

**REPORT OF EQUAL ACCESS INTERNATIONAL COURTESY VISIT TO THE
TRANSITION CHAIRMAN OF GWER-WEST LGA AND UNVEILING OF A NEW
FIELD COORDINATOR**



DATE

15TH JANUARY, 2024

LOCATION

AGATU, GWER-WEST AND GUMA LGA OF BENUE STATE.

INTRODUCTION

As part of the key objective of the Securing Nigeria Communities project, Equal Access International, led by the Country Director Dr. Maji Peterx, in company with Lawyers Alert the local resource organization (LRO) paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed transition Charman of Gwer-west LGA **Hon. HENRY AGBA**, to discuss about the early warning and early response mechanism. (EWER system) initiated in the LGA that ensures women and youths inclusion in the security architecture of the community. The country Director congratulated him on his appointment and reiterated the gains and cooperation maintained with the out-going chairman who ironically was also the chairman of the Community Accountability Forum (CAF) put together by EAI to be the response platform for early warning signals from the wards, manned by a sister platform, the Civilian Accountability Platform.

The chairman in his response, thanked the team for the visit and efforts put in place to ensure safety and security of the communities in the LGA, he further pledged to support the scheme and ensure its sustainability. A group photograph was taken with the transition chairman and his cabinet after which the team was led to the venue for the arranged CAF meeting for the day.

The country director expressed his appreciation to the CAF members and their determination to keep the platform alive. He further used the opportunity to unveil to the members, the new staff employed by EAI to serve as the new Field Coordinator owing to the resignation of the previous one. He was introduced as **Mr. Michael Edeh Ogbodo** from the Idoma tribe.

The new field coordinator gave a little welcome remake and his determination to work closely with the team and maintain the gains of the already established structures. A group photograph was taken with all members and that concluded the courtesy visit to Gwer-west LGA.

AGATU

The team proceeded to Agatu LGA where they were greeted by the Ter Gbajimba, who expressed his delight to see the country director. The Country Director went straight into the business of the day with greetings to the His Royal Highness and members of the CAF therein gathered, and proceeded to unveiled the new field coordinator to the CAF members. There was a round of applauds and the new coordinator gave a vote of thanks, thus rounding off the event.

GUMA

The team departed Agatu and returned to Makurdi, where there was a pre-arrangement for the CAF chairman of Guma LGA to meet up with the team in Makurdi. The meeting with the CAF chairman was successful as the new field coordinator was unveiled to him and all other protocols were observed.

The activity of the day ended with words of appreciation from the Country Director who appreciated the LRO for their doggedness and prompt when called upon.









