

**NIGERIAN PHYSICIANS ADVOCACY GROUP**

## ALL WE DID THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

- **Advocating for electoral reform**
- **Tribute to Nigerian-American appointees in the Biden administration.**
- **Voter Registration**
- **Dealing with stomach infrastructure**



## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Because of you, NPAG was able to implement impactful initiatives to further the vision of good governance to improve health. Please take the time to read what your financial support has enabled us to do in 2022.

## ADVOCATING FOR ELECTORAL REFORM

Because we are yet to hire a Country Director in Nigeria, we financially sponsored a Nigeria-based NGO, ReadytoleadAfrica (RTLA). RTLA is based in Abuja and served in an intelligence capacity to inform NPAG's strategy. RTLA was NPAG's foot on the ground lobbying legislators for the passage of the amended Electoral Reform Bill.

When it appeared that the Electoral Bill was not going to be signed into law, NPAG represented by Dr. Iyore James engaged in high-level conversation with Dana Banks, Special Assistant to President Biden and National Security Council Senior Director for Africa on February 10th, 2022. The relevance of the new Electoral Bill to Nigeria's democracy was presented and a direct message was sent to President Biden on behalf of his Nigerian-American Healthcare Professionals constituency. The message was for President Biden to strongly encourage President Muhammadu Buhari to sign the Amended Electoral Reform Bill.

On February 25th, 2022, President Buhari signed the Electoral Bill into law. This single important step now ensures further transparency and credibility of elections in Nigeria. Clearly, the success was not only in the NPAG effort but a collaboration of like-minded organizations both in Nigeria and the diaspora.

The total grant to RTLA was approximately \$6,500.

## TRIBUTE TO NIGERIAN-AMERICAN APPOINTEES IN THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION.

On April 14th, 2022, NPAG in collaboration with African Primary Healthcare Foundation hosted the first-of-its-kind gala to honor Nigerian-American appointees in the Biden administration. By honoring these appointees, we strengthen our advocacy efforts.

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## Voter Registration

In an effort led by African Primary Healthcare Foundation, NPAG participated in a pilot voter registration drive in Abia state, Nigeria between February – May 2022. This was a collaborative effort between Nigerians in Nigeria and the diaspora. NPAG donated \$20,000 to provide free health care screening.

We combined a convenient opportunity for voters to register and learn about the voting process while providing health screening and education. In total 70,000+ new voters were registered to vote in Abia state. 51,203 health screenings were performed. We found a 44.8% incidence of high blood pressure amongst those screened (22,950 people). Unfortunately, we were only able to refer 13% (3,000 people) for treatment.

## Dealing with stomach infrastructure

Access to clean water and the most basic amenities remains a challenge in most of Nigeria, especially in rural areas where voting irregularities run wild. Our Clean Water Initiative is a community-led sustainable project that is providing clean water while raising transformative leaders at the local level. This venture is conducted in partnership with SHIFT Nigeria. We started work in the Aliade community, Benue state in 2020. We have now:

- Built two borehole systems
- Registered over 1,000 new voters while continuing civic education
- We are expanding to the Ogbona community, Edo State.

We have spent about \$13,000 on this project. Our major donors are: the ANPA-Florida chapter and African Primary Healthcare Foundation.

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Sincerely,

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We are now in collaboration with the National Voters Drive Coalition (NVDC) to support INEC with PVC distribution and mobilizing voters to Get Out to Vote. We will incorporate free health care screening and this time hope to provide medications.

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