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DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMMES COMPENDIUM

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ECOWAS operations (10th & 11th EDF)

Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP)

EU Emergency Trust Fund for the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin (EUTF)

Thematic Programme on Human Rights and Democracy (HR&D)

Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)

Neighbourhood, Development And International Cooperation Instrument

(NDCI) / Global Europe Instrument

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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 within 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 an end soon. 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.

An interactive version showing where we work in Nigeria is also available at: https:/www.euinnigeriaprojectmap.com/

If you require more information, do not hesitate to contact the relevant project manager of each project. We look forward to your feedback and hope you will find it useful.

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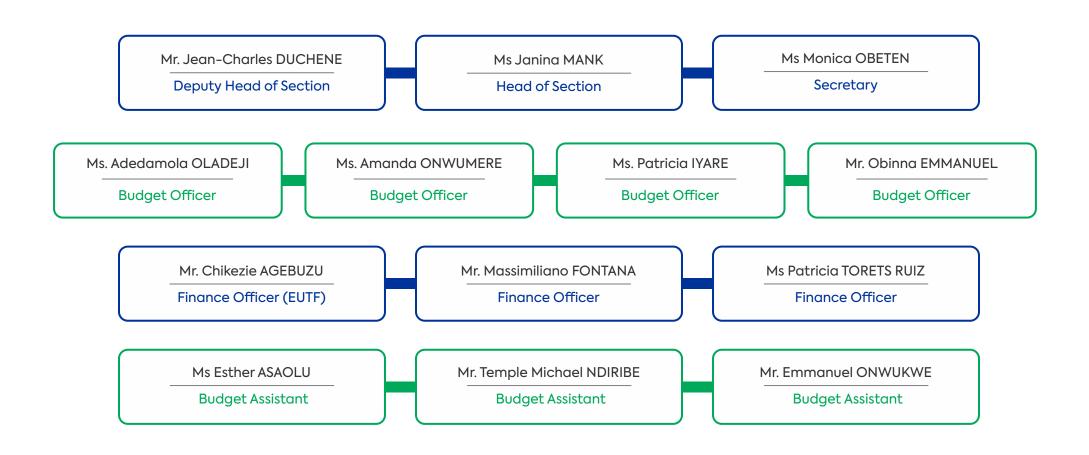
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ACDC	Africa Centre for Disease Control
ACJA/ACJ	Administration of Criminal Justice Act/Laws
ACJMC	Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee
ACAs	Anti-Corruption Agencies
AECID	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation
AEDIB	African-European Digital Innovation Bridge
AFFAHR	Adamawa Forum for Farmer and Herder Relations
AFIC	Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community
AFIF	African Investment Facility
AFRITAC	African Regional Technical Assistance Centre
AGoSE	Amelioration de la Gouvernance du Secteur de l'Energie en Afrique de l'Ouest
AMA	Africa Medicines Agency
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BTR	Biennial Transparency Report
BVN	Bank Verification Number
CAHWS	Community Animal Health Workers
CCA	Cardinal Stone Capital Advisers
ccc	Climate Change Coalition
CDD	Centre for Democracy and Development
CDRDs	Community Disaster Risk Committees
CET	Common External Tariff

CFO	Compulsory Financial Obligation
CF	Cooperation Facility
CFM	Climate Fund Managers
CIRAD	Centre de Cooperation Internationale en Recherche Agronomique Pour Le Developpement
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CRAP	Climate Resilience Action Plan
CRGs	Community-based Resilience Groups
CRIS	Common RELEX Information System (EU's external relations database)
CRIS	Community Research and Development Information Service
CRNP	Cross River National Park
CRNs	Community Response Networks
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
CSIRT	Computer Security Incident Response Team
CSCs	Community Stabilization Committees
CSDRM	Community and Social Development Resources Management
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
DAI	Development Alternatives Inc.
DACORE	Data Collection and Registration Centre
DFA	Development Finance Assessment
DIME	Development Impact Evaluation

DIHs	Digital Innovation Hubs
EABC	East African Business Council
EBID	ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECEREE	ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
ECOQMARK	ECOWAS Certification Mark
ECOQUIB	ECOWAS Quality and Industry Database
ECOSHAM	ECOWAS Harmonisation of Standards
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECREEE	ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
EDF	European Development Fund
EIDHR	European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
EU	European Union
EU CS3D	EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive
EUD	European Union Delegation
EUTF	EU Emergency Trust Fund
FBS	Farmer Business School
FCA	Finance Contract and Audit
FMoH	Federal Ministry of Health
GAHAP	Good Agricultural and Husbandry Practices

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GCM	Global Compact for Migration
GCCA+	Global Climate Change Alliance+
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GIABA	Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
HR	Human Resources
IATF	Intra-African Trade Fair
IcSP	EU Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace
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ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
INEC	Independent National Electoral Commission
IMRF	International Migration Review Forum
INFF	Integrated National Financial Framework
INFS	Integrated National Financing Strategy
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organisation
IP	Implementing Partner

ISOs	Innovation Support Organisations
ITC	International Trade Centre
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IWD	International Women's Day
JTWG	Joint Technical Working Group
JSRT	Justice Sector Reform Teams
LCBC	Lake Chad Basin Commission
LCCAPs	Local Climate Change Action Plans
LGAs	Local Government Areas
MAUQIB	Mauritania Quality and Industry Database
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
MIP	Multiannual Indicative Programme
МоН	Ministry of Health
ММС	Maiduguri Metropolitan Council
MTEF	Medium-Term Expenditure Framework
MTRS	Medium-Term Revenue Strategy
MUAC	Middle Upper Arm Circumference
NACTAL	Network of Civil Society Organisations against Child Trafficking, Abuse and Labour
NAO	National Authorising Officer
NAPTIP	National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons

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OPERATIONS 1

Green & Digital Economy



EU support for this priority will be implemented through the Team Europe Initiative, leveraging the resources of the EU, its Member States, and relevant European financial institutions. It will focus on diversifying the Nigerian economy by increasing access to renewable energy for productive purposes and boosting the agricultural sector, while incorporating circular and digital economy principles. Geolocation will be used to ensure focused and high-impact interventions.

Key elements of this priority include:

- Transforming Nigerian agriculture: Shifting from subsistence farming to climate-smart, nature-positive, income-generating activities at the heart of sustainable food systems. This involves improving knowledge, skills, and techniques, fostering biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management, and enhancing access to finance, agribusiness development, energy, and markets.
- Sustainable energy: Addressing Nigeria's electrification target, which has stagnated at around 55%, with a goal of reaching 90% of the population by 2030. This will involve promoting renewable energy sources, upgrading the grid, and addressing regulatory and financial barriers. Energy efficiency and circular economy practices will also be promoted.

