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**Functional Communication in Non-Governmental Organizations:
Challenges for Post Literacy Development, Language Education
Opportunities and Wider International Relations**

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ABSTRACT The present study examines the Nigerian situation in relation to its communication needs vis-à-vis the language needs of the fast growing 'third sector', that is, the non-governmental organizations (NGOs). An examination of the specific, double-faceted responsibilities of NGOs reveals different language needs from those of the first two – public and private sectors. What these double-faceted responsibilities are and the challenges they have for literacy development and language use are the focus of this paper.