



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Letter from Leadership

In December 2025, we released our third documentary for the ongoing UNDP GEF-SGP Nigeria supported project in Ajimaka and Rukubi, Doma LGA, Nasarawa State. This production was created to document the progress made since the completion of planting in August and, more importantly, to hear directly from the beneficiaries about what this project means to them. Their voices, their joy, and their reflections shaped the story so profoundly that we titled the documentary “Harvest of Hope.”

Standing with the farmers as they harvested sesame seed, we witnessed something deeper than agricultural success. We saw pride. We saw relief. We saw the return of dignity and possibility. In that moment, it became clear that restoration is not just an environmental intervention, it is a holistic transformation that touches nearly every aspect of community life. It strengthens livelihoods, rebuilds trust, restores land, and rekindles hope.

Looking back on the year, we feel deeply grateful for the opportunity to support these communities as they restore their land and improve their means of livelihood. The journey has not been without pain. We faced significant challenges, including the tragic loss of some of our farmers to herdsmen attacks. These moments tested our resolve, but they also strengthened our commitment.

This year, APEARE was honored with the Nigeria SDG Award of Recognition, a reflection of the dedication of our team, the trust of our partners, and the courage of the communities we serve. This recognition encourages us to keep pushing forward and to expand the reach of our work.

As we reflect on 2025, we are reminded that resilience is built through partnership – through communities, institutions, and individuals working together toward a safer, greener, and more hopeful future. And as we look ahead to 2026, our commitment remains firm: to restore landscapes, strengthen resilience, and build a future where people and nature thrive side by side.

We are honored to walk this path with you.

Wasiu Alimi
Chairman, APEARE
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ABOUT APEARE

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Alliance for Positive Environmental Impacts & Reforestation (APEARE) is a non-governmental organisation working to restore landscapes and strengthen climate resilience across Nigeria.

We work with communities to prepare for climate challenges, restore forests, and build a future where everyone can thrive, no matter the weather.

Our Mission

To unite communities to restore forests and drive climate actions that build resilience and create lasting, positive impact.

Our Vision

To create a world where people and nature thrive together, safe, resilient, and full of opportunity.

Restoring Landscapes & Strengthening Livelihoods

- 157 hectares of degraded land under restoration through agroforestry in Ajimaka and Rukubi, Nasarawa State.
- 400 households positively impacted through climate-smart agriculture and ecological farming systems.
- 3,000 tonnes of sesame harvested and bagged, boosting local income and food security.

Community-Led Environmental Action

- Successful Ejirin Eco Action mobilizing ~40 participants for clean-up, waste management awareness, and environmental governance.
- Agreement reached for monthly waste evacuation (~~₦~~2,000–~~₦~~3,000 per household) starting January 2026.
- Strengthened community unity, civic responsibility, and compliance with sanitation laws.

Expanding Restoration Frontiers

- Reconnaissance survey in Ofiki, Oyo State, laying groundwork for a shea-tree reforestation initiative.
- Proposed nursery development and plantation establishment to revive shea populations and support women-led value chains.

Visibility, Partnerships & Recognition

- Participation in the National Council on Environment (NCE) Exhibition in Katsina, December 2025.
- Release of the documentary “Harvest of Hope”, capturing community testimonies and project progress.
- Recipient of the Nigeria SDG Award of Recognition for outstanding contribution to sustainable development.

Strengthening Institutional Capacity

- Expanded team structure with new program, finance, and community engagement roles.
- Continued collaboration with UNDP GEF-SGP Nigeria and local partners to scale climate resilience efforts.

