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Executive Summary

This report is for the period from June 2022 to May 2023. It discusses our activities, achievements and problems. It also tries to give an insight into the inner workings of the ADG Management Team (ADGMT).

The highlights of the successes and challenges of our committees are presented in this summary. For example, in the Education and Training Committee; 24 youths completed their apprenticeship in November 2022 and March-April 2022. 9 youths were empowered in February 2023. The training continues and goes beyond this reporting period. The cost of the training and empowerment is #5,939,500.00. (five million nine hundred and thirty nine thousand and five hundred naira). Actually, this is just a part of the overall cost because we were able to do our training in partnership with the Federal Government Industrial Training Fund (ITF). As we read the main report, we shall discover how the ITF absorbed some of the costs.

We also received Federal Government support in our Electricity projects through the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) in the repairs of our faulty transformers. The first repaired transformer was fully recommissioned into operations in May 2022. A second has been repaired and recommissioned but this happened beyond the time-lines of this report and should be discussed fully in the next year's report.

It is relevant to state that much work has been done in the repairs and replacement of cables and other accessories in the transformer substations at a cost of #2,438,100 (Two million four hundred thirty-eight thousand one hundred naira). Details of the operational maintenance jobs carried out in the substations are discussed in the main report of the Electricity Committee.

The Water Committee has been bogged down in its project execution by the high capital cost of implementing and rolling out water distribution throughout the village. This is estimated at about #44 million (forty four million naira).

Inadequacy of funds remains the major bottleneck in our programmes. This is again emphasised in the conclusion of this report. Various options are being explored on how to overcome it and make progress. It is a problem that will transcend the current membership of the ADGMT. It is hoped that some solutions will be found on how to go on because to surrender, and stop planning and executing development projects, is not a viable option.

1. Introduction

In our two earlier reports, we discussed the formation of the Amuvi Development Group (ADG) and some of our achievements. In this report, we shall still present information on our activities, achievements and problems from June 2022 to May 2023. We shall also introduce a new topic which gives an insight into the inner workings of the ADG Management Team (ADGMT).

This is aimed at sharing our operational philosophy and strategy with other organisations and committees in the village so that any groups who consider them useful and rewarding will be free to take them on board. This will be presented after this Introduction.

A list of achievements of the various committees is then presented and precedes their main reports. The main report of the Education and Training Committee contains tabulated lists of names and costs so that it is possible to track specific individuals in training. Pictures of the youths during some of their activities are presented.

2. Goals and Inner Workings of the ADG Management Team

The overriding strategic objective of the ADGMT is to win the confidence and cooperation of our people so that we can all work as a team of stakeholders on projects and operations. We should work as stakeholders because we all have stakes, something to lose or gain, in the success or failure respectively, of our developmental programmes.

To win our people's confidence and cooperation, we strive to demonstrate integrity, transparency, judicious utilisation of resources, and accountability in our projects and operations. These are attractive concepts but they can only be achieved when we establish appropriate management structures, guidelines, and guardrails. For us, in the ADG Management Team, we have established Ground Rules for our operations.

Ground rules are guidelines which meeting participants introduce, customise and comply with, in order to make their meetings orderly, effective, goal-oriented and productive. Our country, Nigeria, is infested with institutionalised corruption. In many cases in the public and private services, some projects maybe fully paid for but do not exist physically even though they exist on paper. Therefore, we have a responsibility to introduce checks-and-balances such that in our projects and operations, Ground rules for project execution in the village will enable us to check corruption and help us to achieve transparency, integrity and accountability in the raising and use of funds.

Insight into the Internal Ground Rules of ADGMT

We have the following management systems in place:

1. Structure
 - Chairman
 - Secretary and Treasurer
 - Financial Secretary

Subcommittee chairs responsible for the following specialist sections:

- Education and Training
- Electricity projects
- Water projects

2. Guidelines for projects
 - Each subcommittee member identifies, studies and discusses problems in their discipline.
 - The solution of a target problem is presented as a project.
 - The sub-committee chairman presents the problem to the ADGMT meeting.
 - It is approved and they are given a free hand to source for qualified Amuvi contractors.
 - There should be at least three contractors who will submit their respective proposals and quotations.

