



COMPANY PROFILE



BACKGROUND

Change Partners International (CPI) was incorporated under the laws of Nigeria in 2013 as a development consultancy and advisory firm.

CPI was founded on the need to bring a whole new holistic perspective to understanding development challenges and bring effectiveness to problem solving through building strategic partnerships of practitioners, public, private sector organizations, governments, non-profits and diverse stakeholders who believe in engagement, inclusion, participation and people centered appropriate solutions to global development challenges.

At inception our focus was in the different development themes including education, healthcare, water and sanitation, environment, energy and economic development. Over time our strategic focus evolved into an integrated, systematic energy access, environment, climate change response and sustainability centered strategy and approach to solving development challenges that exist in the society.

Today, CPI focuses principally on providing research based energy, environment and climate change policy formulation and analysis, policy reform support, project development and management, market intelligence analysis, capacity development, and sustainability consultancy and advisory services and facilitating public private partnerships in the energy, environment, and climate change sector across Africa.



So far, CPI have provided diverse levels and scales of services for clients and partners across different countries as such Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, Ireland, Belgium, Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States of America, South Africa and Russia.

VISION

To solve the world's most difficult challenges through effective partnerships and collaborations.

MISSION

To build a consortium of professionals, stakeholders that are committed to finding and delivering the most cost effective, innovative, and sustainable and appropriate solutions to global development challenges especially in less developed countries.

VALUE PROPOSITION

CPI specializes in working with development organizations (local, national and international bilateral, multilateral), governments, private and public sector institutions, local communities and private individuals identify, develop, and manage innovative, integrated, sustainable, appropriate and high impact cost-effective development solutions to solve global development challenges. This is accomplished by conducting in-depth research that identifies the root causes of development challenges, provides insight on factors that impede development progress, and propose, facilitate and help implement sustainable solutions for effective change particularly in the energy and environment sectors.



OUR CORE VALUES

INNOVATION, IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is very important to us. It is the core of our approach. We believe that the success and impact of every development solution lies in its sustainability, specifically when the beneficiaries have the capacity to own the solutions and sustain positive outcomes/results without external support long after project implementation or intervention. We strive to ensure that all proposed solutions are innovative, impactful and sustainable. We aim to deliver long-term quality results for project beneficiaries, clients, and partners.

PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION

Synergy is a positive force for development, growth and sustainability. We see the people whom we work with - clients, team members and other stakeholders as key partners in accomplishing a shared objective and goal. We run an open, inclusive and participatory system that promotes partnership and service. We believe our work is more effective, innovative, impactful and sustainable when we work together with people of diverse views, opinions

and perspectives especially people at the grassroots. We believe that no global challenge we face today or will face in the future can withstand the synergy of partnership and cooperation.

RESPECT

Diversity is enriching. We appreciate the diversity of our staff, partners, clients and most especially the beneficiaries of our work. We regard and respect the viewpoints of everyone. It is this respect for our diverse backgrounds and experiences that unites us to face difficult challenges. This value is reflected in our commitment at ensuring that all our stakeholders - clients and partners and importantly beneficiaries and local communities are involved at every stage of understanding the challenges and solution development, implementation and management cycle.

INTEGRITY

We are accountable and transparent in all transactions we are involved in. We only take decisions and actions that we will always be proud of and stand by. We also hold confidential the information our clients, partners and beneficiaries share with you of our work with utmost confidentiality.

PROFESSIONALISM

We understand the sensitive nature of this sector and strive to uphold best practices and set new ones that best meet the challenges of our dynamic world. We are independent, unbiased, an impartial and communicate the true outcomes of our findings to clients, partners, and beneficiaries respectfully. We pride ourselves on not compromising on standards.



OUR FOCUS



Energy

We provide in-depth research energy study, policy analysis and policy reform that supports the development and growth of different sustainable and low carbon energy resources including solar, wind, biomass, nuclear, biofuels, biogas, methanol, ethanol, geothermal. We provide support and facilitate engagements and negotiations in across these areas that lead to successful project development, implementation and management.



Environment

The environment is central to our services. We provide environmental solutions ranging from community engagements that help local communities understand practices that are harmful to the environment and cause severe environmental degradation such as erosion, deforestation, drought, desertification to helping these communities lead practices that remediate these challenges. We also provide different range of studies and assessments that determine the impact of development projects on the environment, biodiversity and ecosystem. We ensure that all our projects and solutions are environmentally friendly and lead to environmental sustainability.



Sustainability

Our sustainability principles ensure that sustainability – environmental, economic, social, political, technological, is an integral part of all our projects. Specific sustainability services we provide ensure that development projects, business and institutional processes within public and private institutions are open, inclusive, participatory clearly developed with systematic flow of information and knowledge across the system value chains. We ensure that the future of local communities, the projects we develop and the safety of earth we live are not compromised by current systems and practices we develop.



Climate Governance

Climate governance is key to actualizing sustainable development across the world. We provide different levels and scales of climate mitigation, climate adaptation and climate resilient services for different stakeholders - local indigenous communities, government, private and public sector institutions. Our services include communications - awareness and advocacy, capacity development, climate impact studies and assessments, climate smart project development and implementation, climate financing, monitoring and evaluation, measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of projects.



