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INTRODUCTION

This Compendium of European Union (EU) funded development cooperation activities in Nigeria and with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) provides an overview of the wide range of activities supported by the European Union in Nigeria and with ECOWAS in order to support the socio-economic development of the country and beyond.

It covers all of the on-going national and regional projects and programmes funded through the 10th and 11th European Development Fund (EDF), the EU Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP), the EU Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF) for Africa and the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) as well as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI). Many of them are coming to end soon so in this current update, we are also including the new projects approved under the new Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)/ Global Europe instrument.

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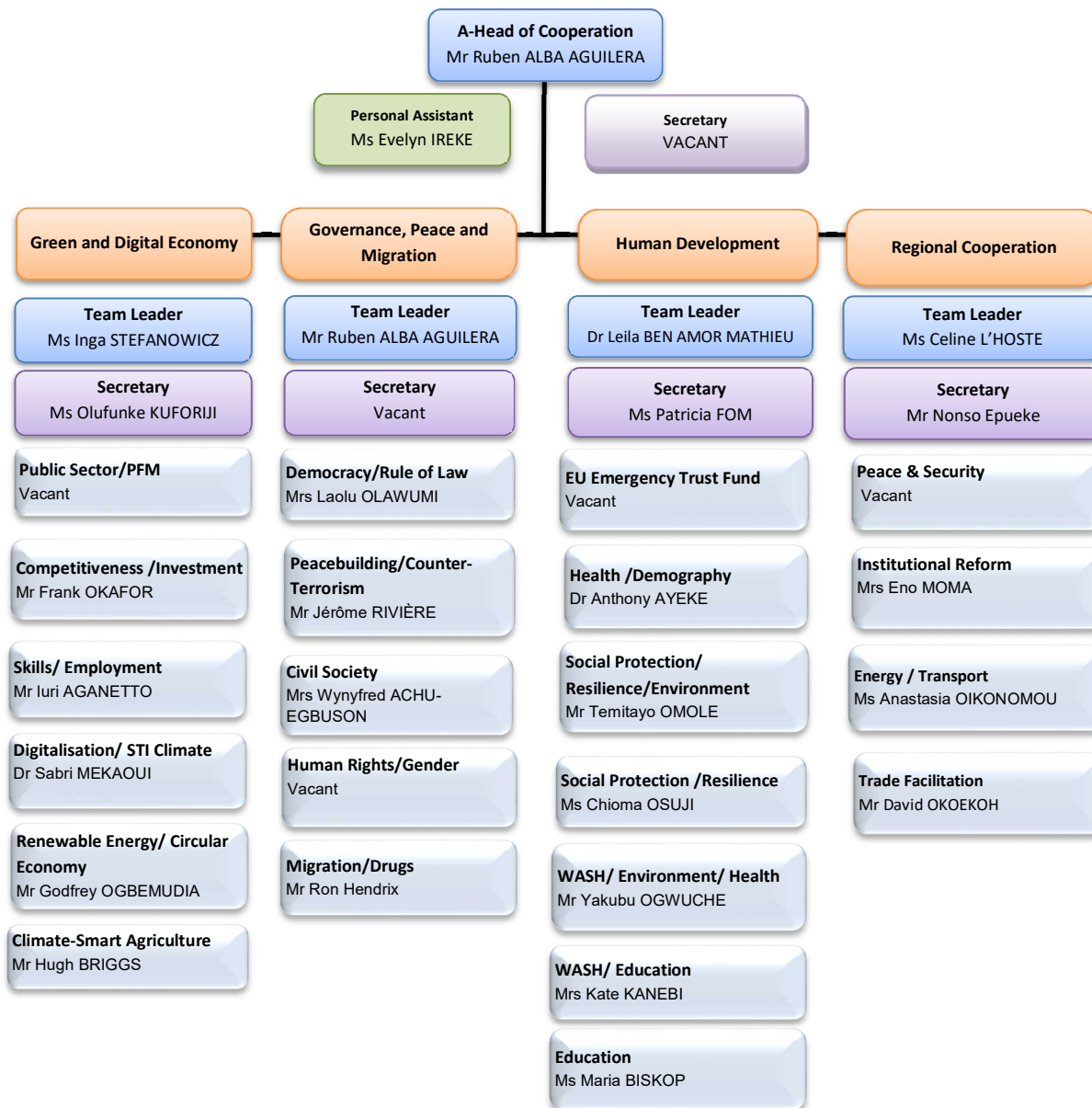
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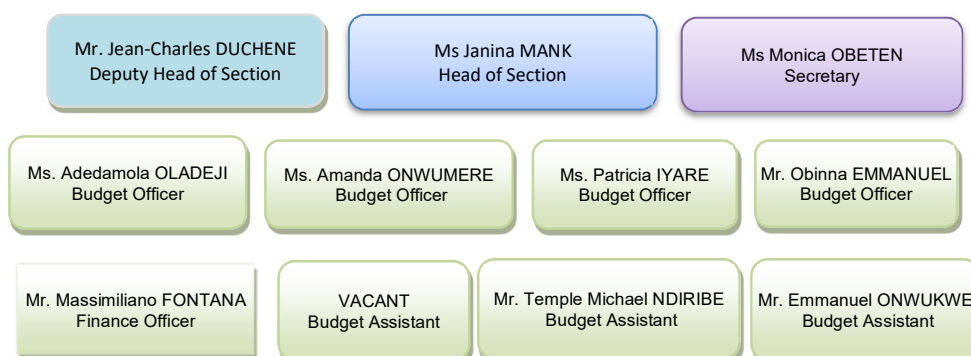
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NIGERIA EDF PROGRAMMES

Operations 1: Green Economy



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WEST AFRICA COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME – (NIGERIA COMPONENT) NIGERIA COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT (NICOP)

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: 2018 / 397-180)
Decision Date	13/11/2017 (FA signature: 08/03/2018)
Total budget:	EUR 11,000,000 (EU – 9 MEUR, BMZ– 2 MEUR)
Implementation period:	5 years
Implementing agencies:	GIZ
Geographical region:	National (selected States - Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, and Abia)
Project Manager:	Frank OKAFOR

Objectives:

To improve the performance, growth and contribution to industry, regional trade and exports of selected value chains; and to improve the climate for businesses at national and regional levels.

Expected Results:

- Competitiveness at firms' level is improved;
- Intermediate organizations of the selected value chains are strengthened and service delivery to MSMEs is improved and expanded (quality, norms/standards, new green solutions, market access, etc.);
- Regional policies in favor of industrial competitiveness are mainstreamed in the country, helping to enable a business-friendly environment.

Main activities:

- MSMEs and clusters of value chains (tomato, chili, ginger, leather and garment) are upgraded and their productive and market access capabilities are strengthened; Quality management at firms' level is improved and support for companies to comply with required national/international/importing country standards is provided;
- Improved and expanded service delivery of Business Support Organizations and professional associations to their members; Improved networking and market access for MSMEs;
- The access to financial services for agricultural and light manufacturing value chains is enhanced (incl. the use of public–private partnerships and other forms of innovative financing approaches).

Main accomplishments to date:

- Over 29,000 MSMEs received various trainings and support on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Farmer Business School, Integrated Soil Fertility Management, Group Formation, certification, etc. 31% of these are women;
- About NGN700 million realized by supported enterprises in new/increased exports;
- N600 million access to finance and/or investment access to over 5000 supported beneficiaries - 45% are women;
- 5 regulatory reforms initiated in the selected value chains and on cross-cutting issues;
- A total of over 21,000 entrepreneurs have increased their reported turnover by 30% out of which 15% are women;
- 192 supported entrepreneurs in the targeted value chains obtain a quality certification and/or ETLs registration;
- 6 measures introduced to protect and enhance the resilience of MSMEs, vulnerable workers and farmers against COVID-19;
- Over 46,000 jobs created through increased capacity and productivity of beneficiary enterprises across the focal states since 2019;
- Several equipment procured and innovations introduced to boost productivity and efficiency gains for the targeted small holder farmers and artisans;
- 20 products/product covered groups are uploaded in the Nigerian trade information portal.

MULTI-ANNUAL PROGRAMME ESTIMATE (MOPE) – FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND INVESTMENT (FMITI)

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: 2019 /402-408)
Decision date:	13/11/2017 (FA signature: 08/03/2018)
Total budget:	N254, 654,475
Implementation period:	4 years (2019 – 2023)
Implementing agencies:	FMITI
Geographical region:	Nigeria
Project Manager:	Frank OKAFOR

Objectives:

The project's aim is to support and strengthen the capacity of the FMITI and the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning to successfully manage, coordinate and monitor the national components for Nigeria under the 11th EDF West Africa Competitiveness Programme (WACOMP). Furthermore, the MOPE will strengthen the capacity of the FMITI to participate in other activities foreseen in the national component for Nigeria (implemented by GIZ). Finally, the MOPE will provide resources to FMITI to enable the Ministry participate in the regional component.

Expected Results:

- The capacity of FMITI to support improving the level of implementation of the National Export Strategy which are related to the national component will be strengthened;
- The capacity of FMITI in analysing and bringing to the political dialogue the rules and regulations affecting MSME competitiveness as well as the capacity of FMITI to promote the use of public private partnerships and other forms of cooperation with final beneficiaries will be strengthened;
- The capacity of FMITI in programme management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation in order to actively monitor, support, and coordinate the Nigeria component, implemented by GIZ, of the West Africa competitiveness programme will be ensured.

Main activities:

- Development of the mapping and analysis of major existing and pipeline rules and regulations with effect on trade and competitiveness for MSME;
- Supporting the development and implementation of trade and competitiveness, enhancing policies and reforms in targeted sectors and value chains;
- Organisation of events, conferences, meetings and dissemination activities related to the Nigeria component of the 11th EDF West Africa Competitiveness Programme;
- Monitoring the communication and visibility for the Nigeria component of the programme.

Main accomplishments to date:

- FMITI Team trained in the operation and management of the Trade Information Portal (TIP);
- Gap Analysis & Validation of Mid-Term Review of NIRP in Abuja;
- Organization of Public Policy Dialogue (PPD) on Leather value Chain in Abia State;
- State Presentations of the NICOP project in Oyo, Plateau, Lagos and Ogun States;
- Public Policy Dialogue conducted in collaboration with major stakeholders for Ginger and Pepper/chilli in Kaduna;
- Review and appraisal of the NICOP Project conducted in Kano;
- Enterprise development trainings for enterprises in the leather and garments clusters in Kano State;
- Organized Policy dialogue on the Ginger value chain in Kaduna State;
- Trainings on Project Management, Stakeholders Management and Strategic Management.

INTEGRATED APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN RICE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS IN NIGERIA (GIAE NG-INACC)

Source of funds:	FOOD (CRIS ref: 2021/426-080)
Decision Date :	04/12/2020
Total budget:	5,150,000 MEUR (EU – 4.15MEUR, BMZ– 1 MEUR)
Implementation period:	39 Months (2021 – 2024)
Implementing agencies:	GIZ
Geographical region:	National (selected States – Nasarawa and Benue)
Project Manager:	Hugh Briggs

Objectives:

To promote agricultural innovations that contribute to climate change resilience, food security and close collaboration between small-scale rice producers and agro-pastoralists in selected rural areas in Nigeria.

Expected Results:

- Increased Income of small-scale rice producers and agro-pastoralists;
- Increased productivity of small-scale rice producers;
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions from rice cultivation;
- Employment opportunities created, particularly for women and youth.

Main activities:

- Conduct applied participatory climate-smart agricultural research to identify research gaps, innovative climate mitigation and adaptation strategies on the agriculture, livestock/ agro-pastoralism nexus, promote their dissemination and use;
- Encourage agricultural innovations leading to the identification of new or adaptation of existing climate-smart practices and advocacy for change;
- Train public and private service providers and farmers on climate-smart practices to strengthen capacities and to ensure dissemination of the project's innovations through a train-the-trainer approach;
- Support MSMEs in Identifying New Business Models by exploiting market opportunities and diversification within livestock and farming systems;
- Develop an integrated land resource management approach in a participatory way to facilitate the collaboration between farmers and agro-pastoralists;
- Engage in strategies and actions to facilitate solutions between farmers and agro-pastoralists in conflict.

Main accomplishments to date:

- The project has signed 4 collaboration agreements with academia in both states including Nasarawa State University Keffi, College of Agricultural Science and Technology Lafia, Joseph Sarwan Tarkaa University Makurdi, and Akperan Orshi Polytechnic Yandev. The agreement also covers National Cereal Research Institution Badeggi (NCRI);
- In the second year, the project evaluated the performance of the extension service and retrained 104 public and private extension agents on GAP/SRP, 16 livestock Extension Agents (EAs) on GAHP, and 20 EAs in Farmer Business School (FBS). It is expected that these 140 Extension Agents will be able to provide their extension services to approximately 10,800 rice farmers and 750 agro-pastoralists;
- The project has purchased and distributed 18,000 plant seedlings of palm tree, bush mango, and plantain/banana to trained farmers in Nasarawa state. The contracting process has now been finalized for the supply 82,000 more seedlings to both states;
- The project awarded grants to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) for the coordination of applied research in sustainable agriculture in the rice farmer-agro-pastoralist nexus, and Neem Foundation for the facilitation of conflicting farmer-agro-pastoralist parties towards amicable joint land re-source arrangements;
- Due to the high cost of inorganic fertilizer in the country, the project has trained the 139 EAs on organic manure composting using by-products of rice and livestock who have in turn stepped down the same training to the farmers. In the same vein, the project trained the EAs on feed processing;
- The project budget was amended to adjust the costs taking into account the level of inflation, and the real costs, and optimizing the distribution of economic resources towards more field activities and capacity building of the partners;

- The project has carried out a study of rice crop productivity in the project intervention area;
- It has also started the collection of field data for the Midline Study in order to compare some changes generated in the indicators of the project.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CENTRE: IMPROVING THE DIGITAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN NIGERIA

Source of funds:	NDICI AFRICA - NDICI Sub-Saharan Africa (INTPA)
Decision date/No.:	2021 / 043-419 - EU SUPPORT TO INNOVATION AND JOBS FOR YOUTH IN NIGERIA (INN-JOBS)
Total budget:	13.6 MEUR
Implementation period:	3 years (15/11/2022 - 15/11/2025)
Implementing Institutions:	GIZ
Geographical Area:	NIGERIA
Programme Manager:	Sabri Mekaoui

Objective:

To improve the digital innovation ecosystem in Nigeria (outcome). The Action aims to support the improvement of Nigeria's digital innovation ecosystem. It contributes to the EU's partnership with Africa on the transition to the digital age and the Communication "2030 Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade". It is part of the EU Action Document on supporting Innovation and Jobs for Youth in Nigeria (INN-JOBS). The Action will strengthen the EU's engagement in the sector by helping Nigeria leverage the EU's extensive experience in digital transformation of MSMEs, innovation ecosystem building, and human-centred innovation and digitalisation legal frameworks, which will benefit both the country's development (human-centred approach) and the EU's interests.

The Multi-Donor Action "Digital Transformation Centre: Improving the Digital Innovation Ecosystem in Nigeria" is jointly co-financed by the European Union and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ as part of the BMZ project "Digital Solutions for Sustainable Development in Nigeria (Digital Transformation Centre Nigeria)". The duration of this Action is scheduled from 01.11.2022 to 31.10.2025 (36 months) with a total EU contribution of € 9.5 million and a contribution from BMZ of € 4.1 million.

Expected results:

Output 1 aims to support policy makers and institutions such as the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in developing and executing evidence-based policies aimed at digital transformation. This is done by building capacities of key political institutions to execute policies, developing tools and methods for data collection to enable evidence-based policy making, creating participatory frameworks to support the execution of policies down to the state-level, building capacities on new trends in the digital innovation ecosystem and enabling cooperation and dialogue between national and international actors from the policy and innovation ecosystem through improved networking.

Output 2 focuses on developing and supporting innovation support organisations fostering digital transformation. The output will be achieved by supporting the establishment of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) in line with the African-European Digital Innovation Bridge (AEDIB) |NET framework and enabling knowledge transfer and capacity building between DIHs in Europe and Nigeria. In addition, existing innovation support organisations will be strengthened to provide services to start-up and innovative Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to validate existing digital solutions; and to Micro-, Small- and Medium- sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in non-ICT sectors to foster their digital transformation. By developing an audit/certification system, innovation support organisations will be encouraged to provide quality and standardised services. This will help ensure that MSMEs have access to high-quality services to support them on their digital transformation journey.

Output 3 is targeted specifically at building support programmes, platforms and partnerships to support the development, validation and deployment of (local) digital innovations for use in MSMEs. The output will be achieved by developing programmes that allow MSMEs in a structured process to deploy digital solutions. By fostering strategic innovation partnerships between local research as well as higher education institutions, start-ups, innovative SMEs, and other actors in the innovation ecosystem, validated solutions will be further developed and made accessible for use in MSMEs. To address the supply and demand gap, a market for service providers offering digital transformation services to MSMEs will be established. Moreover, a "go.digital" voucher (subsidisation of digital transformation) scheme will be piloted to enable MSMEs to receive financial support from public and private digital service providers for their own digital transformation. By developing success stories and

conducting awareness and capacity building formats, MSMEs will better understand the value of digital transformation and be encouraged to embark on a digital transformation journey.

Output 4 focuses on the development of digital and entrepreneurial skills among youth and women. The output will be achieved by harmonising existing digital and entrepreneurial skills programmes of innovation support organisations, public and private training providers, etc. through a national digital and entrepreneurial training qualification framework. This will support the standardisation of digital and entrepreneurial training programmes and increase quality. In addition, women's digital and entrepreneurial skills will be promoted through special acceleration programmes, the development of a mentoring and coaching network, and the establishment of a nationwide platform that aggregates information on programmes, services, and mentors for women. To encourage women to acquire digital and entrepreneurial skills, female leaders will be supported and given visibility through a nationwide media campaign. This will play a crucial role in breaking down barriers for women and contribute to gender equality.

Status

The contribution agreement was signed in November 2022 between the GIZ and EU. BMZ commissioning of the change offer was obtained in February 2023, therefore, the project formally started implementing then.

Main accomplishments

Output 1

- First physical meeting of the Technical Working Group with the project's key government partner, NITDA in January 2023;
- Execution of the first policy dialogue in January 2023, focusing on the **Digital Transformation of Non-Tech Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** in Nigeria with 55 participants from the research & academia, civil society, hub networks, innovation support network, and the private and public sector. A policy brief was produced that captures the current situation, challenges, and recommendations of the dialogue.

Output 2

- 27 Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) proposals were received across four sectors, namely Green Economy, Manufacturing, Agriculture, and Digital Trade/E-commerce. Out of these, 12 DIH consortia, consisting of 45 organizations were shortlisted, and received a 3-days training in May 2023 to improve their business model and proposal. Five consortia that will receive project support have been selected (two under Green Economy, two under Digital Trade and one under Manufacturing).

Output 3

- Launch of the **TechMyBiz Initiative** March 2023: this is an end-to-end digital transformation process for non-Tech MSMEs starting from selection of digital solution, their further development, improved digital competencies for MSMEs, matchmaking between MSMEs and digital solutions, and their adoption;
- The Call for digital solutions opened in March 2023: 1,155 applications received, 202 solutions identified and reviewed, 50 solutions shortlisted for a pitching bootcamp, and 22 solutions selected for further development. Of these, 6 are green economy solutions, 13 are retail sector solutions, and 3 are production/manufacturing sector solutions. Of the 22 finalists, 4 founders are female.

Output 4

- Project is represented in the **Expert Group on the Implementation of the National Digital Literacy Framework** with NITDA;
- Capacity Building Measures for Women and Young People: Training of 6,000+ women and youth (40.84% women) across 21 states in Nigeria in collaboration with GIZ/PME (Programme Migration for Development). The beneficiaries were trained on 5 digital skills (Data Analytics, Digital Marketing, Digital PR, IT Support, Product Design & Branding) to enhance their employability and provide them with the digital knowledge required for business growth;
- Workshop organised on **"Driving the Digital Transformation of Female Entrepreneurship"** in April 2023 in Lagos with the participation of 157 stakeholders (86% women);
- 2 workshops on **"Women In ICT"** in collaboration with GIZ/SEDIN: 45 Women was sensitized in Jos and 90 women in Edo State.

11TH EDF SUPPORT MEASURES: PUBLIC OUTREACH ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY NATIONAL STRATEGIES & EU-NIGERIA RELATIONS

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS Ref. FED/2018/041-503)
Decision Date	09/11/2018
Total budget:	1.124 MEUR
Implementation period:	4 years (2019-2023)
Implementing agency:	Landell Mills Ltd
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	

Objectives:

The Overall Objective of the action is to increase awareness among the Nigerian populations of (a) mentioned government strategies (b) EDF community development projects/programmes; and (c) the EU's role in Nigeria and its contributions to development in the country.

The specific objectives are:

- To improve the implementation and communication of key national development and economic recovery strategies and policy priorities piloted by the Ministry of Budget & National Planning (MBNP), mandated by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; as well as increase awareness on EDF community projects/programmes for sustainability;
- To increase the knowledge and understanding among the Nigerian population about the EU's role in Nigeria and the EU's actions in support to the country's development;
- To promote issues of the European Union of relevance to Nigeria.

Expected results:

- **Result 1:** Effective communication and improved awareness among stakeholders and the general population of the above mentioned strategies and priorities;
- **Result 2:** Improved awareness creation for sustainability of EU-funded projects in Nigeria;
- **Result 3:** Improved visibility and increased awareness among the Nigerian population of the EU's role and contributions to development in the country.

Main activities:

- Strengthening of communication towards, and awareness amongst, national stakeholders and the Nigerian population at large, about key government strategies and priorities;
- Support communication, advocacy and awareness of the Ministry's policies and activities in general;
- Organize high level public events/ public diplomacy outreaches aimed at increasing awareness amongst Nigerians about the role of the EU in Nigeria's development and about shared values and principles underpinning the EU's relationship with Nigeria.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- The implementation period of the contract with Landell Mills has been extended for an additional 4 months – until August 2023, to provide support to activities until a successor project under the new EU funding instrument becomes effective;
- Several high level events to improve EU visibility were carried out successfully including the 8th EU-Nigeria Business Forum;
- As a result of the visibility activities carried out under the Landell Mills component of the project, the Delegation's followership on facebook has increased from around 6, 000 in 2017 to over 81, 000 (current figures).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE EU VISIBILITY IN POLICY AREAS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (PHASE II)

Source of funds:	NDICI AFRICA (CRIS Ref. 2023 / 445-649)
Decision Date	(Cooperation Facility) 23/02/2022
Total budget:	5,741,000 MEUR
Implementation period:	4 years (2023-2027)
Implementing agency:	Landell Mills Ltd
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	

Objectives:

The overall objective to which this action contributes is to improve EU visibility, by increasing and sustaining the awareness amongst the Nigerian population on the role of the EU and its contributions to development in Nigeria. It will do this by (i) reinforcing the EU's strategic communication goals, increasing understanding, awareness and appreciation of the EU; and (ii) reinforcing the EU's role as Nigeria's strategic partner in development.

Expected results:

- Enhanced EU visibility and appreciation through strategic communication on MIP programmes, Team Europe Initiatives, other flagship initiatives and areas of common interest, as identified in the EU-Nigeria Ministerial Roadmap including trade, investment and green partnership, peace and security (including maritime security), governance, human rights, digitalisation, privacy and data protection, research and innovations, social development, migration and mobility and humanitarian issues; as well as other key areas of engagement, including in particular jobs and growth, climate, culture, gender, youth and disability;
- Developed channels of engagement with key target audiences and partners through public diplomacy initiatives;
- Improved targeting of disinformation.

Main activities:

- Technical Assistance in the design and implementation of an action plan for EU communication and visibility activities to reflect cross-cutting issues and an integrated approach in implementation.
- Qualitative and/or quantitative assessment (as appropriate) of the level of EU awareness amongst a representative sample of the Nigerian population, at the inception phase and end of the intervention to be documented.
- Organise visibility-related events/activities for the EU and provide logistical support in various parts of Nigeria for different target groups.
- Design and create content for social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube etc.), including a social media content strategy, content calendars, monitoring and reporting on analytics;
- Design and produce good quality promotional items and visibility related materials – Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials (banners, t-shirts, brochures, newsletters etc) as required for the proposed activities in accordance with EU visibility guidelines;
- Report on the events/activities and general reporting requirements as indicated in 7.1.

Main Accomplishments to date:

Contract was signed on 14 July 2023. Implementation has begun in earnest.

THE ELECTRIFICATION FINANCING INITIATIVE (ELECTRIFI) COUNTRY WINDOW

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: FED/ 2017 / 393-836)
Decision date:	FA signature: December 2017
Total budget:	30 MEUR (Nigeria component)
Implementation period:	7 years (2018 – 2024)
Implementing agencies:	FMO - EDFIMC
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	Godfrey OGBEMUDIA

Objectives:

The objective of the action is to bridge the gaps in structuring and financing of investments addressing the lack of access to clean, reliable and affordable electricity and energy services in Nigeria.

Expected Results:

- Mobilization of private sector investments increasing and/or improving access to reliable, affordable, sustainable and modern energy for populations living principally in rural and under-served areas, as well as areas affected by unreliable power supply;
- Increase of operations in the field of renewable energy with emphasis on decentralized energy solutions, not excluding grid extension programmes, and in energy efficiency;
- Leverage of additional financing of such investments, including from global partners and the local banking sector.

Main Activities:

- Processing requests for financial support from developers;
- Implementing due diligence of selected projects;
- Providing technical assistance to developers for projects preparation;
- Providing financial support in the form of equity, loans and mezzanine finance instruments.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Contract signed with 3 off-grid energy developers;
- Two additional projects presented to the investment committee in Q3 2022;
- Two Contracts were approved by ElectrIFI Investment Committee in Q4 2022;
- A loan proposal from Mobile Power, a battery rental company active in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria and DRC was approved in Q3 2023.

FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO AFIF IN SUPPORT OF THE ENERGY SECTOR IN NIGERIA

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: FED/ 2016 / 039-672)
Decision date:	FA signature: January 2017
Total budget:	107,7 MEUR (EU contribution: EUR 18MEUR counterpart - 89.7MEUR)
Implementation period:	5 years (2016 – 2020)
Implementing agencies:	blending through AFD
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Managers:	Godfrey OGBEMUDIA

Objectives:

- To improve access to electricity from renewable sources;
- To reduce environmental impact of the Nigerian energy sector.

Expected Results:

- An enlarged pool of technically qualified professionals in the energy sector;
- Increased private investment in RE and EE projects;
- Increased electricity generation through on-grid and off-grid renewables.

Main Activities:

- Supporting the improvement of technical skills, through the National Power Training Institute NAPTIN and other training institutes: teaching curricula, training of teachers, strengthening management structures, upgrading facilities and equipment (co-funding with AFD);
- Supporting private sector SMEs with access to affordable credit lines to develop RE, EE, RrE projects through the SUNREF facility (co-funding with AFD).

Main accomplishments to date:

- The third SUNREF Nigeria Steering Committee Meeting was held on 23rd of November 2021;
- Two EU-funded technical assistance grant contracts, under the NAPTIN project, were signed in 2021.

SECOND CONTRIBUTION TO AFIF IN SUPPORT OF THE ENERGY SECTOR IN NIGERIA

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: 040-450)
Decision date:	FA signature: November 2017
Total budget:	65 MEUR (no counterpart funding)
Implementation period:	5 years (2016 – 2020)
Implementing agencies:	blending through AFD, FMO
Geographical region:	Nationwide; Northern Nigeria
Project Managers:	Godfrey OGBEMUDIA

Objectives:

- To enable and foster investments for sustainable energy;
- To allow the diversification of on-grid generation capacity through renewable energy;
- To improve access to electricity for disadvantaged, mostly rural, communities.