- The chair and his team will study them and present the quotations with their recommendations to ADGMT.
- ADGMT chooses and approves the best of the three quotations irrespective of the recommendations of the specialist committee.
- There are clear specifications of the price and timelines for executing the project.
- ADGMT legal adviser prepares an agreement to be signed by the contractor and the ADGMT.
- The contractor accepts, signs, and requests for funds as stated in the agreement.
- The ADGMT approves and authorises the treasurer and the financial secretary to pay into the contractor's account.
- Note that the finance team cannot make any payment without the approval of the Chairman.
- The Chairman cannot make any payment and cannot authorise any payment except as approved by the ADGMT.
- All funds for the ADGMT projects are received in the AWADA/ ADG bank account, never in any individual's account.

The foregoing is a high-level description of how the ADGMT handles its projects from the start to its completion.

3.0 List of Achievements between May-June 2022 and June 2023

3.1 Education & Training Committee

I. Vocational Training

During the period under review, 15 trainees under Batch 4 and 13 trainees under Batch 5 were trained in various skills at ITF locations in Enugu. See details in the annexures.

Apprenticeship/ Attachment

- 9 – Finished vocational training in November 2022, awaiting placement
- 2 – Did not complete the training.
- 13 – Failed performance assessment, will be re-assessed next year before empowerment.

Empowerment

- 9 partly empowered by ITF (trainees of hair dressing (4), aluminium profile (2) & 3 in solar installation) on 8th February 2023. This includes 4 Asaga youths.
- 15 finished apprenticeships in March/ April 2023, and were empowered on 22nd September 2023.

II. Investment and their Costs

During the period in review, the following expenses were made:

- #1,497,000.00 (one million, four hundred and ninety-seven thousand Naira) was spent on Batch 4 trainees while on vocational training mainly for feeding, transport to training locations, accommodation, and working materials. One of the peculiarities of the Uda Entrepreneurship program is our partnership with government organizations such as the Industrial Training Fund (ITF). It has done the following for our trainees:
 - Paid tuition for some trainees
 - Equipped them with starter-packs and tools they require to launch themselves into entrepreneurial activities.
 - Bought hair dressing, solar and aluminium profile tool kits respectively for them.
 - **Table 1**, provides details of all the trainees in Batch 4, including names, skill areas, and expenses incurred.

- On empowerment, a total expenditure of #4,442,500.00 (four million, four hundred and forty-two thousand and five hundred Naira) was incurred on the purchase of tailoring, solar, plumbing, make-up Kits, computer, shop set-up and other empowerment activities.
- **Table 2, 3 and 4**, provides details of all the trainees empowered including skill areas, and expenses incurred.

III. Renovation of Dr. Nwakanma Okoro Skill Acquisition Centre

We recall that it was the intention of turning the centre into a vocational training hub for Arochukwu and its neighbours that made Dr Nwakanma Okoro family to donate the piece of land to Amuvi. The ITF Area Manager at Enugu, Mrs. Uzomamaka Yahaya, with whom we initiated the acquisition of the land for the project undertook a tour of the facility in December, 2022 and strongly requested that ADG should renovate and clearly demarcate the premises into various zones to accommodate the oil mill and about six different skill areas. This will assist in the endeavour to secure government support to equip the centre with appropriate machines for vocational training. A budget of #10.9 million was made towards the project and ADG and the AWADA exco has been prospecting for funds through donor agencies within and outside the country. It is expected that the project would be realized in the next fiscal year.

IV. Uda Palm-oil Processing Mill

AWU-ADG, in collaboration with Iyo Amuvi under the aegis of Onyemaranwanneya, applied and won the United States of America Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program grant in Nigeria for fiscal 2021 worth about \$10,000. The funds enabled the establishment of Uda Palm Oil processing mill in Amuvi as follows:

With counterpart funds from AWU-ADG, a complete set of palm oil milling machines were procured and installed (see pictures insert) and key staff sourced.