Digital solutions and innovation: Utilising advanced ICT solutions in agriculture and energy sectors, with a focus on creating jobs for the country's youth. Renewable energy sources like solar photovoltaic will be emphasised due to their job creation potential. Support will extend to addressing youth unemployment and fostering the innovation ecosystem, particularly in the digital economy.

The EU's investment and support in these areas aim to contribute to Nigeria's sustainable development, economic growth, and the well-being of its citizens, with a particular focus on youth empowerment and environmental sustainability.

EU's objectives in the priority area:

- Low-carbon development
- Youth employment
- Economic growth and diversification
- Reduced pollution
- Food security
- Poverty reduction

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

5,150,000 MEUR (EU – 4.15MEUR, BMZ– 1 MEUR) Total budget:

39 Months (2021 – 2024) Implementation period:

Implementing agency: GI7

Geographical region: National (selected States – Nasarawa and Benue) Project Manager: Hugh BRIGGS, hugh.BRIGGS@eeas.europa.eu

OBJECTIVE

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/OUTPUT

Increased Income of small-scale rice producers and agro-pastoralists;

Reduced greenhouse gas emissions from rice cultivation;

Increased productivity of small-scale rice producers;

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/agropastoralism nexus, promote their dissemination and use:

Support MSMEs in Identifying New Business Models by exploiting market opportunities and diversification within livestock and farming systems;

Encourage agricultural innovations leading to the identification of new or adaptation of existing climate-smart practices and advocacy for change;

Develop an integrated land resource management approach in a participatory way to facilitate the collaboration between farmers and agro-pastoralists;

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;

Engage in strategies and actions to facilitate solutions between farmers and agropastoralists in conflict.

MAIN RESULTS 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 Badegai (NCRI);

Due to the high cost of inorganic fertilizer in the country, the project has trained the 139 **EAS** on organic manure composting using byproducts 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 awarded grants to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) for the coordination of applied research in sustainable agriculture in the rice farmeragro-pastoralist nexus, and Neem Foundation for the facilitation of conflicting farmer-agropastoralist parties towards amicable joint land resource arrangements;

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; Farmers (35%) women) who have adopted agroforestry and silvopastoral approaches have planted 100,000 trees for commercial use on or near their fields.

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;

The project completed a midline study in September 2023 in order to compare some changes generated in the indicators of the project.

The project identified four climate-smart practices for the rice cultivation. These have been identified and adapted to the local context (Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Rice Agroforestry System (RAS), Contract Farming Tool, Cooperative Business School).

The project in collaboration with IITA and ADP identified three innovations in livestock fodder production/management in Silage production, hay production, hydroponic fodder production, and silvo pasture, livestock feed processing from rice byproduct.

50 public and private service providers in agricultural extension, and mediators in resource use conflicts (35 % women, 35 % young people) have been trained in new, climatesmart and sustainable agricultural practices based

on latest research and adapted to local context.

At the end of year two, 20,000 small-scale rice farmers and 1,000 agro-pastoralists (35 % women, 35 % young people) have participated in capacity building measures in climate-smart agriculture and sustainable agro-pastoral livestock management implemented by qualified extension agents.

50 out of the planned 60 representatives of micro, small and medium enterprises have been trained in new business opportunities created by value-added products. Two new agreements on integrated land resource management (including strengthened mutual exchange and trade relations) have been established between farmers and agropastoralists

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CENTRE: IMPROVING THE DIGITAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN NIGERIA

Source of funds: NDICI AFRICA - NDICI Sub-Saharan Africa (INTPA) Decision date: 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 agency: GIZ Geographical Area: NIGERIA

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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-centered innovation and digitalisation legal frameworks, which will benefit both the country's development (human-centered 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 € 4.1 million.







EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Output 1 aims to support policymakers and institutions, such as the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), in developing and executing evidence-based policies for digital transformation. This is achieved by:

- Building capacities within key political institutions to execute policies.
- · Developing tools and methods for data collection to enable evidencebased policymaking.
- Creating participatory frameworks to support policy execution at the state
- Building capacity for new trends in the digital innovation ecosystem.
- Facilitating cooperation and dialogue between national and international actors in the policy and innovation ecosystem through improved networking.

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 highquality services to support them on their digital transformation journey.

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It 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 financially to receive 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.

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.



GENERAL RECRUITMENT

Two international experts, a senior technical expert, and a finance manager, were hired to drive project components in late 2023 and early 2024. Additionally, recruitment for a Digital Ambassador - Innovation Specialist is ongoing.

Output 1: Policy Framework and Ecosystem Participation

- Drafted a participatory policy framework for the Nigeria Startup Act.
- · Upgraded the NITDA Rule Making Portal to enhance ecosystem involvement in policy development and evaluation.
- · Initiated stakeholders' awareness sessions and a capacity-building needs analysis in Abuja, Lagos, and Kano.
- Conducted training for 56 NITDA staff and 223 data protection personnel in Lagos and Abuja.
- Implemented policy dialogues and supported NITDA's participation in key digital and e-commerce summits.



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Output 2: Innovation Hub Development

- · Concluded an international tender for three additional Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs), trained 37 organizations including 14 hubs on hub design and business models, and supported five DIHs in incubation.
- Conducted needs assessment of 5 DIH (2 Green Economy, 2 Digital Trade and 1 Manufacturina).
- Consortia is being carried out.
- · Recruited expertise for 10 Innovation Support Organisations (ISOs) and launched a call-for-proposal to enhance service provision to MSMEs.
- Local subsidy provided to the Innovation Support Network (ISN) to strengthen its secretariat to provide better services and conduct a hub assessment.
- Supported the Innovation Support Network and developed a Digital Transformation Blueprint for MSMEs.



37 Organisations, 14 hubs trained

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Output 3: MSMEs and Startups Support

Implemented a digital maturity survey and trained 50 startups in pitch development.

Developed new solutions for retail sector challenges and supported the incubation of digital solutions for SMEs.

22 existing early-stage digital solutions selected for further development in acceleration through the Technybiz initiative.

Participated in innovation tours and submitted grant financing proposals for agricultural and digital solution development.

Initiated support for an international Nigerian innovation event and established digitalisation service points.

5 new solutions addressing last mile delivery and logistics challenges faced by MSMEs in the retail sector developed through the "Lab of Tomorrow" initiative.

4 new digital solutions (Retro, Payeasy, Itoju, Quickbuy) in MVP stage targeting transforming customer experience in retail SMEs selected and are currently undergoing incubation at NitHub, University of Lagos.

10 innovators participated in the African Union Innovation Fellowship Tour and 8 startups in Digital Nigeria Week, Abuja.