Expected Results:

- Increased private investment in RE projects;
- Increased electricity generation through on-grid and off-grid renewables;
- CO² emissions reductions and scaling up sustainable business models in the sector.

Main Activities:

- Northern Corridor (PASSEN), with AFD;
- Support to grid management and stabilization to facilitate renewables feed-in in the North-West of Nigeria;
- Support solar home systems, mini-grids and rural electrification related projects through an ElectrIFI window for Nigeria, managed by FMO;
- Support on-grid renewable energy investments through the Nigeria Renewable Energy Programme (NREP) managed by FMO.

Main accomplishments to date:

- ELECTRIFI Country window funds uptake is almost 50% of the total budget contracted;
- The Northern Corridor contract has been signed;
- The grant agreement of €25 million for the Northern Corridor Project jointly funded by the European Union and the AFD was officially signed with the Nigerian Government on 14 September 2022.

SUNREF NIGERIA

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS Ref. FED/2018/397-840) and AITF
Decision Date	FA signature: January 2017
Total budget:	87.720 MEUR (EU Contribution: 5.7MEUR from 11th EDF; 4.16 MEUR from AITF)
Implementation period:	56 months (from 31/07/2018)
Implementing agency:	AFD
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	Godfrey OGBEMUDIA

Objectives:

- To improve access to electricity from renewable energy sources;
- To reduce environmental impact of the energy sector in Nigeria.

Results:

- Private sector access to financing at affordable interest rates for RE and EE projects is increased;
- Knowledge and expertise of the main stakeholders to develop viable project proposals is improved;
- Financial intermediaries' capacity to create a sustainable green financing market is strengthened.

Main activities:

- Establishment of a credit facility providing long-term funding at preferential conditions to the business community by mainstreaming "green loan" products through national PFIs;
- Start-up of a TA programme providing project sponsors with technical and financial support at critical stages of project development;
- Provide technical assistance to PFIs to develop sustainable project financing activities and strengthen their sectorial knowledge and specific assessment capacities in the project evaluation process;
- Provide investment incentives, of an average value of 10% of the loan amount, to be transferred to the final beneficiaries as a grant.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- SUNREF has just signed the first loan agreement with the Lagos School of Business to construct a 350KWp captive power project.

EU SUPPORT TO NESREA ON THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLASTIC WASTE CONTROL REGULATION

Source of funds:	NDICI (Cooperation Facility (CF)) (CRIS Ref. 2021 / 043-420)
Decision Date	FA signature: February 2022
Total budget:	20,000 EUR
Implementation period:	12/2022-06/2023
Implementing agency:	SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH & ACTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEV LTD
Geographical region:	Abuja, Nigeria
Project Manager:	Godfrey Ogbemudia

Objectives:

The overall objective is to provide Technical support to the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) in enforcing/addressing Plastic Waste pollution challenge across all major sectors of the Nigerian economy.

Results:

- Draft and gazette the National Environmental (Plastic Waste Control) Regulation 2023.

Main activities:

- Inception phase;
- Main phase for data gathering;
- Technical review Meeting;
- Validation workshops;
- Legal Team Validation of the Regulations;
- Closeout phase.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- Inception report submitted in December 2022.

EU SUPPORT TO FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ON NIGERIA CIRCULAR ECONOMY ROADMAP (NCERP)

Source of funds: SWITCH to Green Facility; INTPA F2
Decision Date N/A
Total budget: N/A
Implementation period: 6 months from February 2023 with possible extension
Implementing agency: A consortium led by Adelphi Consult
Geographical region: Abuja, Nigeria
Project Manager: Godfrey Ogbemudia

Objectives:

The overall objective is to provide Technical support to the Federal Ministry of Environment in drafting and gazetting the National Environmental (Plastic Waste Control) Regulation 2023 and to create a set of recommendations that would enable the implementation of the Roadmap.

Results:

To provide support to the drafting of the Nigeria Circular Economy Roadmap document.

Main activities:

- Inception phase;
- Main phase for data gathering;
- Technical review Meeting;
- Validation workshops;
- Closeout phase.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- N/A

NAPTIN – ENHANCING VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR THE POWER SECTOR IN NIGERIA

Source of funds:	11th EDF (1 st contribution to AFIF) (CRIS Ref. FED/2017/389-247)
Decision Date	FA signature: December 2017
Total budget:	51 MEUR (EU Contribution: 8.3 MEUR)
Implementation period:	2017-2024
Implementing agency:	AFD
Geographical region:	National Power Training Institute of Nigeria (NAPTIN) headquarters in Abuja as well as in its 8 regional training centres in Kano, Kainji, Kaduna, Jos, Akangba, Ijora, Enugu and Afam
Project Manager:	Iuri AGANETTO

Objectives:

- Contributing to the success of the power sector reform of Nigeria and its positive impact on economic development, job creation and population well-being, by providing a skilled workforce to power sector stakeholders, adapted to their needs and capacity building.

Results:

- Develop training curricula adapted to the market needs and to have trainers specialized in order to answer generation, distribution and transmission companies' needs and also new policies and procedures;
- To reinforce NAPTIN's delivery and operational capacities by building new technical infrastructures and acquiring new technical equipment for its 9 sites (including 8 regional training centers and its headquarters in Abuja);
- To enhance public investment by setting up a sustainable business model;
- To deeply reform NAPTIN's governance, procedures and policies into a more business-oriented institution.

Main activities:

- Development and establishment of training assets;
- Improvement of NAPTIN network of regional training centers;
- Governance and organizational reform of NAPTIN.

Main Accomplishments to date:

The achievements in 2022/2023 so far through the teamwork of NAPTIN PIU and P&PMT are:

- Completion of procurement processes and signing of contracts for Component 3: Technical Assistance on Corporate Development, C2: Designing and Building of Abuja HQ Training Centre, and Financial and Compliance Audit services;
- Commencement of Services and submission of Inception Report for TA on Corporate Development, and the Financial and Compliance Audit service;
- Completion of the Initial Selection and Bid evaluation process for the Designing and Building of Abuja Substation and Pole Yard and initiation of negotiations toward signing of a final Contract for the Works;
- Completion of the Initial Selection and evaluation process for the Designing and Building of Akangba RTC plus Renovation of Ijora RTC and commenced preparation of the final Bid Document for the works;
- Completion of Expression of Interest evaluation process for Project Communications & Visibility;
- Issuance of a letter of site handover to the Abuja HQ TC Contractor and clearing of site commenced immediately, pending receipt of building permit and approval from the Abuja Building authorities;
- Received and finalised the 2019 and 2020 Financial and Compliance Audit report;
- Completed the PIU Egypt Capacity Building & Study Tour;
- Commenced the Microsoft Excel training and coaching activities for NAPTIN staff at Abuja HQ and RTCs under the Corporate Development component;
- Held a Business Diagnostic Workshop for Corporate Development of NAPTIN and a Stakeholder Engagement Workshop for Product Development of NAPTIN.

EU SUPPORT TO NIGERIA JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME (EU-NJFP)

Source of funds:	NDICI AFRICA - (CRIS Ref. 2022/433-609)
Decision date:	16.12.2021 (FA Signature: 15/02/2022)
Total budget:	44 MEUR
Implementation period:	36 months
Implementing agency:	UNDP
Geographical region:	Abuja and 36 States of the Federation
Project Manager:	Iuri AGANETTO

Objectives:

The overall objective is to develop, test and deploy a scalable model that effectively assists in tackling some of the causes of growing unemployment and underemployment of fresh graduates in Nigeria. This will be by contributing to the deployment of 20,000 Fellows annually into private and public organizations thereby improving employability levels of participating Fellows and increasing readiness of participating private and public sector entities in cultivating and nurturing young Nigerian talents.

Expected results:

- A pilot cohort of 13,900 young problem solvers are deployed onto the labour market having successfully completed the twelve-month work placement fellowship;
- Young Nigerian change agents and innovators from diverse backgrounds are connected through Peer-to-Peer Networks with capacities to influence and shape the socio-economic future(s) of the country;
- Strategic private-public partnerships and resources are mobilised for collaborative responses to broader socio-economic aspects underpinning job creation, talent management, entrepreneurship, employability, and youth empowerment in the country;
- Capacities for impact learning, monitoring, evaluation, communication, and administrative support strengthened.

Main Activities:

- Establish a roster of pre-selected fresh graduates; induct and onboard Fellows into the Jubilee Fellows Programme (Talent Management);
- Establish and maintain a roster of pre-selected Fellows whose personal development priorities have been matched to prospective host organisations in the private and public sector;
- Establish and maintain a database of Private and Public Sector Organisations whose talent needs have been mapped and matched to prospective Fellows;
- Conduct tailored onboarding and induction while facilitating the twelve-month placement of matched fellows to host organisations.

Main accomplishments to date:

- An open call for Expression of Interest (EOI) for fresh graduates and host organization completed and a roster of pre-selected entities established;
- Onboarding of Talent Management Partner: Jobberman – a talent management and employment company has been successfully onboarded to support the programme with the selection, matching and onboarding process;
- Onboarding of more than 3,000 fellows out of 20,000 pre-identified candidates in the course of the second half of 2022 and the first half of 2023.

TA TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES AND THE EU DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION OF THE EU PROJECTS IN NIGERIA

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2018/041-503)
Decision date:	17/09/2018 (FA Signature: 09/11/2018)
Total budget:	1.124 MEUR
Implementation period:	2021-2023
Implementing agency:	IBF International Consulting
Geographical region:	Abuja and 36 States of the Federation
Project Manager:	Iuri AGANETTO

Objectives:

The overall objective is to improve the implementation, monitoring and evaluation including communication of the key national development and economic recovery strategies or policy priorities piloted by the Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning, as well as enhance the visibility of the EDF projects in Nigeria.

Expected results:

The expected results of this contract are:

- **Result 1:** Improved capacity for coordination, monitoring and evaluation of implementation, as well as communication of key national policies, strategies and initiatives for economic growth and development;
- **Result 2:** Comprehensive documentation of the EDF interventions in Nigeria for visibility, awareness creation and advocacy towards sustainability of the initiatives;
- **Result 3:** Enhanced capacity of the FMFBNP for development planning including innovative modalities and emerging trends in development cooperation and the framework of the EDF.

Main activities/accomplishment to date:

- Implementation commenced on 10 January 2022;
- All key experts have been mobilized and commenced work;
- An inception report for training and capacity building activities to be carried out has been submitted;
- NKEs have been mobilized to undertake field visit for onsite evaluation of EU infrastructures;
- Capacity building activities are ongoing.

EU SUPPORT TO THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (INFF) PHASE II

Source of funds:	NDICI AFRICA - (CRIS Ref. 2022/433-750)
Decision date:	16.12.2021 (FA Signature: 15/02/2022)
Total budget:	1.7 MEUR
Implementation period:	24 months
Implementing agency:	UNDP
Geographical region:	Nigeria
Project Manager:	Iuri AGANETTO

Objectives:

The overall objective is to serve as a planning and delivery tool to finance sustainable development at the national level, and will enable policymakers lay out a strategy to increase investments for sustainable development, manage financial and non-financial risks, and ultimately achieve sustainable development priorities. In the first phase of the INFF (Phase 1), the government undertook several initiatives including efforts to integrate SDGs into national planning, develop baseline indicators, assess the development finance landscape through the Development Finance Assessment (DFA), and domesticate the iSDG model as a tool for policy analysis, and set up the INFF steering committee. For the Phase 2 of the INFF, this programme in partnership with EU is aimed at completing the remaining components of the INFF and implementing some of the policy recommendations reflected in the DFA and the Integrated National Financing Strategy (INFS) with a view to facilitating revenue generation and financing flows.

Expected results:

- Completion of the Integrated National Financial Framework;
- Fiscal -Federalism/decentralization assessed and reviewed;
- Sub-national Development Finance Assessment (DFA) drafted;
- Selected priority policy recommendations including strengthening policy, legal and regulatory framework implemented;
- Women-led and youth-led businesses' access to investment opportunities strengthened;
- Federal and state level impact investment summits/forums to attract impact investments supported.

Main Activities:

- Drafting and publication of the INFS, a Medium-Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS), a Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), a governance and coordination Framework and production of a succinct INFF (including launching and media briefings) as well as policy dialogue to brainstorm some of the proposals and disseminate messages to the public;
- Review of the existing framework for fiscal transactions between the states and federal government;
- Design a framework for fiscal federalism that reflects a fair allocation of resources based on select criteria and allows sufficient room for states to generate their own revenue;
- Support state-level consultations on DFA for Lagos, Edo, Anambra, Kwara, Kano, and Gombe and launch reports and conduct nation-wide dialogues;
- Expanding the investment opportunity and generating market intelligence for impact investments (especially SMEs) targeting youth and women;
- Organize a national investment summit and support 4 state level investment forums/summits;
- Organized a public dialogue of the INFF after the launch;
- Sub-national DFAs to be conducted;
- To organize investment summit in Katsina State as a pilot. This will be the basis for further summits in other States.

Main accomplishments to date:

- The Nigerian INFF was launched at UNGA (UN General Assembly) by his Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari in New York in September 2022;

- Organized a workshop on integrated financing Frameworks and Sustainable development in Africa with stakeholders in the region;
- Following the successful design and launch of the INFF initiative in Nigeria under the leadership of the INFF Steering Committee chaired by the Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning (MFBNP), the implementation of the INFF action plan is now underway

EU FUNDED TRUST FUND FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN BORNO STATE ON PFM, MONITORING AND EVALUATION AND COORDINATION

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: FED/ 2018/396-101)
Decision date:	FA signature: March 2017
Total budget:	133 MEUR (PFM/ME/Coordination component: 13 MEUR)
Implementation period:	3 years (2018 – 2021), extended to July 2023
Implementing agencies:	World Bank
Geographical region:	Borno State
Project Manager:	Iuri AGANETTO

Objectives:

The EU TF aims at improving the effectiveness of recovery interventions in Borno by strengthening its fiduciary and PFM systems, building its M&E capacity and enhancing intergovernmental and interagency coordination. The overall objective is to increase the absorptive capacity of the state government in order to improve the effectiveness of recovery in Borno.

Expected Results:

- Enhanced fiduciary systems and strengthened PFM systems and capacities;
- Strengthened state-level capacity for M&E of recovery and reconstruction interventions, programmes and projects;
- Improved intergovernmental and interagency coordination of the planning and implementation of recovery activities under the aegis of the state government.

Main Activities:

- Strengthening public procurement; Strengthening financial management of recovery interventions; Revenue mobilization; Fiscal transparency and accountability; development of a state level dashboard of recovery activities in Borno, to be inter-operable as a component of the national dashboard;
- Geo-spatial solutions that can remotely capture a range of information for recovery purposes and offer several functionalities;
- Enhancing state level capacity through high frequency data collection using mobile phones for evaluation; intergovernmental and interagency coordination and strengthening state-federal linkages for the planning and implementation of recovery interventions.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Procurement, installation, and implementation of technology (hardware and software) to support budget execution, accounting, and financial reporting in the State completed;
- 350 laptops purchased for use by MDAs distributed and branded as state property;
- Data migration to the new platform completed and the system is running parallel to the legacy platform;
- Equipment for establishing a data warehouse that extracts, transforms, and links useful information to aid administrative decision-making supplied and setup ongoing;
- In the areas of M&E and Statistics as well as coordination, scoping and training exercises were carried out.

SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING PFM, STATISTICS, M&E SYSTEMS AT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVELS IN YOBE STATE

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2018 / 041-261)
Decision date:	08/02/2018 (FA Signature: 12/12/2018)
Total budget:	2.447 MEUR
Implementation period:	3 years 2020-2023 (extended by 6months)
Implementing agency:	DAI Brussels SPRL
Geographical region:	Yobe State
Project Manager:	Iuri AGANETTO

Objectives:

The purpose of this contract is to implement Specific Objective 3 of the EU Support for early recovery from conflict and resilience building in Yobe State, which focuses on strengthening Public Financial Management (PFM), M&E and statistics systems of the relevant agencies in Yobe State. This will enable the State to own the process of development – particularly in key sectors linked to Specific Objectives 1 and 2 of the programme. It will also enable the state to plan and respond better to shocks and develop adequate skills in fiscal management (including collection, analysis and use of important data in policy making) as well as skills for proper monitoring and evaluation of plans, programmes and policies.

Expected results:

The TA will focus on achieving the following two results:

- Strengthened capacity of state and non-state institutions (citizen groups) in public financial management/systems, statistics, monitoring and reporting (including legislative scrutiny, third party monitoring and budget tracking by citizens);
- Improved fiscal discipline and more efficient allocation and use of resources for service delivery.

Main activities/accomplishment to date:

- Successfully developed an ‘acceleration plan’ to address project implementation delays and increase completion rate;
- Progress has been made on the planned activities for the PFM and Monitoring and Evaluation components, resulting in doubling the increase in ongoing activities;
- Milestones achieved in the period include: developing the Agriculture Policy, Monitoring & Evaluation Policy of the State, State Monitoring & Evaluation Operational Guideline, and Executive Order mandating the full Implementation of the recommendations emanating from the policy advocacy materials produced by the project team;
- Re-prioritization of activities resulted in completion of 10 PFM activities, 4 of which were led by the state with minimal or no support from the project team;
- Improvements seen in State’s IGR, budget allocations to the Agriculture and Water Supply sectors, health budget performance, budget process, and citizens input;
- Yobe State won the World Bank SFTAS award for best in the transparent procurement process;
- One year no-cost extension recommended to ensure full completion of activities and achievement of project results.

Operations 2: Governance, Peace & Migration



Team Leader: Mr Ruben Alba AGUILERA

ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS IN NIGERIA (ATIPSOM)

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: FED/2016/039-176)
Total budget:	8.3MEUR (No counterpart funding)
Implementing period:	June 2018 – April 2024
Implementing agencies:	FIIAPP
Geographical region:	Federal + pilot states (indicatively: Lagos, Edo, Delta and Sokoto)
Project Manager:	Ron HENDRIX

Objective:

This project aims to enhance Nigeria's management of migration by more effectively addressing trafficking and smuggling of human beings. It aims specifically to: (i) reduce trafficking in persons (TIP) at national and regional level and between Nigeria and the European Union, with specific emphasis on women and children and; (ii) address the smuggling of migrants (SOM) between Nigeria and the European Union.

Expected results:

The main suggested outcomes for the TIP component of the action include:

- Identified origins, factors and consequences of trafficking in persons within Nigeria and from Nigeria to the EU;
- Improved identification, protection and assistance to victims;
- Enhanced prevention of trafficking in key sources of origin in Nigeria;
- Strengthened law enforcement and prosecutorial responses;
- Strengthened collaboration between national, regional and EUMS authorities.

The main proposed outcomes for the SOM component are:

- Identified origins, causes and consequences of smuggling of migrants into Nigeria and to the European Union;
- Enhanced regulatory framework and government policies to reduce the smuggling of migrants;
- Strengthened capacities of institutions with the mandate to effectively fight smuggling of migrants;
- Enhanced public enlightenment of the dangers of irregular migration;
- Voluntary repatriation, rehabilitation and reintegration.

Main accomplishments to date:

- FIIAPP has signed MoUs with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Network of Civil Society Organisations against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL);
- Upgrade and refurbishment of selected shelters for victims of trafficking and NAPTIP offices is ongoing, significant delays were experienced due to the pandemic;
- Equipment and capacity-building for NACTAL has been provided. Funds were redirected to provide PPEs to selected NAPTIP shelters in Nigeria (for NAPTIP staff and victims of trafficking), handover in 2020;
- Collaboration with NAPTIP, NIS, NPF as well as NACTAL ongoing. Collaboration with Frontex and the Dutch Police is on track;
- Launch of the Standard Operational Procedures for Combatting Smuggling of Migrants in Nigeria;
- Capacity building on investigation, confiscation of financial assets and prosecution ongoing;
- Inauguration of State Task Forces on Human Trafficking in Kano, Katsina and Jigawa States;
- Refurbishment of 17 shelters for victims of trafficking;
- Arrest and prosecution of over 5 high profile traffickers to Europe through intelligence support provided by the project;
- Holding of 51 radio programmes on trafficking and smuggling on Wazobia FM with beneficiaries, reaching over 500, 000 community members every week;
- National Migration Dialogue and International Migrants Day 2021 in partnership with IOM, FIIAPP and Switzerland;
- Launch of WACTIPSOM platform: a regional organisation of NGOs from more than fifteen countries in the western part of the African continent, which brings together more than 180 NGOs in Nigeria;

- Senior officials' mission from NIS and NAPTIP successfully organized to Frontex in June 2022 with follow-up mission from Frontex RAU and IC Units visiting in July;
- MoU signed between NAPTIP and sister agency in The Gambia;
- Facilitation of NIS and NAPTIP's participation in Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community plenary and operational meetings, facilitation of NAPTIP's participation in AFIC trainings in synergy with Expertise France programme;
- Facilitation of Frontex RAU/AFIC dialogue and work with RAU Nigeria within NIS premises;
- Facilitation of the EU Anti- trafficking Day 2022;
- Facilitation of the consultations ahead of the IMRF in New York 2022, in the framework of GCM.

NB: Despite kicking in later than foreseen, mainly due to organisational difficulties faced by the implementing agency in 2017-2018, the project picked up pace in mid-2019. Due to the focal state focus of the description of the action, the project has been considerably affected by COVID-19 but quickly enough, an online mode of cooperation replaced normal business. Collaboration with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), National Police Force (NPF) as well as the Network Against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour (NACTAL) is ongoing. Collaboration with FRONTEX and the Dutch Police is on track. Given the limitations imposed by the outbreak, a lot of focus has been put on Capacity Building to Relevant CSOs in Protection of Victims of Trafficking and Smuggled Migrants as well as on support for NIS, NAPTIP, NPF, and NACTAL on Public Awareness Actions. COVID-19 affected major operations such as the refurbishment of shelters for victims of trafficking and other activities in the South-South. Mitigation measures have been taken by the project early enough but most joint investigation and prosecution training require physical presence and inevitably, certain activities were constrained. Therefore the ministry of Budget and National Planning submitted a request for a no-cost extension in 2020. In order to bridge gaps in implementation caused in the earlier phases of the project and in view of all the above, a no-cost extension of 12 months was deemed necessary (therefore until 03/06/2023). The project was extended for an additional 10 months in 2023 (until April 2024).

EU-SUPPORT TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN NIGERIA PHASE II (EU-SDGN II)

Source of funds:	NDICI Africa (CRIS Ref: NDICI AFRICA/2021/043-416)
Decision date:	(FA Signature: February 2022)
Total budget:	39 MEUR (No counterpart funding)
Implementing period:	5 years (2022-2027)
Implementing agencies:	DAI, Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre, Youth Initiative for Advocacy Growth and Advancement, Nigerian Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Institute of Media and Society, International Press Centre, ElectHER, Albino Foundation, Nigerian Women Trust Fund, Kukah Centre
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	Laolu OLAWUMI

Objectives:

The overall objective of the action is to foster a functioning pluralistic, inclusive, participatory and representative democracy in Nigeria. The project is articulated through six components aiming to achieve the following specific objectives: to strengthen the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Civil Society Organisations and other relevant stakeholders through policy dialogue, technical assistance, training, capacity building and material support so that they can better fulfil their respective roles throughout the electoral cycle.

Expected Results:

- Improved quality of electoral administration in Nigeria;
- Strengthen capacities for legislative and judicial reform in compliance with democratic principles and standards;
- Enhance Pluralism, internal democracy and equality of opportunity in the political parties and the political party system;
- Empower Media, including new media, to promote fair and ethical coverage of the electoral process and combat hate speech and disinformation;
- Enhance participation of women, youth and other marginalized groups in the political process;
- Empower civil society organisations and relevant agencies to demand greater transparency and accountability in the electoral and decision making process, and promote greater citizens' participation.

Main activities:

- The project provides support to key institutions in Nigeria – INEC, the legislature, political parties, CSOs and the media to support democratic consolidation in the country;
- Respond to key governance priorities e.g. review of the constitution and the legal framework for elections;
- The reform and restructuring of the electoral management body – INEC;
- Formulation and implementation of the INEC Strategic Plan of Action and the 2023 Election Project Plan;
- Support to the implementation of the freedom of information act;
- Support to the National Peace Committee on high level political dialogue for peaceful elections and transfer of power;
- Support to key legislative committees;
- Support to key activities aimed at promoting women's political participation;
- Support to the Political Parties Leadership and Policy Development Centre of the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies to promote strengthening the leadership and organizational capacities of political parties.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- Contributed to INEC'S post-election reviews as well as post-election engagement on a national level;
- Contributed to the first ever mapping/needs assessment for People with Disabilities in the electoral process;
- The programme has led constructive engagement on women's political participation, including on affirmative action in the electoral reform process, capacity building, mentoring and providing platforms for political engagement for women across the country;
- The programme has been leading legislative advocacy and technical support towards electoral reform and a new legal framework for elections;

- Supported the work of the National peace committee, a group of elder statesmen working to promote peaceful elections in Nigeria.

RULE OF LAW AND ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAMME (ROLAC) PHASE II

Source of funds:	NDICI Africa (CRIS Ref: NDICI AFRICA/2022/045-019)
Decision date:	(FA Signature: July 2023)
Total budget:	30 MEUR (No counterpart funding)
Implementing period:	5 years (2022-2027)
Implementing agencies:	International IDEA
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	Laolu OLAWUMI

Objectives:

The overall objective of this programme and the impact to which this programme will contribute is the consolidation of the rule of law and anti-corruption reforms in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Expected Outcomes:

Outcome 1: Enhanced performance, quality and oversight of the criminal justice system and of justice service delivery.

Outcome 2: Improved access to justice for vulnerable women, children, juveniles, persons with disabilities and victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

Outcome 3: Increased transparency and accountability of anti-corruption systems and reforms.

Main activities:

- Support to the Federal Ministry of Justice in the production and dissemination of their Strategic Plan for the period 2022-2026;
- Support for the identification and prioritisation of interventions drawn from the Strategic Plan across the activities of the ministry and its key parastatals, which fit the objectives of RoLAC II, and support to their subsequent implementation;
- In consultation with the FJSRCC, JSRT and ACJMC at federal and state levels, support the implementation of the relevant provisions of the ACJA/ACJ Laws, the NCSA, Magistrate Court Laws and other criminal laws (codes);
- Identify gaps in legislation and the requirements for review of current legislation and support legislative and regulatory drafting to update and complete relevant laws and regulations;
- In consultation with the NAPTIP, VAPP Committees, Child Rights Implementation Committees, and National Commission for PWD at federal and state levels, support the implementation of the relevant provisions of the VAPP, CRA, Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act (PWD Act) and corresponding state laws;
- Support further research studies on SGBV to include areas of prevalence, new forms, identification of trends, etc, and support advocacy actions and interventions to address them;
- Support the implementation of legal, policy and strategic measures against corruption and for effective law enforcement and asset management and recovery by ACAs and MDAs;
- Support capacity building workshops and other training on investigation, prosecution, and forensic evidence gathering and case advocacy in cases of corruption, economic and financial crimes for operatives of ACAs;
- Support ACAs and CSOs to collaborate and organise public enlightenment and training on laws and policies against corruption, money laundering, terrorism financing and other economic and financial crimes.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- Contract with IIDEA would be finalized shortly.

AGENTS FOR CITIZEN-DRIVEN TRANSFORMATION (EU ACT)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 406-876)
Decision date:	December 2017 (FA Signature: April 2018)
Total budget:	15MEUR
Implementing period:	5 years (2018-2023)
Implementing agency:	British Council
Geographical region:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	Wynfred ACHU-EGBUSON

Objectives:

The EU-ACT Programme aims to contribute to more inclusive, effective, accountable and gender responsive development in Nigeria.

Specific Objectives:

To enhance the credibility and role of CSOs as drivers of change for sustainable development in Nigeria.

Expected Results:

- Strengthened selected CSOs, Networks and Coalitions working in the three EU focal sectors;
- To support the establishment of an appropriate, efficient and gender responsive civil society regulatory framework.