An arrangement with rural women under Uda-Amuvi Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd was initially proposed to operationalize the mill but the effort did not succeed as planned. Full take-off was planned for mid-June, 2023 but it also failed due to issues associated with effective take-over by Iyo Amuvi and finding a suitable management team. A tripartite team comprising AWADA, ADG and Onyemaranwaneya is working to find a solution to ensure that the mill starts operation soonest.

It is estimated that in the immediate to short term future, about 50 people from the community shall be direct beneficiaries, with women accounting for 70 percent, with 250 indirect beneficiaries.

3.2 A List of Achievements of the Electricity Committee

Efforts to improve our electricity infrastructure are being carried out in a three-pronged approach. The first is the repair of our faulty transformers. The second is the repair of faults in the substation.

I. Repair of Faulty Transformers:

- As reported in the past, In September 2021, EEDC removed three faulty transformers from Amuvi and transported them to Enugu for evaluation and repair.
- Two replacement transformers have been returned and are operational in Amuvi today. The first replacement transformer became fully functional in May 2022, and the 2nd replacement transformer became fully operational in October 2023.

II. Repair of Faults in Substations

Between October and December 2023, additional repairs have been completed on existing substations on Aba Road and near Mazi Paul Nwokoro's house.

III. Arochukwu-wide Grid Power Maintenance activities

Engr. Onyeka Uwah, who is also a member of this committee and a leader in the Arochukwu-wide

Electricity Group, has been carrying out effective power grid maintenance in the whole Arochukwu . Some of these activities are outside the geographical area of Amuvi yet their effects have helped to improve overall power transmission in the Arochukwu Local Government area and our power distribution in the village

3.3 A List of Achievements of the Water Committee

This list of achievements is being presented with an apologetic explanation because the achievements were completed between June 2020 and December 2021. The objective is really to remind us of where we have come from to where we are today. The completed projects include the following:

- Repair of the back-flow problem at the pumps discharge in the well head which created an environmental damage, flooded houses and adjoining roads such that houses were abandoned for many years. This was led by Mazi Augustine Kanu.
- Three well pumps were extracted and serviced. Two new pumps were procured to replace the very bad pumps by the Mazi Engr. Chima Aloma team. A third pump is still not in service and may need to be repaired or replaced.
- The water filtration plant was serviced by our late brother, Mazi Angus Okoro.
- Leakages on the water tank were repaired. Large amount of rust was removed as it was serviced and internally repainted by the Engr. Chima Aloma company.
- For the records, all these repairs were carried out for the first time since the water network was installed in 2010. Before the repairs, the former chairman informed me of three abortive visits for help made to the NDDC office in Port Harcourt.

4.0 Main Reports

4.1 Education and Training Committee Report

Introduction

In pursuance of its mandate of building the capacity of Amuvi youths on vocational skills and entrepreneurship, the scheme's 2023 strategic plan focused on achieving three specific objectives:

- to graduate 13 youths of Batch 5 on vocational training
- to empower 15 skilled youths to start entrepreneurship activities and
- to place 9 youths on one-year apprenticeship program

The first two objectives were achieved at 100%, while the third recorded 20% because the majority of the trainee's gained admission into the university and the remaining started entrepreneurial activities with the skills gained. The scheme primarily aims to equip the young ones with skills for productive activities, thus reducing poverty and vices and improving quality of life in the community. It has four stages: value reorientation, vocational training, apprenticeship, and empowerment, with monitoring and evaluation infused in each stage.

The previous annual reports gave details about the inauguration of the project group on Saturday October 3, 2020, and launch of the scheme with value reorientation and empowerment of youths in Batch 1 in January 2021. The ten (10) empowered youths are currently practising their trades in and around Arochukwu, 40 youths were trained on vocational training, and 24 youths placed on one-year

apprenticeship program. The current report focuses on the activities of youths in Batches 4 and 5 with a reference on the 24 youths on one-year apprenticeship programmes.

2022 Activities Batch 4

Batch 4 comprises 11 youths:

- 6 youths that were trained, graduated and empowered in hair dressing while two dropped out of the scheme.
- 3 youths that were trained, graduated and empowered in solar installation; and
- 2 youths that were trained, graduated and empowered in aluminium fabrication.