Grant financing proposal for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) submitted for processing. The grant enables the further development of 10 Agri-Tech solutions and facilitates their adoption by agricultural MSMEs.

Grant financing proposal for NITDA IT Hub (NitHub), UNILAG submitted for processing. The grant enables the development of 5 research outputs and end-of-study innovative projects to fully functional deployed solutions and scaling 5 existing digital solutions for MSMEs adoption.

GENERAL RECRUITMENT

Two international experts, a senior technical expert, and a finance manager, were hired to drive project components in late 2023 and early 2024. Additionally, recruitment for a Digital Ambassador - Innovation Specialist is ongoing.

Output 4: Digital Skills and Literacy

Participated in the Expert Group on the National Digital Literacy Framework, conducted digital skills training for over 6,000 women and youth, and organized workshops to drive female entrepreneurship in digital transformation.

Collaborated on workshops for women in ICT, conducted digital optimisation training for female entrepreneurs, and recruited international consultancy to improve digital and entrepreneurial skills.



6000+ women and youth trained digitally



PROMOTING DIGITAL SKILLS, DIGITAL SKILLS OF WOMEN, HARD-TO-REACH YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN BORNO AND YOBE STATES

Source of funds: NDICI CSO/2022/441-786 (EC)

Decision date: 24/12/2021 Total budget: 675 KEUR

Implementation period: 36 Months (01/02/2023 – 31/01/2026)

Implementing agency: Stichting ZOA West Africa Geographical region:

Programme Manager: Sabri MEKAOUI, sabri.mekaoui@eeas.europa.eu

OBJECTIVE

The action is designed to reduce the digital gender gap and to create an enabling environment towards an inclusive digital transformation among women, hard-to-reach youths, and persons with disabilities in 15 communities of Jere, MMC, Mafa, Konduga, Biu, Hawul, Kwaya, Kusar LGAs of Borno state and 15 communities of Damaturu, Potiskum and Bade LGAs of Yobe state.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Targeted CSOs are strengthened and connected, and are able to strengthen the digital skills of women, hard-to-reach youth and persons with disabilities in 15 communities of Jere, MMC, Mafa, Konduga, Biu, Hawul, Kwaya, Kusar LGAs of Borno state and 15 communities of Damaturu, Potiskum and Bade LGAs of Yobe state by March 2025

A network of strengthened CSOs on inclusive digital transformation are empowered to explore measures to bridge the gaps in digital literacy through lobby and advocacy in 15 communities of Jere, MMC, Mafa, Konduga, Biu, Hawul, Kwaya, Kusar LGAs of Borno state and 15 communities of Damaturu, Potiskum and Bade LGAs of Yobe state by March 2025.

Women, hard-to-reach youth and persons with disability enjoy their rights to access and explore opportunities of information technology in 15 communities of Jere, MMC, Mafa, Konduga, Biu, Hawul, Kwaya, Kusar LGAs of Borno state and 15 communities of Damaturu, Potiskum and Bade LGAs of Yobe state by March 2025;



Inclusive digital transformation

The project has made significant strides in promoting digital inclusivity and aiming to close the gender digital gap in Borno and Yobe states



Strengthened collaborations

Establishment of a collaborative platform for stakeholders to support and drive the project's initiatives



Empowerment through digital Skills

Notable progress in equipping target groups (women, youth, and PWDs) with essential digital skills and tools.



Capacity Building

Comprehensive training and capacity enhancement for CSOs and educational institutions on managing digital transformation hubs

Key achievement include:

CSO EMPOWERMENT AND CONNECTIVITY

Improved digital skills and knowledge among CSOs. Effective dissemination of digital skills from CSOs to their target

demographics.

Enhanced digital transformation capabilities for 39 CSOs in Borno and

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION HUBS

Successful establishment and operationalization of digital transformation hubs in selected communities. Execution of The Training of Trainers (ToT) programs for CSO representatives to extend community-wide digital skills training. Provision of necessary digital hardware and software to bolster the initiative.

ENHANCED DIGITAL ACCESS AND SKILLS

Broadened access to digital skills training and services, particularly for women, youth, and PWDs.

Active awareness-raising and mobilization efforts to encourage utilization of digital hub services.

Delivery of digital skills training by ToT-trained CSO representatives to the target groups.

PROMOTING DIGITAL FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR FARMERS IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Source of funds: NDICI CSO/2022/441-847 (EC)

Decision date: 24/12/2021 Total budget: 699K EUR

Implementation period: 36 Months (01/02/2023 – 31/01/2026)

Implementing agency: University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Geographical region: West Africa

Programme Manager: Sabri MEKAOUI, sabri.mekaoui@eeas.europa.eu

OBJECTIVE

The aim of the action is to strenathen local CSOs to promote innovative, replicable and scalable digital solutions in innovative agriculture practices and alternative livelihoods to address economic and environmental challenges faced by farmers in rural communities for sustainable development and poverty reduction.

MAIN ACTIVITIES



Research study on digital solutions for farmers to build resilience against climate change in farming communities in in Kwara, Ogun and Imo State;



Training provided to farmers in remote communities through innovative digital tools on sustainable agriculture practises and alternative livelihood skills:



Innovative digital solutions introduced for farmers in remote communities to promote investments in small-scale sustainable agriculture and green projects;



Policy reforms and enhanced regulations to promote digital solutions for farmers.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

A significant meeting involving 10 Federal Officials, 20 State Officials, 15 Local Government Officials, and 1 State Governor was held to discuss the project's impact on local agriculture.

Engagement with 20 University Officials from partner institutions to explore academia's role in advancing digital solutions for agricultural sector transformation across three states.

Discussions with 20 Cooperative and Farmers Association members focused on civil society's contribution to the agricultural sector's digital transformation.

Training provided to 15 young researchers from partner universities on research methodologies and the Kobo Research Tool, aimed at collecting field survey data.

Field research underway by 6 supervising lecturers and 15 young researchers across 9 Local Governments in Ifelodun, Asa, Moro (Kwara State), Odeda, Odogbolu, Yewa North (Ogun State), and Ngor Okpalla, Nwangele, Obowo LGAs (Imo State), targeting 600 farmers (200 per state) regarding digital solutions in agriculture.



EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Launch of the project website (www.eup-uaes.ng/index.php) to share project results.

Publication of Volume 1 of the Project Newsletter "DIFISOL" (https:/eupuaes.ng/file/FINAL%20DIFISOL-2.pdf).

Successful collaborations marked by exchanges and visits between officials from partner universities to exchange ideas and experiences.



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) FMO - EDFIMC Implementing agency: Geographical region: Nationwide

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OBJECTIVE

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.

MAIN ACTIVITIES



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

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.