Main Activities:

- Strengthening the capacities of grassroots CBOs, CSOs, and CS Networks/Coalitions through focusing on their capacities in terms of their: internal systems (e.g. internal governance, due diligence and policy development); programme approach (eg: strategic planning and participatory operational planning, monitoring and implementation) and external relations (e.g. strengthening relationships to bring about sustainable change), to be more effective drivers of change;
- Conducting evidence-based research and analysis on the roles and responsibilities of civil society organisations; and regulation of CSO operations in Nigeria;
- Improving the regulatory framework for CSOs at national and state levels to be more effective, simplified and streamlined, as well as gender responsive, including developing the credibility of the civil society sector through the promotion of self-regulatory mechanisms for CSOs;
- Facilitate CSOs and stakeholder coordination for knowledge sharing purposes;
- Progress towards reactivation of Civil Society Liaison Office at the National Assembly is well in advance; effort to reintroduce the CAMA amendment bill is being made under 10th Assembly;
- Support to engagement/dialogue to harmonise CSO registration procedures to address issue of multiple registration and lack of regulatory frameworks backing registration at sub-national level is ongoing across 10 focal States of ACT.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- 202 CSOs trained and mentored to mainstream gender and social inclusion in their organisations, processes and practices;
- Peer Learning Support commenced across all ACT focal states - 119 CSOs are currently participating in the PLP sessions;
- Launch of the CSO Regulatory Platform – an online platform designed to support CSOs enhance their transparency and credibility through improved compliance to extant and self-regulatory frameworks;
- Eleven Capacity Development Providers (CDPs) have been identified and are receiving technical support to reshape their learning and knowledge management structure;
- Development of e-learning platform for five CDPs completed;
- 69 grants awarded to ACT CSO partners - 13 grants have been completed;
- 15 consortium grants have also been assessed and selected for funding;
- 7 toolkits have been finalized and ready for publication;

- Supported multi-stakeholder collaborations (involving Financial Reporting Council, CAC, SCUML, CSOs and private sector entities) to review and develop Financial Accounting Reporting templates for CSOs and private sector entities registered under Company and Allied Matters Act (CAMA 2020);
- Ongoing technical and financial support to NNNGO to improve capacity of selected CSO networks/coalitions at sub-national level for effective engagement with state regulatory agencies;
- Ongoing technical and financial support for coordination and engagement of CSOs to actualize CSO self-regulation as part of mechanisms to strengthen oversight of CSO operations in Nigeria. A General Assembly, National Technical Committee and Advisory Council on CSOs Self-Regulation have been set and EU-ACT is providing financial support for implementation of agreed actions by these platforms;
- Ongoing support to the National Assembly to strengthen legislative advocacy and reform some key legislations that have overarching impact on CSO operations in Nigeria;
- Ongoing technical and financial support to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) to develop and install an online financial statement filing solution for its customers including CSOs;
- Ongoing technical and financial support to the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS), National Pension commission (PenCoM), Special Unit on Money Laundry (SCUML), Ministry of Finance, Budget & National Planning (MFBNP), Office of Deputy Senate President (DSP) amongst others;
- Coaching and mentoring of 30 new CSO on organization development and strategy;
- 50 ACT supported CSOs digital training focused on issues of women, youth and PWDs.

STRIVE JUVENILE: PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN BY TERRORIST AND VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUPS

Source of funds:	FPI
Decision date:	2020
Total budget:	10.5 MEUR (no counterpart funding)
Implementation period:	5 years with delivery in Nigeria planned for 2021-2023
Implementation agency:	UNODC
Geographical region:	Global, with country specific activities focusing on Indonesia, Iraq, and Nigeria
Project Manager:	Letizia TORRETTA

Objective:

The project aims to prevent and counter violent extremism affecting children, in full respect of human rights, gender equality and international law.

Expected results:

- Improved government strategies, policies and mechanisms related to child recruitment and exploitation by terrorist groups in Indonesia, Iraq and Nigeria;
- Increased resilience of vulnerable children against terrorist groups agenda in Indonesia, Iraq and Nigeria.

Main activities:

- Enhanced global awareness over the phenomenon of child recruitment and exploitation;
- Review of legal and policy framework to prevent and respond to child recruitment and exploitation by terrorist groups is supported in Indonesia, Iraq and Nigeria;
- Increased capacity of professionals on strategies and measures to prevent and respond to child recruitment and exploitation by terrorist groups;
- Increased capacity of children and their environment to resist recruitment attempts and to successfully reintegrate into society.

Main accomplishments to date in Nigeria:

- In July 2021, a national multi-stakeholder roundtable validated the findings and proposals for action resulting from the situation analysis process conducted earlier that year. On this basis, the first meeting of the Project National Steering Committee of STRIVE Juvenile Nigeria took place to discuss and validate the workplan for the first year of project implementation;
- A comprehensive situation analysis final report, which includes the findings of the desk review, the consultation process and the questionnaires, was shared with national counterparts in August 2021;
- A detailed mapping of stakeholders involved in the treatment of children formerly associated with terrorist and violent extremist groups, whether within the justice system or as part of rehabilitation and reintegration, was completed in November 2021 following a mission to Maiduguri by the project team;
- Under its research component, STRIVE Juvenile developed and validated a global research framework and methodology, guiding the research conducted in the three STRIVE Juvenile partner countries. A Scientific Advisory Board Meeting took place in December 2021 where members validated the research framework and methodology. In addition, after conducting an in-depth assessment of potential national research partners, the UNODC panel selected the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) as the research partner for STRIVE Juvenile Nigeria. Data collection began in the first quarter of 2022;
- In January 2022, the first National Capacity building Workshop on Protecting Child Victims and Witnesses in Terrorism-related proceedings was conducted with about 29 participants from various institutions, including the Federal Ministry of Justice, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Nigeria Correctional Service, Nigeria Judicial Institute, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the complex casework group, and the Joint Investigation Committee (JIC). The findings of the Situation Analysis highlighted that justice professionals in Nigeria felt a need to strengthen and improve the mechanisms to support child victims and witnesses throughout the justice process, including during early contact with the justice system. Recommendations from the workshop were centred on improving the protection of children associated with terrorist and violent extremist groups in Nigeria;
- Multi-stakeholder meetings took place in April and May 2022 and led to the development of a document which outlines the key principles to inform any intervention aimed to tackle the phenomenon. UNODC and ONSA have been working with a multi-stakeholder group to develop a common approach on the

treatment of children associated with terrorists and violent extremist groups, in order to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach for the treatment of these children. It is expected that a common approach will serve as an important milestone to address joint efforts towards preventing and responding to this phenomenon and will inform the development of further, detailed guidance to national institutions and actors;

- On 12 May 2022, the 2nd STRIVE Juvenile Project Steering Committee Meeting was held in Abuja. During the meeting, achievements of the project progress to date were presented to members of the Project Steering Committee group. The meeting concluded with the adoption by consensus of the Workplan for Year 2 of the Project;
- In May 2022, national research partner Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) concluded its fieldwork activities including interviews and focus groups with key informants and those who had been associated with terrorist and violent extremist groups as children. The resulting case study will form part of a global research report to be launched in 2023;
- From 6 to 8 September 2022, a training workshop on the Treatment of Children Associated with Terrorist Groups was delivered to 43 participants (51% women) in Abuja. This workshop was the first activity in a training cycle, that will continue in 2023 to include a training of trainers component, with the view of fostering sustainability;
- In September 2022, A Guidance Note entitled *A comprehensive approach to the treatment of children associated with terrorist and violent extremist groups in Nigeria* was reviewed and validated by participants of the aforementioned training workshop;
- From 27 to 29 September 2022, a training workshop on Psychosocial Assessment Processes for Children Associated with Terrorist Groups was delivered to 32 qualified professionals (44% women) in Abuja. Participants discussed the Nigerian context in relation to the psychosocial assessment of children associated with terrorism-related offences, with a focus on rehabilitation and reintegration, and to explore promising practices to uphold their protection through their involvement in justice proceedings;
- From 28 to 30 September 2022, a training of trainers workshop on the treatment of children associated with terrorist groups was delivered to 29 participants (52% women) in Abuja. The workshop combined specialized knowledge on the appropriate treatment of children associated with terrorist and violent extremist groups with practical tips and strategies for effective delivery of capacity-building activities;
- On 1 December 2022, STRIVE Juvenile held a high level event to launch the Nigeria Call for Action, a political declaration that recognizes the priority of protecting children from the threats associated with terrorism, recognizes prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration as key priorities and the complementarity of security and child rights in any efforts to tackle the phenomenon;
- On 1 December 2022, the 3rd STRIVE Juvenile Project Steering Committee Meeting was held in Abuja. Committee members received an overview on project progress to date and discussed and endorsed updates to the national work plan 2022-2023;
- From 30 January – 3 February 2023, the STRIVE Juvenile team delivered a five-day workshop on ‘Investigation and Prosecution of International Crimes with a Focus on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence’ in partnership with the WAYAMO Foundation, UN Team of Experts of the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict. Sessions delivered by the team included those relating to Violence against children and child recruitment; overview of international and Nigerian policy and legal frameworks; Legal and jurisdictional bases under Nigerian law for charging child recruitment; Dealing with child witnesses and victims, psychosocial and child protection aspects; and Interviewing children for international criminal investigations;
- On 25 April 2023, the STRIVE Juvenile Nigeria Project Officer presented at the ECOSOC Youth Forum on ‘Amplifying the Voices of Youth for a Sustainable Urban Future: Leading the Way to Recovery’;
- On 24 May 2023, the STRIVE Juvenile Nigeria Project Officer presented at the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on ‘UNODC and Youth Empowerment’;
- In May 2023, 16 Youth Peace Champions were selected from Maiduguri Metropolitan Council and Jere local government areas of Borno state. 10 were chosen – on the basis of pre-defined selection criteria - from 459 applications to an online recruitment campaign; and a further 6 (who may not have access to the internet) were selected following consultation with community-based organizations including youth groups. The Youth Peace Champions will be trained and mentored and will play a key role in the #Seethechild awareness-raising campaign;

- In May 2023, STRIVE Juvenile produced the design and branding for the #Seethechild awareness raising campaign which is reflected in a variety of visibility materials to be distributed among Youth Peace Champions, Community representatives, and in the community during local advocacy events;
- In June 2023, STRIVE Juvenile Nigeria partnered with the EU Youth Sounding Board to deliver two workshops on 'Youth as Agents to Protect Children from Terrorism and Violent Extremism' at the European Youth Event (EYE2023) in Strasbourg;
- On 20 June 2023, the 4th STRIVE Juvenile Project Steering Committee Meeting was held in Abuja. Committee members received an overview on project progress to date and validated the national work plan for 2023;
- From 20 to 22 June 2023, a training workshop on the treatment of child victims and witnesses in the counterterrorism context was delivered to 31 participants including prosecutors, judges, law enforcement personnel and decision makers from the justice and security sectors in Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states.

EU SUPPORT FOR THE DISENGAGEMENT, REVIEW, REINTEGRATION, AND RECONCILIATION OF PERSONS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NON-STATE ARMED GROUPS (NSAGS) - SD3R PROJECT

Source of funds: 11th EDF (CRIS NG/FED/041-601)
Decision date: TBD
Total budget: 19.1 MEUR
Implementing period: 3 years (2023-2026)
Implementing agency: IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, UNODC
Geographical region: Northeast Nigeria
Project Manager: Letizia TORRETTA

Objectives: The project seeks to contribute to the successful community-driven reintegration and reconciliation of former armed non-state combatants and Boko Haram associates (including children) in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa, including those who were forcibly displaced. It supports the efforts of the Government of Nigeria to promote peace, security, and stability in the country and in the wider Lake Chad Basin region.

Expected results:

- Communities are sensitized and reconciled notably through inclusive and survivor-centered transitional justice mechanisms to reduce the rejection and stigmatization of former NSAG associates;
- Former armed non-state combatants and Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs) associates, including those forcibly displaced, are processed and receive gender-responsive support for sustainable alternatives to violence;
- Weapons from NSAG associates are collected, and non-state security providers are professionalized, disarmed, and demobilized (CJTF and Volunteer Security Outfits);
- Investigation and prosecution services are strengthened to combat terrorism in compliance with international human rights and women, peace and security standards.

Main activities:

- Communities are adequately sensitised and prepared for reintegration while simultaneously implementing community-led transitional/restorative justice mechanisms;
- Conflict-sensitive community-prioritised livelihoods are created for the most vulnerable, low risk associates and non-state security providers, with stratified community-led activities increasing community cohesiveness and coping mechanisms;
- Support the design, testing and implementation of Federal and State level strategies, processes and capacities that contribute to Weapons and Ammunitions Management;
- Terrorism cases are effectively prosecuted and adjudicated, while constitutional and fundamental rights are safeguarded.

Main accomplishments to date:

- The Action document has been developed and presented by the EU delegation in Abuja to the Ministry of Budget and planning, for further approval and signature of the agreement;
- Coordination between consortium partners has taking place to develop the SD3R project proposal, ensuring effective collaboration and pooling of expertise from multiple organizations;
- The SD3R project proposal has been presented to the Government of Nigeria, precisely the Office of the National Security Advisor (ONSA) and the Ministry of Budget and Planning, obtaining their endorsement for the initiative.

A COMMUNITY-CENTRED APPROACH TO TRANSFORMING CRIMINALITY & VIOLENCE IN THE NIGER DELTA

Source of funds:	NDICI/Global Europe
Decision date:	TBD
Total budget:	€6,500,000 EUR
Implementing period:	18 months (1 Sept 2023 - 28 Feb 2025)
Implementing partners:	Search for Common Ground (lead applicant), Academic Associates Peace Works (AAPW), Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND), Stakeholder Democracy Network (SDN) (co-applicants)
Geographical region:	Niger Delta (Bayelsa, Delta, Rivers States), Nigeria
Project Manager:	Letizia TORRETTA

Objectives:

The project seeks to foster inclusive community security approaches to address the systemic drivers of violence and criminality in Bayelsa, Delta, and Rivers States. It offers a holistic understanding of what drives oil bunkering, violent crime, and conflict in the region, and offers an integrated, community-centred approach to building vertical and social cohesion and transforming institutional behaviours in favour of inclusion, accountability, and conflict sensitivity.

Expected results:

- Local community actors, including youth, are better equipped to jointly address social exclusion, lack of economic opportunity, and environmental degradation;
- Youth and adult leaders increasingly collaborate to explore and address drivers of division, criminality, and conflict in their communities;
- There is greater collaboration between communities, security and government actors around early warning and response to key security issues;
- The private sector better collaborates with and responds to the needs of local communities;
- Target communities have increased positive interactions across dividing lines;
- Target online audiences have increased access to positive content that fosters social cohesion;
- There are enhanced networks and opportunities for actors at all levels to formulate policies that respond to the underlying drivers of violence in the Niger Delta.

Main activities:

- Regular, gender-sensitive, participatory analyses of conflict dynamics online and offline;
- Intra-communal dialogues and environmental livelihood initiatives to reinforce intergenerational trust and cooperation while building economic opportunity;
- Strengthening of local early warning/early response networks and structures;
- Capacity building to private companies on accountable community engagement;
- Inter-communal reconciliation, dialogues, and joint peace initiatives;
- Media programs to amplify project learnings and socialise new peacebuilding approaches, including strengthening media professionals' conflict sensitivity capacities;
- Local and high-level dialogues for inter-institutional coordination and policy reform;

Accomplishments to date:

- Consortium partners formed a working group to identify the region's most pressing issues and develop an integrated, holistic response that leverages each partner's expertise;
- A collaborative design workshop allowed partners to identify the most at-risk Local Government Areas, and elaborate a community-centred design that engages all major actors.

Operations 3: Human Development



Team Leader: Ms Leila BEN AMOR MATHIEU

EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN NORTHWESTERN NIGERIA

Source of funds:	NDICI AFRICA (OPSYS NO. ACT-60867)
Decision date:	29/11/2022
Total budget:	40 MEUR
Implementing period:	5 years (2023 – 2027)
Implementing agencies:	UNICEF; DIME; and Others (TBD)
Geographical region:	Jigawa, Kano and Sokoto States
Project Manager:	Kate KANEBI; Maria BISKOP

Objectives:

The Overall Objective (Impact) of this action is to emancipate the poorest, under-served and most marginalised population groups including women and girls in North-Western Nigeria.

The **Specific Objective** of the action is to enable inclusive and effective State systems that will deliver quality learning and skills development opportunities for children especially for girls.

Expected results:

- Strengthening of the education sector planning, budgeting and implementation of existing policy frameworks including tracking of sector to deliver safe quality education, including for the most marginalised children;
- Improvement of access to safe learning environments and quality of teaching and learning outcomes for all;
- Provision of vocational training and critical social life skills for youth, including training for green jobs.

Main activities:

- Reinforcement/Development of National Education Management Information System/State Education Management Information System (NEMIS/SEMIS) for education data reliability;
- Supporting communities to increase demand for quality and inclusive education;
- Reinforcement of community engagement in school governance;
- Provision of formal and non-formal education and skills acquisition and development opportunities tailored to in-country employment demands and/or livelihood opportunities for youth;
- Support for the consolidation, finalisation of the national guidelines and implementation of scale-up of the Accelerated Basic Education Programme (ABEP) with possibility of linkages with formal schools or to technical and vocational training through partnerships;
- Provide conditional-cash transfers or vouchers or non-monetary incentives (certifications, professional associations/clubs membership) to enable a return to education/training in cases where youth are now already engaged in employment;
- Safe spaces or Girls' Clubs that provide critical social life skills for navigating adulthood;
- Promotion of behavioural change campaigns, in partnership with community institutions, to challenge harmful social norms, promote demand for schooling and empower girls.

Main accomplishments to date:

Negotiation for Indirect Management of the EYEPINN is concluded with UNICEF and DIME; Draft Contribution Agreement (CA) with UNICEF is in ARES Circuit for transmission to the entity for countersignature; Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) is drafting an Administration Agreement (AA) for EUD's comment.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN NIGERIA (2ND PHASE): EXPAND, INTEGRATE, INNOVATE AND STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS (EISS) TO BUILD TEACHER'S CAPACITY AND RESILIENCE

Source of funds:	NDICI AFRICA (OPSYS NO. ACT-61662)
Decision date:	29/11/2022
Total budget:	5.4 MEUR
Implementing period:	5 years (2023 – 2027)
Implementing agencies:	UNESCO
Geographical region:	ADAMAWA, BAYELSA, ENUGU, KATSINA, NASSARAWA AND OYO States
Project Manager:	Kate KANEBI; Maria BISKOP

Objectives:

The Overall Objective (Impact) of this action is to contribute to human development by innovatively strengthening the education system. The **Specific Objective** of the action is to support the implementation of national policies and efforts to address teacher's shortage, capacities and resilience and interaction with students.

Expected results:

- Teacher education policies and career paths for the teaching profession in Nigeria are improved;
- Teacher capacity and resilience is enhanced through pre-service and in-service teacher education programme;
- Teacher-student collaboration and learning teams at school and community levels is strengthened.

Main activities:

- Support the revision of *Teacher Education Policies* including on Career Path and the guidelines for implementation at national and at 6 State levels;
- Engagements with top state political authorities, teacher unions, teachers and other relevant stakeholders to develop and commit to a plan for the implementation of the reviewed policy and the Policy on Career Path;
- Support government to develop and adopt a framework for open and transparent teacher recruitment and deployment, including volunteers and support their mainstreaming especially to where they are mostly needed;
- Global citizenship education (ii) education for sustainable development, including gender equality and human rights, iii) socio-emotional support and resilience; iv) digital skills and use of ICTs for technology enhanced learning (TEL);
- Conduct capacity building for master trainers, head teachers and teachers on peace and global citizenship education, health and socio-emotional support skills for wellbeing and resilience;
- Conduct training of in-service teachers.
- Conduct training of teacher educators and train pre-service teachers in Colleges of Education;
- Training of master teachers, teacher educators, head teachers, staff of SUBEBs and SMoE on collaborative teacher techniques;
- Establishment of collaborative teacher learning teams in clusters of schools in communities;
- Support the institutionalization of teacher learning teams in cluster of schools by National Council of Education (NCE).

Main accomplishments to date:

Negotiation for Indirect Management with UNESCO is ongoing.

WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION SECTOR REFORM PROGRAMME PHASE III (WSSSRP III)

Source of funds: 10th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2012/023-252)
Decision date: 29/11/2012 (FA Signature: 30/04/2013)
Total budget: 52.25 MEUR (**EU - 40 MEUR**; counterpart - up to 11.75 MEUR)
Implementation period: 6 years (2013 – 2019) (Currently under - *D+5 ENDED*)
Implementing agency: UNICEF (rural WASH; NAO with support of a consortium¹ led by Hulla & Co, Human Dynamics KG (Urban/small town WASH)
Geographical Area: Adamawa, Ekiti, Plateau States
Project Officer: Yakubu OGWUCHE

Objectives:

The overall objective of this programme is to improve water policy and institutional framework in the three states and support the water supply and sanitation (WSS) sector institutions to enable them to fulfil their mandates of sustainable water and sanitation services delivery.

Expected results:

- Improved water governance – establish policy and regulatory framework and monitoring and evaluation system in the three States;
- Increased access to water supply for at least 2 million consumers; and sanitation and hygiene services to 1 million direct beneficiaries in urban areas, small towns and rural communities.

Main activities:

- Support to States to develop sector policies and regulatory framework;
- Support to institutional strengthening and capacity building of sector operators;
- Implement water works contracts to improve service delivery in the selected LGAs and urban areas.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Self-selection of 6 LGAs concluded;
- Baseline surveys in rural communities for three States and ST/Urban towns for two States completed; CLTS triggering in communities completed and certification ongoing;
- Project staff issues for the TAT for urban/small towns component resolved and new Team Leader confirmed;
- Sanitation Strategy for ST/Urban towns completed; Political Economy Study completed in two states;
- Counterpart contribution remitted by all 3 states;
- The project has built the capacity of and strengthened various institutions at the state and local government levels to enable them fulfil their mandate of delivering sustainable water and sanitation services in the 3 states;
- Works contracts for all 3 states successfully concluded and implementation has commenced in all 3 states since April 2018;
- Supplies contracts under 5 lots successfully concluded and implementation has been completed in 4 lots which include supplies of laboratory equipment, generators/inverters, office/ICT equipment and vehicles;
- Plateau State Water Law has been signed into law and the process of gazetting the law is in progress;
- Grant contracts in all 3 states successfully concluded and implementation has been successfully completed. End of project activities has been carried out in all the 3 States and final payment is only outstanding for one contract. All 3 contracts will be closed this year.

¹ The consortium is composed of Messrs Human Dynamics KG (Austria), Hydrophil iC GmbH (Austria), CES Consulting Engineers Salzgitter GmbH (Germany), Pohl Consulting & Associates GmbH (Germany), Niche Consult (Nigeria) and TeamWork (Nigeria).

EU NIGER DELTA SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NDSP) – COMPONENTS 3&4 – WATER AND SANITATION, MICRO PROJECTS

Source of funds: 10th EDF (CRIS ref: 2011/022-910)
Decision date: 20/12/2011; FA signature date: 29/10/2012
Total budget: EUR 377 855 000 (EU - Components 3 & 4- EUR 101, 000,000)
Other contributions: EUR 177 855 000
Implementation period: 5 years
Implementing Agency: Comp 3: UNICEF & SAFEGE Technical Assistance, Comp 4: PLANET SA Technical Assistance
Geographical region: Comp 3: Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Rivers, Edo & Delta States
Comp 4: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross Rivers, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo, Rivers States
Project Manager: Yakubu OGWUCHE

Overall objective:

To contribute to mitigating the conflict in the Niger Delta by addressing the main causes of the unrest and violence - bad governance, (youth) unemployment and poor delivery of basic services.

COMPONENT 3

Expected results:

Improved institutional, policy, legal and financial framework in the water and sanitation sector in the five states, including an enhanced role and participation of the civil society.

Main activities:

- Strengthening of sector internal organizational structure for improved service delivery in urban/small towns and rural area;
- Review of sector policy, legal and regulatory framework;
- Improve water service delivery in 2 target LGAs of each state.

Main accomplishments to date:

- LGA and community selection concluded and other preliminary project activities under the contribution with UNICEF;
- Sanitation component using Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach under implementation in many of the beneficiary communities;
- Baseline survey completed;
- The works contracts in all 5 states were successfully awarded and implementation has achieved 100% completion in all 5 states; The completed works has attained the one year defect liability period and the final acceptance mission is currently on-going for the release of the retention payments, after which the contracts will be closed;
- Supplies for all 5 contracts under 5 lots has been successfully completed in 5 states;
- Grants contracts awarded to 4 grantees has been successfully implemented and final reports have been submitted, final payments have been made for 3 of the contracts which have now been closed;
- MOUs for all five States signed;
- The rural component being implemented by UNICEF has ended and the final report has been submitted, read and approved. Under the rural component, over 1.1 million people gained access to basic WASH services across the 5 beneficiary States of the Niger Delta. 99% of the project beneficiary communities attained and maintained Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, over 80 per cent of NDSP project communities now have capacity to operate, maintain and repair their water supply facilities and the local government WASH Departments/Units are better equipped with both skills and tools to support communities to implement village level operation and maintenance of their water-related systems. A total of 493 schools received WASH in schools' intervention, providing 79,380 school pupils with access to safe water sources while 68,293 gained access to safe sanitation facilities. The capacity of government officials in the various states was also built to utilise data, analyse, plan, budget and implement programmes for provision of WASH services.

NDSP COMPONENT 4

Expected Results:

- Strengthened community governance through the adoption of Community Development Action Plans (CDAP) by communities and Local Government Authorities (LGAs);
- Increased equitable access to basic infrastructure services by women, men, boys and girls;
- Increased equitable access to income generating options and sustainable livelihood development by women and men;
- Improved social cohesion among village communities.

Main activities:

- Sustainability plans developed and executed by communities in partnership with LGAs and establishment of Project Implementation Committees (PIC) in the procurement for the basic infrastructures in those community;
- Training in operation and maintenance of infrastructure for the PICs and technical training to commodity groups in communities;
- Micro-project proposal developed by commodity groups with support from communities, CSOs and respective business organizations;
- Identification of communities where there is need for specific actions on social harmony and cohesion as well as conflict prevention activities and definition of the strategy to be adopted to tackle conflict reduction/prevention.

Main accomplishments to date:

- PMU fully operational with office space provided by Imo State;
- Selection process of target LGAs in all beneficiary States completed;
- Identification of community projects in the 9 States completed;
- Project implementation has been clustered into a maximum of 3 local government areas per state;
- Operational Programme estimates to support programme activities signed and implementation is completed;
- In the 1st phase, a total of 572 out of 579 micro projects have been successfully completed in Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo and Rivers states;
- In the 2nd phase, a total of 239 out of 254 micro projects have been successfully completed;
- Overall, a total of 831 out of 833 micro projects have been completed across the 9 Niger Delta States under the NDSP4 programme representing 99% completion rate.

SUPPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE NAO IV

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2010/038-373)
Decision date:	03/12/2015 (FA signature: 18/03/2016)
Total budget:	3,456,719.78 EUR (No counterpart funding)
Implementation period:	8 years (2014 – 2022) (currently under -D+3+1)
Implementing agency:	Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning
Geographical Area:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	Yakubu OGWUCHE

Objectives:

The overall objective is to contribute towards poverty reduction through improved effectiveness, efficiency, impact and visibility of EU development cooperation. The specific objectives are:

- **Objective 1:** increase the capacity of the NAO/MBNP (Ministry of Budget and National Planning) to manage EDF funds at federal, state and LGA levels in order to ensure effective programming and implementation of EU funded projects and programmes;
- **Objective 2:** strengthen the NAO's donor and inter-agency leadership and coordination role by achieving a greater integration of the NAO's functions within Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies in line with the Cotonou Agreement and EDF strategy.

