

CHICOCO

BUILDING

A MOVEMENT

We are planning to launch a collaboratively designed community media and human rights defenders' centre in Port Harcourt, Nigeria's oil capital. Chicoco Space will be home to Chicoco Radio, Chicoco Cinema, Chicoco Maps and Chicoco Collective.

Chicoco Space is about more than designing a building. It is about building a movement.

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**‘WHEN WE CAME OUT ONTO
THE STREETS IN PROTEST,
THEY SHOT AT US.
BUT NOBODY CAN STOP US SINGING.
AND THE STRUGGLE IS IN OUR SONG.’**

**PRINCE PETER
FORMER RESIDENT OF
NJEMANZE WATERFRONT
(NOW DEMOLISHED)**





**'MANY VOICES MAKE A CITY.
SOME PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO TEAR
THE CITY DOWN. BUT WE ARE CITY
BUILDERS AND THIS IS OUR RHYTHM,
OUR RIGHT, OUR VOICE.'**

**FAVOUR
OKRIKA WATERFRONT**



**'THIS IS OUR BRIDGE
TO THE WORLD'
PROMISE
TONIPIRIMA AMA**

A 3D render of our Chicoco Space community media centre.
Our design has already won the international Holcim Award for Sustainable
Construction - the leading award of its kind in the world.

CHICOCO BUILDING. A MOVEMENT

Over 70% of Nigeria's city dwellers live in slum conditions. By 2050 there will likely be another 210 million people living in Nigeria's cities. 80% of all population growth until then will be urban and of that, 80% will be informal: slum growth.

Growing inequality and exclusion in Nigeria's cities leaves millions vulnerable to human rights abuses and lacking access to services essential to realise their economic, social and cultural rights. If the struggle to secure equal rights for all is to succeed in Nigeria, it must succeed in Nigeria's slums.

It will be young people that lead this struggle. By 2050, 70% of Nigeria's city-dwellers will be under 19. Across the majority world, being a young, disenfranchised slum dweller is the core urban condition.

Designed and built by young people in one of Port Harcourt's waterfront slums, **Chicoco Space** will be the most iconic human rights space in West Africa. It will house **Chicoco Radio**, a youth-led community radio station that will reach 1.5 million people with rights-based programming. **Chicoco Studios** will make the city's marginalised waterfront communities a centre of musical creativity and free expression. **Chicoco Cinema** will put culturally excluded groups in the picture and **Chicoco Maps** will share the skills, tools and confidence to allow people to put themselves quite literally on the map. Actively involving young people from across Nigeria's oil capital, **Chicoco Collective** will bring together human rights defenders, civil society networks and international campaign platforms to support excluded groups in Port Harcourt and across Nigeria to claim a meaningful role in creating a city and a country that embraces them and recognises their rights. Running researcher training programmes, HRD courses and summer schools, Chicoco Space will be a base for these projects.

With the means to tell their stories on film, on air and in court, charting their reality on maps and describing their visions in urban action plans, communities across the city and activists from across the country will gain the skills and the confidence to challenge popular prejudice, and to identify and reclaim their rights.

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RIGHT

TO AN END TO
DEMOLITIONS AND
EVICTIONS

OUR VOICE

WE WILL BE HEARD BY OUR
COMMUNITIES, THE CITY, OUR
GOVERNMENT AND THE WORLD

OUR CITY

WE WILL COME TOGETHER
TO PLAN AND BUILD A CITY
FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS

YOUR HOME YOUR RIGHTS

RECENT DEMOLITION
MISERY, PERPETUAL
AND HOMELESS
DEMOLITIONS ALONG
HUMAN RIGHTS TO
HOUSING, ACCESS TO
TO WORK, AS WELL AS
EDUCATION AND HEALTH
UN-HABITAT

CHICOCO RADIO

Waterfront communities are making the
first community radio station in Nigeria,
a world-class world service.
If you work in the media, programming or
production, you can join our free
professional training courses taught by
BBC. Chicoco Radio you can
address important issues, celebrate your
community and be heard by the city.
Check out our radio, our voice.



CHICOCO CINEMA

Chicoco Cinema is the waterfront's own
mobile cinema. Thousands of us have
national film on our big screen and there
is no other such cinema in Nigeria.
Chicoco Cinema. We have discovered
demolition and we have shared cinema.
We have shared cinema and have
shared. Let's continue what we have
started and let us 2 years later be here
to make films to show at our screen.
Chicoco Cinema can share.