Approval of a follow-on equity investment of USD 2m in Arnergy, as part of the series B, with lead investor being Nigerian private equity firm Cardinal Stone Capital Advisers (CCA) (in the Nigeria Country Window). The IC approved it in February 2024.

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)

5 years (2016 - 2020) Implementation period: Blending through AFD Implementing agency:

Geographical region: Nationwide

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EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

An enlarged pool of technically qualified professionals in the energy sector;

Increased electricity generation through on-grid and off-grid renewables.

Increased private investment in RE and EE projects;

OBJECTIVE

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

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, RE projects through the SUNREF facility (co-funding with AFD).

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 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.
- SUNREF signed the first loan agreement with the Lagos School of Business to construct a 350KWp captive power project in 2022.

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 65 MEUR (no counterpart funding) Total budget:

Implementation period: 5 years (2016 – 2020)

Implementing agency: Blending through AFD, FMO Geographical region: Nationwide; Northern Nigeria Programme Manager: Godfrey OGBEMUDIA, Godfreysamuyi.ogbemudia@eeas.europa.eu

OBJECTIVE

- 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/OUTPUT

Increased private investment in RE projects;

Co2 emissions reductions and scaling up sustainable business models in the sector.

Increased electricity generation through on-grid and off-grid renewables;

MAIN ACTIVITY

Northern Corridor (PASSEN), with AFD to finance the Katsina-Daura-Gwiwa-Jogana-Kura twin 330kV line (around 230km, with around 600 towers and 30 angles towers, 50m Right of Way).

Support to grid management and stabilization to facilitate renewables feed-in in the North-West of Nigeria

Support on-grid renewable energy investments through the Nigeria Renewable Energy Programme (NREP) managed by FMO

Support solar home systems, mini-grids and rural electrification related projects through an ElectriFI window for Nigeria, managed by FMO

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ELECTRIFI Country window funds uptake is above 50% of the total budget contracted;
- The EU through its Nigeria Renewable Energy Programme (NREP) managed by Climate Fund Managers (CFM) funded an investment led by Konexa in Kaduna state, making up to 11.3million USD or 63% of the overall investment cost. EU funding was approved in an investment committee held in July 2023.
- 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.

EU NIGERIA COOPERATION PROGRAMME FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SECTOR PHASE 1

Source of funds: NDICI-Global Europe (OPSYS number: ACT-61659)

Decision date: FA signature: October 2024

Total budget: 37 MEUR (Counterpart funding; BMZ EUR 8 900 000, AFD EUR 70 000 000)

5 years (2023 - 2028) Implementation period:

Implementing agency: GIZ, AFD, UNIDO, UNEP, TBD Geographical region: Nationwide; Northern Nigeria

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OBJECTIVE

Expand access to clean, efficient and reliable energy while mitigating environmental pollution and greenhouse gases.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

- Access to clean, efficient and reliable energy is increased through (i) renewable energy infrastructure investments for productive purposes, public services and private use and (ii) facilitation of access to finance for private sector investments
- Environmental pollution is reduced through targeted initiatives to promote circular economy and GHG emissions reduction
- Renewable energy and energy efficiency are promoted through policy and regulatory support

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Large scale PV solar power-plant with AFD

Small Hydro Power Development for Agroindustry Use in Nigeria (SHP-DAIN) with UNIDO Advancing Nigeria's green and just transition to Net Zero through circular economy practices with UNIDO

Nigeria Energy Support Programme (NESP) 3 with GIZ

Solar for Procurement with GIZ

Solar for Health TA with NTU

GET.Invest Nigeria Country Window with GIZ

Methane emissions reduction programme in Nigeria with UNEP

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Contract signature of two UNIDO projects in November 2023

ENABLING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE RELATED RISKS THROUGH LOCAL CSOS' STRENGTHENING IN BENUE AND PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA (ER2CC)

Source of funds: EuropeAid/174523/DD/ACT/NG (CRIS Ref. NDICI

CSO/2022/441-829)

Decision date: FA signature: 09/07/2021

Total budget: 500,000.00 EUR

Implementation period: 30/12/2022 - 31/03/2026

CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION EV Implementing agency: Geographical region: Benue and Plateau state, Nigeria

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EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

CSOs including OPDs, Women and Youth-led groups are capacitated and actively involved in climate-change related policy processes;

Strengthened capacities of CSOs (including OPDs, women- and youth- led and self-help groups (farmers' groups and VESAs), and community structures to adapt to climate related hazards and natural disasters:

Strengthened capacities of CSOs (including OPDs, women- and youth- led organizations) and community structures to promote peace and social cohesion.

OBJECTIVE

The proposed intervention aims at enabling CSOs to contribute to the adaptation and domestication of the Nigeria Climate Change Policy at the local government level and build capacities to implement climate change actions that mitigate and reduce vulnerability towards the direct and indirect economic and social impacts in the communities, leaving no one behind.



MAIN ACTIVITIES

Inception phase activities: 3 months inception period starting with a kick-off meeting with the EU Delegation (EUD) and subsequently with the key stakeholders. Participatory planning workshop

Conduct an evaluation (baseline study) to identify existing policies related to climate change, climate related hazards and resources at the community level

Advocacy to relevant state and local government stakeholders on the adaptation, domestication and implementation of the NCCP

Formation of new/strengthening of existing community development structures such as the Community Disaster Risk Committees (CDRCs), to advocate and support inclusive climate change interventions in their communities

Inclusive community mapping of climate related hazards and resources at the community level

Produce easily readable, accessible formats of the climate change framework and policies (UNFCC, NCCP Nigeria) and disseminate

Equip farmer groups with improved agricultural inputs and technologies for adapted cultivations.

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Baseline Study conducted in June 2023 to establish a starting point from which to measure progress and effectiveness of the project in Benue and Plateau states of Nigeria.



IMPROVED SUB-NATIONAL RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN NORTHEAST NIGERIA

Source of funds: EuropeAid/174523/DD/ACT/NG (CRIS Ref. NDICI

CSO/2022/441-842)

Decision date: FA signature: 09/07/2021

Total budget: 474.022.64EUR

Implementation period: 30/12/2022 - 15/01/2025

Implementing agency: International Centre for Energy, Environment and

Development Foundation (ICEED)

Geographical region: Borno State, Nigeria Programme Manager: Godfrey OGBEMUDIA,

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OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the action is to "Improve community level response to climate change by the state government, non-state actors and communities in Borno State".