Expected results:

- Result 1: The role of the Office of the NAO, including the offices at state level (as coordinator of stakeholders for the programming and implementation of EU-funded cooperation, as well as for policy dialogue) is enhanced;
- Result 2: strengthened capacities of focal states involved in 11th EDF-funded cooperation;
- Result 3: The ONAO's systems, structures and capacities with reference to their mandate to monitor, evaluate, coordinate and report on development assistance are strengthened;
- Result 4: Effective participation of the Office of the NAO in the management of EU-funded regional projects in collaboration with the RAO is ensured;
- Result 5: Coordination mechanisms between NAO, donors and key implementation partners.

Main activities:

- Support tender procedures and retain a well-equipped and competent Programme Support Unit;
- Provide technical assistance to support the mentoring and on-the-job training of the EDF Unit Project Officers and Service Centre Personnel at the federal and state levels;
- Provide training in project management, in EDF procedures, project cycle management, procurement, accounting and auditing, to relevant staff of the NAO, SAOs and line ministries;
- Support structures for effective project coordination, specifically, by building capacity of regular staff in the EDF Unit in Project Management and Coordination;
- Ensure that operational structures are up and running;

Main Achievements:

- Following the amendment and extension of the project in 2020, the NAO has been enabled to channel more support to the federal and state level institutions involved in the projects' implementation. Importantly, the extension also provides for the NAO Support Programme to facilitate effective closure of commitments and to ensure better outcomes as 11th EDF projects gradually come to an end;
- Strengthened capacity for continuity in the supervision of on-going works and supply contracts, following the end of various service contracts previously engaged for the activity;
- Facilitated the deployment of key EDF infrastructural interventions in the health, water, and energy sectors relevant for sustainable poverty reduction in Nigeria.

SUPPORT TO DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS GROUPS AND NATIONAL TEAM EUROPE INITIATIVES (TEIS)

Source of funds:	Cooperation Facility (OPSYS NO. ACT-300056965)
Decision date:	13/04/23
Total budget:	EUR 791,380
Implementing period:	2 years (2023 – 2025)
Implementing agencies:	International Consulting Expertise (ICE)
Geographical region:	National - FCT
Project Manager:	Chioma Osuji

Objectives:

The overall objective of this action is to enhance the coordination and management of the Development Partners on Social Protection, the North West Likeminded Ambassadors Group, the Power Sector and the Team Europe Initiative (TEIs) groups towards the achievement of their set objectives.

Expected results:

- Effective implementation of groups' objectives and work plans as well as enhance EU visibility;
- Enhanced coordination of regular communication on the emerging issues and challenges around respective sectors and groups;
- Strengthened activities in the various sectors and enhanced collaboration between the development partners groups and the relevant government agencies.

Main activities:

- The experts are expected to review existing development blueprints relevant to the respective groups;
- Strengthening social investment, social protection and poverty reduction initiatives at the national and state levels;
- Support in conducting workshops and meetings in the various groups;
- Carrying out research/ surveys with experts in the field to support the activities of the various groups;
- Engage in monitoring of projects and programmes in the field by partners;
- Review and strengthening government initiatives around peace and social cohesion in the North West, Power sector, and TEIs.
- Mapping, monitoring and documentation of the EU Projects in Nigeria within the groups;
- Ensuring visibility of EU Projects in the context of providing support to the groups as well as advocacy for sustainability, amongst others.

Main accomplishments to date:

Contract signed and all the three (3) experts engaged have started their assignment.

EU SUPPORT TO THE HEALTH SECTOR PHASE 1

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS ref: FED/2016/38-524)
Decision date:	28/04/2016 (FA signature: 11/08/2016)
Total budget:	83, 504,936EUR (EU – 70MEUR ; Others - 13,504,936EUR)
Implementing period:	ENDED: 5 years (2016-2021); D+3
Implementing agencies:	1. UNICEF (MNCH+Nutrition x 57 months) & 2. WHO (Polio Eradication+ Health Systems Strengthening - Data Management and Health Expenditure reporting x 53 months)
Geographical region:	i) Component 1 (MNCH-N) – Kebbi, Adamawa, Bauchi States (UNICEF) ii) Component 2 (Polio Eradication) – Nationwide (WHO) iii) Component 3 (HSS) – Sokoto, Anambra States (WHO)
Project Manager:	Anthony AYEKE

Objective:

The objective of the project is to strengthen the Nigeria health system through improved primary health care delivery in Northern Nigeria, maintaining the country's polio-free status and building capacity for improved data and financial management of the health sector.

Expected results:

- 80% of women & children in 3 target states reached with high impact MNCHN interventions;
- 80% of wards have 1 main functional PHC with capacity to provide integrated MNCHN service;
- Strengthened capacity for effective coordination of MNCHN service delivery/social protection;
- Achieve and maintain polio free status in Nigeria;
- Quality of health and Nutrition information and use for decision making is strengthened;
- Improved state institutional capacity to plan/prepare costed health budgets and report fully.

Main activities/achievements:

- Supported maintenance of essential community health services during COVID-19 (Both);
 - UNICEF
- Provision of community based MNCHN+ services are being supported;
- Selected PHCs in Kebbi, Adamawa and Bauchi identified, mapped and rehabilitated;
- Stronger policy implementation, regulation, accountability, transparency, & performance.
 - WHO
- Supported development of harmonised data quality process with in-depth system verification;
- Conducted high quality supplementary Immunisation Activities with supportive activities;
- Supported conduct of annual health accounts estimation and other expenditure tracking;
- Supported production of National and State (Anambra) health Accounts (WHO);
- Supported preparation of financing policy to strengthen Anambra Health Insurance Scheme.

EU SUPPORT TO LOCAL PRODUCTION OF VACCINES READINESS IN NIGERIA

Source of funds:	NDICI (Cooperation Facility (CF)) (CRIS Ref. 2021 / 043-420)
Decision Date	FA signature: February 2022
Total budget:	19,000 EUR
Implementation period:	April 2023 to January 2024
Implementing agency:	HOME PLUS MEDICARE SERVICES LTD
Geographical region:	Abuja, Nigeria
Project Manager:	Anthony AYEKE

Objectives:

The overall objective (Impact) to which this joint action between the EU and Bulgaria government contributes is to provide technical assistance/consultancy and administrative support to the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD) in addressing the readiness and initiation of local vaccine production in Nigeria.

The specific objectives (Outcomes) of this contract are:

- To support the drafting and documentation of a costed National Road Map for local production of vaccines in Nigeria;
- To enhance technical capacity for Research and Development of selected stakeholders in local vaccine production value chain.

Expected Results:

- Development and presentation of a validated and costed National plan/Road Map for Vaccine Research and Development (R&D) and local production
- Identification of capacity gaps in local vaccines Research and Development (R&D) and manufacturing
- Mapping of stakeholders with potential for local vaccine manufacturing
- Report on assignment including training of relevant vaccine value chain stakeholders to enable them fulfil their mandate in vaccine Research and Development (R&D) and manufacturing.

Main activities:

- Inception phase;
- Consultations, data gathering and mapping of stakeholders;
- Validation workshops;
- Closeout phase.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- Successful Stakeholder webinar in June 2023

EU SUPPORT TO RESPONSE, RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE IN BORNO STATE - "BORNO PACKAGE" (13 CONTRACTS)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (FED 2017/040-165)
Decision date:	24/03/2017 (FA signature: 10/05/2017)
Total budget:	153 MEUR (including a 20 MEUR contribution from the EUTF)
Implementing period:	6 years (2017 – 2023)
Implementing agencies:	UNDP-WHO, ALIMA-SI, Mercy Corps, NRC, ACF, IRC, DfiD, FAO, UN Women, WFP, WB, UNICEF, Plan International, SOFRECO
Geographical region:	Borno State
Project Managers:	T. OMOLE, Y. OGWUCHE, G. OGBEMUDIA, K. KANEBI, A. AYEKE

Objective:

The main objective of the proposed action is building the resilience of conflict affected people and public sector institutions in Borno State in an environmentally-friendly way.

Expected results objective 1 – Provision of quality basic services:

- Integrated PHC services strengthened, particularly for rural women and children under five;
- Functionality of the health care provision improved through adequate and qualified health personnel, adequate supplies and infrastructures;
- Effective delivery and utilization of critical nutrition interventions and promotion of key nutrition behavioural practices through PHC and community-based nutrition networks ensured;
- Safe water and sanitation infrastructure is rehabilitated/built and good hygiene is promoted;
- Schools are rehabilitated, equipped, secured and staffed with appropriately trained teachers, so that more girls and boys have access to emergency education services;
- The State's capacity, coordination and resources available for education are strengthened, and communities are empowered to demand better quality education services from the State;
- Youth are provided with accelerated learning, and/or training related to employment opportunities;
- Electricity infrastructure in particular for clinics, schools and water supply improved, notably through use of renewables and energy efficient installations.

Expected results objective 2 – Resilience, livelihoods and employment:

- Livelihood and employment opportunities linked to afforestation, food security and nutrition-sensitive agriculture, waste and debris management and urban renewal are promoted;
- Vocational training provided and skills of displaced people developed;
- Social protection systems and safety nets for conflict-affected people and those affected or at risk of undernutrition, in particular women and youth, established or improved;
- Returns to places of origin or resettlements are accompanied and (re)integration in communities is facilitated with supporting measures.

Expected results objective 3 – Public service delivery and financial management is improved:

- Public financial management and statistical systems of the Borno State Government are strengthened;
- Selected Local Governance Authorities (LGAs) are strengthened for a restoration of local public sector authority, fiscal management and capacity for service delivery to the citizens.

Expected results objective 4 – Better response coordination, targeting, management and monitoring by Borno State and Federal Governments:

- The capacities of the Federal Government and Borno State authorities to coordinate development partners and monitor the response to the crisis are strengthened.

Main activities/accomplishments:

- 9 Individual contracts signed and project formally launched in Maiduguri in January 2018;
- Evaluation of the Borno Package completed successfully with an overall assessment of positive impact on the beneficiaries.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE IN BORNO STATE - IC2RB (FED/2017/389-341)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (contract under “Borno Package”, not decision)
Decision date:	24/03/2017; Contract signature Date – 15/11/2017
Total Budget:	15 MEUR (EU contribution)
Implementation period:	ENDED: 55.5month (15/11/2017 - 30/06/2022)
Implementation Agency:	UNDP-WHO
Geographical region:	Borno State: Bama, Mafa, Monguno, Biu, Konduga and Gwoza LGAs
Project Manager:	Anthony AYEKE

Overall objective:

To ensure that the resilience of conflict-affected people and communities in Borno is rebuilt in a sustainable and environment-friendly manner (focus on women, youth and vulnerable households).

Specific objectives:

- To ensure conflict-affected people in target communities have access to quality basic services;
- To ensure livelihoods of conflict-affected people in target communities are stabilised.

Expected results:

- Increased engagement of community in planning basic services, and related conflicts resolved;
- Target communities provided with rehabilitated, equipped and staffed functioning health facilities;
- Malnutrition in target communities addressed through functioning nutrition stabilisation centres;
- Strengthened HR to deliver healthcare services in target communities & rehabilitated facilities;
- Target communities provided with sustainable access to water, education and renewable energy;
- Vulnerable households in target communities provided with quick employment opportunities;
- Environmentally-friendly agric production of food and cash crops revitalised in target communities;
- Market-based skills of displaced women and youth developed, and local economy is revitalised.

Main activities/achievements:

- Mapped LGA structures/communities in places of displacement/origin for 20 target communities;
- Established Stabilisation Centres as per the MoH norms and best practice recommended by WHO;
- Installed renewable (solar) energy systems to power water & sanitation systems, schools and HCs;
- Reconstructed Police Stations, Markets in 3 strategic "Hubs"; Restoration of livestock production;
- Established and equipped satellite locations of vocational training institutes (polytechnics);
- Solar panel installation has been completed in 7 schools to create a suitable learning environment;
- Review of curriculum and standard procedure manuals for the college of Nursing and midwifery;
- Improved access for business creation opportunities through start-up cash grants for businesses: 790 beneficiaries have been supported (375 female and 415 male);
- Improved access to finance through Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs): 1,085 beneficiaries (568 female and 490 male) were provided with access to finance;
- Total of 13 boreholes provided as at Q3 2020; Civil works on 25 infrastructures has been completed;
- Improved access to health services: WHO monitoring visits to rehabilitated PHCs across 6 focus LGAs, facilitated reposting of 6 psychiatric nurses by SMoH to EU-rehabilitated Psychiatric hospital;
- Improved access to Nutrition Services: 35,451 under 5 children aged 0 – 59 months screened by WHO for malnutrition in hard-to-reach areas using MUAC. Also, nutrition stabilisation centre at the State Specialist Hospital renovated, equipped and 6 staff of the Paediatric department trained.

REGIONAL OPERATIONS (ECOWAS)

Operations 1: Green Economy



Team Leader: Inga STEFANOWICZ

SUPPORT TO THE WEST AFRICA REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTRE 2 (AFRITAC WEST 2) – PHASE 2

Source of funds:	11th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2018 / 041-514)
Decision date:	14/06/2018 (FA Signature: 25/02/2019)
Total budget:	17 MEUR (EU: 5.0 MEUR; counterpart: up to 12 MEUR)
Implementation period:	5 years 2019-2024
Implementing agency:	IMF
Geographical region:	Cabo Verde, Ghana, Gambia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia
Project Manager:	Iuri AGANETTO

Objectives:

EU contributes to the IMF Technical Assistance centres in West Africa (AFRITAC II) Multi-Donor Trust Fund to bring top-of-the range technical assistance on public finance management, macroeconomic and tax reforms that will spur economic growth, jobs and trade. The following ECOWAS countries will be covered: Cabo Verde, Ghana, Gambia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

Main activities:

The TA provided by AFRITAC/IMF focuses on three main areas:

- Macroeconomic management (public finance management, customs and tax management, Monetary policy & FX operations and payment systems, macroeconomic statistics);
- The financial system (financial sector supervision and regulation including consolidation of the banking sector regulation and micro-finance);
- Regional integration.

Main results to date:

- Successfully conducted 135 activities, comprising 109 technical assistance (TA) missions, 19 regional workshops and 7 professional attachments, by the end of April 2023;
- Capacity developed in member countries to improve domestic revenue mobilization through improved compliance management, the introduction of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and digitalization systems;
- Customs administrations in The Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone trained based on finalized mandates, policies, and standard operating procedures;
- Comprehensive, credible, and policy-based budget preparation, management of fiscal risks, improved coverage and quality of fiscal reporting, improved asset and liability management, and improved budget execution achieved in member countries;
- Monetary policy forecasting and analytical capacity increased in Cabo Verde, Sierra Leone and The Gambia, and improved FX operations frameworks in Cabo Verde, Liberia and Sierra Leone;
- Risk-based supervision processes enhanced with risk assessment capacity and financial reporting in alignment with international standards, and assistance extended to include insurance and cybersecurity;
- Real Sector Statistics enhanced in Cabo Verde, Ghana, Liberia and The Gambia;
- Strengthened partnerships and regional collaboration enabled, with outreach efforts to member countries, donor partners, and regional stakeholders, and expanded social media presence.

WEST AFRICA COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: Regional ECOWAS, ITC, UNIDO: FED/2015/039-059; (CRIS ref: Regional Competitiveness Observatory: FED 2018/405-883)
Decision date:	October 2017 and October 2018
Total budget:	15.15 MEUR
Implementation period:	5 years
Implementing agency:	ITC and UNIDO
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Frank OKAFOR

Objective:

The programme aims to support value chains at national and regional level to promote structural transformation and better access to regional and international markets, while taking into account social and environmental concerns. The proposed action incorporates these priorities and aims to strengthen the competitiveness of West Africa and enhance the member countries' integration into the regional and international trading system. Specific objectives are to improve the performance, growth and contribution to industry, regional trade and exports of selected value chains, and improve the climate for business at national and regional levels. The programme is implemented with a subsidiarity approach through different components covering ECOWAS and the West African countries.

Expected results/Output:

- Competitiveness at firms' level is improved, especially through the Clusters' approach;
- Intermediate organisations of the selected value chains are strengthened and service delivery to MSMEs is improved and expanded (quality, norms/standards, new green solutions, market access, etc.);
- Better regional linkages among selected value chain actors are promoted and key regional intermediary organisations are supported;
- Regional quality infrastructure system is strengthened, with a view to promote environmental issues;
- Regional policies in favour of industrial competitiveness are mainstreamed in the country and help enable a business friendly environment;
- Regional policy and framework to improve industrial competitiveness are harmonised, formulated and monitored;
- The capacity of ECOWAS Commission, UEMOA Commission and Member States to successfully manage, coordinate and monitor the programme is strengthened.

Main results to date:

- IT equipment and internet connection provided to 5 THCs, 16 NSBs and TMC/ECOSHAM secretariat;
- 91 standards related to the 4 regional value chains identified to be harmonised;
- 207 laboratory technicians in 14 countries/ from 14 laboratories were trained on how to implement ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard – 39% women;
- 15 national laboratory experts in ECOWAS region (one per country) have benefited from a coaching programme;
- 6 National Certification Bodies (NCBs) have been strengthened in order to be mandated for the issuance of the ECOQMARK;
- 37 national experts in product certification from 9 countries were trained on how to implement the ISO/IEC 17065 standard;
- Rules and procedures, and logo of ECOWAS Certification Mark (ECOQMAK) adopted by ECOWAS Council of Ministers. 5 priority products related to the 4 value chains identified for the attribution of the ECOQMARK (2 sectorial applications ready for 2 products); National certification bodies evaluated and their capacity building ongoing to deliver the ECOQMAK;
- ECOWAS Quality and Industry Database (ECOQUIB) revised and updated with data from the 4 regional value chains; specific and similar Mauritania Quality and Industry Database (MAUQIB) established and data collection ongoing;

- Two editions of B2B Matchmaking event (“West Africa Connect”) successfully organized on Textiles/Garments and ICT Value chains; and second edition focused on mango, cassava and ICT SMEs;
- 32 West African trainers certified (20 men and 12 women) from 14 countries, 471 entrepreneurs trained and certified on SIYB, including 57% of women as well as approximately 60% of entrepreneurs who operate in the textile/garment, ICT and agricultural value chains (including cassava and mango);
- Launch of the regional network of PPP stakeholders and official handover of the regional PPP online platform at a regional PPP; Staff at the ECOWAS Commission trained on the use/management of the online platform;
- The implementation of the West Africa Competitiveness Observatory has been contracted to the ITC and will provide support to the region;
- 20 representatives from National Statistical offices trained on trade data management and equipped with free data processing software (TradeOI) and a tailored ITC Trade Map portal embedded into the ECOTIS website;
- 1 ECOWAS TPO Network created and supported throughout its establishment and operationalization process;
- Over 300 RBAs and BSOs staff trained on services portfolio design, self-benchmarking, export promotion and access to finance through virtual webinars, eLearning training programs and the usage of tailored SME assessment tools developed by ITC;
- Over 140 representatives of financial institutions across the ECOWAS region trained on sustainable finance, in order to better serve the needs of West African SMEs and BSOs;
- 3 regional investment profiles and related brochures on mango, Textile and ICT have been finalized;
- 50 public and private sector representatives participating to PPD workshops on policy and advocacy and the experience of regional business councils across Africa, in collaboration with EABC, COMESA and AfBC, leading to the adoption of a Decision on Establishment of the ECOWAS Business Council by ECOWAS Council of Ministers;
- Over 450 public and private sector representatives from 13 ECOWAS countries trained on the Trade Obstacles Alert Mechanism (TOAM) and 132 obstacles reported (of which, 35% already addressed by competent agencies);
- 17 trade-related policies, strategies or regulations were improved with business sector inputs as a result of ITC support under WACOMP.

TRADE FACILITATION PROGRAM IN WEST AFRICA (TFWA)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2015/039-046)
Decision date:	13/11/2017 (FA signature: 17/01/2018)
Total budget:	20 MEUR (55 M EUR in total with USAID, NL)
Implementation period:	5 years (2018 – 2023)
Implementing agencies:	GIZ, WB
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Frank OKAFOR

Objectives:

The program aims to improve the free and efficient movement of goods in the region and internationally by reducing the time and cost of trade borne by the private sector in West Africa, and by strengthening regional trading networks' ability to take advantage of these improvements.

Expected Results:

- Trade facilitation measures improved and more efficiently implemented;
- More efficient movement of goods along selected corridors;
- Barriers for small-scale traders reduced with an emphasis on improving conditions for women traders;

Main activities:

- Development of regional trade facilitation measures aligned with international best practices;
- Establishment of a monitoring framework and tracking mechanism to support implementation of regional TF measures;
- Policy dialogue platforms at regional and national levels on trade facilitation;
- Support the implementation of the Common External Tariff and renegotiation of the tariff commitments of Member States at the WTO;
- Support the review of the ETLs regulations and procedures;
- Support ratification of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement;
- Pilot the e-Certificate of Origin in four Member States;
- Pilot the ECOWAS Supplementary Act on Mutual Assistance in four Member States;
- Support the implementation of country-specific risk management systems, and improve customs/border cooperation;
- Capacity building & awareness raising on reducing barrier for women and small-scale traders.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Supported the creation of the ECOWAS Regional Trade Facilitation Committee (RTFC) to facilitate National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) coordination across West Africa;
- Created NTFC trade and gender sub-committees; Rolled out regional NTFC maturity model and; Supported review and update of NTFC legal text and gender mainstreaming;
- Supported ECOWAS Member States in fulfilling their World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) obligations;
- Upgrade of the ECOWAS Trade Information System has been completed to provide information on regional policies and national tariffs;
- Assessment of Common External Tariff (CET) implementation in ECOWAS countries;
- Support of ex-post impact analysis of the CET in all the ECOWAS Member States (except Cape Verde);
- On average, a 39% increase of ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme (ETLS) usage by the private sector in newly registered companies;
- Small-Scale Cross-Border Trade (SSCBT) Surveys and Gender Assessment Report completed, and socialization Workshops conducted;
- Needs and capacity assessment of National and Regional CSOs conducted;
- Financial literacy training program (Personal Initiative) for SSCBT & women traders developed;

- 2 JTWG meetings with RECs convened;
- Border support centers review completed;
- Mobile SIGMAT version developed for accessibility in rural areas;
- SIGMAT codes have been installed in Mali and Senegal;
- SIGMAT Rail launched and operational between 2 corridors;
- Skills Management Training for 100 women-run SMES on the Dakar-Bamako Corridor;
- Developed an animated video in English and French on ETLs to be uploaded on the ETLs website and OPS websites;
- Developed the training content for the capacity building of CSOs and journalists (50) on trade advocacy;
- Organized advocacy capacity-building training workshops for CSOs.

Operations 2: Governance, Peace & Migration



Team Leader: Mr Ruben Alba AGUILERA

SUPPORT FOR THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND MIGRATION IN WEST AFRICA

Source of funds:	10 th EDF (2013/023-123)
Decision date:	15/10/2012 (FA signature: 09/04/2013)
Total budget:	26.45 MEUR (EU - 26 MEUR ; ECOWAS - 0.45 MEUR)
Implementing period:	94 Months (31/05/2013 to 31/03/2021 ENDED)
Implementing agency:	IOM, ICMPD, ILO
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Ron HENDRIX

Objective:

The overall objective is to improve the free movement of persons and migration management in West Africa by supporting the effective implementation of the ECOWAS Free Movement of Person's Protocols and the ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration.

Expected results:

- Strengthen the capacities of the ECOWAS Commission to lead an intra-regional dialogue on free movement and migration issues and act as a platform for policy development and harmonisation;
- Strengthen the capacities of national institutions of ECOWAS Member States and Mauritania in the areas of migration data management, migration policy development, border management, labour migration and counter trafficking;
- Non-state Actors and local Authorities are actively engaged in information and protection activities for the benefit of migrant and cross-border populations.

Main activities:

- Capacity-building activities of the two key ECOWAS Commission Directorates: Free Movement of Persons and Humanitarian and Social Affairs;
- Develop guidelines on regional and national referral mechanisms of ECOWAS network of national focal points;
- Capacity-building activities targeting key institutional counterparts at the national level through a Demand-Driven Facility;
- Support projects of non-State Actors and Local Authorities.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Successfully conducted Annual Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA) meetings and the set- up of framework for MIDWA institutions (WG/Secretariat) in collaboration with ECOWAS from 2013 to 2021;
- Conducted two policy-oriented studies on pastoralism and irregular migration that contributed to ECOWAS position paper for the 2015 Valetta meeting;
- Adoption of Regional Migration Policy;
- 5 Migration Policies (Guinea, The Gambia, Togo, Niger, Senegal);
- 11 Migration Profiles (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone);
- 2 Labour Migration Policies (Ghana, Sierra Leone);
- Capacity building and skills development on migration policy development and management for national institutions (1 regional training and 3 national trainings in Guinea, Ghana and Benin);
- Strengthened capacity and coordination to monitor and report on member states' implementation of the ECOWAS Free Movement Protocols. A monitoring and evaluation mechanism, as well as guidelines and training materials for implementation were developed;

- Recruitment of 3 ECOWAS Staff for the Free Movement Department;
- Heads of Immigration meetings organized from 2013 to 2021;
- Social Dialogue Forum meetings organized from 2013 to 2021;
- A comprehensive Regional Border Management and Free Movement training package for the ECOWAS Commission and the Member States was adopted;
- Successful finalization of the ECOWAS TIP action plan and publication of the ECOWAS Annual Synthesis Report on Trafficking in Persons;
- Exchange visit of 6 senior officials of the Togolese Government in charge of implementing the national labour migration strategy study visit to Tunisia;
- Technical validation of the national referral mechanism for victims in Niger;
- Organisation of the first meeting between the Nigerien Agency in charge of combating trafficking (ANLTP) and NAPTIP in Abuja;
- National step-down trainings (Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger and Sierra Leone) for a total of 100 border Officials on the ECOWAS Border Management and Free Movement Manuals;
- Finalised the Movie Production on Free Movement;
- Supported PAIGAS outreach activities on irregular migration in 6 NYSC Orientation camps in Nigeria (Edo, Delta, Lagos, Kano, Jigawa and Ogun);
- Regional Steering Committee meeting on the operationalisation of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism on Free Movement of Inter-State Buses, Persons and Goods;
- Handover of PPEs in 5 ECOWAS corridors to facilitate free movement in the region, handover in 2020;
- Launch of the ECOWAS Mixed Migration Data Report;
- Holding of 4 Migration in West Africa Dialogue (MIDWA) meetings in 2021 on mobility, land desertification, climate change and migration, contribution to the Global Compact on Migration as well as re-opening of borders;
- Adoption of Free Movement Manual by ECOWAS Council of Ministers;
- Study on the socioeconomic impact of COVID on Niger's labour market.

Overall overarching results achieved until now include:

- Strengthened the capacity of the ECOWAS Commission, specifically the Directorates of Free Movement, Humanitarian and Social Affairs and Research and Statistics to manage migration in the region through policy development and harmonization, data and research and coordination with member states through regular technical and ministerial dialogues;
- Strengthened the capacity of member states to harmonize policy and prioritize migration matters in the region. Particularly in the fields of free movement, labour migration, counter trafficking, mixed migration, border management and migration data;
- Strengthened the links between ECOWAS Commission and member states local authorities and border communities to enhance regional integration through the implementation of the third component of the project;
- Strengthened ECOWAS reputation as a reliable REC, through their contribution to continental and global frameworks for migration such as the Global Compact on Migration, Valletta Action Plan, Rabat Process and the Paris agreement.

NB: The EUD has finalized an AD on FMM Phase II that was approved at NDICI Committee in November 2022.