All the successful trainees (pictures insert) have been empowered by ITF and are waiting to enlist for apprenticeship or attachment and it shall last for one year. This phase is critical because it assists the new artisans to put into practice what they learnt during training, including rudiments of shop and client management, thus setting them up to succeed in their own businesses. **Annexure 1** and **table 1** provides details of all the trainees in Batch 4, including pictures, names, skill areas, and expenses incurred, etc.

Empowerment of Trainees by ITF

A peculiar feature of the Uda Entrepreneurship Scheme framework is the strategic collaboration and partnership with major government vocational development agencies which guarantees its resilience, effectiveness and the robustness of its deliverables. One of the agencies, the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) not only paid tuition for some trainees but also equipped them with starter-parks and tools which they require to launch themselves into entrepreneurial activities. Trainees of solar installation, hair dressing and aluminium fabrication were empowered recently with tool kits for their vocation, and those in batch 5 will be scheduled for similar empowerment soon. Some of the trainees and their equipment are shown in the pictures below.

Empowerment of Trainees by ADG

A total of #4,442,500.00 (four million, four hundred and forty-two thousand and five hundred Naira) was expended on the purchase of Tailoring, Solar, Plumbing, Make-up Kits, Computer, Shop set-up and other empowerment contingencies to empower the 15 trainees that finished the apprenticeship program to set them up for business. This will provide the needed extrinsic motivation for others to be committed to the vocational skill program. With time, these trainees will add economic value to the community to project a positive image in our environment. This is aside from keeping them away from social vices and having them serve as models to other youths.



Items purchased by ADG for Trainees Empowerment



15 Trainees who were empowerment on 22nd of September, 2023

AWADA-ADG Skills Acquisition BATCH 5

Over 25 youths applied, but only 17 slots were approved by ITF, however only 13 trainees submitted their forms. ADG restricted the available slots to Amuvi youths who reside within Enugu or those who can secure accommodation to save costs associated with transportation and accommodation. The 10 under-listed trainees will complete their training this month, while those in integrated farming will complete theirs on November 30th. To prepare them for the next phase, all the trainees have received a copy of the apprenticeship form and the required instructions for proceeding to the next level. It is also important to note that this batch of trainees will be empowered partly by ITF before the end of this year.

Trainees for the second phase of assessment

Within the second quarter of next year, 13 trainees that failed assessment due to poor attendance record

and report from the master craftsmen in 2023 will be re-assessed. This will provide the ample time for them to gain the required proficiency before empowerment. We suggest that the empowerment should be deferred till the second quarter of 2024 to enable ADG to raise funds for the empowerment. Tables 6 & 7 provide the overall assessment of the 13 trainees and a financial projection of their empowerment.



Items purchased by ADG for Trainees Empowerment

Conclusion

The Uda Entrepreneurship Scheme has made substantial progress within two years of its existence. However, a major challenge remains funds and the scheme may suffer setbacks unless timely assistance is secured. Many youths who are yet to join the scheme are asking to do so daily while for those enrolled, we need to pay the master craftsmen where the trainees are undergoing on-the-job training and pay the trainees stipend to cover feeding and transport. This is aside from the money required to empower them post-training, etc. We have been running the program on the steam of donors and sponsors and many see it as the best way to invest in our youths who shall become the pillars of the community tomorrow. So, we invite sons and daughters of Amuvi, including previous donors, to come to our assistance. No amount is too little please. Always send donations to ADG at: **UnionBank, Acct 0151698775** and tag it Amuvi Youth Empowerment Scheme