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

- Borno State Climate Resilience Action Plan (CRAP) developed and adopted by the State Government;
- Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Toolbox for Communities developed and adopted by the State Government:
- Borno State Climate Change Coalition (CCC) comprising State Actors and Civil Society Organizations formed and lead advocacy for the implementation of the CRAP;
- Community-based Resilience Groups (CRGs) formed and support the implementation of the Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Toolbox, and build capacity on conflict mitigating/management approaches in the target communities.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Conduct policy research on national and subnational response to climate change

Organize multi-stakeholder workshop on subnational actions on climate change

Produce draft Borno State Climate Resilience Action Plan

Organize the establishment of the Borno State Climate Change Coalition

Present Action Plan to authorities of the Borno State Government

Organize stakeholder workshop to validate the Action Plan

Develop an advocacy strategy to be implemented by the Climate Change Coalition

Provide ongoing support to the Climate Change Coalition to advocate for implementation of the Borno State Climate Resilient Action Plan

Develop the climate smart agriculture toolbox; Organize stakeholder consultative meetings to discuss and plan the formation of the Community-based Resilience Groups (CRGs).



- The Inception workshop was held on 9 May 2023. The Borno State Ministry of Environment convened the meeting with support from the programme;
- The first meeting of the Borno State Climate Change Coalition was held on 15 June.
- The Coalition comprises of government, private sector, NGOs/CSOs, development actors, academia and media. The Ministry of Environment is leading the Coalition with support from the programme.

EMPOWERING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND VULNERABLE GROUPS IN ADAMAWA STATE TO PLAN FOR, MANAGE AND RESPOND TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Source of funds: EuropeAid/174523/DD/ACT/NG (CRIS Ref. NDICI

CSO/2022/441-829)

Decision date: FA signature: 09/07/2021

Total budget: 499,980.00EUR

Implementation period: 30/12/2022 - 30/04/2025 Implementing agency: Norwegian Refugee Council Geographical region: ADAMAWA State, Nigeria Godfrey OGBEMUDIA, Programme Manager:

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OBJECTIVE

The proposed intervention aims at contributing to increased adaptive capacity of youth, women and CSOs in Adamawa state through gender transformative climate change adaptation by 2025. The project seeks to achieve this through the following specific objectives:

- Increase knowledge and awareness to generate evidence-based climate targets and adaptation activities, particularly for youth and women-led solutions;
- Strengthen and improve engagement of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) with the government as a means of influencing and driving inclusive climate change adaptation at state and federal levels:
- Develop concrete resilience building and adaptation measures, through communitybased adaptation plans and market support.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Knowledge and related information on predictions and scenarios on climate change impacts and vulnerability are available to youth, women and other stakeholders including CSO;

Targeted populations are provided with knowledge exchange and awareness raising platforms on climate change, fragility, and conflict;

Local platforms for women and youth supported to engage in multi-stakeholder dialogues on climate change;

CSOs and government stakeholders are strengthened on climate change adaptation strategies through a systematic approach;

Linkages at state and federal levels established to promote best practices for sustainability, climate action and resilience:

Communities have developed Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAPs) to better withstand climate related risks;

Communities provided with concrete climate adaptation measures and diversified livelihoods opportunities through infrastructure and value chain support.

Early warning systems for climate resilience tested and implemented;



MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Program launching ceremony;Participatory planning workshop
- Program launching ceremony
- Conduct one localised climate change impact analysis
- Identify and train 150 individuals from extension officers, and women and youth to be climate resilience change agents
- Support the development of local platforms for women and youth to engage in multi-stakeholder dialogues on resilience and climate change
- Train 50 members of selected CSOs on gender-integrated climate change adaptation planning, including capacity assessment and project development skills
- Establish 6 sand water-storage dams in support of small-scale irrigation in targeted localities and villages. This involves the blocking of seasonal wadis for groundwater storage and exploitation
- Upgrading the existing national and state early warning facilities for more efficient service delivery with a focus on both floods and drought across different livelihood types

- Develop an approach for ensuring synergy between sub-national and federal levels regarding the climate change adaptation strategy
- Introduce and support sustainable practices in agricultural production at the community level.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

Inception workshop was held on Thursday, 22nd June, 2023 in Yola, Adamawa state.

NAPTIN – ENHANCING VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR THE POWER SECTOR IN NIGERIA

Source of funds: 11th EDF (1st contribution to AFIF) (CRIS Ref.

FED/2017/389-247)

Decision date: FA signature: December 2017

Total budget: 51 MEUR (EU Contribution: 8.3 MEUR)

2017-2024 Implementation period: 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,

ljora, Enugu and Afam

Programme Manager: luri AGANETTO, iuri.aganetto@eeas.europa.eu

OBJECTIVE

The Overall Objective of the project is to contribute to economic development, job creation, and population well-being, by providing power sector stakeholders with a skilled workforce adapted to their needs and capacity building. This is to be achieved by improved access to energy, upgraded quality standards and a rise in electricity generation, transmission and distribution. This was expected to directly impact the productivity of enterprises, SMEs, development of youth skills, improve their employability and integration in the labour market while providing greater access to energy, greater social inclusion including greater gender equality through strengthened access to planned training courses and opening of positions for female trainers.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

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 enhance public investment by setting up a sustainable business model

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 deeply reform NAPTIN's governance, procedures and policies into a more businessoriented institution.

Development and Setting up of Training Assets:

This involves redesigning technical training programmes for electricity generation, transmission, and distribution. Additionally, it includes establishing non-technical training programmes such as project management, computerassisted revenue cycle management, and health and safety. Activities also include capacity-building for key stakeholders and implementing training of trainers programmes.

Improvement of NAPTIN's **Training** Infrastructure:

This component focuses on specializing eight regional training centers and the headquarters in Abuja to meet industry demands. Investments are made in specialized laboratories, workshops, and advanced equipment related to power transmission, generation, and distribution. Moreover, new hostels are developed to accommodate trainees as per the scalability of training.

Governance and **Organizational** Reform:

This involves reforming NAPTIN's governance structure and decision-making processes. Activities include corporate development such as developing new procedures and policies, business model development, financial monitoring, marketing policy, and customer management. Strengthening the capacity of the Association of Nigerian Electricity Distributors (ANED) is also part of this component. This includes steering the training offer, quality control, qualification standards references, and equipment standards. Additionally, a residential technical assistance team is recruited to assist NAPTIN's team in project management.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Completion and validation of key documents by the Project Steering Committee (PSC), including annual work plans, budget plans, and procurement plans
- Commencement of services and submission of inception reports for Technical Assistance on Corporate Development and Financial and Compliance Audit services
- Progress made in the evaluation process for design and construction projects, including substations and regional training centers
- · Receipt of AFD No-Objection on various important documents, facilitating project progress
- · Successful completion of procurement processes and signing of contracts for essential services
- Advancement in the evaluation process for project communications and visibility
- Initiation of Microsoft Excel training for NAPTIN staff.
- Finalization of financial and compliance audit reports for the years 2019 and 2020.
- Completion of capacity-building activities, including the PIU Egypt Capacity Building & Study Tour.Initiation of site preparation activities for the Abuja HQ Training Centre.
- · Conducting Business Diagnostic and Stakeholder Engagement Workshops for NAPTIN's development.
- Receipt of assessment reports and interim reports from Technical Assistance teams for product and corporate development.
- Formal notice received from AFD regarding the disbursement of the second drawdown.