MEET OUR TEAM

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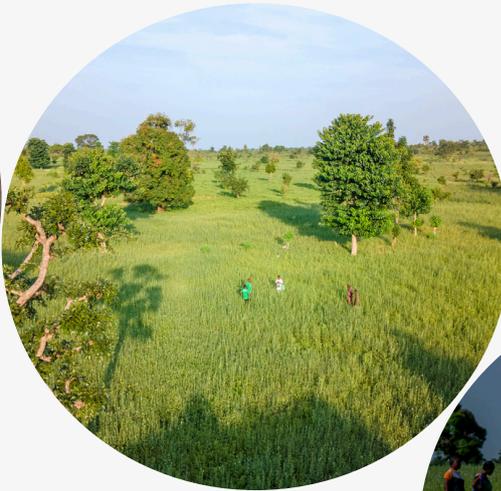
Our team brings together passionate experts from around the world, united by a shared commitment to building climate-resilient communities. From environmental scientists to community organizers, each member contributes unique expertise to our mission of creating lasting positive change.

**Strengthening Resilience,
Restoring Landscapes.**

OUR IMPACTS

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■ UNDP GEF-SGP NIGERIA



Promoting Agriculture Resilience through Agroforestry and Agroecological Systems in Ajimaka and Rukubi communities, Doma LG, Nasarrawa state, kicked off on 23rd July 2025 with the inauguration of the Project Steering Committee, followed by the site survey and the implementation of components 1-4.

In addition, over 157 hectares of degraded land are being restored through agroforestry (oil palm, locust bean tree establishment and sesame), with almost 400 households positively impacted by our project. Presently, harvesting and bagging of almost 3,000 tonnes of sesame are ongoing. Similarly, the National Council on Environment [NCE] Exhibition was held in Kastina between 14th and 17th December, 2025, at which APEARE participated and achieved a beautiful outcome.



**Strengthening Resilience,
Restoring Landscapes.**

EJIRIN-ECO ACTION



Meet Advocate Okufuye Olayemi

In response to the APEARE I-ASIST 2030 Initiative, Advocate Olayemi organised the 2-day Ejirin Eco Action in Ejirin Community, Ijebu-Ode, featuring a community clean-up drive, waste management awareness, and expert seminars by Dr. Betty, Mrs. Balogun (Chairperson, PWCs), and Mr. Odufale (Ogun State Waste Management Authority), with strong participation from community leaders and residents.



Highlights



- Approximately 40 participants, including community members, religious leaders, the APEARE team, and volunteers, were in attendance.
- Agreement reached for monthly waste evacuation (₦2,000-₦3,000 per household) effective Jan 2026
- Environmental sanitation laws clarified to strengthen compliance
- Truck owners encouraged to register as licensed waste collectors (job creation opportunity)
- Government to purchase recyclable waste (e.g., plastics) to help offset household costs
- Streets, gutters, and public spaces cleaned; large volumes of waste evacuated
- Strengthened community unity, trust, and civic responsibility

■ RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY TO OFIKI



This held on 29-30 September, 2025 in ofiki community, Atisbo LGA, Oyo State with Proposed aim for Shea butter Trees Reforestation in Ofiki community. APEARE is proposing a reforestation initiative to restore Sheabutter populations through nursery production, plantation establishment, and community engagement. This project aim to achieve revitalization of degraded lands, empower local communities, and create a sustainable value chain for Sheabutter products

AWARD

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We also had SDG Awards on 9th December in Abuja and published in News Agency of Nigeria(NAN).



CHALLENGES

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“ While 2025 brought significant progress, it also revealed challenges that shaped our learning and strengthened our resolve.

“ Despite these challenges, our team and communities demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to environmental restoration.

1. **Climate and Environmental Pressures**

Unpredictable rainfall, degraded soils, and extreme weather events affected planting timelines and slowed early restoration activities. These realities reinforced the need for long-term climate adaptation strategies.

2. **Limited Rural Infrastructure**

Poor access roads, inadequate storage facilities, and logistical constraints increased operational costs and delayed the movement of seedlings, tools, and harvested produce.

3. **Awareness and Behavioral Gaps**

In several communities, limited knowledge of waste management, agroforestry practices, and environmental laws created barriers to adoption. Initiatives like the Ejirin Eco Action helped bridge these gaps, but sustained sensitization remains essential.

4. **Funding Constraints**

As demand for our interventions grows, available resources remain limited. Expanding our reach requires stronger partnerships and diversified funding streams.

