

# Paradigm Initiative Nigeria

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## Introduction

This brief report summarizes activities carried out during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010.

## Q1 2010 Update



- PIN was selected for the 2010 Class of Santa Clara University's *Global Social Benefit Incubator* program – an opportunity to improve strategy, scale our activities, and enjoy mentorship support.
- The video for the MISSPIN *Maga No Need Pay* song was recorded in January, with the song and video now enjoying airplay across radio/TV stations.
- 20,000 copies of the VCD are being distributed across Nigeria and other countries (Ghana, UK, US, etc) while MISSPIN partners have granted interviews on the project in Nigeria, Australia and Germany.
- In partnership with Microsoft, EFCC and the Digital Bridge Institute, the first set of trainees for the rehabilitation program will be trained from June.
- PIN, Microsoft and the US Embassy discussed the need for accelerated passage of a 'cybercrime bill' at a meeting with the relevant House Committee.
- PIN and the Centre for IT Awareness &

Development (CITAD) released the advance report on the *Digital Lifestyle of Connected Nigerians* survey.

- Ajegunle.org graduates held an *alumni meeting* on March 13, 2010, where they elected a new president, provided feedback and discussed project support.
- PIN team met with the Chairman of Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government Area to discuss additional collaboration, which will include capacity building sessions for secondary schools.
- Nick Baird (Director General, Europe & Globalization, UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office) and Richard Powell (British Deputy High Commissioner) visited Ajegunle.org on March 9.
- *Echoes From Ajegunle* was accepted as a best practice to be presented at the inclusion segment of eLearning Africa 2010 event, for which PIN has secured a Commonwealth Grant towards the participation of two featured Ajegunle.org graduates.
- Twelve additional graduates have been interviewed for the new *Echoes From Ajegunle* chapter, titled *Polishing the Gold in Ajegunle*.
- A new intern resumed at *Trade & Investment* (UK Deputy High Commission), a graduate resumed full-time job at FCMB, and other graduates have attended interviews for internships at Bi-Courtney and Nigerian Bottling Company.
- PIN facilitated a Web 2.0 Forum at Technology Times' annual Outlook ICT event and discussed our work at this year's *Engineers Without Borders (EWB) UK ICT Research Conference* in London.
- PIN provides technology support for the *EnoughisEnough Nigeria* coalition – a new group of organizations, networks and young people to improve participation in the 2011 elections.
- Media mentions for the first quarter include AIT, BBC, Channels, Daily Champion, Guardian, Punch, Silverbird and Technology Times project features.