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/OUTPUT

- · Establish a roster of preselected fresh graduates; induct and onboard Fellows into the Jubilee Fellows Programme
- 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
- Establish a 6-month alumni talent hub which is currently providing wrap-around post fellowship & entrepreneurial support to alumni via training & mentorship sessions curated to guide them down their career paths.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

A total of 3,180 Fellows (1,635 male and 1,545 female) were matched and onboarded with 830 host organizations across Nigeria's 6 geopolitical zones. The matching process followed the stipulated operating procedures and criteria, utilizing a talent management company to align Fellows' career aspirations and development needs with employers' specific talent gaps. A minimum 85% fit measure was ensured before placement.

During this reporting period, a total of N2,155,929,598 worth of stipends was disbursed directly to fellows bank accounts. The stipend has evolved into a source of livelihood, a social protection and empowerment measure, enabling graduates to earn as they learn while also cushioning them and their families from the effects of a constrained economy.

A total of 830 host organisations onboarded 3,180 fellows across 36 states of the Federation including the FCT during the first year of implementation. These private sector entities with operations in over 30 economic sectors form the foundation for the programme's experiential learning model.





fellows accounts



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

IBF International Consulting Implementing agency:

Geographical region: Abuja and 36 States of the Federation

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OBJECTIVE

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.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

A four-day intensive capacity building workshop on "Administration of Public Private Partnership (PPP) for Infrastructure Development in Nigeria"

Geo Data Mapping pinpointing the geographical coordinates of the EDF infrastructural projects

Creation of documentary and photo booklet spotlighting specific project sites

The stakeholder workshop and roundtable on "Cascading National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan to the States: Developing Partnerships and Innovative Financing Mechanism, Creating Inventory and Planning Framework, Identifying Capacity Requirements, and Strengthening Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

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;

Result3:

Enhanced capacity of the FMFBNP for development planning including innovative modalities and emerging trends in development cooperation and the framework of the EDF.

OPERATIONS 2:

Governance, Peace & Migration

A well-functioning system of governance and security is crucial for the stability of Nigeria, as well as its democratic and economic development, while also ensuring the inclusion of youth, women, and people with disabilities. Progress in this area is of interest to the EU in terms of regional stability, economic growth, trade opportunities, migration dynamics, and the protection of human rights. The EU's partnership with Nigeria will build upon past achievements and experiences, while remaining adaptable to changing circumstances, particularly in light of lessons learnt during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The primary objective of EU support in this priority area is to enhance democracy, participatory governance, accountability, human security, and the respect for human rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). It also aims to ensure the sustainable and mutually beneficial management of migration, including cooperation on return, readmission, and sustainable reintegration. Youth empowerment and their active participation in decision-making processes at all levels will be integrated into all supported actions, including the establishment of a Youth Sounding Board in Nigeria.

Key elements of this priority include:

- Gender: Gender equality will be a significant focus of the partnership, addressing the various issues and challenges faced by women and girls.
- Team Europe ilnitiative: The EU's support in this area will encompass a Team Europe Initiative, harnessing the resources of the EU, its Member States, and relevant European financial institutions to bolster peace in Nigeria. This initiative will be implemented at both the federal and state levels, particularly in regions with high levels of violence (North East, North West, Middle Belt, and Niger Delta/Gulf of Guinea).
- Maritime security: Nigeria's role as a major hub and entry point for European trade to the region is substantial. However, maritime insecurity, including pirate attacks and other maritime crimes, poses a severe threat. The EU aims to address the root causes of piracy on

land, including environmental degradation and pollution in the Niger Delta, while also engaging with Nigerian maritime authorities to address the issue at sea.

Regional activities: The EU's support will be complemented by regional actions, especially in the field of migration, with initiatives focused on the Western Atlantic and Central Mediterranean migration routes.

Addressing peace and security challenges will attract more investments, unlock Nigeria's development potential in various sectors (agriculture, trade, digital services, etc.), support human development, reduce humanitarian needs, and contribute to the sustainable management of migration.

EU's objectives in the priority area:

Enhance democracy

Promote participatory governance

- Ensure accountability
- Enhance human security
- Respect human rights and international humanitarian law (IHL)
- Sustainable and mutual management of migration
- Youth empowerment and participation

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

Implementation period: 5 years (2022-2027)

DAI, Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre, Implementing agency:

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

Programme Manager: Laolu OLAWUMI, Laolu.OLAWUMI@eeas.europa.eu

OBJECTIVE

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/OUTPUT

Improved quality of electoral administration in Nigeria

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

Strengthen capacities for legislative and judicial reform in compliance with democratic principles and standards

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.

- 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
- Support to the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act
- · 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.
- 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 key activities aimed at promoting women's political participation
- · Respond to key governance priorities e.g. review of the constitution and the legal framework for elections
- · Support to the National Peace Committee on high level political dialogue for peaceful elections and transfer of power
- Support to key legislative committees
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- Support to key legislative committees

MAIN RESULTS TO DATE

Contributed to INEC'S post-election reviews as well as post-election engagement

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

The programme handed over to INEC various election technology applications such as Collation and Returning Officers Management System (CROMS), the Election Results Management System (ERMS), Media Monitoring and Analysis Tool, the Political Parties Financial Reporting and Auditing System (PFRAS) and the INEC Security Alert and Notification System (INEC SANS).

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)

30 MEUR (No counterpart funding) Total budget:

Implementation period: 5 years (2022-2027) Implementing agency: International IDEA

Geographical region: Nationwide Programme Manager: Laolu OLAWUMI,

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OBJECTIVE

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 RESULTS/OUTPUT



Enhanced performance, quality and oversight of the criminal justice system and of justice service delivery



Improved access to justice for vulnerable women, children, juveniles, persons with disabilities and victims of sexual and genderbased violence.



Increased transparency and accountability of anti-corruption systems and reforms.





- · Support to the Federal Ministry of Justice in the production and dissemination of their Strategic Plan for the period 2022-2026
- · 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 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.
- · 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TILL DATE

Contract with IDFA was finalized in November 2023. and full implementation began in January 2024.