Table 1: UDA Entrepreneurship scheme Batch 4

	NSUKKA LOCATION	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Consumables /working Tools	TOTAL
SOLAR INSTALLATION								
1	Okoro Uchenna	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	50,000
2	Uwah Cordelia Ogbonneya	10,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000	130,000
3	Okoronkwo Obinna Melvin	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	50,000
ALUMINIUM PROFILE								
1	Iraegbu Blessing Okereke	10,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000	130,000
2	Ijeoma Henry	10,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000	130,000
HAIR DRESSING								
1	Okoronkwo Chinyere Stephanie	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	50,000
2	Okafor Amarachi	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	50,000
3	Nwankwo Precious Nnaola	10,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000	130,000
4	Ugochukwu Favour	10,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000	130,000
5	Daberechi Okafor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Ogochukwu Mgbeahuruike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COORDINATOR		30,000	0	0	0	0	0	30,000
TRANSPORT BACK HOME		69,000	0	0	0	0	0	49,000
ACCOMMODATION LOGISTICS		13,000	0	0	0	0	0	13,000
INTERNAL LOGISTICS (Nepa bills, purchase of household materials, Maintenance services etc).		185,000	0	0	0	0	0	65,000
ACCOMMODATION		350,000	0	0	0	0	0	350,000
GRAND TOTAL		557,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	95,000	135,000	1,497,000

Table 2: Trainees Empowered on 22nd September, 2023

S/No	Trades	Trainees
1	Tailoring	Uwah Chinasa
2	Tailoring	Okoronkwo Chibuzo
3	Cosmetology	Ijeoma Chinyere
4	Cosmetology	Okoro Ukamaka
5	Cosmetology	Uwah Doris
6	Cosmetology	Orji Chisom
7	Cosmetology	Elizebath Uwa
8	Computer	Emmanuel Akabueze
9	Computer	Okechukwu Chijioke
10	Plumbing	Ogbonnaya Nwagba

11	Plumbing	Emeka Ngwu
12	Poultry	Ugochukwu Nwokoro
13	Catering	Beatrice Okereke
14	Catering	Ngozi Okoronkwo
15	Solar	Sylvester Orji

Table 3: ADG Skills Acquisition Batch 5

ENUGU LOCATION		
INTEGRATED FARMING		
1	David U. Ezeh	07082304213
2	Otti George Chidera	08167765909
3	Nwokoro Deborah Osinachi	09079931673
SOLAR INSTALLATION		
1	Orji Paul Obiora	08037103150
2	Ifeanyi Otti	08162234652
3	Nnabuihe Igboko	08064987647
4	Chukwulota Chukwu	09063357924
TAILORING		
1	Loveline O. Ezeani	09164381365
2	Ngozi Okoronkwo	08168018186
3	Okereke Chidimma	09012941946
HAIR DRESSING		
1	Mercy Chidi Arukwe	08138255488
2	Emesih Uzoamaka	08068738760
3	Nnenna Nwakamma	08036794704

Table 4: Trainees Apprenticeship Overall Assessment

S/N	Trades	Trainees	Duration		Location	Status	Remark
			Start	End			
1	Tailoring	Okoro Chioma	1/2/2022	1/1/2023	Okigwe	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
2	Tailoring	Okoro Obioma	1/2/2022	1/1/2023	PH	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
3	Tailoring	Orji Chidera	2/2/2022	2/2/2023	Ohafia	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
4	Tailoring	Okoro Ugochi	1/2/2022	1/2/2023	Umuahia	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
5	Tailoring	Ume Chinwe	1/2/2022	1/1/2023	Aro	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
6	Computer	Okoroafor Chinaza Stella	25/5/2022	25/5/2023	Umuahia	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
7	Masson	Chima Okoronkwo	1/2/2022	1/8/2022	Aro.	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
8	Plumbing	Okereke Chukwuebuka	2/2/2022	1/2/2023	Aro	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
9	Plumbing	Okoro Joshua Chinwe	2/2/2022	1/2/2023	Aro	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment

10	Plumbing	Igbokwe Emmanuel	7/2/2022	7/2/2023	Aro	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
11	Poultry	Ejiofor Okoro	7/2/2022	7/8/2022	Aro	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
12	Poultry	Okereke Uchenna	7/2/2022	7/8/2022	Aro	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment
13	Fishery	Ugochukwu Orji	1/2/2022	1/2/2023	Aro	Not-Completed	Awaiting second assessment