5. **Administrative and Bureaucratic Delays**

Multi-agency coordination, land access negotiations, and approval processes occasionally slowed implementation timelines. Continued engagement with government stakeholders is helping to streamline these processes.

OUTLOOK 2026

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2026 will be a year of expansion, innovation, and deeper community engagement. Building on the successes of 2025, APEARE will focus on four strategic priorities:

1. Scaling Capacity for Sustainable Land Use & Agriculture

We plan to start developing Farm Bridge Garden (FBG) in Koguo, Ido LGA, Ibadan. FBG is designed as an agroecological learning centre that fills critical gaps in current farming practices by training farmers and other stakeholders on sustainable land use and climate-smart agriculture. It will serve as a hub for hands-on learning, innovation, and community-driven restoration. More information is available on our website: <https://www.apeare.org/farm-bridge-garden/>

2. Strengthening Climate-Smart Livelihoods

APEARE will deepen support for farmers through improved seedlings, regenerative agriculture training, and market linkages for products such as sesame and shea.

3. Advancing Community Environmental Governance

Following the success of the Ejirin Eco Action, we will launch more community-driven initiatives and environmental education programs to strengthen local ownership and sustainability.

4. Building Stronger Partnerships

We aim to expand collaborations with government agencies, donors, and private-sector actors to unlock new funding streams and scale our interventions nationwide.

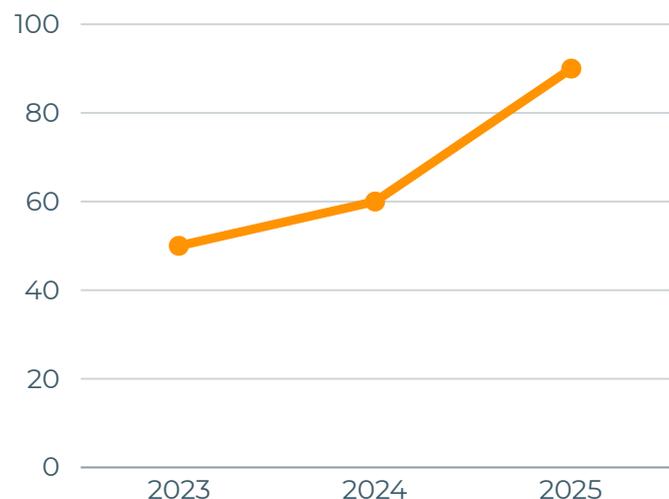
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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In 2025, APEARE maintained its commitment to transparency, accountability, and efficient resource utilization. All expenditures were aligned with project objectives and donor requirements, ensuring that every amount contributed directly supported environmental restoration and community resilience.

Key Financial Highlights

- Primary funding was received through the UNDP GEF-SGP Nigeria grant, supporting agroforestry, community mobilization, and capacity-building activities.
- Expenditures focused on seedling production, land restoration, community training, field logistics, and project monitoring.
- Operational costs were minimized through efficient planning, volunteer engagement, and strong community partnerships.
- In-kind contributions – including land preparation, labor, and local materials – significantly enhanced project value and reduced financial burden.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

APEARE continues to uphold rigorous financial controls, periodic audits, and transparent reporting. Our financial management approach ensures that resources are used responsibly and strategically to maximize impact.

- We extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who made 2025 a year of meaningful progress and shared achievement.
- To our community partners in Ajimaka, Rukubi, Ejirin, and Ofiki – thank you for your trust, collaboration, and leadership. Your commitment is the foundation of our success.
- To UNDP GEF-SGP Nigeria, we are profoundly grateful for your support, guidance, and partnership in advancing climate resilience and sustainable development.
- To our team and volunteers, your dedication, expertise, and passion continue to drive APEARE’s mission forward. Every restored hectare, every trained farmer, and every empowered community reflects your hard work.
- To our board and leadership, thank you for your vision, integrity, and unwavering commitment to a safer, greener Nigeria.
- And to all our supporters, donors, and friends, your belief in our mission fuels our determination to do more, reach more, and restore more.

Together, we are building landscapes of hope.



**THANK
YOU**

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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