CHICOCO MEDIA CENTRE

Chicoco Media Centre will bring a
radio station, a cinema, a music studio,
community space and a community
meeting hall to the waterfront. It will be
built by us, for us, and for the community.
But we hope that people from across the
city will use and enjoy the media centre
too. It will be inclusive and simple. It will
show the world a city and there are better
ways to build a city and there is a better
way to build a city together.

TOWARDS A PEOPLE'S PLAN

Communities, local groups and
international organisations such as
the World Bank and Amnesty International
are working together to make Port Harcourt
a city for all its citizens. We will work on
neighbourhood development projects to
improve conditions in our communities.
We will map our areas to make plans for
a better tomorrow and we will make our
government to make plans for the city's
future together with the people that live
here. We believe that the best plan for
Port Harcourt will be the People's Plan.

CHICOCO RADIO TR

Louder Than Bullets

28 October, 2009, Nigerian security forces opened fire on unarmed protestors at Bundu waterfront, Port Harcourt. With the support of Amnesty International and CMAP, survivors took the government to the ECOWAS court and won. Here at Chicoco Media Shed, the moment they learn of the verdict.



Chicoco Space: Building Together

Chicoco Media Shed was designed and built in collaboration with the community. Young women enjoyed exploring roles not often afforded them in community projects. Chicoco Space will be a more architecturally ambitious building, but the focus is on building community capacity.

CHICOCO SPACE BUILDING TOGETHER

DESIGN AND BUILD: MAKING RIGHTS REAL

Chicoco Space is a floating media centre being built by residents of Port Harcourt's waterfront slums.

It is conceived as a practical and symbolic response to the lack of voice experienced by marginalised waterfront communities. Together we are building a platform for community voice.

To create Chicoco Space we are involving hundreds of residents in design workshops and discussions, and training young people from the slums to build it. Designed from locally available materials and incorporating renewable energy systems, Chicoco Space will be constructed, owned, operated and maintained by a citywide network of young slum residents in partnership with local and international civil society, creative industries and academic partners.

Chicoco Space will be the base for rights-protective and promotive community programmes which will build a human rights defenders' platform at the heart of communities at risk of forced eviction, vulnerable to security force violations, politically marginalised and socially excluded.

Chicoco Space will be a place for communities to gather, plan and mobilise. Chicoco Space will be the city's most iconic building, signalling the creative capacity of marginalised communities to realise their rights and transform their city.



Chicoco Radio: Our Voice

Murphy, Chichi and Shyn in the control room during production of a live discussion programme. Chicoco Radio has the best designed studios in the city.

CHICOCO RADIO

OUR VOICE

COMMUNITY RADIO: REACH OUT SPEAK UP

480,000 people live in waterfront settlements along the creeks that fringe Port Harcourt. The government declared it would demolish them all. When residents protested, they were shot. Tens of thousands have lost their homes.

Chicoco Radio will allow them to reach out and speak up. From their floating platform residents will be able to demand their rights, campaign for change and celebrate their culture.

We are training over 100 waterfront slum residents as citizen journalists, story writers, sound engineers, programme presenters, studio operators, music producers, drama directors, newscasters, station managers and community correspondents.

We have already built a training space: our Media Shed. We are sharing skills now so that once the station is afloat we are ready to go on air.

Radio is the strategically key medium in the Niger delta with a much broader audience than television. A popular radio station with a smart social media strategy would have tremendous reach and impact.

Chicoco Radio would broadcast citywide and its programmes would be syndicated nationwide and available online to an international audience.

Human rights programming would be mainstreamed, making Chicoco Radio a powerful platform for rights education and advocacy.

Many voices make a city. Chicoco Radio will allow more of those voices to be heard.



Chicoco Cinema: Our Cinema

A public discussion after a screening of Dear Mandela at Bundu waterfront, Port Harcourt. The film sparked debate about forced evictions, housing rights and community organisation.

CHICOCO CINEMA

OUR CINEMA

OUR INFLATABLE CINEMA THAT PUTS PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE

Chicoco Cinema is a mobile inflatable cinema. It is our 'internet on the street'; it allows us to share news of our projects and keep the communities in the picture. Thousands of people from across the city have attended Chicoco Cinema screenings.

The cinema tours the waterfront communities of Port Harcourt, showing films made by and about those communities, as well as classics from world cinema.