Table 5: Trainees Empowerment Financial Projections

S/N	Trades	Trainees	Starter Pack	Shop & Set-up	Amount
1	Tailoring	Okoro Chioma	250,000	120,000	370,000
2	Tailoring	Okoro Obioma	250,000	120,000	370,000
3	Tailoring	Orji Chidera	250,000	120,000	370,000
4	Tailoring	Okoro Ugochi	250,000	120,000	370,000
5	Tailoring	Ume Chinwe	250,000	120,000	370,000
6	Computer	Okoroafor Chinaza Stella	400,000	-	400,000
7	Plumbing	Okereke Chukwuebuka	200,000	100,000	300,000
8	Plumbing	Okoro Joshua Chinwe	200,000	100,000	300,000
9	Plumbing	Igbokwe Emmanuel	200,000	100,000	300,000
10	Poultry	Ejiofor Okoro	-	250,000	250,000
11	Poultry	Okereke Uchenna	-	250,000	250,000
12	Fishery	Ugochukwu Orji	-	250,000	250,000
13	Masson	Chima Okoronkwo	200,000	-	200,000
	Logistics				500,000
	TOTAL		2,450,000	1,650,000	4,600,000

4.2 Main Report of Electricity Committee

Electricity Infrastructure in Amuvi Continues to Improve.

The 2nd 300KVA Transformer, replacing the failed one at the Agbata Uzo Amuvi substation, was installed and commissioned into service in October 2023. Additional repairs have been completed on existing Aba Road substations and near Mazi Paul Nwokoro's house. These efforts continue to position Amuvi to receive improved grid electricity service whenever power is available.

EEDC delivered the replacement transformer on January 4, 2023; Mazi Uwah and other Amuvi community leaders coordinated the additional effort of procurement of materials, installation, tests, and commissioning. On October 9, 2023, the updated Agbata Uzo substation became fully functional.

Two of the other functional substations are in a terrible state of disrepair and need urgent attention to avoid catastrophic failure and keep our community safe.

- The transformer at Aba Road has a faulty cable lug on the yellow phase of the secondary side. This faulty cable lug resulted in arcing and severe damage to the cables. The damaged cables have been repaired.

- The transformer substation by Paul Nwokoro's house has a severely defective feeder pillar and burnt cables. The feeder pillar and burnt cables will be replaced or repaired. The procurement and repair of all faulty parts is ongoing.
- Mazi Engr Uwah, and other community leaders hired a trusted and qualified EEDC-verified contractor to complete these jobs. This batch of efforts cost #2,438,100 (Two million four hundred thirty-eight thousand one hundred naira.)
- As reported in the past, EEDC removed three faulty transformers from Amuvi. These were the transformers at Ogo Amuvi (by Mgbala Ekpe), Agbata Uzo (by Dede Ezekiel's house), and Oil Mill Road (by Nnanna Ngwu's house.) Two transformers remained in service in Amuvi (one at Opotopo by Paul Nwokoro's house and another at Oil Mill by Cottage Hospital.)
- On December 3, 2021, EEDC returned the first of three transformers to Ogo Amuvi; following the installation and replacement of other auxiliary parts, the community commissioned the substation at Ogo Amuvi into service on March 23, 2022.
- Dr. Mike Ukoha, Honourable member of Abia State House of Assembly helped raise the challenges of failed transformers with the appropriate EEDC officials to initiate transformer replacement effort. Engr. Onyeka Uwah, in addition to leveraging his electricity industry expertise and relationships, personally paid for the total cost of transporting and installing the first transformer at Ogo Amuvi.
- In January 2023, EEDC returned the 2nd transformer for the Agbata Uzo substation.
- We are still expecting the return of the last remaining transformer and are continuing to explore purchasing an additional transformer.

Our committee will continue to explore how to make the most of what we have today while planning to address the growing needs in Amuvi as our village continues to see more development. In present-day Nigeria, the success of this effort requires an active collaboration with EEDC and other stakeholders and an ability to bridge funding shortfalls from constituted authorities. The Electricity Committee is doing that.

Mazi Uwah remains instrumental in helping us navigate the relationship with EEDC, and we are thankful for his dedication and personal investments in this effort.