Operations 3: Human Development



Team Leader: Ms Leila BEN AMOR MATHIEU

SUPPORT TO THE REGIONAL CENTRE FOR DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL IN THE ECOWAS ZONE (ECOWAS-RCDSC)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2017/40214)
Decision date:	17/10/2017
Total budget:	EUR 10.1M (EU - EUR 9M; Others - EUR 1.1m)
Implementation period:	3 years (2017 – 2021) with further extension until 2024 in view.
Implementing agency:	GIZ
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Anthony AYEKE

Objective:

To improve the functioning of country specific monitoring/surveillance networks, and detection and warning systems in the event of diseases with epidemic nature within the ECOWAS region.

Expected results:

- Needs are identified for coordination, information exchange, training for the NCI/RSCDC network;
- Inter-country exchange fora are organised alternatively in the countries of the sub-region;
- Trainings on identified needs organised for NCI (National Coordinating Institute) managers;
- Inter-country evaluations conducted on the performance and needs of the INC/RSCDC network with reports produced in partnership with the INC, WAHO and WHO.

Main activities/achievements:

- Project implemented by GIZ was formally launched in 22-23 January 2019 at Bobo Dioulasso, B.Faso;
- Info point session for wider audience on project launch took place in Brussels, February 2019;
- Inception workshop with all key stakeholders was held in Abuja in April 2019;
- Workshop was held at ECOWAS Secretariat in May 2018 to facilitate preparation of the PAGoDA with GIZ;
- Organised joint evaluations of the operation, and needs of NCIs, the network;
- Production and dissemination of reports;
- Finalise contract with GIZ for EUR 4m and first pre-financing paid;
- Additional 4MEUR top-up for COVID19 specific activities concluded 30 September 2020 via Addendum No. 1;
- High level joint TEI visibility event for donated CV-19 medical equipment/supplies Feb. 2021 Abuja;
- Addendum No 2 to extend implementation of Phase 1 until end of August 2021 finalised;
- Last Steering Committee under the first phase of RCDSC was held in November 2022; the next will hold in 2023;
- FA Operational Implementation phase now extended until February 2024 to allow for “Phase 2”.

SUPPORT TO THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN AGAINST FRUIT FLIES

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2020/041-838 & 41-839)
Decision date:	16/06/2020 (FA signature: 16/06/2020)
Total budget:	7.5 MEUR
Implementation period:	4 years (2020-2024)
Implementing agency:	Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
Geographical region:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal
Project Manager:	Temitayo OMOLE

Objectives:

The overall objective is to improve the incomes of producers of fruits and vegetables, contributing to the reduction of poverty and increased food security. The project aims at limiting losses on fruits and vegetables due to infestation of fruit flies.

Expected results:

- Monitoring of fruit flies is organized nationally, and regionally coordinated to allow effective and targeted control;
- Establish an effective fight against the proliferation of, and damage caused by, the fruit fly.

Main activities:

- Organize national and regional coordination of the monitoring of the rate of infestation;
- Control: coordinate regionally and support actions against fruit flies at national level;
- Applied research: support the operationalization of improved surveillance and control techniques;
- Capacity building for national, public and private organizations in surveillance and control;
- Final evaluation was conducted in 2019.

Main accomplishments:

- Two key products, Essential Oil and Mango Protect, have been developed to fight fruit-flies through collaborative research;
- The products developed are efficient and have huge commercial potential;
- All annual reports have been submitted and approved;
- The monitoring system has been established in several countries;
- The monitoring equipment is in place and the region wide sampling system is operational at 94%;
- The Technical Committee (TC) is set up and has held its first session to validate the research protocols;
- The five (5) research protocols selected have been validated;
- The diagnosis of the CNS-FL entomological laboratory has been made and the relationship is shared with the administration of the CNS-FL; Capacity building on new administrative and accounting procedures and monitoring of the project management team of Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone and Senegal have been carried out;
- An inventory of the opportunities for partnership between mango inter-branch organisations and input suppliers is made;
- A strategy drawn up for the establishment of a sustainable financing mechanism for the sector and access to inputs was shared with the National Committees and validated;
- Burkina Faso's mango inter-branch organisation is accompanied in the process of setting up an obligatory financial contribution (CFO) in accordance with the texts and laws in force on inter-branch organisations.

EU SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FOREST ECOSYSTEMS IN CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA (PREFEC)

Source of funds:	040-614 - Programme d'Appui pour la Préservation des écosystèmes Forestiers en Afrique de l'Ouest (PAPFor)
Decision date:	10/12/2018
Total budget:	2 MEUR (EU)
Implementing period:	4 years (2020 – 2023) (Currently under - D+3)
Implementing agency:	Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
Geographical region:	Cross River State
Project Manager:	Temitayo OMOLE

Objective:

The project aims to protect the environment and the biodiversity against the effects of climate change. Conservation actions will also include the use of applied research to generate sound information to help Protected Area managers deal with increasingly serious and complex threats, withstand increasingly detailed scrutiny, enhance public understanding, foster cooperation with outside scientists and other agencies and help secure greater international recognition. The project will work on system strengthening through the design and implementation of a monitoring program (ecological, socio-economic, law enforcement) to measure progress towards our conservation objectives.

Expected results:

- Protection of 364,000 hectares of forest within Cross River National Park in order to safeguard habitat for important populations of the Cross River gorilla, Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzees, and forest elephants while providing sustainable livelihoods for local communities.

Main activities:

- Reduce levels of poaching through support for regular anti-poaching patrols by park rangers, ranger training, improved equipment, intelligence gathering and surveillance, arrest bonuses, contribution to court proceedings and sentencing;
- Develop/rehabilitate park infrastructure to support security and wildlife protection, including ranger posts, access roads, boundaries and communication systems;
- Provide improved economic opportunities for 1,000 households surrounding Cross River National Park by promoting conservation-friendly cocoa farming and the sustainable harvesting of non-timber forest products;
- Ensure the review and validation of the Cross River National Park management plan in accordance with internationally accepted standards;
- Develop a transboundary conservation agreement/MoU between the governments of Nigeria and Cameroon, ensure that it is formally signed and implementation initiated and monitored;
- Work with UNESCO and Nigeria's National Commission on Museums and Monuments to develop and support a proposal for the creation of a joint 'Transboundary World Heritage Site' between Cross River NP in Nigeria and Takamanda NP and Korup NP in Cameroon;
- Plan and implement an environmental education program and raise levels of public awareness through support for school conservation clubs and the use of targeted conservation films, radio drama, and other messaging tools as appropriate;
- Improve the overall management effectiveness of targeted protected areas in the region through use of the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool method.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Comparison of encounter rate of target species from 2019-2020 shows increase in elephant dung piles and chimpanzee nests;
- Reduced human activities that pose a threat to the gorillas, the chimpanzees, the elephants and their habitat and improved environmentally sustainable economic opportunities for the communities living in the Cross River National Park and surrounding forests;
- The project supported 197 anti-poaching patrols in Okwangwo and Oban that led to the arrest of 66 offenders, helping to reduce levels of poaching in the Park;
- Encounter rate of wire snares declined from 1.18/km in 2020 to 0.85/km in 2021;

- WCS trained 30 CRNP rangers in anti-poaching patrol techniques as well as physical fitness, first aid, drill, discipline, human rights, self-defense and evidence gathering to support prosecution of arrested culprits;
- WCS completed the renovation of the Oban Education Centre that was originally constructed with EU funds during 1994-1995;
- 240 cocoa farmers trained and equipped with the knowledge and skills to transition to conservation cocoa practices, and 598 women trained in sustainable bush mango harvesting and propagation;
- The project provided 63,000 improved cocoa seedlings (from nurseries established by WCS with the TC hybrid cocoa variety developed at the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria) to the trained farmers to replant existing old farms for increased productivity;
- 1,665 improved bush mango seedlings (from nurseries established by WCS with improved seeds developed by the National Horticultural Research Institute in Ibadan) were given to 250 women to plant on their farms.

Operations 4: Regional Cooperation



Team Leader: Ms. Celine LHoste

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO ECOWAS

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS No. FED/2020/414-777)
Decision date:	04/02/2019 FA Signature date 08/06/2019
Total budget:	4MEUR
Implementation period:	02/12/2020 - 08/06/2023
Implementing agency:	GIZ
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Enobong MOMA

Objectives:

The overall objective of this action is to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of EU aid in West Africa by certifying the ECOWAS Commission and the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) for management of EU funding. The programme also aims to improve the coordination and monitoring of the Regional Indicative Programmes and other EU-funded regional interventions through the activities of the ECOWAS Regional Authorizing Officer (RAO) Support Unit (RAO-SU).

Expected results:

- Enhancement of internal administrative, financial and control systems at the ECOWAS Commission and EBID;
- Strengthened capacities of the identified directorates of the ECOWAS Commission and EBID in order to ensure compliance with international standards related to the EU pillars;
- Enhanced capacities and knowledge of the RAO-SU and technical directorates for managing and administering the project cycle for regional EDF and other EU resources;
- Improved capacity and mechanisms for policy dialogue and programming between ECOWAS Commission, EU and other development partners;
- Strengthened mechanisms for intra-ECOWAS, EBID and external coordination with the EU and development partners;
- Developed and continued knowledge and participation of the ECOWAS Commission in EU and global dialogue in areas of mutual interest;
- Ensured transparency and awareness of the use of EU resources.

Main activities:

- Organization of a retreat/workshop in January 2021 and development of a roadmap towards the pillar assessment by ECOWAS and EBID;
- Completion of the Mock Pillar Audit to which ECOWAS has been able to successfully pass 4 out of the 8 pillars audited (for institutions), demonstrating strengthened capacity in the areas of Accounting, External Audit, Grants & Procurement;
- Process launched for the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development to undertake the EU pillar audit, which would enable the bank to participate in the loan/grant blending facility, if successful;
- Equipment and furniture purchased to support the ECOWAS training Centre and internal training and onboarding framework now available;
- In contribution to the building of capacity of the internal training unit, a number of business processes have been designed and the training policy is being drafted;
- Regional Authorizing Officer (RAO) supporting unit (RAO-SUP) has provided support for coordination between relevant ECOWAS directorates and implementing partners and other stakeholders. This has been valuable in addressing a number of critical issues during programme implementation;
- Staff regulations have been approved by the council of ministers and HR procedure manual yet to be validated at the management level;
- Development of social media and other platforms for communication and visibility of EU-funded regional programmes;
- Updated Code of Ethics has been validated and conditionally approved by the ECOWAS parliament;
- Support given to various ongoing reform processes and procedures within the regional institution;

- In late 2022, activities undertaken included a Workshop on Pillar 9 At Lomé, Togo in November 23, 2022 and the Mock Pillar Audit for the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) in December, 2022;
- A budget training on Medium-Term Expenditure Framework for ECOWAS institutions and agencies has been carried out, capturing all the budget officers, program managers and directors for institutions and specialized agencies;
- Activities leading to the launch of the ISE phase 2 have begun and the next phase is expected to commence tentatively in September 2023.

ORGANISED CRIME: WEST AFRICAN RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING (OCWAR – T)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2017/040-389)
Decision date:	11/12/2017 (FA Signature date: 27/02/2018)
EU Contribution:	19,4 MEUR (+ 5 MEUR from Germany)
Implementation period:	2019 - 2023
Implementation modalities:	PAGoDA with EU MS Agency (GIZ)
Project Managers:	Enobong MOMA (Small Arms Component); Ron HENDRIX (Trafficking);

Objectives:

The overarching objective of the three OCWAR programmes (M/T/C) is to strengthen coordination and cooperation to deal with insecurity and other specific threats to peace and stability in the region. OCWAR-T specifically aims to improve national and regional framework conditions and structures for combatting trafficking in persons, drugs, firearms and other commodities as well as transnational organised crime and terrorism.

Expected results:

- Enhanced national capacities of criminal intelligence and investigation task forces to conduct complex investigations into Transnational Organised Crime (TOC) and trafficking; and improved coordination and cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the judiciary in the region in order to more effectively dismantle structures of organised crime groups;
- Reduced illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) by strengthening national and regional framework conditions, structures and capacities in the field of SALW control and improving cross-border cooperation;
- Strengthened national and regional planning, coordination, cooperation and monitoring capacities with regards to the implementation of the ECOWAS Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons (TIP) in West Africa;
- Improved evidence- led decision and policy- making as well as better coordination and cooperation on national and regional level to combat ToC by improving the knowledge- base on TOC, fostering regional harmonisation of laws and legal instruments and enhancing civilian oversight.

Main accomplishments:

- Established an implementation structure and processes for a consortium composed of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), the Institute for Security Studies (ISS Africa) and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organised Crime (GI-TOC);
- Established regular technical exchange platforms with the ECOWAS Commission on key measures implemented by OCWAR-T;
- Implemented the Mid-Term evaluation exercise of the programme in 2022, which would feed into the planning process for a follow-on phase of activities beyond 2023.

Strengthening Criminal Investigation:

- Rescue of 22 victims of trafficking through an OCWAR-T supported joint investigation and covert operation of specialized Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) of the Nigerian and Ivorian Security Institutions;
- Supported the ECOWAS Commission in drafting a comprehensive legal framework on TOC, including an ECOWAS Political Declaration and Common Position against TOC, a Supplementary Act & a Strategy Plan. The draft ECOWAS Legal Framework was validated by technical experts in January 2022;
- Strengthened the capacities of the West African Central Authorities and Prosecutors Network (WACAP) through a number of tailored training measures and establishment of regional meetings to encourage cross-border information exchange and collaboration for prosecuting organized crime in the region;
- Facilitated regional collaboration by supporting the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between WACAP and the West African Police Chiefs Committee (WAPCCO);

- Supported capacity building trainings for over 120 law enforcement officers in advanced investigation techniques (incl. deployment of a long-term expert) for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) in Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, the Gambia and Guinea-Bissau.

Combatting Trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons:

- Provided equipment to carry out marking, tracing and deactivation/destruction of SALW and supported the destruction of 48,64 US tons of unstable and surplus ammunition in Ghana, Nigeria, Togo and Benin based on technical assessments;
- 268 of national security forces and NATCOMs personnel trained in armoury storekeeping, armoury management, arms marking and arms destruction in Ghana, Nigeria, Togo and Benin;
- Established and capacitated 25 decentralized NatCom field offices in critical border regions of (Côte d'Ivoire (3), Guinea (9 - 2 regional, 7 prefectural branches) Niger (3), Mali (4), Burkina Faso (4), and Sierra Leone (2));
- Collected 1.068 Arms, 12 grenades and 20.534 Ammunitions through arms collection exercises in exchange for micro projects in boarder communities in Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, Mali and Sierra Leone;
- Provided 12 containerised armouries based on international standards to Ghana, Nigeria, Togo and Benin;
- Supported the ECOWAS Commission in the development and validation of legal harmonisation guidelines for the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) & the ECOWAS SALW Convention in ECOWAS MS as well as in the development of regional SOPs on seized weapons, arms tracing and arms brokering;
- Supported the operationalisation of the ECOWAS Model Guide for the implementation of the ECOWAS SALW Convention of the ATT in Cote d'Ivoire, Niger and Ghana;
- Supported the implementation of the 3 annual meetings of the National Small Arms Commissions (NatComs) and two regional NatCom experience- sharing workshops;
- Supported the organisation of regional preparatory meetings ahead of the 7th and 8th Biennial Meeting of States (BMS) on the "UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons In All Its Aspects" (UNPoA). Supported the participation of ECOWAS Commission and MS representatives in the 8th Biennial Meeting of States in New York as well as the implementation of a side event;
- Carried out assessments of the financial administrative capacities of NatComs in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger and Sierra Leone and supported the strengthening of respective capacities, e.g. accompanied by the provision of local subsidies to NatComs;
- Supported NatComs in the elaboration of national communication strategies and conducted sensitization campaigns on the danger of small arms proliferation and gun violence for border communities in Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea, Niger and Sierra Leone.

Combatting Trafficking in Persons:

- Prepared and organized 3 Annual Review Meetings for the ECOWAS Regional Network of National Focal Institutions against Trafficking in Persons (RNNI-TIP+) along with the production of the annual TIP synthetic reports from all 15 ECOWAS MSs;
- Conducted a baseline assessment of existing national mechanisms on referral of trafficked people and prevention of crimes against the person as well as a gap analysis measuring current efficiency levels of transnational referrals; started with the elaboration of concepts for a Regional Referral Mechanism (RRM) as well as a complementary Regional Crime Against the Person Prevention Policy (RCAPPP);
- Seconded an embedded TIP advisor to the ECOWAS Commission to support capacity building in the field of TIP;
- Supported 6 selected ECOWAS MS (Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone) in strengthening the capacities of their National Referral Mechanisms NRM as well as collaboration with other ECOWAS MS in the field of TIP in the framework of the Demand-Driven Facility (DDF). These include the development of a new national Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the referral of victims of trafficking in Sierra Leone, as well as the development of a new national anti-trafficking strategy and action plan in Cape Verde.

Knowledge base, legal foundations and independent oversight mechanisms:

- Established a civil society research network, the West African Research Network on Organized Crime (WARNOC), which will respond to ECOWAS priorities and serve to provide ECOWAS with evidenced-based policy options to respond to transnational organised crime in the region through research and advocacy and conducted 10 capacity building trainings for its 39-member organisations;
- Conducted 11 in-depth research studies targeted at building a greater understanding and contemporary evidence based on the illicit markets of common concern and which are regularly raised on the national and regional agenda. Published 3 in-depth research studies and the outstanding 9 to be published by end of 2023. Each research study is accompanied by shorter, more succinct Policy Briefs that highlight key research findings for the benefit of policymakers and practitioners in the region;
- Instituted two regional multi-stakeholder dialogues over the course of the project, aimed at providing a platform ECOWAS member states, ECOWAS Commission and other affiliated institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs) and experts to explore new opportunities to tackle organized crime and promote community resilience to TOC and develop appropriate and effective responses both at the national and regional levels;
- Completed a baseline study on existing knowledge, information and data sets on Transnational Organised Crime within the ECOWAS Commission, other ECOWAS Institutions and with its partners. The study reviews the baseline ECOWAS responses to TOC, including the relevant Conventions, Protocols, Decisions, Regulations, Declarations and Reports of the ECOWAS. The baseline also includes a brief overview of the ECOWAS institutional baseline for research on TOC to demonstrate the ECOWAS' potential and capacity to develop its own database on TOC;
- Implemented tailored capacity building for investigative journalists and media managers in West Africa designed to equip the journalists with the knowledge and skills necessary to investigate and report on the complexities of TOC and the illicit economies arising from it. Through interactive sessions, case studies, and practical exercises, investigative journalists acquired insights into how to research and write evidence-based and constructive coverage on illicit economies in the region, the dynamics, nature, expressions of the different TOCs, and develop the tools to uncover and expose the threats associated with it. The training emphasized ethical considerations and the role of journalism in promoting accountability and driving positive change. The trainings were conducted in collaboration with the Cellule Norbert Zongo du Journalisme d'Investigation en Afrique de l'Ouest (CENOZO) ;
- Conducted a comprehensive assessment and gap analysis of all relevant international treaties/ instruments, regional protocols, bi-lateral and multilateral agreements; adherence to international treaties/instruments and capacities as well as cooperation and coordination between various law enforcement agencies/institutions of ECOWAS Member States regarding combatting TOC. The baseline aimed to form the basis for the setting up of a comprehensive database on TOC in ECOWAS. The assessment was conducted with the support of West African Central Authorities and Prosecutors Network (WACAP) and its focal points. Conducted a stakeholder assessment and mapping of relevant Civil Society Organisations working on TOC and related fields in the 15 ECOWAS MS and Mauritania and elaborated a concept for the establishment of a Civil Oversight Mechanism (CMOM) to foster civilian resilience against TOC in the region.

SUPPORT TO WEST AFRICA INTEGRATED MARITIME SECURITY (SWAIMS)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref 2015/038-919)
Decision date:	25 July 2017 (FA signature: 05/09/2017)
Total Budget:	28 MEUR (EU Contribution: 28 MEUR)
Implementation period:	4 years (2019-2024)
Implementing Agencies:	ECOWAS/Project Management Unit (DAI Global Austria), UNODC, Interpol, GIABA (Senegal), EU MS Agency Camoes (Abuja); RMU (Ghana); ARSTM (Côte d'Ivoire)
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Therese CARLBRAND

Objectives:

The overall objective is to contribute to supporting the ECOWAS Integrated Maritime Strategy and improving maritime security and safety in the Gulf of Guinea through a combined approach in legal, technical and operational activities in the region.

Expected results:

- Maritime policies and the supporting administrative structures are strengthened by providing clear and streamlined organisational linkages between the political level, strategic, administrative and operational levels (Governance experts);
- Laws, policies, MOA's for prosecution and adjudication of maritime crimes are drafted and adopted, and legal practitioners trained and supported (with UNODC);
- The Illicit financial circuits used for laundering the proceeds of maritime crime are assessed (with GIABA, Dakar);
- The capacity of coastal states to launch an operational response and uphold the rule of law at sea is improved through the supply of fast response RHIBs (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats) and forensic equipment (with CAMOES, Lisbon);
- The capacity of maritime professionals is strengthened through comprehensive training operational courses at the *Institut de Sécurité Maritime Interrégionale (ISMI)* of the *Académie Régionale des Sciences et Techniques de la Mer d'Abidjan (ARSTM)* in Abidjan and the Regional Maritime University (RMU) in Accra;
- Improved coordination with the private sector and greater participation of civil society organisations in maritime security. More trust, cooperation and information exchanges between private sector and public security services in the fight against maritime insecurity;
- Enhanced capacity and functionality of Maritime Multinational Coordination Centers (MMCC's) and CRESMAO Abidjan through the provision of essential equipment, assessments and maintenance.

Main Activities:

- Consultation visits to CRESMAO (Abidjan), and all three zonal centres and MOCs (Abidjan, Accra, Banjul, Cotonou, Freetown, Lagos, Monrovia and Praia). Workshops and activities for strengthening maritime governance set ups;
- GIABA organized research into money laundering of proceeds of maritime crime in 6 ECOWAS countries. Reports published and results with recommendations disseminated in 6 national workshops in Cap Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Nigeria and Togo;
- Training of successive cohorts of maritime professionals in multiple aspects of maritime security over four years at ISMI/ARSTM and RMU;
- Ongoing support to the institutions of the Yaoundé Architecture CRESMAO, including issue of the maritime Alert Bulletin and performance assessments;
- Series of seminars, webinars, and consultations with the private sector through consultations, events and research;
- Series of seminars, webinars and workshops for civil society through events, research and needs assessments;
- Legal assessment missions to collect, verify and develop existing legislation;
- Supply of 24 Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) and forensic equipment, followed by training and maintenance to navies and coast guards of ECOWAS coastal states.

Main accomplishments:

- Strengthening of the regional, zonal and national *maritime centres* through (i) formative assessment and mentoring and consultation visits; (ii) the contracting of an external supplier to deliver technical equipment including computers, vhf radios, and office equipment;
- Five assessments of *maritime governance* systems (Benin, Ghana, Liberia, Senegal, Togo), with identified priorities for consolidation and development;
- Improvements in the *legislative framework* governing crimes committed at sea and better regional cooperation in investigation and prosecution through Memoranda of Agreement, including (i) regional ECOWAS agreement for the handover of suspects and evidence in cases of suspected piracy or armed robbery at sea, (ii) updated legislation covering maritime crime across coastal ECOWAS countries; (iii) support for prosecuting authorities in Nigeria and Togo;
- Supporting *frameworks for inter-agency cooperation*, including strengthening of National Maritime Strategies and Action Plans in Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria;
- *Anti-money laundering*: Team of national researchers in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Nigeria and Togo coordinated by GIABA have turned in reports on the laundering mechanism for proceeds from maritime crime; workshops with recommendations for policy strengthening held in all six countries;
- *Skill training and capacity building* - the regional maritime training centres, ISMI/ARSTM in Abidjan and RMU in Accra will have completed the training of 300 maritime security professionals and 64 trainees respectively totaling 364. Social media platforms support this regional cadre of maritime security professionals;
- *Information bulletins*: SWAIMS supported CRESMAO in (i) publishing weekly alert bulletins; (ii) Four training workshops on the collection, processing and dissemination of maritime security data were organised, including two at CRESMAO (Abidjan), one at MMCC Zone F (Accra) and one at MMCC Zone E (Cotonou);
- Provision of communication, office, power generation equipment to all 12 National MOCs and 4 regional Maritime Centres;
- Conclusion of MOUs and Training Needs Assessments in all ECOWAS coastal member states for supply of RHIBs;
- Training on website building, website expected to be delivered before the end of 2023.

WEST AFRICA POLICE INFORMATION SYSTEM 3 (WAPIS 3 EDF)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2015/038-921)
Total Budget:	27,650,000
Implementation period:	72 months (17 November 2017 to 15 November 2023)
Implementation modalities:	Contribution Agreement with Interpol
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Stéphanie AGLIETTI (DEL ABIDJAN)

Objectives:

The overall objective is to support the strengthening of police information systems in the broader West Africa region. It entails harmonising and structuring the national and regional management police information, increasing the capability of the West Africa law enforcement community to collect police data and enhancing the global information sharing between West African law enforcement community and the global one.

Expected Results:

- Implemented WAPIS system at the national level including through the provision of operational and technical support and training;
- Developed and implemented WAPIS regional data sharing platform in cooperation with the ECOWAS Commission and ECOWAS Member States (including Mauritania);
- Linked up national WAPIS systems with Interpol channels through Interpol National Central Bureaus;
- The ECOWAS Member States (including Mauritania) have adopted the required legal framework at national and regional levels;
- The WAPIS system is handed over to the national and regional authorities.

Main accomplishments:

- 16 out of 16 participating countries have established a WAPIS National Committee (WANACO);
- 16 out of 16 participating countries have adopted the legal framework on the WAPIS System;
- 15 out of 16 participating countries have adopted the legal framework on the Data Collection and Registration Centre (DACORE) (Only Mali is missing);
- 15 countries of 16 participating countries have an operational DACORE: (Only Mali is missing);
- The Programme has renovated premises in 15 out of 15 countries to host the DACORE. The inauguration of the DACORE in Côte d'Ivoire was done on 9 June 2023 and in Liberia on 23 June 2023;
- More than 1,000 law enforcement officers have been trained on the use of the WAPIS System;
- The Best Practice Guide on Data Protection elaborated by INTERPOL was finalized and endorsed by ECOWAS. It has been shared with the participating countries. A training module has been developed based on the guide;
- A guide on data quality has been drafted and finalized. A training module has been developed based on the guide. The first regional training has been conducted in Cotonou on 14-18 June 2021 with 6 participating countries (Benin, Burkina, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Niger);
- 9 participating countries have operational remote sites connected to their national WAPIS System (Benin, Ghana, Niger, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Sierra-Leone, Mauritania and Togo. 303 remote sites are connected to their WAPIS national system. Extension work is ongoing in Nigeria and Gambia;
- 14 out of 14 West African countries have a pool of certified national WAPIS trainers. (Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone are using other information systems);
- More than 508,494 data collected in the WAPIS systems;
- 8 WAPIS systems connected to Interpol I-24/7 (Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Ghana, Liberia, Mauritania, Sierra Leone and Togo). The extension work is ongoing in Benin, Burkina Faso, The Gambia, and Senegal.

IMPROVED REGIONAL FISHERIES GOVERNANCE IN WESTERN AFRICA (PESCAO)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2015/038-922)
EU Contribution:	17 MEUR
Implementing Agencies:	ECOWAS/PMU (GOPA); SRFC (Senegal), FCWC (Ghana), EFCA (Senegal) GREPPAO, FAO, DEMERSTEM
Implementation period:	54 months (August 2018 to April 2023)
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	David OKOEKOH

Objectives:

The overall objective of PESCAO is to enhance the contribution of fisheries resources to sustainable development, food security and poverty alleviation in West Africa. The specific objective is to improve regional fisheries governance in Western Africa through better coordination of national fisheries policies.