Chicoco Cinema audiences are spectators and actors in their own drama. They learn to use cinema to document violations, share their stories and change their lives. Gaining the skills and confidence to give their own accounts, Chicoco Cinema also allows marginalised communities to hold their representatives accountable.

Chicoco Cinema is a collaboration between experienced filmmakers and talented community members. Our films engage, inform, educate and mobilise. It is also an Amnesty International campaign production platform.



Chicoco Studios: Our Sound

Sira and the Chicoco Studios band perform a feminist version of Fela Kuti's famous, *No Agreement*. The studios are always buzzing and we have a waiting list of hundreds wanting to join the programme. Chicoco Studios: making music that matters.

CHICOCO STUDIOS

OUR SOUND

MUSIC MAKING AND MOVEMENT BUILDING

Chicoco Studios is a music-making and community-gathering space built by young residents in one of Port Harcourt's waterfront slums.

From Fela Kuti to 2face, when popular music in Nigeria has connected with popular political aspiration, it has served as a progressive force for solidarity and transformation. It sings truth to power and plays its part in creating a vibrant and plural civil society. Although, historically, popular music in the region has played a vital role in structuring and sustaining vibrant spaces for civic engagement, young musicians and music-listeners in marginalised urban communities lack access to this music.

Chicoco Studios brings renowned international musicians, producers and academics together with local artists and writers through production and performance 'sessions': sharing skills and experience, making new music and encouraging debate on locally significant issues, from forced evictions to election violence.

Chicoco Studios opens a critically engaged space that has the technical and cultural resources to make popular music matter.



Chicoco Maps: Our City
 Emanuel and Favour point to their house on the new Chicoco Maps basemap on display at the Media Shed.

NUMBERING T
 STRUCTURES: 285
 BUSINESSSES: 66
 MEDICAL: 2
 PUBLIC BUILDINGS: 3
 SCHOOLS: 4
 PUBLIC PLACES: 4
 RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE
 RESIDENCES: 348
 INCOMPLETE: 28
 BUILDINGS WITH NUM
 ASSIGNED BY THE COM
 ~ 50%
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 ~50%

CHICOCO MAPS

OUR CITY

PUTTING OURSELVES ON THE MAP

Chicoco Maps allows residents of Port Harcourt's informal waterfront settlements to give voice to their vision of the city, to literally put themselves on the map.

Up to a third of the city's population live in informal waterfront settlements. All live under the threat of forced eviction, none feature on municipal maps, nor in the plans drawn up for the city's development.

Our programme gives young people in these communities the skills and tools to participate in the mapping and planning of their neighbourhoods.

Residents are collecting and visualising a broad range of information, including location, population, topography, land use, tenure, employment, services, health and governance. They also gather the stories, images, sounds, histories and hopes of their neighbourhoods.

Through the making and sharing of maps, communities identify and analyse key problems, potentials and opportunities, giving focus to more inclusive planning interventions.

Chicoco Maps brings together residents, planning professionals and human rights defenders to chart a path toward making Port Harcourt a city for all its citizens.



**OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL
BUILDINGS
MUST BE IN OUR POOREST
NEIGHBOURHOODS**

**SERGIO FAJARDO
MAYOR OF MEDELLÍN**

Chicoco Collective: Our People

Our community media centre is a space to bring people together: a home for the Chicoco Collective. Our community building is all about movement building.

CHICOCO COLLECTIVE

OUR PEOPLE

CONNECTING GRASSROOTS AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

Chicoco Collective is a collaborative platform for local civil society and national and international partners. The media centre will offer Chicoco Collective a space of encounter and exchange where local activists and residents can come together with experts from a range of disciplines to develop sustainable, community-driven human rights education, advocacy, campaign and outreach programmes.

Chicoco Space will give the Collective a base to work on issues from forced evictions to freedom of expression, from torture to environmental justice, to deliver human rights defenders education and security courses, and support a community paralegal team, rapid response networks and long-term research. Chicoco Space will be the hub of our national human rights defenders training scheme, with our international partners. The development of a human rights Expert Centre will boost capacity around national crisis and conflict response, in particular supporting exchange networks with groups and initiatives in Nigeria's troubled North East.

The Collective gives our international partners a research, planning and campaign platform at the heart of a local community. In a national context where rights-based approaches to policy are increasingly seen as conflicting with national interest and security, this highly visible and visibly popular effort will open a space for grassroots engagement and movement building.



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