Internally generated donations from ADG and Electricity Committee members have been used to cover the cost of these efforts. As we clarify the additional needs and the cost to improve this area of our community continuously, we will count on your ongoing support in enabling everyday life in Amuvi.

4.3 Main Report of Water Committee

New Chairman and Current major project

The PG, Mazi Engr. OGB Nwafor, also doubles as the new chairman of the water committee He has been working with the team in the planning for the water distribution. The project is discussed briefly in the subsequent paragraphs.

The Water Distribution Project

The problem of distributing the water around the village requires much capital which we cannot afford as we have taxed ourselves to fund all we have done on the water supply and other systems.

To address this challenge, we need to distribute clean and safe water to tap islands (with an array of 10 taps) located approximately 500 meters from the households, hospitals, schools and other social centres in the community.

Below is the estimated cost of installation of about 8 kilometres of main water pipeline and 24 tap islands. This estimate was obtained from a survey and scoping conducted in water systems and supply

DRAFT COST FOR AMUJI MAIN LINE RETICULATION				
SN	DESCRIPTION	QTY	COST (N)	AMOUNT (N)
1	2", 10 bar COBEF Pipes (240 pipes per kilometer)	8	2,680,000	21,440,000
2	Tap Island (3 taps per island, valve chambers, soak pit, concrete works, plumbing etc (3 tap islands per kilometer)	24	284,000	6,816,000
3	Reticulation Accessories (lot per kilometer)	8	475,000	3,800,000
4	Installation Labour (lot per kilometer)	8	584,000	4,672,000
5	Excavation and Backfilling (lot per kilometer)	8	334,000	2,672,000
6	Materials Transportation	1	282,000	282,000
7	SUBTOTAL			39,682,000
8	10% Contingencies			3,968,200
9	TOTAL (N)			43,650,200
10	TOTAL (\$)			43,650



Funding Challenge

The biggest showstopper or obstacle to the implementation of this project is lack of funds. We are exploring different funding options, from local and international societies and organisations.

We solicit the help of all our brothers and sisters both at home and in diaspora, to achieve this goal

5.0 Conclusion

Inadequacy of funds remains the main constraint to the planning and execution of our projects. Inevitably, our projects suffer setbacks unless timely assistance is secured. For example, the water distribution was to have been carried out earlier since mid-2023 but it is yet to be done.

In Education and Training, many youths, who are yet to join the scheme, are asking to do so daily. Also, for those enrolled, we need to pay the master craftsmen in companies where the trainees are undergoing on-the-job training, and also pay the trainees' stipend to cover feeding and transport. This is in addition to the money required to empower them post-training, etc. We have been running the programme on the steam of donors and sponsors as many see it as the best way to invest in our youths who shall become the pillars of the community tomorrow. We thank such donors and still invite sons and daughters of Amuvi, including previous donors, to come to our assistance. No amount is too little please.

On the electricity challenges in the village, the option of purchasing another transformer is being explored. Also, Mazi Engr Uwah has been using his professional skills and experience in the power industry to very good effects in general, in Arochukwu, and in particular, in his home village. For example, he is considering load balancing in the phases of our supply. All these projections require funds. Thank you for working with us, as stakeholders in the socio-economic development of our village.



Eze Ogo Amuvi Mazi EN Okoroji Interacting with ADG trainees



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Onyemaranwanneya members at Uda Oil Mill factory



Trainees empowered on 22nd September, 2023



Dr. Zubby Okoro, Chair Education & Training with PG AWADA, Mazi Ogbonnaya Nwafor at the 2023 Trainees Empowerment ceremony



PG Emeritus, Mazi Ikechukwu Okafor and the Assistant Secretary Nzuka-Arochukwu, Mazi Zulu Ofoelue at the 2023 Empowerment Ceremony



Inyom Amuvi at the 2023, Trainees Empowerment Ceremony



Inyom Amuvi inspecting the machines at Uda Oil Mill factory



ADG Trainees displaying their products and certificates



ADG Trainees showing off their vocational skills

