
Oyewale Oyelola	City News	Why are Students Learning Under the Tree in Kano Despite Billons Budgeted for Classrooms?	Click
Kolawole Omoniyi	Factual Times	1,000 PHC Close At 3pm in Kano While Scores of Pregnant Women Die At Midnight, It's An Outrage	Click
Femi Ogunsola	Leadership	Jigawa State Never Failed to Budget and Release Money for PHC in Billions. But What Is On The Ground?	Click
Eric Dumo	Sahara Report-ers	MUST READ: At Ikorodu Hospital, Patients Are Forced To Subscribe For Pay TV Before Admission	Click

CALL FOR **UPRIGHT** FOR NIGERIA APPLICATION

Stand against Corruption

The stories must meet our strict standards of objectivity, clarity, good use of pictures, truthfulness and accuracy.

The stories must also meet the following standards:

Call for Story Pitch on corruption in four sectors (Education, Health, Power, and Tax Administration) in any of SCRAP-C focal states (Akwa-Ibom, Borno, Enugu, Kaduna, Kano, and Lagos) in Nigeria.

TAX

www.firs.gov.ng



HEALTH

www.health.gov.ng



POWER

www.pwh.gov.ng



EDUCATION

www.education.gov.ng



1. The story will detail on how one or more specific cases, corruption has negatively affected the lives of Nigerians and stalled development.
 2. The story must be accurate and backed by hard evidence
 3. For broadcast journalists, a reasonable level of pictorial evidence must be provided
 4. The story must detail real people's lived reality with quotes and relevant images. A multimedia approach to the story for online and print media is paramount.
 5. The story must shun support for any political party, partisan political statements, religious orientation and any other tendentious orientation.
 6. The story must avoid libellous claims, character assassination statements and strictly conform with all the ethics of journalism and media practice.
 7. Your media organisation must be committed to publishing or airing the story.
 8. The investigation/production of the story must be concluded and published/aired not later than December 30th, 2018.
- Kindly note that the submission of pitches will then be followed by a selection process. Successful applicants will be supported to up to Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N500,000). These stories, after their publication in your different mediums, may be published in other forms by ActionAid Nigeria and other consortium partners including Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) and Centre for Communication and Social Impact (CCSI) strictly for illustration, with credit given to the Writer. All story ideas must be submitted with a detailed budget.

All story ideas must reach the following address: newton.otsemaye@actionaid.org with the code in the mail subject SCRAP-C PS-2018 not later than 6th November 2018.

About SCRAP-C:

The Strengthening Citizen's Resistance Against Prevalence of Corruption (SCRAP-C) through its #Upright4Nigeria; Stand against corruption campaign aims to influence social norms and attitudes that help corruption thrive in Nigeria with a view to effecting a social change. The campaign is leveraging on social capital and social networks to promote a corruption averse mentality. **More Details at www.upright4nigeria.org**

Use #Upright4Nigeria to engage us on    @Upright4Nigeria