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 24 months Implementation period: UNDP Implementing agency: Geographical region: Nigeria

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OBJECTIVE

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 the 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/OUTPUT

Completion of the Integrated National Financial Framework

Sub-national Development Finance Assessment (DFA) drafted

Fiscal -Federalism/decentralization assessed and reviewed:

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.



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



Organize a national investment summit and support 4 state level investment forums/summits



Expanding the investment opportunity and generating market intelligence for impact investments (especially SMEs) targeting youth and women



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



Review of the existing framework for fiscal transactions between the states and federal government;



Support state-level consultations on DFA for Lagos, Edo, Anambra, Kwara, Kano, and Gombe and launch reports and conduct nation-wide dialogues



Support tax administration digitalization efforts of several states

MAIN RESULTSTILL DATE

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

3 Inaugural meeting with state government (Ekiti, Anambra and Gombe) in preparation for the Nigerian Investment Certification Programme for States

SUPPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE NAO IV

Source of funds: Decision date: Total budget:

Implementation period: Implementing agency:

Geographical region: Programme Manager: 11th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2010/038-373)

03/12/2015 (FA signature: 18/03/2016)

3,456,719.78 EUR (No counterpart funding) 8 years (2014 – 2022) (currently under -D+3+1)

Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning

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OBJECTIVE

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

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

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/OUTPUT

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

Strengthened capacities of focal states involved in 11th EDF-funded cooperation

The ONAO's systems, structures and capacities with reference to their mandate to monitor, evaluate, coordinate and report on development assistance are strenathened

Effective participation of the Office of the NAO in the management of EU-funded regional projects in collaboration with the **RAO** is ensured

Coordination mechanisms between NAO. donors and key implementation partners.

- 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
- Support structures for effective project coordination, specifically, by building capacity of regular staff in the EDF Unit in Project Management and Coordination
- 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
- 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
- Facilitated the deployment of key EDF infrastructural interventions in the health, water, and energy sectors relevant for sustainable poverty reduction in Nigeria.
- 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



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

Source of funds: **NDICI** Decision date: April 2023 Total budget: 19,1 MEUR

Implementation period: 3 years (2024-2027)

Implementing agency: IOM, UNDP, UNICEF, UNODC

Geographical region: Northeast Nigeria: Borno, Yobe and Adamawa

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OBJECTIVE

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/OUTPUT

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 NSAGs associates, including those forcibly displaced, are processed and receive genderresponsive 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.

- · Communities are adequately sensitised and prepared for reintegration while simultaneously implementing community-led transitional/restorative justice mechanisms
- ·Terrorism cases are effectively prosecuted and adjudicated, while constitutional and fundamental rights are safeguarded.
- · Conflict-sensitive community-prioritised livelihoods are created for the most vulnerable, low risk associates and non-state security providers, with stratified communityled 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

SERMENT DE RÉINCEDEN

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- A Financial Agreement was signed in October 2023 with the Ministry of Budget and planning
- Coordination between consortium partners has taken place to develop the SD3R project proposal
- The SD3R project proposal has been presented to the Federal authorities, precisely the Office of the National Security Advisor (ONSA), the Ministry of Budget and Planning and the State authorities in order to secure 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:

Total budget: €6,500,000 EUR

Implementation period: 18 months (1 Sept 2023 - 28 Feb 2025)

Implementing agency: 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) Niger Delta (Bayelsa, Delta, Rivers States), Nigeria

Geographical region: Programme Manager: Letizia TORRETTA,

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OBJECTIVE

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/OUTPUT

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

MAIN RESULTS TO DATE

Regular, gender-sensitive, participatory analyses of conflict dynamics online and offline

Inter-communal reconciliation, dialogues, and joint peace initiatives

Strengthening of local early warning/early response networks and structures

Capacity building for private companies on accountable community engagement

Intra-communal dialogues and environmental livelihood initiatives to reinforce intergenerational trust and cooperation while building economic opportunity

Media programmes 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

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

The Consortium held the State level Project launch in Bayelsa, Rivers and Delta States in the week of 5th February 2024. An official launch was held in Abuja at the end of February.





OPERATIONS 3:

Human Development

Human development and poverty reduction are critical for Nigeria amid rapid population growth and increasing extreme poverty. Maximising the demographic dividend requires prioritising investment in education, particularly for girls and youth, to ensure healthier, better-educated generations capable of driving economic growth. The integrated approach focuses on access to basic services, livelihoods, and institutional capacity building at state and federal levels. Coordination mechanisms between ministries and sectors aim to address rapid population growth, with a focus on women and youth. Additionally, efforts include improving social protection data governance, linking health insurance with social protection, and aligning interventions with SDGs and regional strategies for health and education.

EU's objectives in the priority area:

Strengthening coordination mechanisms and complementarities between different ministries and sectors to address rapid population growth, particularly among women and youth.

Improving social protection data governance and coordination to enhance the management of social protection frameworks and link them to health and education information systems.

Working in one state from each of the three zones (northwest, north-central, and northeast) to strengthen human capital and resilience, using the state social registry as an identifier of poverty and vulnerability.

Prioritising girls' education and reintegrating as many children as possible into schools, with a focus on implementing the Accelerated Basic Education Curriculum.

HEALTH CENTRE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

YADIM

Building on achievements in health insurance to link it with social protection, family planning, and reproductive health, especially for vulnerable individuals in the informal sector.

Ensuring coordination with humanitarian interventions in social protection, education during emergencies, and health at both project design and implementation phases.

EU's objectives in the priority area:

- Human development priority
- Strengthen social links
- Inclusive poverty reduction
- Invest in education
- Improve data governance
- Collaborate for human capital
- Prioritise girls' education
- Invest in health systems

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

Implementation period: 5 years (2023 – 2027)

UNICEF; DIME; and Plan Ireland Implementing agency:

Charitable Assistance

Geographical region: Jigawa, Kano and Sokoto States Programme Manager: Kate KANEBI, Maria BISKOP

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OBJECTIVE

This project aims to enhance the ability of the government of Nigeria to effectively address trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. It aims specifically to reduce trafficking in persons (TIP) and smuggling of migrants (SOM) at national and regional levels and between Nigeria and the European Union, with specific emphasis on women and children.

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/OUTPUT



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.

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

MAIN RESULTS TO DATE

- Contribution Agreement with UNICEF signed in August 31/2023
- Administration Agreement signed with Development Impact Evaluation Department (DIME-World Bank)
- Evaluation of applications concluded for Restricted Call for Proposal and Plan Charitable Assistance is recommended as



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 5.4 MEUR Total budget:

Implementation period: 5 years (2023 - 2027)

Implementing agency: UNESCO Adamawa, Bayelsa, Enugu, Katsina, Nassarawa And

Geographical region:

Oyo States

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OBJECTIVE

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 to support the implementation of national policies and efforts to address teacher shortage, capacities and resilience and interaction with students.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

- 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.