Socioeconomic Development (Livelihoods)

We carry out studies to determine how energy, environment, climate change impact socioeconomic development and livelihoods of local communities and develop solutions to solve problems that exist in these spaces. We ensure that all our projects across energy, environment, sustainability, climate governance lead to socioeconomic/ livelihoods development especially for the local communities, the poor and vulnerable in the society.



Technology and Innovation

We harness the power of technology and innovation to solve problems. We ensure that technologies we deploy are efficient, reliable, cost-effective and appropriate. We provide knowledge management, technology assessment studies, technology transfer project development and coordination services. We also facilitate and promote STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics learning and skills development project and activities for children, girls and young people particularly in deprived local communities.



BOARD MEMBERS TECHNICAL ADVISORS & CONSULTANTS



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Akachukwu is an Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability Specialist with speciality in policy formulation, analysis, policy reform support, research, market, project development and capacity building.

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SETHAMO OBAKENG

Sethamo is an experienced intra/interdisciplinary practitioner working in climate change, disaster risk reduction, renewable energy, governance and rural development. He has over 10 years of experience working within

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Tolulope is a soil scientist and livelihoods specialist who is passionate about Agricultural Research and Development (ARD), youth mentoring and empowerment with primary focus in increased food

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Ifeanyi is a researcher and climatologist with expertise in air quality modelling, instrumentation and design. He is a lecturer at the Federal University Lokoja, Nigeria and

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Kenechukwu is an Electrical & Electronics Engineer with specialty in renewable energy research and market development, solar systems design and implementation, instrumentation, control and systems

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KEY ENERGY PROJECTS

ENERGY ACCESS RESEARCH AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Floreo Energy

An energy use survey in some remote, rural off-grid communities in four states in Nigeria namely Lagos, Rivers, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Kaduna to determine the:

- average cost of energy in rural communities;
- percentage of their income they spend on inefficient, dirty fuel for lighting purposes and
- consumers' willingness and capacity to pay for efficient solar solutions especially solar lanterns.

The project which was coordinated by Change Partners International for Floreo Energy found out that most rural, poor population in these off-grid communities spend as much as 40% of their income in the purchase of inefficient sources of energy for lighting including batteries, kerosene and biomass.

Using the results of the survey conducted, a solar financing and market development solution was designed which helped the 98.9% adoption rate of solar lanterns in Kaima community, Bwari Municipal Area of the FCT and diffusion of the solar lanterns in other neighbouring communities.



Blue Camel Energy

1. Conducted a survey on the viability of solar home systems for a fishing community in Jigawa state. The result of the survey was positive and the project to electrify over 100 homes and businesses which is financed by the Bank of Industry in partnership with the Jigawa State government is currently undergoing implementation.

2. Conducted a research on the economics of locally assembling solar streetlights in Nigeria compared to importing fully produced solar street lights. The results of the study informed the decision to build the first solar powered Solar Assembling Plant and Renewable Energy Training Academy in Kaduna Industrial Layout which officially commissioned in April 2018, by the Kaduna State Governor, Nasir El Rufia in company of the Ooni of Ife and the former President Tanzania, Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete. The facility fabricates and assembles a wide range of solar solutions including solar powered solar dryers, solar kiosks, solar powered traffic lights, minigrids power hubs, .

3. Conducted an energy needs assessment in the Kakuri Industrial Layout. The study highlights an energy need 2MW particularly for micro, small, medium scale enterprises and businesses that operate in the layout.



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ADPATION AND LIVELIHOODS

Irish Aid, Embassy of Ireland/ Rural Water ad Sanitation Initiative

1. Conducted an inclusive Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA) and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) for the socioeconomic and environmental needs assessments with youths, women and leadership of Maigana community, a remote off-grid farming community in Karshi Development Council Area, Nasarawa State, Nigeria..

2. Designed and implemented a 2.4kW solar powered 10kVa inverter and battery solution for powering a flour processing and cassava (garri) processing machine in Maiganga.



Global Rights Nigeria/Heinrich Boll Foundation

1. Conducted an inclusive Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA) and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) for the socioeconomic and environmental needs assessments with youths, women and leadership of Awo-Akpali Community in Ankpa Local Government, Kogi State and Maderegi Community, Abaji Local Government, Abuja who are impacted by environmental degradation from coal mining activities and water processing activities.

2. Designed inclusive, sustainable, efficient, low carbon – environmentally friendly, appropriate socioeconomic and environmental solutions to the needs of the communities with community members including children, women, youths, men and community leadership.



SUSTAINABILITY

Smileyz Foods

Conducted a research/market intelligence for Smiley's Tomato Paste business development plan which won it a €20,000 funding from the Embassy of Netherlands Nigeria Food Connection Challenge in November 2018. Also leading the sustainability aspect of the product development process which includes improving business processes particularly the sustainable procurement of production inputs and maintaining a sound sustainable business model with her farmers.

BIOMASS

Designer Group

Conducted a study and feasibility for Designer Group, an Irish consultancy company on the viability – sourcing and supply chain management of using of biomass to power a 10 MW Combined Heat and Power plant for industrial use in Nairobi.

Wind

Conducted a study on the viability of of wind powered irrigation systems and developed a concept note and proposal for a pilot project funding. The pilot implementation is currently ongoing in a farm in Adamawa State. The pilot is funded by Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending, an agency of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

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