Expected Results:

- A developed western African fisheries and aquaculture policy and improved coordination of regional stakeholders;
- Strengthened prevention and responses to IUU fishing through improved Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) at national and regional level;
- Improved management of marine resources at the regional level, building resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems to perturbations.

Main Accomplishments - Component I (Support to ECOWAS):

- A reference database with information on fisheries in West Africa was created with more than 600 documents uploaded to the ECOWAP Monitoring and Evaluation website hosted by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD/ECOWAS); <https://ecowap.ecowas.int/>
- The TA prepared and published the following documents: Policy Briefs (13) and Policy note (01), studies (03 on covid-19 impacts in FA) and country profile/notes (15 +1) all publications are, and 3 technical advisory notes/manuals relating to Hatcheries, fish farming diseases, cage culture; a set of language independent posters are produced on fish handling, processing and marketing for the small-scale fish dealers. These documents are shared with member countries and partners and uploaded in the website e-library;
- A statistical factsheet of fisheries and aquaculture in West Africa;
- In December 2021, the ECOWAS council of Ministers (Foreign Affairs and Finance) adopted the CSF SFAD and the Heads of States endorsed the regional strategy applied to fisheries and aquaculture. Because of the endorsement of the CSF SAD, an ECOWAS Blue Economy Strategic Framework was developed. The document is now available;
- In January 2022, the President of the ECOWAS Commission signed the tripartite MoU between the ECOWAS, FCWC and SRFC. TA is now waiting for RFBs to submit a request for activities in line with the CF SFAD in the view of presentation to the Administration and Finance Commission for funding. The AFC met last November 2022 and approved to allocate US\$ 100,000 to the RFBs for activities linked with the fight against IUU fishing;
- In September 2022, the TA has supported WANSAFA with the establishment of 09 national platforms, namely in: Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Gambia, Guinea - Bissau, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo;
- In March 2023, The TA presented the ECOWAS Blue Economy Strategic Framework (ECOBESF) which was technically validated by the ECOWAS member states in the presence of experts from AU-IBAR, NEPAD-AUDA, AfDB, FAO and Worldfish. The endorsement of ECOBESF by the Council of Ministers is under the responsibility of the DARD/ECOWAS;
- After completion of two Fact-finding missions to Guinea- Bissau and Gambia, the TA prepared two project documents for the development of the Small-Scale Fisheries in the two countries. The activities and the budget are available and channelled through the DARD to the AFC commission for financial support;

- The TA shared his experience with the FishGov II (being implemented by AU-IBAR) experts during the establishment of a national platform of the AWFISHNET in Cote d'Ivoire and contributed significantly to the regional dialogue with the Regional Economic Communities through the African Fisheries Reform Mechanisms;
- With the direct collaboration with Directors of Fisheries and aquaculture of Member States, the TA completed the studies on the mapping of development programs on fisheries and aquaculture as well as fishery and aquaculture country profiles. With the staff of the DARD, the TA finalised and published the statistical factsheet giving forecast of fish as food consumption in the region by 2025 (end of the ECOWAP 10-year-round).

Cooperation with other Agencies:

- **ECOWAS-PESCAO-African Development Bank (AfDB):** (i) PESCAO TA followed up on the recently signed Aide Memoire between ECOWAS and AfDB, which proposes USD 550 million programme (in loan and grant). The program will kick off once four countries have signed a letter of adhesion to the activities (1-dollar loan is reward 1-dollar grant). The TA managed to convince four countries which have sent a letter of adhesion, namely: Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, and Senegal. The program will start once the internal procedures are completed (ii): TA and the DARD/ECOWAS are exploring how to get the two planned experts in fisheries and aquaculture with the assistance of this programme;
- **PESCAO/ECOWAS-UNICEF:** The TA contributed on behalf of DARD/ECOWAS to the elaboration of a planned regional workshop between ECOWAS and UNICEF on fish contribution to nutrition, particularly for infants and women;
- **PESCAO/NEPAD-AUDA and AU-IBAR:** The TA contributed to the technical validation of the African Union Blue Economy Strategy and participated as a member of the Steering Committee of the FishGov II, and member of the AU Working Group on Fish Governance, and also expert for the Working Group on Fish Trade.
- **Coordination of the PESCAO program and support to DARD.**

Main Accomplishments - Component II (Support to Ghana and Senegal):

- FCWC: (i) launch of the regional monitoring Control and Surveillance Center (RMCS). Equipment were purchased for both the centre and the six national MCS centres. The countries agreed to share information relating to maritime surveillance. Norway cooperation continued its support to FCWC by providing additional backing in terms of upgrading legislation. A joint naval patrol was organised for Togo and Benin;
- The SRFC continued the joint campaign to support the operational activities to hunt the non-authorized vessels fishing illegally in this maritime domain to deter illegal, undocumented and unregulated fishing, and to track illegal vessels. The inspection covered the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of Guinea Bissau, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

WEST AFRICAN RESPONSE ON CYBERSECURITY AND FIGHT AGAINST CYBERCRIME (OCWAR – C)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2017/040-386)
Decision date:	11/12/2017 (FA Signature date:27/02/2018)
EU Contribution:	7.5 MEUR
Implementation period:	48 months (01 February 2019 to 31 January 2023)
Implementation modalities:	EU MS Agency (Expertise France)
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Sabri MEKAOUI

Objectives:

Globally, the OCWAR programme supports regional initiatives to address the main threats to peace, security and stability by strengthening coordination and cooperation in security; and by implementing programmes to deal with other specific threats facing the region. OCWAR-C concentrates specifically on enhancing cybersecurity and combating cybercrime in the ECOWAS region.

Expected results

- The resilience and robustness of the information infrastructure are improved;
- The capacity of the stakeholders in charge of combating cybercrime is being improved.

Main activities

- Establish a strategic framework that strengthens the technical, operational and analytical expertise of national institutions concerned with cybersecurity;
- Improve cybersecurity awareness and stakeholder empowerment to secure the Internet at national and regional levels;
- Improve the capabilities for handling computer security incidents in two pilot countries;
- Strengthen respect for human rights and the rule of law in two pilot countries;
- Analyse the strategic framework for the implementation of public key infrastructure (PKI) for two pilot countries;
- Improve the legal framework for citizens to take advantage of the digital dividends of an open, free, secure and resilient cyberspace;
- Improve response capabilities to cybercrime cases in two pilot countries.

Main accomplishments:

- Countries situation and proposed national action plan updated (dated December 2020);
- ECOWAS Directive adopting the Regional Cybersecurity Strategy;
- ECOWAS Directive adopting the Regional Policy for Critical Infrastructure Protection;
- Tools for the promotion of digital hygiene among the general public and for raising awareness among public and private decision-makers of their responsibilities (posters and animation);
- Around 650 users including decision-makers from Burkina Faso, Liberia, Guinea, Niger, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Cabo Verde, Togo, Mauritania, and Senegal sensitized on digital hygiene and on cybersecurity;
- Workshops with high-level officials on the establishment of a national CSIRT in Burkina Faso, Liberia, Guinea, Niger, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, and Mauritania;
- Beninese national Critical Infrastructure Protection Policy and the national cybersecurity strategy of Mauritania are drafted;
- Support Guinea in the elaboration of its national cybersecurity strategies;
- Complementary equipment for the central digital forensic laboratory of Burkina Faso and refurbishment of equipment for the cybercrime unit of the Judiciary police of Cabo Verde, Benin, Togo, Mauritania, Senegal, Ghana and training on the tools and software;
- In progress support of Côte d'Ivoire, Mali and Nigeria for the refurbishment of their cybercrime units or digital forensic laboratories;
- Establishment and handover of the first Gambian Police Force digital forensic laboratory;

- Ongoing support to Sierra Leone and Liberia in the establishment of their national CSIRT and digital forensic laboratories;
- Review of the cybercrime legislation bills of Sierra Leone, Liberia, The Gambia, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire, in collaboration with the EU project Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY)+;
- More than 480 professionals trained, distributed as follows:
 - 13 Law enforcement agents trained on Concepts of cyberterrorism, cyber-activism, cyber-jihadism and cybercrime (intervention of experts on radicalization), Surveillance and infiltration doctrines; Operating methods and monitoring of intelligence in a digital environment; Software and digital interfaces, on child pornography and its penal repression;
 - 65 IT professionals including Law enforcement personnel (from French speaking countries) trained on "Basics of CSIRT" and "Basics of computer security" and "Basics of incident handling";
 - 25 Law enforcement agents (from French speaking countries) trained on digital investigation and on mobile investigation with the analysis software Mercure;
 - 174 judges, prosecutors and judiciary personnel trained on 'Introductory Training Course on Cybercrime';
 - Around 128 personnel trained on Basics of CSIRT: Managerial aspects and Software environment;
 - Around 40 agents on Online Training (English Language): Fundamentals of Open Source Investigation (FOSI);
 - 19 personnel (cybercrime investigators, prosecutors, financial intelligence analysts) trained on Financial investigation, Virtual currencies and Darkweb.
- Organisation of the three first OCWAR-C regional workshops: ECOWAS cybersecurity symposium, CSIRT week, and Heads of cybercrime Unit meeting;
- Organisation of the first west African regional Hackathon: ECOWAS Hackerlab;
- Communication and visibility: Creation of the @OcwarC twitter and Facebook accounts and operationalisation of the website www.ocwarc.eu in English, French and in Portuguese;
- Coordination with OCWAR-M and -T : Official launch of the OCWAR project in October 2020 + **joint** training with OCWAR-M on Financial investigation, Virtual currencies and Darkweb;
- Cooperation with Glacy+ is strengthened with several joint activities in the beneficiary countries (legislations and capacity building).

ORGANISED CRIME: WEST AFRICAN RESPONSE TO MONEY LAUNDERING AND THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM (OCWAR – M)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2017/040-388)
Decision date:	11/12/2017 (FA Signature date: 27/02/2018)
EU Contribution:	6.75 MEUR
Implementation period:	2019 - 2023
Implementation modalities:	PAGoDA with EU MS Agency (<i>Expertise France</i>)
Project Manager:	Pablo CENDOYA-REVENGA (DEL DAKAR)

Objectives:

Globally, the OCWAR programme supports regional initiatives to address the main threats to peace, security and stability by strengthening coordination and cooperation in security; and by implementing programmes to deal with other specific threats facing the region. OCWAR-M concentrates specifically on fighting against money laundering and the financing of terrorism in the ECOWAS region and in Mauritania.

Expected results:

- GIABA and ECOWAS Member States adopt and effectively implement anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing measures of acceptable international standards in order to improve the regional operational capacity;
- Money laundering and terrorist financing risks are well understood by ECOWAS Member States and Mauritania and actions better coordinated, domestically, to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation;
- ECOWAS Member States and Mauritania are able to achieve high level of compliance and are implementing effective and robust Anti money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regimes in line with international standards (FATF 40 recommendations);
- Improved domestic and international cooperation facilitating information sharing and the delivery of quality financial intelligence as well as the capacity of competent authorities that pursue actions against criminals and their assets;
- GIABA's own operational capacity is better understood and managed by its officers and accepted by ECOWAS MS.

Main Accomplishments (Q1 2023):

- A study on the ML/FT vulnerabilities of the art and antiques sector in Senegal has been carried out; Conclusions and recommendations of the study were shared with the sector of the art and antiques in June 2023;
- The support given to the six FIUs that are not members of the Egmont Group has ended in February: the staff of these FIUs benefited from several trainings, and their IT devices were reinforced. 3 countries are ready to submit their candidatures to Egmont Group: The Gambia which application will be submitted as soon as the legal framework is compliant, Guinea Bissau as soon as its IT system is secured, and Guinea as soon as the nomination of its President will be regularised and compliant with the FIU's status. At this time Guinea Bissau has submitted their candidatures to Egmont Group on January 2023. Egmont Group considered the FIU needs to make improvement before the review of a new submit in 2024;
- A diagnosis of the 16 national coordination committees has been delivered and presented in May 2022 in a validation workshop. A regional 3 days' workshop will be organised on this basis by GIABA and OCWAR-M in October 2022; In April 2023 GIABA organised a regional 3-day workshop at Abidjan to strengthen the capacities of coordination committees. OCWAR-M was present to provide assistance and expertise in this area;
- Training and coaching sessions have been delivered to microfinance institutions and their supervisors (Togo and Benin); The aim was to take stock with the financial institutions and check their progress;
- Following sub-regional efforts involving the Presidents of the Bar Associations from all the Francophone and Lusophone countries, training session on AML/CFT obligations and on the role of whistle-blowers has been delivered to Niger's Bars; It should be noted that, following a coordinated allocation with GIZ, the English-speaking Bar Associations are supported by GIZ;
- Regarding the criminal justice chain: support to the new Senegalese agency for asset recovery (ONRAC) has been provided (expertise, trainings, twinning with the French agency, etc.); one more workshop has been

organised in May with AGRASC and the OCWAR-M expert. We are also providing similar support to the AGRAC of Cote d'Ivoire;

- One-week training session has been organised for 8 Gambian investigation journalists about financial crime, how to lead an investigation and how to work with whistle-blowers;
- Two workshops have been organised on cryptocurrency and darkweb for analysts of the FIUs of francophone countries in partnership with OCWAR-C;
- At the end of the semester, 80% of the budget had been disbursed.

ENERGY GOVERNANCE – AMELIORATION DE LA GOUVERNANCE DU SECTEUR DE L'ENERGIE EN AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST (AGOSE)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF
Decision date/No.:	30/11/2016/039-384 (FA signature: 20/04/2017)
Total budget:	31.2 MEUR (out of which 10.3 MEUR managed in EUD)
Implementation period:	84 months (ending 20/04/2024)
Implementing Partners:	GIZ, NTU, STANTEC, WAEMU, WAPP, and ERERA
Geographical Area:	West Africa
Contracts managed in EUD:	FED/2018/396-247 (8.4 MEUR) and FED/2020/415-986 (1.9 MEUR)
Project Manager:	FED/2018/396-247: Anastasia OIKONOMOU FED/2020/415-986: David OKOEKOH

Objectives:

1. To improve regional governance of the energy sector in order to enable West African states to achieve the three objectives of SE4ALL 2030 strategy: 1) ensuring universal access to modern energy services; 2) doubling energy efficiency; 3) doubling the share of renewables in the global energy mix and towards a sustainable Energy Market Integration in the region.
2. To facilitate increased access by students from ECOWAS member countries to selected West African higher education institutions providing high quality curricula in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Furthermore, it aims at adding to the fundamentals of the sustainable energy sector, and to provide placed scholars with a thorough understanding of the ongoing energy transition.

Expected Results:

- Regional Energy Policy and Action Plan, and National Action Plans are adopted, implemented and monitored;
- Regional Electricity Code is adopted;
- Evidence-based decisions are enhanced throughout the region through an operational Regional energy database and an Energy Information System (EIS) West Africa;
- Regional investments primarily in renewable energy and energy efficiency are promoted and universal access to sustainable energy encouraged;
- ECOWAS Member States capacities (when it comes to the above deliverables), and ECOWAS and its Agencies capacities are strengthened;
- Strengthened specialist capacity of professionals in areas related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, planning, sustainable energy market, financing and law, applied to energy;
- Communication and Visibility of AgoSE-AO is enhanced.

Main Activities:

- Update the Regional Energy Policy, draft a Regional Action Plan, and support their implementation through the development and adoption of harmonised National Action Plans (steered by EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Put in place a monitoring system for the Regional Energy Policy and Action Plan and the National Action Plans at place (steered by EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Develop a Regional Electricity Code (steered by EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Collect and produce quality and uniform statistical data in the region (steered by EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Build ECOWAS Member States Capacity to reinforce uniform data collection and the use of the EIS (steered by EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Create and operate a Regional energy database and an Energy Information System West Africa (steered by EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Define renewable energies corridors (steered by EUD Cape Verde/ECREEE);
- Support the development of renewable energy in Rural Electrification (steered by EUD Cape Verde/ECREEE);
- Provide capacity development for Clean Energy Mini Grids developers/operators and/or EE experts (steered by EUD Cape Verde/ECREEE);
- Support the transformation of CERMI into a Regional Centre and establish a training programme in renewable energy and energy efficiency through “regionalised” CERMI (steered by EUD Cape Verde/ECREEE).

- Create an institutional and regulatory framework of renewable energy (RE) standards and norms (steered by EUD Cape Verde/ECREEE);
- Define Standards and Certifications for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (steered by EUD Cape Verde/ECREEE);
- Support the harmonisation of National Institutional, Legislative and Regulatory Frameworks, to encourage Investments in Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Universal Access to Modern Energy (steered by EUD Ghana/ERERA - assisted by TA managed at EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Support the Implementation of the ECOWAS Generation & transmission Master plan 2019-2023 (steered by EUD Benin/WAPP - assisted by TA managed at EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Support the operation and management of the Electricity Grid and Single Market inter alia through support of the operationalisation of the Information and Communication Centre (steered by EUD Benin/WAPP - assisted by TA managed at EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS);
- Create a Scholarships Programme on sustainable energy (steered by EUD Nigeria/British Council), through the placement of around 75 scholars;
- Establish a Communication and Visibility strategy (steered by EUD Nigeria/ECOWAS).

Main Accomplishments:

- Regional Energy Policy, Action Plan and Regional Electricity Code obtained a favourable opinion from the Community Parliament on the 16th of May, 2023m, awaiting the last phase adoption of a Supplementary Act by the Authority of the ECOWAS Heads of States and Government, before ultimately entering into force (ECOWAS);
- ECOWAS Energy Information Platform designed; Interactive web application for the ECOWAS Energy Information System at place; national statistics available for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; ECOWAS statistics for the years 2010-2019 validated and training of country experts on the use of the EIS platform delivered (ECOWAS);
- West African Clean Energy Corridors validated;
- Three regional standards for Energy Efficiency (EE) in Buildings (electric comfort fans, televisions; and electric water heaters) adopted (ECREEE);
- Four technical regulations of regional standards on efficient lighting, air conditioning and refrigerators, for mandatory application at the level of the 15 ECOWAS Member States developed and adopted (ECREEE);
- ERERA Five Years Strategic Plan (2021 -2026) approved by ERERA Regulatory Council (ERERA);
- Synchronisation of zones 2 and 3 of the regional network achieved with the interconnected grids of Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea C, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo now functioning as one grid;
- EU-ECOWAS Scholarship Programme on Sustainable Energy fully operational; Agreement to host the scholars was established with 9 HEI across 6 countries in West Africa;
- Project was formally launched in November with the participation of the Commissioner of Human Development and Social Affairs and the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization alongside other senior officials of the ECOWAS Commission and stakeholders;
- Inaugural Steering Committee Meeting successfully held in Abuja in November 2022;
- 36 scholarship placements in 5 HEIs across 5 West African countries (Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire and Senegal) was concluded in Q2 2023.

EU-ECOWAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME ON SUSTAINBLE ENERGY

Source of funds:	11 TH EDF (CRIS ref: 2020/415-986)
Decision Date:	17/04/2020
Total budget:	EUR 1,900,000
Implementation period:	48 Months (2020 – 2024)
Implementing agencies:	British Council
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	David OKOEKOH

Objectives:

To facilitate increased access by students from ECOWAS member countries to selected West African higher education institutions providing high quality curricula in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Furthermore, it aims at adding to the fundamentals of the sustainable energy sector, and to provide placed scholars with a thorough understanding of the ongoing energy transition.

Expected Results:

Strengthened specialist capacity of professionals in areas related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, planning, sustainable energy market, financing and law, applied to energy.

Main activities:

- Scholarship Management through the placement of around 75 scholars.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Agreement to host the scholars was established with 9 HEI across 6 countries in West Africa;
- Project was formally launched in November with the participation of the Commissioner of Human Development and Social Affairs and the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization alongside other senior officials of the ECOWAS Commission and stakeholders;
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TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE

Source of funds:	11 th EDF
Decision date:	2020/042-393 (FA signature: 10/02/2020)
Total budget:	2.3 MEUR
Implementation period:	ending 10/02/2025
Implementing Partner:	PLANET S.A.
Geographical Area:	West Africa
Contracts managed in EUD:	FED/2020/416-346 (2 MEUR)
Project Manager:	Anastasia OIKONOMOU

Objectives:

The overall goal of the program is to contribute to the emergence of a regional system of long-term, efficient and safe road transport, as a factor of development of stability and regional integration. The specific objective of the project is to develop institutional and regulatory capacities, to continue strengthening the management capacities of Governments and related agencies, to guide the implementation of administrative and technical aspects of transport facilitation, and to improve maintenance of the regional network and its sustainability by the cessation of overloading. The project also supports road safety and the design of a regional strategy aiming at improving sectoral governance in road transport in a politically and economically realistic manner, common to ECOWAS and WAEMU, thereby promoting harmonisation and synchronisation of national policies.

Expected Results:

- Policy reference frameworks and regional regulations in the field of Road Safety updated and implemented in a harmonised and synchronised way;
- Challenges with high/key implications in terms of casualties as well as vast economic losses for ECOWAS Member States addressed and activities that can be carried out to resolve them proposed;
- Governance of Road Maintenance and prevention of overloading improved;
- Fluidity of transport on regional road corridors services improved;
- Advocacy, visibility, follow-up to policy-dialogue platforms developed and transparency promoted.

Main Activities:

- Conduct a Diagnostic/Gap analysis report in the field of Axle Load (in-depth consultation with 13 Member States' representatives, collection and processing of questionnaires, data entry, analysis of the survey and evaluation of findings);
- Conduct of Diagnostics Report, development of a regional Road Safety Policy Framework, Action Plan, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (capturing feedback on the processes and results of the Action Plan);
- Organise workshops in different countries in the Region with key stakeholders (Member States, Transport Unions, Road Safety Agencies, etc.) and development partners;
- Develop a regional Road Safety Charter (containing a set of commitments by ECOWAS Member States to undertake specific actionable measures to improve road safety in the Region);
- Prepare a sensitisation and awareness raising media campaign on the dangers of overloading, including cost estimation of its components;
- Prepare harmonised designs for axle load control posts in the ECOWAS region;
- Draft the Regional Axle Load Control Supplementary Act with the aim of repealing Regulation 14 and 2012 Regional Axle Load Control Supplementary Act, towards a joint implementation of a common framework by all 15 West African Member States;
- Draft a Regional Strategy to provide a uniform framework for West African Member States in the area of sustainable Road Maintenance Financing;
- Revise a series of key documents, including but not limited to the Harmonisation Axle Road Control Act, Feasibility Study, Concept Note and Indicators and Methodology of the West Africa Transport and Facilitation Observatory, Road Transport and Transit Facilitation Strategy, etc.

Main Accomplishment to date:

- Enhanced awareness of the Member States on the issues surrounding transport in the Region;
- Regional Road Safety Policy Framework, Road Safety Action Plan and Road Safety Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, and Road Safety Charter developed;
- New harmonised Regional Axle Load Control Supplementary Act developed;
- Resolution and dedication by the ECOWAS Member States to implement the new ECOWAS Road Safety Policy Action Plan, the revised Axle Load Control Supplementary Act and the Road Maintenance Directive through their ratification in the Statutory meetings of ECOWAS Heads of State / ECOWAS Parliament;
- Advancement in the preparation of a Road Information System;
- Report on Ports Efficiency Enhancement in the Region conducted and shared with ECOWAS Member States;
- Awareness raised on the dangers of overload, road safety and the activities of the project;
- Advancement in the approach of ports efficiency management;
- Review of a draft Regional Strategy to provide a uniform framework for West African Member States in the area of sustainable Road Maintenance Financing.

SUPPORT TO ECOWAS PEACE AND SECURITY ARCHITECTURE AND OPERATIONS (EPSAO)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF (CRIS ref: 2017/040-390)
Decision date:	11/12/2017 (FA Signature date: 27/02/2018)
EU Contribution:	16,4 M EUR (+8 M EUR from Germany)
Implementation period:	2019 - 2024
Implementation modalities:	EU MS Agency (GIZ)
Geographical Area:	West Africa
Project Manager:	Eno MOMA

Objective:

The main objective of the EPSAO Project is to support the ECOWAS Commission in its mandate to prevent and manage conflict and security threats in West Africa.

Expected results:

- ECOWAS's mechanisms to promote and maintain peace and stability and post crisis operations are strengthened;
- ECOWAS prevents and manages erupting or existing conflicts;
- ECOWAS contributes to the creation of a secure and safe post-conflict environment;
- ECOWAS' capacities to support non-violent electoral processes are strengthened.

Main activities:

- Needs-oriented training measures for the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) in cooperation with the Training Centres of Excellence and regional Training Institutions and support for simulation or field exercises for the ESF;
- Support for the establishment of National Centres for the Coordination of the Response Mechanism (NCCRMs) in five ECOWAS member states;
- Advice and capacity development for the institutionalization of the regional network of mediators (FemWise) and for the regional implementation of the continental framework document for improved reporting on UN Resolution 1325;
- Advising on capacity building for the implementation of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (for example, monitoring system, mechanisms for fundraising);
- Promotion of the ECOWAS Strategic Framework on Security Sector Reform and Governance;
- Capacity development support for security sector actors in The Gambia;
- Support for the institutionalisation of deployment of core teams of experts in ECOWAS Election Observation Missions; support for mid-term review of the implementation of recommendations of the election observation missions;
- Capacity development for the ECOWAS Electoral Assistance Division and the ECOWAS Network of Electoral Commissions (ECONEC);
- Financing and capacity building for regional and national civil society networks in the areas of election observation, parallel reporting, election inclusion (including gender) and voter participation.

Main accomplishments to date:

- In cooperation with the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) and the Togolese Army Health Service School (ESSAL), trained 93 members (including 17 women) of the ESF in emergency medicine, Psycho-trauma care, the conceptual foundations for deployment in AU or ECOWAS peace support operations (PSOs). Another 20 new staff of the ESF Task Force Headquarters and Peace Support Operations Division (PSOD) received an induction training aimed at preparing them for their planning role in ECOWAS PSOs;
- EPSAO supported ECOWAS to organise a Civil Military Coordination (CIMCOORD) Workshop which brought together 60 member state experts. This event gave the participants an opportunity to jointly review and discuss developments around the ECOWAS humanitarian strategy;

- The Project also supported a week-long Policing Sustainable Peace Course in cooperation with the National Defence College Nigeria. 24 participants were in attendance including police officers and gendarmerie. The training objective was to enhance knowledge in policing sustainable peace within Africa;
- The Project supported the annual training of ECOWAS field monitors who are responsible for providing real time qualitative analysis of events arising in their respective member states for the enhancement of decision and policy making. The annual training ensures their continued proficiency in utilising the ECOWARN Field Reporter Application;
- Jointly with the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), the Project engaged over 150 political, civil society and other stakeholders from Ghana, Liberia, The Gambia, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire in alternative dispute resolution concepts and techniques and with a particular focus on election-related disputes;
- The EPSAO Project supported ECOWAS in organising a virtual Regional Stakeholders' Workshop on the operationalization and institutionalization of FemWise West Africa. This meeting gathered a wide range of experts who helped ECOWAS to review the following documents: Knowledge Management, Communication and Visibility Strategy; FemWise WA Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy and Roadmap. This process also supported ECOWAS to establish the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Regional Steering Group to support enhanced steering and coordination of the WPS agenda in West Africa;
- A Regional Capacity Building Workshop (ToT) for Regional Stakeholders and Member States Focal Persons on the Continental Results Framework (CRF) for Monitoring and Reporting of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda was conducted. This capacity building brought together 46 participants (33 females and 13 Males) to popularize the simplified CRF contextual to West Africa and its accompanying roadmap;
- A total of 27 CSO participants including 16 women were trained on SSRG and the role of CSOs. The training covered topics like Understanding Security Sector Reform and Governance (SSRG), Security Sector Reform and Governance (SSRG) Processes and the Oversight role of CSOs, Guidelines on CSOs engagements with the security institution and Peace building and SSRG;
- Capacity building was implemented for the Standing Committee on Defense and Security (SCDS) of the National Assembly of The Gambia which represents the key oversight body that holds the Executive to account regarding its direction of the defence and security forces. This training equipped the SCDS with the necessary knowledge and tools to effectively carry out their oversight role. It brought together 11 participants of which 3 were female;
- The ECOWAS Long-term Election Observation guidelines were revised and new guidelines for the Core Team Experts (who accompany ECOWAS election observation missions) were incorporated. These guidelines represent a strategy for ECOWAS to better institutionalise and professionalise its approach to regional election observation especially with regards to the planning, deployment and coordination processes for its election observation missions;
- The Project provided support to the Nigerian and Sierra Leone elections respectively. In Nigeria, the Project supported the ECOWAS fact finding mission as well as the deployment of 13 Core Team Experts as part of the ECOWAS election observation mission. In Sierra Leone, the project contributed to the enhancement of voter education and increased citizen participation; facilitate dialogue with 200 Parliamentarians and Paramount Chiefs on peace and national cohesion; and to empower youth through capacity building for 100 youth leaders on peacebuilding and electoral conflict prevention. Additionally, to promote responsible media coverage, 35 media chiefs and senior reporters were trained on accurate and unbiased reporting.

