

## Event Round-up: Growing, Leading and Sustaining Critical Movement for Change | Agora Thursday Thriving In Development Special Series 3/6

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### Key Message

Social movements are people or groups confronting and modifying established power structures, the status quo, and social conventions to effect fundamental social change. Social movements are directed towards shared values and are purposeful and organised to effect economic change. Some examples of social movements in Nigeria are the Not Too Young to Run movement, End SARS and the ReformIELTS.

These movements are important because they bring mainstream societal challenges to attract interventions and resolutions. Social movements can challenge power systems, demand accountability from those in authority, and bring radical social change by mobilising people to take collective action.

### Elements of a Social Movement

1. A clear shared sense of grievance
2. A clear goal or set of goals
3. Strong leadership
4. Grassroots mobilisation
5. Effective tactics

### Finally

As young professionals, we need to understand that social movements may be complex, dynamic, or evolving. However, social movements are deployed as peaceful protests, strikes, boycotts, awareness creation and civil disobedience. The success or failure of a movement depends on the strategies employed, the level of public support, and the response of those in power.

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