



NEWSLETTER

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COMMEMORATING WORLD MINE AWARENESS DAY 2025 IN YOBE STATE.

In April, our Programs Manager and the Grow Strong Foundation (GSF) team in Yobe State took part in a significant awareness initiative to mark World Mine Awareness Day 2025. The event, which was led by the Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Mine Action Area of Responsibility, brought together key stakeholders, government actors, and humanitarian partners for a powerful roadshow across Damaturu.

With strong support from local and international partner organizations, the roadshow aimed to raise public awareness about the dangers of landmines and other explosive remnants of war (ERW), which continue to threaten lives and limit access to farmland, schools, and essential infrastructure, especially in communities affected by conflict.

The GSF team joined in spreading messages of safety and resilience, engaging directly with residents through town hall conversations, distribution of information materials, and community sensitization activities. Banners, posters, and educational materials were shared in both English and local languages to ensure inclusivity and accessibility.



"Our participation in this event underscores GSF's commitment to supporting affected populations, advocating for safe spaces, and working closely with partners to create a future free from the threat of explosive hazards".

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MINE
AWARENESS 2025



THEME: SAFE FUTURE STARTS HERE

ONLINE WEBINAR



MODERATOR
Suwaiba Abdulrashied Iliyas



SPEAKER
Ibrahim Aliyu Izge



SPEAKER
Ahmad Bello Bashir



SPEAKER
Salisu Abubakar Kabo

"This day aims to highlight the dangers of land mines and explosive remnants of war, as well as to promote efforts to clear them."

WORLD MINE AWARENESS DAY ONLINE WEBINAR

As part of our activities to mark International Mine Awareness Day 2025, the Office of the Communication Manager at Grow Strong Foundation hosted an engaging online webinar on Mine Action. The session took place on Saturday, April 12, from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Africa/Lagos time zone), bringing together an impressive lineup of speakers with firsthand experience working in mine-affected communities.

Over 30 Participants joined from across Nigeria and beyond to gain insight into the realities of mine action, including risk education, clearance efforts, and the challenges faced by survivors. The event served as a platform for shared learning and collaboration, emphasizing the urgent need to continue raising awareness about the dangers of landmines and explosive remnants of war.

Three cardinal principles in Mine Awareness
Don't touch
Don't go
Report

_Aliyu Ibrahim Izge(CENSCOPE)

Risk education is for all, a Hero is HE who come back to fight for another day

_Ahmed Bello Bashir(GISCOR)

We need to rid the world of landmines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive device.

_Salisu Abubakar Kabo(GSF)



Employee Spotlight

This month, we're proud to highlight the steady hand behind our numbers — our Finance and Admin Manager, whose dedication, commitment and hardwork never go unnoticed. His work behind the scenes empowers our teams on the ground to deliver impact where it matters most.

Thank you for your outstanding work!

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT KICK OFF

In April, Grow Strong Foundation launched a one-month Volunteer Engagement Program focused on community engagement, protection monitoring, documentation, and coordination support. Volunteers were deployed to various community sites and locations across Northeast Nigeria, supporting activities in key areas such as Child Protection, GBV awareness, education, health, and nutrition.

From conducting school outreaches and protection monitoring to collecting community success stories and facilitating peer learning sessions, the volunteers have made meaningful contributions so far. The program is set to conclude in May, with final reports, recommendations, and a feedback session to shape future volunteer initiatives.

We look forward to sharing the full impact of their work in next month's update.



EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF CONFLICT TRAINING

Over the past ten years, Nigeria has experienced severe loss of life due to a range of violent conflicts, including terror pillages, activities by Boko Haram and ISWAP, communal clashes, cult conflicts, extrajudicial killings, herdsmen attacks, political assassinations, and secessionist movements. These incidents have highlighted the urgent need for effective early warning systems to prevent such tragedies and safeguard our communities.

Grow Strong Foundation was proudly represented by our Communication Manager at a two-days training on Conflict Early Warning and Response Coordination Systems, organized by Global Rights Nigeria. The session, held from April 22nd to 25th, brought together civil society leaders from across the country to strengthen their ability to identify, document, and respond to early signs of conflict and mass atrocities.

For our communications team, the training was particularly timely and impactful. It equipped us with new strategies to monitor and manage harmful narratives, combat misinformation, and integrate gender-sensitive indicators into our storytelling and advocacy work. With enhanced skills in forensic documentation and risk communication, we are better positioned to amplify community voices, share timely alerts, and support coordinated response efforts.

These insights will directly inform how we communicate risk, engage with affected communities, and contribute to national peacebuilding efforts through accurate, inclusive, and responsible messaging.



CAPACITY BUILDING ON DISABILITY INCLUSION

Our team had the privilege of attending a capacity-building training focused on the IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and the Elimination of Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities. This session brought together INGOs, NNGOs, and OPDs to deepen our understanding of how to remove barriers and promote equal opportunities for all.

The training highlighted practical ways to enhance inclusivity and accessibility for people with disabilities in workplaces, schools, and public facilities. As we move forward, our commitment to inclusion deepens, emphasizing that it is a collective responsibility that starts with each of us.