UNDP REGIONAL STABILIZATION FACILITY (NIGERIA WINDOW)

Source of funds: EU Emergency Trust Fund for Stability and Addressing Root Causes of Irregular Migration and Displaced Persons in Africa (ABAC Ref. T05-EUTF-SAH-REG-21)

Decision date: 12/07/2019 (end of written procedure)

Total budget: 5 MEUR (EU contribution)

Implementation period: 36 months (2020 – 2023)

Implementing agency: UNDP

Geographical Area: Lake Chad Basin - Nigeria (Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States), Cameroon, Chad, Niger

Project Manager: Ron HENDRIX

Objective: the overall objective of the “EU Support to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ‘Regional Stabilisation Facility for Lake Chad’ (RSF)” action is to contribute to the immediate stabilisation of the insurgency-affected areas of the Lake Chad Basin with a focus on the strengthening of Community Safety and Security and Rule of Law (Output 1 of the Facility). The below outputs illustrate the achievements of all three outputs.

This regional project is managed by HQ and the Regional Stabilisation Facility convenes in Chad. The Delegation in Nigeria monitors the component (all outputs) implemented in North-East Nigeria.

Expected results, Output 1 (EUTF co-funded):

- Improvement in safety and security of populations and control over lake-bordering territories;
- Improvement in respect of Human Rights by Security Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies in the areas of intervention.

Main activities:

- Reinforcing the security infrastructure of target communities through the construction of parameter walls, trenching, watchtowers and HESCO etc.;
- Construction or rehabilitation of stations, residence/barracks for law enforcement including police, NSCDC, NIC and NCS;
- Capacity building of security actors formal and informal justice institutions, and local leadership (HRBA, SGBV) including strengthening of stabilisation committees;
- Facilitate strengthening of community platforms on peacebuilding.

Main accomplishments to date in Nigeria:

Output 1: Community Safety and Security (EUTF co-funded)

- 90% of community households reported that they are satisfied with security services;
- Community Stabilization Committees operationalised in all Eight JAP communities to foster community dialogue and promote peace and unity;
- State-level Civil Military Coordination established and operationalised all three States;
- Community Security Group (CSG) established and Operationalised in all Eight JAP location;
- 46.3 km of security trench (Gulak 21km; Ngarannam 5.3km; Banki 8km; Monguno 6km; Damboa 6km) completed, complemented by an additional 30km put in place by the Government;
- Over 3 km security perimeter wall erected in Banki with solar-powered lights installed;
- 600 poles of solar-powered street lighting installed;
- Rehabilitation/construction of 17 law enforcement facilities (police station and outposts, police barracks, Custom and Immigration offices and accommodation);
- Over 360 police and law enforcement officers deployed to target communities and stationed in the rehabilitated or constructed facilities, providing civil protection and law enforcement services;
- 2 judicial facilities rehabilitated to provide access to justice and promote human rights;
- 144 human rights actors and defenders, 120 paralegals, and 360 informal justice actors trained. Legal orientation provided to 300 community leaders;
- Legal aid services provided to 163 indigents (community people) by way of legal counselling and advise, legal drafting and referral;

- Documented reports of 1,478 cases of HR violations (39 committed by security actors) and 1,103 cases of SGBV (0 committed by security actors);
- Training of 726 law enforcement officers (337 NPF, 52 NCS, 107 NIS, 178 NSCDC and 52 NAF) on human rights and SGBV;
- Construction of 3 blocks of 9 drop hole toilets at the Police dormitory in Banki;
- Completion of 1.1-kilometer perimeter wall in Banki;
- 172 solar streetlights installed at the 500 housing units along the perimeter walls in Banki;
- Supply of solar power to Monguno police station and barracks.

(A new phase of the project has been approved for implementation from 2023 and 2024. This new project will build on the achievements, lessons learnt and best practices emerging from the previous project in reducing the impact of local conflict in borderland areas of the Lake Chad Basin. The new project shall consolidate the gains from the previous six locations of the RSF and also expand the benefits of the project in two new locations over the period of the project. Implementation of the new project is yet to start.)

CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFRICAN INVESTMENT FACILITY IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN WEST AFRICA – AFIF1 (BLENDING OPERATIONS IN THE REGION)

Source of funds: 11th EDF
Decision date/No.: 28/04/2016 038-787
Total budget: 100 MEUR
Implementation period: ending 29/04/2026
Implementing Institution: AfDB
Geographical Area: West Africa
Contracts managed in EUD: None
Programme Manager: Anastasia OIKONOMOU

Objective:

The overall objective of these blending operations is to contribute to poverty reduction and to sustainable and inclusive economic development through economic regional integration in West Africa, with an emphasis on the improvement of regional infrastructures (energy & transport).

Expected results:

- Key investments in the transport and energy sectors: improving regional interconnection, enhancing regional integration, and contributing to achieving sustainable and inclusive development in the region;
- A pipeline of bankable sustainable infrastructure projects adequately prepared and ready for financing. These projects are in line with the regional and continental priorities for the transport and energy sectors;
- Contributions to the African Investment Facility to support regional infrastructure investment projects in the region.

State of Play:

Blending funding is provided to West African countries for transnational projects in the energy and transport sectors with an emphasis on improving regional economic integration. So far, the following projects have received funding from this instrument:

- Aménagement routiers et facilitation du transport sur le corridor Bamako/Zantiebougou /Boundiali/San Pedro (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) –20.62 MEUR;
- Construction du pont de Rosso (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) –22.15 MEUR;
- Projet de réhabilitation de la route Lomé-Cotonou (phase 2) et de protection côtière (Benin – Togo)” (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) 20.5 MEUR;
- Réhabilitation de la route communautaire CU2a section Gounghin - Fada N’Gourma - Piéga - Frontière du Niger (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 28.7 MEUR;
- Corridor transcotier - Projet de route transgambienne (phase 2) Sénoba –Ziguinchor (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) –10.5 MEUR.

Main accomplishments:

All five (5) blending operations are on-going.

CONTRIBUTION (PHASE 2) TO THE AFRICA INVESTMENT FACILITY IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN WEST AFRICA - AFIF2 (BLENDING OPERATIONS IN THE REGION)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF
Decision date/No.:	05/10/2016/039-778
Total budget:	229.3 MEUR
Implementation period:	ending 13/10/2026
Implementing Institutions:	AFD/AfDB/KfW
Geographical Area:	West Africa
Contracts managed in EUD:	None
Decision Manager:	Anastasia OIKONOMOU

Objectives:

The overall objective of these blending operations is to contribute to poverty reduction and to sustainable and inclusive economic development in West Africa in line with the SDGs (sustainable development goals), through regional economic integration and trade development, with an emphasis on the improvement of economic infrastructures. By supporting renewable energy, energy efficiency, grid interconnection and railways projects, the action intends to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and thus to climate change mitigation.

Expected results:

(Transport sector):

- Improved interconnection of the existing transport infrastructure;
- Improved accessibility and sustainability of the primary transport system;
- Improved inter-regional transport management leading to greater regional integration;
- Lower costs and shorter journeys on the main regional transport corridors, including port transit;
- Greater regional capacity for project preparation and an increased number of bankable projects;
- Better sustainability of transport infrastructures through better harmonisation and implementation of axial load and maintenance policies as well as improved resilience to extreme weather events or gradual changes in climate.

(Energy sector):

- Better access to sustainable energy services for the public and businesses, and a reduction in national disparities;
- Increased renewable energy in the energy mix across the region, in order to support ECOWAS and WAEMU in achieving their objectives;
- Increased energy efficiency, achieved through investment and the introduction of regional standards;
- Operational regional electricity market.

State of Play:

- Etudes portant sur le projet de développement de l'autoroute sur le corridor Abidjan/Lagos (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 9.43 MEUR;
- Corridor transcotier - Projet de route Transgambienne (phase 2) Sénoba –Ziguinchor (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 23.94 MEUR;
- Projet de réhabilitation de la route Coyah-Forecariah-Farmoreah (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 30.29 MEUR ;
- Construction d'une Centrale solaire photovoltaïque à Gorou Banda (Niamey) (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 5.3 MEUR;
- Projet d'interconnexion en 225 KV des réseaux électriques de la Guinée et du Mali (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 30.68 MEUR;
- Projet de construction et de bitumage de la route Boké (Guinée Conakry)-Québo (Guinée Bissau (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 30.71 MEUR;
- Projet de Construction d'une Centrale hybride à Agadez (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 16.4 MEUR;

- Dorsale Nord / Interconnexion 330Kb Nigéria-Niger-Benin-Burkina Faso/ Tronçon Burkina Faso (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 15.3 MEUR;
- Projet d'Interconnexion Dorsale Nord 330 KV Nigeria-Niger-Benin (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 15.3 MEUR;
- Aménagement routier de la branche malienne de la Transsaharienne, partie financée sur le PIR 11e FED, CF n° CRIS 39778 (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 10.96 MEUR;
- Projet de doublement de la ligne haute tension 225 kV reliant la centrale hydroélectrique de Manantali à Bamako (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 26.66 MEUR;
- PAGODA for RIP contribution to Sanniquallie-Loguatu road (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 14.29MEUR.

Main accomplishments:

All twelve (12) blending operations are on-going.

CONTRIBUTION (PHASE 3) TO THE AFRICA INVESTMENT FACILITY IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN WEST AFRICA - AFIF3 (BLENDING OPERATIONS IN THE REGION)

Source of funds:	11 th EDF
Decision date/No.:	13/12/2019/041-992
Total budget:	13.7 MEUR
Implementation period:	ending 13/12/2029
Implementing Institutions:	AfDB/AFD
Geographical Area:	West Africa
Contracts managed in EUD:	None
Programme Manager:	Anastasia OIKONOMOU

Objectives:

The overall objective is to contribute to poverty reduction and to sustainable and inclusive economic development through regional economic integration in West Africa, with an emphasis on the improvement of regional economic infrastructures.

Expected results:

(transport sector):

- Improved interconnection of the existing transport infrastructure;
- Improved accessibility and sustainability of the primary transport system;
- Improved inter-regional transport management leading to greater regional integration;
- Lower costs and shorter journeys on the main regional transport corridors, including port transit;
- Greater regional capacity for project preparation and an increased number of bankable projects;
- Better sustainability of transport infrastructure through better harmonisation and implementation of axial load and maintenance policies as well as improved resilience to extreme weather events or gradual changes in climate.

(energy sector):

- Better access to sustainable energy services for the public and business and a reduction in national disparities;
- Increased renewable energy in the energy mix across the region, in order to support ECOWAS and WAEMU in achieving their objectives;
- Increased energy efficiency, achieved through investment and the introduction of regional standards;
- Operational regional electricity market.

Status

- Top-up of existing 9.43 MEUR project under Decision 039-778 “Etudes portant sur le projet de développement de l’autoroute sur le corridor Abidjan/Lagos (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)” – 3.5 MEUR;
- Securing the Ghana-Burkina Faso interconnection line (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT) – 10.2 MEUR.

Main accomplishments:

Both blending operations are on-going.

OTHER EU INSTRUMENTS

INSTRUMENT contributing to STABILITY and PEACE (IcSP)

Managed in Operations 2 – Democracy, Governance & Migration



Team Leader: Mr Ruben Alba AGUILERA

CONTRIBUTING TO THE MITIGATION OF CONFLICT OVER NATURAL RESOURCES BETWEEN FARMER AND HERDER COMMUNITIES IN ADAMAWA AND TARABA STATES, NIGERIA (COMITAS) PHASE II

Source of funds: NDICI
Decision dates: December 2022
Total budget Phase II: EUR 6 million
Implementing period: 18 months
Implementing agencies: International Organization for Migration (IOM), Search for Common Ground (Search), Mercy Corps
Geographical region: Adamawa and Taraba states, North-East Nigeria
Project Manager:

Objectives:

- Strengthened conflict resolution;
- Improved trust between local communities and authorities;
- Enhanced collaboration between communities in managing natural resources against climate change;
- Improved Intra and inter-communal perceptions.

Expected results:

- Improved access of local stakeholders to early warning signals and trends;
- Improved capacity of local stakeholders to respond to early warning signals;
- Inclusion of relevant authorities in addressing community grievances;
- Two-way communication on National Plans and Policies;
- Concrete solutions to the scarcity of natural resources partly due to climate change are identified and implemented;
- Improved access to reliable public information and unbiased perceptions of ethnic groups;
- Improved community outreach on conflict resolution.

Main activities:

- Establish a transhumance data collection and information management system to identify patterns and trends for improved analysis;
- Establish community response networks and facilitate the identification of early response actions;
- Strengthen the capacity of traditional leaders and local authorities for peaceful conflict prevention/resolution;
- Organise dialogues between farmer and herder communities;
- Organise dialogues between communities and local authorities;
- Facilitate policy engagement on mitigation of conflict over natural resources;
- Raise awareness of sustainable natural resource management and establish natural resource management committees (NRMCS);
- Build local authorities' resource management capacity;
- Facilitate natural resource management planning and implementation;
- Train media outlets on reporting techniques that support peaceful conflict resolution;
- Support youth leaders in promoting peace through social media and film;
- Produce and air a mini-drama series and talk show on peaceful conflict resolution;
- Engage communities through participatory theatre.

Main accomplishments to date:

January 2023 to June 2023

- Community entry and advocacy visit to introduce the project and strengthen collaboration among key stakeholders of the project;
- Conducted Project Launch workshop;
- Baseline study covered twenty-two communities in ten Local Government Areas (LGAs);
- Established peace architecture platforms in Taraba State and the new communities in Adamawa state. Also, the project continues to support the existing platforms in Adamawa State;
- Supported the monthly meetings of the Adamawa Forum for Farmer and Herder Relations (AFFAHR);
- Established the Taraba Forum of Farmer and Herder Relations (TFFAHR);

- Established TTT in 50 new communities in Adamawa state and Taraba states;
- Strengthened and supported the existing TTT systems established in the communities during Phase 1 in Adamawa State;
- Conducted a joint dialogue session on the use and management of natural resource in Adamawa State;
- Conducted refresher training among 20 media outlets on reporting techniques that support peaceful conflict resolution.

CONFLICT MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION IN NORTHWEST NIGERIA

Source of funds: NDICI CRISIS FPI 2022/438-280 – PC-21635
Decision date: 2022
Total budget: 4 M EUR
Implementing period: 1.8 year (2023-2024)
Implementing agency: IOM, Mercy Corps, Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD)
Geographical region: North West Nigeria
Project Manager:

Objectives:

The project aims to reduce community violence, promote locally driven peace initiatives, and mitigate conflicts over natural resources in the Northwest Nigeria.

Expected results:

- Inclusive peacebuilding processes are strengthened to support the implementation of political and community responses to violence;
- Inclusive governance systems are strengthened to enhance social cohesion and address the needs and grievances of communities.

Main activities:

- Conduct community-level analysis through conflict actor mapping, stakeholder analysis, political economy analysis and influence mapping, to analyse the main sources of grievances and identify entry points for programmatic engagement;
- Establish/Strengthen community platforms/structures to facilitate an inclusive peacebuilding process;
- Build the capacity of selected youth and women groups to participate in civic engagement;
- Facilitate intra and inter-group transformative dialogues to support community-based reconciliation processes;
- Establish a transhumance data collection and information management system;
- Analyse transhumance data to identify patterns and trends;
- Support the community platforms in conducting community-led natural resource mapping, assessing existing resources in the communities, and conduct regular joint community resource analysis;
- Support the implementation of collectively identified and approved community impact projects;
- Support the community to raise awareness around sustainable resource management, and climate change (RCCE);
- Deploy a multi-disciplinary psychosocial mobile team to provide direct MHPSS intervention, including lay counselling and psychological first aid in the selected local government areas;
- Deliver skills training programme and healing community actions to conflict affected populations in the selected communities/LGAs;
- Adjust and establish psychosocial community care system with strategies that address the impacts of a protracted conflict and build resilience;
- Carry out capacity building program targeting judicial officials on methodology on approaching and interaction with survivors of GBV while adopting a victim-centred approach into their process of accessing justice;
- Design and develop a transitional justice Handbook for selected LGAs in Katsina;
- Strategic communication to promote and encourage practices of Transitional Justice;
- Strengthen the capacity of the state level coordination structures for policy engagement and advocacy for the inclusive peacebuilding process.

Main accomplishments to date:

- On 30 March 2023, IOM, CDD, and MC launched the project in Katsina with the relevant stakeholders from the government and civil society organizations. 38 individuals from Jibia, Batsari, Kankara and Danmusa Local Government Areas attended the launch. Specifically, the following institutions attended the meeting: Youth Council Leaders, Women Council Leaders, Association of People with Disability, Coalition of Civil Society

Organization (CSO), Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Department of Livestock and Grazing Services, All Farmers Association of Nigeria, and Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders' Association of Nigeria (MACBAN);

- The project has completed the transhumance baseline mapping for the transhumance tracking activities (TTT), Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) needs assessment, MHPSS Knowledge, Attitude, & Practice (KAP) survey and service mapping, stakeholders' mapping, and Conflict actors mapping assessment in the four LGAs;
- Radio stations for the strategic communication of the project have been identified and a brainstorming session on the programme ideas to be aired weekly was held in May. Radio Katsina, and Vision FM are among the stations chosen to cover various topics of the project thematic areas to promote peace. Eight program ideas were generated to guide the radio stations in the production and broadcast of weekly contents. Ideas include but are not limited to family value orientation, peaceful living with youths, and neighbours, managing interpersonal and group issues etc. A radio-reporting matrix was developed to help track the programme as it progresses. The matrix contains the topics for discussion, the objective(s), the producer, the guests, number of call-ins and remarks per episode;
- The first training for journalists on Conflict mitigation and community reconciliation in Northwest Nigeria was held in Katsina. The training aimed at equipping the selected journalists in the electronic and print media in Katsina State with the necessary skills to create and present quality programmes that will reduce communal violence and promote peace and transitional justice. 20 (65% male: 35% female) from print and electronic media participated in the training. The media organisations represented at the training include prints: Leadership, Pilot, The Sun, The Punch, This day, Blueprint and Daily Trust. The electronic media of Radio and TV stations include representatives from FRCN Companion, Katsina Radio, Vision FM, Raypower/AIT, Trust TV, NTA, and Arise TV.

ADVANCING THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS AND STABILIZATION IN NORTHEAST NIGERIA

Source of funds: EU Art3 ICSP
Decision date: 11 October 2021
Total budget: €2,279,568
Implementing period: October 2021 – October 2023
Implementing partner: Centre for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
Geographical region: Borno State & Abuja, Nigeria
Project Manager:

Objective:

The main objective of the programme is that civilians in the Northeast are better protected by their own actions, the GON, and community militias to support stabilization.

Specific Objectives:

- Improving national and local strategies, processes, programs, policies, or legislation on POC;
- Improving GON capabilities to prevent, respond, and mitigate civilian harm;
- Strengthening military and internal security forces capabilities to better protect civilians;
- Improving Community militias POC practices and resources;
- Increasing military, internal security forces, and community militias political will to advance POC;
- Increasing civilian access to key governance and security actors on POC;
- Improving platforms for engagement with governance and security actors on security and transition issues;
- Improved civilian capabilities to advance self-protection;
- CSO and Communities have Improved Advocacy Capabilities;
- Improved visibility of key POC issues in the context of stabilization and transition.

Expected results:

- Improved protection of civilians' practices, policies, and programs to advance stabilization;
- POC is improved within the military, internal security forces, and community militias in the northeast;
- Enhanced civilian self-protection and resilience in the northeast;
- Civil society and communities apply increased pressure on GON to better protect civilians in the northeast.

Major Accomplishments since June 2023:

- Community protection committee have been able to identify a total of 77 protection risks, concerns and threats across the 7 LGAs and have successfully implemented actions and resolved 64 out of the 77 as at June 30 2023;
- Established and set up the Civilian Casualty Tracking Analysis and Response Cell (**CCTARC**)Desk Office, which is domiciled at the Nigerian Army division, in Maiduguri with trained personnel to track civilian casualty for analysis, and to enhance the Nigerian Military's capability to enhance the protection of civilians during operations;
- Established a total of **15** dialogue platforms across the 7 LGAs to support civilians' access to key stakeholders to support the drive for enhanced civilian protections between October 22 and June 2023. These stakeholders include the military, police, NSCDC and the LGA chairmen;
- Trained **374 (362M,12F)** Civilian Joint Task Force members, Hunters and Vigilantes on Civilian Protection and Civilian Harm Mitigation strategies across the 7 LGAs of implementation between October 2022 and June 2023;
- Facilitated **14** self-protection workshop for 347 existing Community Protection Committee Members across all the 7 LGAs as at June 30, 2023;
- Deployed the TEELA application to **1,080** previously trained security forces personnel, including the military and para military agencies;
- Have maintained active presence and positive professional partnership with community stakeholders through consultations and advocacy visits to the community leaders of Ngala, Banki, Gwoza, Damboa, Konduga, Dikwa and Monguno;

- Trained **1,581 (1,438M,143F)** military officers targeting military training institutions including the Theatre Training School Maiduguri, Nigerian Defence Academy Kaduna, Nigerian Air Force Regiment Training Centre Kaduna and Armed Forces Command and Staff College Jaji Kaduna between October 2021 to January 2023;
- Established and continues to maintain collaborative relationships with military and para military agencies in Kaduna, Abuja and Maiduguri;
- Facilitated joint trainings for personnel of the Nigerian Immigrations, Nigerian Correctional Service, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, reaching **153 (105M,48F)** individuals from October 2022 till date;
- Continued to participate in external coordination platforms to strengthen inter-agency collaboration and synergy. Some of these platforms include: the INGO forum, the Protection Sector Working Groups, Borno State Agency for Humanitarian Coordination and other bilateral platforms for building synergy;
- Facilitated and participated in **5** activities in support of civil-military synergy. This included three environmental sanitation exercises in Konduga, Ngala and Dikwa as well as two civilian-military social events in Maiduguri;
- A total of **928 (785M, 143F)** personnel of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps and the Nigerian Police Force deployed to the LGAs as well as the Police Training School in Maiduguri;
- Facilitated and supported **13 advocacy engagements** with the various stakeholders including the LGA Chairmen, Security Agency leads and Government Officers on Protection, Security and governance issues;
- Facilitated PoC/CHM training for **430 (21 officers, 409 soldiers)** troops of the Nigerian Army deployed across the 7 LGAs of implementations (Ngala, Gwoza, Dikwa, Konduga, Damboa, Monguno and Banki) as at June 30, 2023;
- Supported CPCs to facilitate a total of **24** monthly meetings across Konduga, Banki, Bama, Gwoza, Damboa, Ngala & Monguno as at June 30, 2023;
- Facilitated **five (5)**, Advocacy Training for CPCs and CSOs as at June 30, 2023;
- As at June 30, 2023, CIVIC has initiated a total of **27** multi-media campaigns on PoC and Civilian Harm Mitigation;
- As at June 30, CIVIC has facilitated **Twelve (12)** episodes broadcast of PoC/CHM radio program on Peace FM, Maiduguri. CIVIC will continue to engage civilians through the live radio program in support of local civilian capacity in the areas of safety and security awareness, conflict preparedness, risk mapping/mitigation, self-protection;
- Facilitated **Twenty-six (26)** episodes broadcast of PoC/CHM radio program on the Armed Forces Radio, Abuja, as at June 30 2023;
- Contributed to community education during the election period through the airing of **50** episodes of jingles on Wazobia FM.

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Operations 3: Human Development

(and in some cases other sections depending on the subject of support)



Team Leader: Ms Leila BEN AMOR MATHIEU

SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE STATES OF THE GULF OF GUINEA (ALTP)

Source of funds:	EU Emergency Trust Fund (Ref: T05-EUTF-SAH-NG-04-01)
Decision date:	22/06/2018
Total budget:	Regional envelope MEUR 18
Implementing period:	2019-2022
Implementing agencies:	Expertise France
Geographical region:	West Africa
Project Manager:	

Objective:

The overall objective of the project is the insitutional and operational consolidation of lead actors active in the prevention, protection, and prosecution of trafficking in persons, as well as strengthening regional cooperation in the Gulf of Guinea.

Main achievements:

- Review of the expired NAPTIP Strategic plan of 2012 to 2017 and development of 2020 to 2025 strategic plan;
- Upgrade and maintenance of NAPTIP system software (now Advanced Research Engine System (ARES) from version 4.6.0 to 9.2.0;
- production of Concept note for the Refurbishment and Upgrade of NAPTIP Call Centre;
- Technical, financial and logistical support for the establishment or strengthening of local anti-trafficking operating systems in mapped migration corridors;
- Launch of the call for grant applications for Nigeria NGOs ended on 7th October 2020. 6 NGOs have been selected;
- The project has joined an initiative aiming at creating a virtual platform for the actors of NAPTIP and HTS (Ghana);
- Suuport to launching of the Taskforces in Ondo and Ekiti States;
- Refurbishment and upgrade of NAPTIP call centre;
- Sensitization for Tour Operators and Labour Recruiters on the *TIP regulation 2019 on Control of Activities for Organisation and Centres* completed;
- Sensitisation of journalists and media specialists;
- Training for NACTAL staff;
- Engagement with civil society through Whatsapp Groups;
- Facilitation of exchanges to reinstate the Risk Analysis Cell of the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community in Abuja and participation of NIS and NAPTIP in the AFIC plenary;
- Facilitation of access to NAPTIP to AFIC Platform in partnership with Expertise France;
- Launch of reporting hotline for victims of trafficking within NAPTIP;
- Sensitization for Tour Operators and Labour Recruiters on the TIP regulation 2019 on Control of Activities for Organisation and Centres;
- Development of NAPTIP Strategic Plan for 2021-2025;
- Inauguration of Anti-Trafficking Unit within the Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Agency.

EU SUPPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS “ONE UN RESPONSE PLAN TO COVID-19 IN NIGERIA”

Source of funds:	EU Emergency Trust Fund for Stability and Addressing Root Causes of Irregular Migration and Displaced Persons in Africa (ABAC Ref. T05-EUTF-SAH-NG-09-01)
Decision date:	17/04/2020 (end of written procedure)
Total budget:	50 MEUR (EU contribution), Total contribution about 73MUSD
Implementation period:	ONGOING: 43 months (May 2020 – December 2023)
Implementing agency:	UNDP
Geographical Area:	Lake Chad Basin - Nigeria
Project Officer:	Anthony AYEKE

Overall objective:

To support Nigeria's response to the COVID-19 pandemic through support to the ‘*One UN Response Plan to COVID-19 in Nigeria*’ by ensuring optimum care of the confirmed COVID-19 cases and to contain further spread of the outbreak. The Delegation in Nigeria will monitor the project.

Expected results:

- Improved rapid procurement of disease commodity packages for surveillance, prevention and control, and clinical management;
- Support complementary Ongoing Risk Communication Strategies for sustained community engagement and cooperation;
- Support for the development of tailored and decentralized response strategies at state-level aligned to the coordinated framework at the Federal level;
- Ensure access to essential health services are maintained through socio-economic analytics, and pro-active early recovery and social protection activities, targeting vulnerable groups;
- Strengthened capacities for R&D and Modeling;
- Improved coordination of partnerships and mobilisation of resources for collective response.

Main activities/achievements:

- Establishment and operationalisation of the Project Board and Technical Committee (TC);
- Establishment of the Basket fund which has mobilised up to \$73.6M including \$54.9M from the EU;
- 75 women and young women owned MSMEs producing PPE identified for targeting;
- Over 200 million people reached with COVID-19 messages and other essential RCCE messaging;
- More than 11M PPEs and 760,000 COVID-19 test kits procured leading to 40% increase in testing;
- Cash assistance to vulnerable Households (VHH) beneficiaries across the seven states and 11 LGAs has reached over 25,705 households along with 4,233 MSMEs and 19,850 informal businesses;
- Social safety nets were provided to vulnerable populations with the unconditional cash transfer programme of the Basket Fund reaching over 32,000 vulnerable beneficiaries with focus on women-headed households in communities, persons living with disabilities and people living below the seventh decile of the poverty line. 1,760 MSMEs have also received unconditional cash grants;
- The national capacity for GBV and COVID-19 prevention and response actions was enhanced with the training of more than 5,000 health care workers in case management, IPC training for around 48,000 health care workers and community volunteers, intensive care specialist training for 93 health professionals, and 12 master trainers for further transferring of knowledge to their peers;
- Mid-term evaluation of One UN Basket fund completed with recommendations for extension;
- Mission to Akwa Ibom 06-09 Dec 2022 done successfully with impressive MSMEs support witnessed.

THEMATIC PROGRAMMES

Operations 1: Green Economy

Global Climate Change Alliance+ (GCCA+) Development Cooperation Instrument



Team Leader: Inga STEFANOWICZ

NIGERIA CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE PROGRAMME - NCCRP

Source of funds:	DCI – Development Cooperation Instrument under the Global Climate Change Alliance + Initiative
Decision date/ No.:	1/06/2018 (ENV/2018/041492)
Total budget:	8 MEUR
Implementation period:	2019 - 2024
Implementing Agency:	Direct Management, Technical Assistance (service contract), Federal Ministry of Environment, Conseil Sante
Geographical Area:	Nationwide
Project Manager:	Sabri MEKAOU

The overall objective of the project is to support the development and implementation of the Nigerian climate change response program (NCCRP) to guarantee the country's economic growth and development strategies while meeting its conditional 47% (revised) NDC targets by 2030.

The specific objective is to contribute to the creation of Nigeria's GHG emission profile with the aim of pinpointing mitigation actions reducing energy use and costs in favour of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions. This will be mainly achieved through the creation of sectoral MRVs (e.g., for energy and waste sectors) and solid waste management baseline, associated with sustainable best practices.

Expected results:

- Establishment of a national greenhouse gases (GHG) emission data system for annual inventories and biannual reporting in compliance with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) requirements. Assistance focuses on setting up the legal and organizational frameworks required for the establishment of a national Monitoring, Reporting and Verification System (MRV);
- Increased perception and the knowledge of Climate Change topics among different target audiences through awareness and sensitization campaigns. General public awareness is required to obtain a wider public support, approval and knowledge about implementation of the climate actions;
- Implementation of a waste sector baseline and related emission profile at Federal and State levels – (Kano and Ogun states). The task is aimed at producing reliable national data on waste generation and composition that will inform effective planning on waste management and reduction potential, with respect to international best practices and protocols.

State of Play:

- Contract with Conseil Santé was signed on 4th November 2019. An official physical kick-off with the European Union Delegation was held on-site with the Technical Assistance Team (TAT), the Project Director (PD) and her Deputy (DPD) on 20/01/2020; The official physical kick-off with the Department of Climate Change at the Federal Ministry of Environment was held on-site with the TAT and PD/DPD on 21/01/2020;
- 9 non-key experts have been recruited for Task 1 (5 on-going); 4 NKEs have been recruited for Task 2 (ongoing); and 7 have been recruited for Task 3 while processes to recruit another six are ongoing;
- Inception Phase Workshop was organised in Abuja;
- Working Groups for all the Tasks were formed;
- Project ToR, Methodology and the NCCRP four-year Workplan were revised;
- First Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held on 9 December 2021;
- Participation in World Environment Day celebration jointly organised by FMEnv, EUD and French Embassy as an opportunity for NCCRP launch replacement, and a second one in June 2023;
- Addendum (ITMOs) was approved and integrated into the NCCRP four-year Workplan;
- The EUD supported the participation of two NCCRP KEs and three DCC officers in COP27 in Egypt. The essence of the support was to keep the NCCRP abreast of the latest decisions in the global climate change negotiations;
- The Second Project Steering Committee (PSC) was held on the 24th of October 2023; the third will be held in September 2023;
- Mobilisation of remaining NKEs for Tasks 1 and 2 is ongoing.

Task1

- Analysis of the legal regulations at the national level and existing institutional arrangements for national, energy sector and waste sector levels;
- Legal and institutional barriers/gap analysis for the establishment of MRV system for national, energy sector and waste sector levels;
- Development of the legal frameworks for the MRV system for national, energy sector and waste sector levels;
- Mapping of institutions with relevant competences regarding MRV at the national and waste sector levels;
- Analysis of the adequacy of existing Nigerian Institutions for their designation of the operation of the MRV System at the national, waste sector and energy sector levels;
- Institutional and technical gap analysis for the MRV system in the energy and waste sectors;
- Development of the conceptual institutional and reporting quality assurance frameworks for Nigeria's MRV system at the national, energy sector and waste sector levels;
- Development of the Data management and Quality Assurance and Quality Control tool (RISQ Tool) and Capacity Building on the Use of the National GHG Inventory Compilation Tool;
- Development of a Manual of Procedures for Preparing and Managing the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory in Nigeria: Development of ToRs and recruitment of the NKE;
- Development of a Manual of Procedures for Preparing and Managing the Measurement of Mitigation Actions and their Effects in Nigeria (ongoing activity);
- Capacity Building for the Implementation of the Institutional Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System in Nigeria: Development of the inception report of the NKE, identification of stakeholders' training needs and development of the training programmes for three workshops, development of the concept note for two workshops, preparation of the training materials is ongoing;
- Development of ToRs of the NKE for the Capacity Building of Stakeholders on GHG Inventories in the Energy Sector in Nigeria and the recruitment of the NKE underway;
- Capacity Building of Stakeholders on GHG Inventories in the Waste Sector in Nigeria: Development of the inception report of the NKE, identification of stakeholders' training needs and development of the training programmes, development of the concept note for a workshop, preparation of the training materials and training manual; development of data collections tool;
- Capacity Building of Stakeholders on the Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC), Cross Sectoral Issues, Reporting in the Framework of the Future Biennial Transparency Report (BTR): Development of ToRs of the NKE and recruitment of the NKE;
- Development of ToRs of the NKE for the Capacity Building of Stakeholders on the Monitoring and Reporting of Mitigation Actions in the Energy and Waste Sectors in Nigeria and the recruitment of the NKE underway.

Task 2

- Capacity Building Workshop for Journalists: First in a series of three workshops held in Abuja while another is under planning and scheduled to be held in Lagos;
- Website: Development of NCCRP digital project brief and website prototype is now created and about to be redesigned;
- NCCRP social media pages are now created to support campaigns;
- Five paper-based stories, two short videos, One Pager, quarterly Fact Sheets produced and uploaded on the NCCRP website; additional five stories are lined up for subsequent production as from September 2023;
- NCCRP archive of high-resolution digital photos constituted (Inception, fieldwork and workshops);
- Nigerian Journalists for Climate Action Network (NIJOCAN): Formation, and development of 12-month Action Plan and MoU with NCCRP;
- "Save Our Planet" Radio Programme: 14 pilot scripts developed and awaiting validation; 26 additional radio scripts undergoing research and development; external service provider to record and transmit the radio programme has been recruited and contract signature is being awaited;
- NCCRP video documentary (26-minutes): Shooting script developed and awaiting validation; external service provider to gather video clips and conduct location shooting has been recruited and contract signature is being awaited;

- Waste Minimisation Campaign Plan is updated and Campaign Planning Committees set up in Kano and Ogun States with the first launch in Ogun State envisaged by mid-August 2023;
- Environmental Education Programme: 100 participating primary and secondary schools profiled, draft curriculum and "***Pathway to Environmental Education in Nigerian Schools***" -Teacher's Manual awaiting stakeholder validation;
- Development of the NCCRP Communication and Visibility Plan, including Stakeholder consultation and analysis;
- NCCRP Stakeholder Engagement and Influencing Plan is under development and billed for finalisation by the end of August 2023.

Task 3

- Baseline data on solid waste management (SWM) and GHG emissions parameters at waste sector were collected from the six geopolitical zones to enable the inclusion of waste in Nigeria's NDC review. The results were validated during a grand finale seminar held on 23/08/2021 to share the information with the different stakeholders across the Nation;
- Waste characterisation to collect data on waste generation and composition in Ogun and Kano has been completed;
- First Annual SWM training workshop for technical staff from 36 states and FCT was organised in Abuja on 25 and 26 August 2021;
- Display of education campaigns towards households at municipal levels to ensure communities are aware of the good practices that reduce GHG emission to the environment has commenced in Kano and Abeokuta;
- Setting plans and protocols to comply with international procedures with focus on Solid Waste Management data and operations in Nigeria with data collection in the two pilot States (Kano and Ogun) has been completed;
- Organisation of capacity building workshops towards waste sector operators (scavengers, recyclers, private waste collectors etc.) in Abeokuta and Ogun States has been completed;
- Second edition of Annual Training Workshop for Technical Staff in the Public Offices from 36 states and FCT was organised in Abuja on 19 and 20 August 2021;
- Organisation of EU study visit to sensitise main stakeholders at Federal level on advanced SWM technologies and international context of GHG reduction has commenced with mobilisation of a Short-Term Expert (a French Speaker).

Operations 2: Democracy, Governance & Migration

- European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)
- The Spotlight Initiative



Team Leader: Mr Ruben Alba AGUILERA

EUROPEAN INSTRUMENT FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS (EIDHR)

Overview

On the below table, there are currently three ongoing grant projects funded from the Human Rights and Democracy thematic programme being implemented in Nigeria by civil society and international organisations. The total EU contribution to these is about EUR 2.2 million. Projects cover different priorities of the EU Human Rights and Democracy Country Strategy 2021 – 2024 for Nigeria, such as the fight against human rights violations, the promotion of freedom of religion and belief and advancement of digital rights.

The Delegation has also continued to actively participate in the assessment of the various annual calls for proposals launched by Brussels under various thematic programmes including the global calls on Human Rights and Democracy. In 2021, the EU signed a new regional project with UNICEF with the title ‘Access to justice for children on the move and other vulnerable children in West Africa’. The project aims to improve children's access to child-friendly justice through age- and gender- sensitive juvenile justice mechanisms and alternatives to detention for children on the move and vulnerable children in West Africa.

EIDHR focal point: Laolu OLAWUMI

NDICI – CSO THEMATIC PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)

Overview

The NDICI-CSO thematic programme supports CSOs as actors of good governance and development and contributes to achieving the following objectives of the EU Roadmap for engagement with civil society in Nigeria (2021 – 2027):

- Promoting participation of civil society in national, sub-national, and sectoral multi-stakeholder policy processes in Nigeria between 2021 – 2027;
- Strengthening civil society organizations’ capacity to hold authorities accountable, be legitimate representatives of the interests of citizens groups with a focus on the priority areas of the MIP, between 2021 – 2027;
- Mainstreaming climate change, youth empowerment, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) into EU engagement with CSOs with a focus on the thematic priorities of the MIP between 2021 – 2027.

There are currently nine ongoing programmes as reflected in the table below covering the CSO regulatory environment at sub-national level, digital skills, education and climate change with a total value of EUR5,598,655.

CSO-LA focal point: Wynyfred ACHU-EGBUSON

List of Ongoing Thematic Programme Projects					
EIDHR					
Contractor	Project Title	Implementing Period	Project Amount	EU Contribution	Thematic Programme
Search for Common Ground AISBL (SEARCH)	"I-RENEW: Inclusive Religious Engagement in Nigeria Enhanced by Women"	2 years (2023 – 2025)	750,000	712,500	Human Rights and Democracy
Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung e.V., Brot für die Welt	Faith for Peace: Empowering local actors to promote peacebuilding, human rights, democracy and religious tolerance in Nigeria	30 months (2023 – 2025)	789,474	750,000	Human Rights and Democracy
Avocats Sans Frontières France	Enhancing Digital Rights in Nigeria (e-RIGHTS)	30 months (2023 – 2025)	789,414	749,943.30	Human Rights and Democracy
Civil Society and Local Authorities (CSO-LA)					
Global Rights Advocates For Sustainable Justice	Strengthening A Community of Practice to Improve CSO Regulatory Environment in Nigeria	2 years (01/02/2023 – 31/01/2025)	750,000.00	750,000.00	CSO Thematic Programme
Niger-Delta Stakeholder Initiative for Community Development And Engagement (NDSICDE)	Reducing Digital Gender Gaps in Niger Delta	30 Months (01/02/2023 – 31/07/2025)	783,971.52	744,772.94	CSO Thematic Programme
University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	Promoting Digital Financial Solutions for farmers in remote communities to adapt to Climate Change	3 years (01/02/2023 – 31/01/2026)	822,916.97	699,479.42	CSO Thematic Programme

Stichting ZOA	Promoting Digital Skills digital skills of Women, hard-to-reach youth and persons with disabilities in Borno and Yobe States.	3 years (01/02/2023 – 31/01/2026)	750,000.00	675,000.00	CSO Thematic Programme
Niger-Delta Stakeholder Initiative for Community Development and Engagement (NDSICDE)	Reducing Digital Gender Gaps in Niger Delta	30 Months (01/02/2023 – 31/07/2025)		744,000.00	CSO Thematic Programme
PLAN Ireland Charitable Assistance	Strengthening Civil Society to Enhance Education for All in Northern Nigeria	2 years (16/01/2023 – 15/01/2023)	789,481.93	749,999.94	CSO Thematic Programme
Associazione Culturale Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud	Integration of Digital Skills Education and Drug Abuse Prevention into Nigeria Secondary Education Curriculum - “skool n skill 4 naija”	30 Months (01/02/2023 – 31/07/2025)	532,000.00	505,400.00	CSO Thematic Programme
International Centre For Energy Environment And Development Foundation	Improved sub-national response to climate change in Northeast Nigeria	2 years (16/01/2023 – 15/01/2025)	524,535.40	474,022.64	CSO Thematic Programme
CBM Christoffel-Blindenmission Christian Blind Mission e.V.	Enabling Resilience to Climate Change Related Risks through local CSOs’ strengthening in Benue and Plateau State, Nigeria (ER2CC)	3 years (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2026)	781,250.00	500,000.00	CSO Thematic Programme
Stiftelsen Flyktninghjelpen (Norwegian Refugee Council)	Empowering Civil Society Organisations and Vulnerable groups in Adamawa State to Plan for, Manage and Respond to the Impacts of Climate Change	2 years (01/02/2023 – 31/01/2025)	600,000.00	499,980.00	CSO Thematic Programme
Dr. Mukwenge Fountation	Nigerian youth, community peacebuilding, and resilience to crises and fragility (It is important to	36 months August 2020 – June 2023	750,000	750,000	CSO Thematic Programme

	note that implementation phase of the project is closed).				
International Alert	Addressing youth, crisis and fragility in Yobe and Bauchi States, Northeast Nigeria through the “Matasa ku Taso: Youth Arise!”.	August 2020 – Sept 2023	450,000	450,000	CSO Thematic Programme

THE SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE

Source of funds:	Global EU Funds
Total budget:	27M USD for Nigeria; 500M EUR Globally
Implementing period:	5 years (2019-2023)
Implementing agencies:	UNDP, UNICEF, UN WOMEN, UNFPA, UNESCO
Geographical region:	Focal States are Ebonyi, Cross River, Sokoto, Lagos, Adamawa and FCT
Project Manager:	Laolu OLAWUMI

Objectives:

Through a comprehensive approach, the Spotlight Initiative in Nigeria aims to support a Nigeria where all women and girls, particularly the most vulnerable, live a life free from violence and harmful practices. This vision is realised by addressing the linkages between sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices with related aspects of sexual and reproductive health and rights as a cross-cutting theme. Focus is on prevention efforts, particularly addressing the root causes of gender-based violence and harmful practices (child marriage and female genital mutilation) against women and girls; and ensuring access to inclusive, timely, and quality services for victims and survivors. The geographical scope is vertical, supporting interventions at federal, state and community levels and horizontally across 5+1 focus states, one per geo-political zone, based on a mixed set of criteria (including prevalence, political will, enabling environment, capacities and potential to facilitate further expansion and upscaling).

Expected Results:

- Legislative and policy frameworks, based on evidence and in line with international human rights standards, on all forms of violence against women and girls and harmful practices are in place and translated into action plans;
- National and sub-national systems and institutions plan, fund and deliver evidence-based programmes that prevent and respond to violence against women and girls and harmful practices, including in other sectors;
- Gender inequitable social norms, attitudes and behaviours change at community and individual levels to prevent gender-based violence (GBV);
- Women and girls who experience violence and harmful practices use available, accessible, acceptable, and quality essential services including long-term recovery from violence;
- Quality, disaggregated and globally comparable data on different forms of violence against women and girls and harmful practices, collected, analysed and used in line with international standards to inform laws, policies and programmes;
- Women's rights groups, autonomous social movements and CSOs, including those representing youth and those facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination/marginalization, more effectively influence and advance progress on gender equality and women's empowerment.

Main activities:

- Fostering legislative and policy frameworks favourable to protect and empower women and girls where impact is assessed and monitored;
- Strengthening national and sub-national systems with trained and capacitated staff who coordinate and deliver a multi-sectoral response;
- Ensuring an active engagement of communities, including community gatekeepers such as traditional and religious leaders, men and boys, community structures and champions, are mobilized and engaged as agents of change to help transform social norms and attitudes towards prevention of violence and harmful practices against women and girls;
- Women and girls' capacity with regards to their rights to wellbeing is strengthened by addressing barriers to facilitate timely access to acceptable and quality essential services;

- Fostering capacity of national and sub-level institutions to collectively analyse and use quality age and gender disaggregated data for decision-making;
- Empower women’s rights groups and civil society organizations so they are better able to advocate, influence and advance programming on violence against women and girls, harmful practices, gender equality and women’s empowerment.

Main Accomplishments to date:

- *Laws, Policies and Institutional Strengthening:* Through sustained advocacy and interventions, the Child Rights Act has been adopted by 35 states. The Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act (VAPP) has been adopted by all states. The VAPP was simplified and translated to the four main Nigerian languages (Igbo, Hausa, Yoruba, Pidgin) and disseminated to all Spotlight states. The GBV Accountability Tracker has been launched and handed-over to the Inter-Ministerial Committee on GBV in collaboration with the Nigerian Governors Wives Forum. Key institutions at Federal and State levels have received capacity building trainings and are better able to integrate and develop plans and programs on GBV; apply gender responsive budgeting, allocation and aligned disbursement principles as well as provide direct support to persons with disability through trainings on sign language;
- *Prevention/Male Engagement:* The HeforShe has been launched in all Spotlight States. Under the joint EU-UN Spotlight Initiative, UN Women supported the development of the School-Related Gender Based Violence Response Guidelines in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria, drafted based on the UNESCO global guidance on addressing school-related gender-based violence. In Lagos and Abuja, 6 tertiary institutions have approved implementation of activities for GBV response and protocol utilization. GBV survivors have been enrolled and placed in Vocational skills such as: Alumaco fabrication, shoe making, salt making, phone repairs, hair dressing, poultry farming, fashion and design, making of polythene bags, fish farming, detergents and cleaning agents and confectionaries. The second chance education for vulnerable women and girls has also provided functional literacy and skills acquisition for over 15,000 beneficiaries. At least 40 Cooperative societies have been set up to enable beneficiaries access funds for start-up businesses in Ebonyi and Cross River States;
- *Services:* One Stop Centers have been set up in Abuja, Adamawa and Sokoto (Nana Khadija, launched November 2020) and services of an existing one (Mirabel Center-Lagos) scaled up. Referral services, radio jingles and mass community sensitization have also been developed and deployed to disseminate information on GBV and access to GBV services;
- *Women’s Movement:* Gender-based violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights networks have been established in the 6 Spotlight states; these formed the foundation for the establishment of GBV Response Coordination Committees and GBV referral protocols with at least 180 grassroots and community based CSOs trained on gender-sensitive budgeting, monitoring and advocacy.

Operations 3: Human Development

PROACT-DCI



Team Leader: Ms Leila BEN AMOR MATHIEU

EU SUPPORT TO FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE IN TARABA STATE

Source of funds:	PROACT-DCI FOOD 2017 (DCI 2017 / 040-160) (2018/395-810)
Decision date:	19/02/2018
Total budget:	10 MEUR (EU: 5MEUR (2017) + 5 MEUR (2018))
Implementing period:	4 years, 6 months (2018 – 2023) (Currently under - <i>D+3+1</i>)
Implementing agency:	OXFAM
Geographical region:	Taraba State (6 selected LGAs)
Project Manager:	Temitayo OMOLE

Objective:

To develop resilient livelihoods through integration of humanitarian relief, socio-economic development, and empowered advocacy as well as improving social protection/safety nets and strengthening market systems.

Expected results:

- Increased income of small scale farmers by enhancing their agricultural productivity, market access, and job creation along crop, fish and livestock value chains;
- Enhanced adaptive capacities and resilience of small-scale farming households to climate change;
- Improved cooperation and mutual benefits of farmers, livestock owners, and all value chain actors.

Main activities:

- Facilitate establishment of 1,600 small-scale Farmer Groups using the VSLA approach;
- Organize 6,000 farmer group-led Farmer Field Schools (FFS) sessions through 24 fortnightly meetings per community, annually;
- Construct 700 grain banks through cash-for-work with 700 tons of assorted grains to facilitate access to food items for at least 7,000 vulnerable small-scale farming households during the lean season (184.5 per households);
- Support 3,900 youth farmers (female and male) with agro-enterprise development materials and expertise to replicate vegetable farming techniques through small-scale greenhouse technologies using local resources, improved seeds processing, packaging, and storage facilities;
- Provide 4,500 vulnerable households with livestock and upkeep support to manage small-scale livestock production (small ruminants and chicken);
- Support 4,000 farmers with 1,000 water pumps, improved seeds and fertilizers to establish dry season irrigation farming systems and facilitate replication of same across 26 communities;
- Initial supply of 48,000 bags of 50kg of fertilizer, to benefit 40,000 vulnerable households;
- Support 9,000 women-headed households with vegetable seeds and fertilizer to start backyard gardens;
- Link farmers, off-takers and financing institutions to an agricultural de-risking facility (NIRSAL²);
- Support 300 fish production entrepreneurs with access to fingerlings, feed technology, processing, and markets;
- Support private sector-led nurseries with seeds and monetary incentives to raise and manage 900,000 economic trees and distribute within 18 months to 40,000 households;
- Train 80³ Extension Agents (EA) from Local Government Areas on Climate-Smart Agriculture and other techniques for increasing agro-productivity;
- Create radio programme in Hausa on food security, natural resource management project objectives and promote peace building & conflict resolution dialogue between cattle herders and farmers;
- Facilitate 21 policy review and dialogue meetings at State and in each LG levels to enable community participation/engagements aimed at adopting enhanced value chain-driven and private sector partnerships in agro-inputs and produce marketing policy(ies) at both levels;
- Organize six 1-day seminars (1 per LGA) on “From Conflict to Collaboration and Consensus-Building in Natural Resource Management” for 50 stakeholders and promote the “Do-No-Harm” and “Non-violent Communication” strategies.

² The Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending

³ 80 extension workers obey the ratio 1:500 extension farmer ratio for a total of 40 communities

Main accomplishments to date:

- PROSELL radio programs continue to air with good audience feedback and coverage;
- 36 Village Agents were trained in VSLA methodology;
- Irrigation water pumps were distributed during the reporting period;
- 774 (335 males, 439 females) beneficiaries were sensitized on safeguarding essentials;
- Trained selected CSOs and partners' staff on Policy Influencing and Advocacy;
- 50 project staff including security guards and partner staff were trained on personal safety and security;
- Mobilized over 200 VSLA members to enroll on BVN and bank accounts opening.

EU SUPPORT TO LIVESTOCK DISEASE SURVEILLANCE KNOWLEDGE INTEGRATION (LIDISKI)

Source of funds:	FED/2018 /041-107 - DeSIRA – Climate-relevant actions at country level
Decision date:	22/12/2017
Total budget:	2.5 MEUR (EU)
Implementing period:	4 years (2020 – 2023) (Currently under - <i>D+3</i>)
Implementing agency:	Centre de Cooperation Internationale en Recherche Agronomique Pour Le developpement - C.I.R.A.D. EPIC
Geographical region:	Nigeria
Project Manager:	Temitayo OMOLE

The project supports an effective knowledge integration for a resilient and integrated approach to the surveillance and control of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Newcastle Disease (ND) in the face of climate change in Nigeria. It will improve Nigeria's capacity to produce and manage vaccines as well as rapid response.

Expected results:

- Improved material and technical capacities of the NVRI laboratory and outposts in production and delivery of efficient PPR and ND vaccines and in disease diagnostic;
- Increased capacity and engagement of NVRI and other stakeholders in disease surveillance and control;
- Built NVRI capacity to contribute to community training in order to scale-up rapidly the CAHWS network in future activities in a sustainable manner;
- Improved understanding of the socio-economic and epidemiological context of PPR and ND in targeted areas.

Main activities:

- Train staff of the NVRI and ministry of agriculture in designing and implementing surveys in animal demography and mobility, and PPR and ND epidemiological for target areas;
- Trained staff of the NVRI, accompanied by experts and masters' students of Ahmadu Bello university, will design and implement surveys on the socio-economy of ND and PPR in target areas;
- Risks mapping analysis to evaluate risk of disease occurrence in a target geographical area;
- Collecting and analysing samples from suspected PPR and ND cases in target areas to improve understanding of ND and PPR genetic diversity and distribution;
- Installation of solar panels in vaccine production and storage sites, and strengthening of CAHWS network to improve vaccine delivery;
- Development of inactivated ND vaccine to be used in combination with classical NDV I2 vaccine in back-yard poultry farms;
- Development of toolkit to scale-up disease surveillance and control to other regions of Nigeria.

Main accomplishments to date:

- Over 100 animal health actors have been trained in a wide range of topics using a combination of online and on-site courses followed by field activities;
- NVRI staff and field vets from Plateau state have participated in Training of Trainers courses officially recognised by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN), and have thereafter trained community animal health workers (CAWHs) who can now support their communities for the surveillance and control of PPR and ND through disease identification and reporting, awareness actions and access to vaccination;
- Over 4,000 flyers and 2,000 posters were deployed in the field in Hausa and English on disease identification and reporting;
- Radio jingles were aired for 3 months in Plateau state (Peace FM) and Bauchi state (Globe FM), reaching 30 LGAs (~200,000 livestock owners listening daily);
- Installation of solar panels in the NVRI HQ, and in 5 NVRI outstation (Bauchi, Yola, Kano, Katsina, Kaduna) led to dramatic improvement in the capacity of the outstations to carry out diagnostic activities and ensure cold chain for vaccine storage and delivery;
- PPR and NDV-I2 vaccine production capacity of NVRI has been evaluated by the company iBET based on documentation provided;

- Guidelines have been provided to NVRI to increase vaccine production based either on existing equipment or on purchase of new equipment (output I-P1);
- No-cost extension granted.