- · Support the revision of Teacher Education Policies including on Career Path and the guidelines for implementation at national and at 6 State levels
- · 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 training of teacher educators and train pre-service teachers in Colleges of Education
- 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
- 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
- · Training of master teachers, teacher educators, head teachers, staff of SUBEBs and SMoE on collaborative teachertechniques
- 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
- Conduct training of in-service teachers.
- · 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 IN NIGERIA

Negotiation for Indirect Management with UNESCO is ongoing;

STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY TO ENHANCE EDUCATION FOR ALL IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

Decision date: Total budget: Implementation period: Implementing agency: Geographical region:

Programme Manager:

31/12/2022 749,999.94

2 years (2023 – 2025)

Plan Ireland Charitable Assistance

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OBJECTIVE

The action aims at contributing to the global objective of strengthening civil society organisations to participate in, contribute to and influence education policy dialogue and implementation in Sokoto and Adamawa states. It aims to do so through strengthening of the capacity of CSOs and youths to engage with relevant stakeholders and enhancing engagement on gender responsive and inclusive education planning. 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/OUTPUT

CSOs and youths have increased skills and knowledge to engage in Tsangaya reformation policy dialogue and there is a heightened awareness of its importance among relevant stakeholders

CSOs have improved awareness of how to promote education policies and plans in their influencing and advocacy work, and foster strategic engagements at micro, meso and macro level

Education-focused CSOs youth, women and disability grassroots organisations are empowered to meaningfully engage on discourse relating to, and advocate for, gender responsive and inclusive quality education planning





- · Conduct baseline on the capacity of CSOs and youth platforms and relevant platforms for engagement on education development system.
- · Weekly media appearances focused on emphasizing the need for Tsangaya Reformation.
- Conduct CSO capacity needs assessments
- Training of CSOs and Youth on Economic and Education Budget literacy.
- Develop ToT programme including package on Tsangaya reformation including advocacy, influencing, mobilisation, organising, groups dynamics and community engagement
- Development and airing of radio broadcasts on Tsangaya Reformation needs
- Develop ToT package on Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Education Sector Planning, including advocacy, influencing, mobilisation, organising, groups dynamics and community engagement.
- Mapping of youth-led, women's rights and disability groups other CSOs/grassroots organisations at community level.
- Mentorship support visits to CSOs on ToT training programme.
- Monthly youth-led webinar on topical issues related to future of work, skills, Tsangaya Reformation.
- Training of CSO and Youths on gender responsive and inclusive education sector planning
- Strategic Engagement of youth, women and disability

- CSOs/grassroots organisation in parliamentary public hearing/debates on educational related budgets
- Awareness raising sessions with government officials, teachers' union and School Based Management Committees on gender responsive and inclusive education sector planning
- Conduct research and on gaps in Tsangaya education systems.; on gaps in gender responsive and inclusive education planning.
- · Conduct state level Policy dialogue on Tsangaya Reformation.
- Policy dialogue on gender responsive and inclusive education plan

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

1st year of implementation concluded and annual report submitted and approved.

INTEGRATION OF DIGITAL SKILLS EDUCATION AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION INTO NIGERIA SECONDARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM - "SKOOL N SKILL 4 NAIJA"

Decision date: 31/12/2022 Total budget: 505.400.00

Implementation period: 2.5 years (2023 – 2025)

Implementing agency: Associazione Culturale Cooperazione Internazionale

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Geographical region: 12 States in Nigeria - Osun and Ondo, Anambra

and Enugu, Bauchi, and Taraba, Plateau and

Benue, Enugu, Kano and Zamfara Delta and Edo

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OBJECTIVE

To strengthen Nigerian CSOs as independent actors of good governance and policy development for inclusive and equitable quality education.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

To expand school curriculum integrating digital skills education and drug abuse prevention in 12 states of Nigeria.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Rapid Assessment Response Study in a sample of 12 Nigerian secondary schools on substance abuse and skilling and reskilling needs arising from the effects of Covid-19

Launching event in Abuja with representatives of CSOs, educational institutions and media stakeholders

Selection of the pilot groups of secondary schools implementing the "skool n skill 4 naija" programmes

Training of Trainers on "Integration of digital skills education and drug abuse prevention into Nigeria Secondary Education Curriculum"

MAIN RESULTS TO DATE

Organization of focus groups discussion (FGD) with teachers and CSOs/activist

State-level round-table & policy dialogue for the development of the school curriculum (Phase 1 - LIFE SKILLS 4 DRUG PREVENTION component)

Meetings with key educational stakeholders for the institutionalization of the didactical proposal

CSO's led advocacy meetings with key educational stakeholders for the integration of the didactical proposal

Establishment of a technical unit composed with staffed by CSOs' social workers and teachers on substance abuse prevention in education

Selection and training of a pilot group of digital catalysts among teachers and educators

Creation of didactical tools in drugs prevention under the coordination of the technical unit

Development of the interactive (multimedia) component of the didactical tools in drugs prevention

State-level round-table & policy dialogue for the development of the school curriculum (Phase 2 -DIGITAL SKILLS 4 WELLBEING component)

Selection of youth clubs & societies actively involved in digital skills and life skills school programmes

Compendium of didactical proposals in digital skills & drugs prevention

Sub-granting schemes for youth clubs and NGOs for the creation of a nationwide network developing digital skills education/drug abuse prevention corners in the schools

Itinerant cycle of workshops of Life Skills Training on Drug Abuse Preventive Behaviours

Online role play sessions for students simulating the federal parliament assuming decisions on drug policies

Virtual Capacity building session involving African and European teachers and CSOs' youth workers for the exchange of good practices

Final joint simulation and youth-led public hearings at national level with duty bearers and creation of a students' network

Counselling offered by CSOs' youth workers at the drug prevention corners for the detection and taking charge of cases of abuse

Rapid Assessment Response Study scaled up in 24 Nigerian secondary schools

Youth Digital Lab producing IEC materials at support of the awareness and information

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

1st year of implementation concluded. Annual report submitted and under review.

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 EUR 791.380 Total budget:

2 years (2023 - 2025) Implementation period:

International Consulting Expertise (ICE) Implementing agency:

Geographical region: National - FCT Programme Manager: Chioma Osuji,

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OBJECTIVE

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/OUTPUT

- 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.





EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

The experts are expected to review existing development blueprints relevant to the respective groups

Carrying out research/ surveys with experts in the field to support the activities of the various groups

Mapping, monitoring and documentation of the EU Projects in Nigeria within the groups

Strengthening social investment, social protection and poverty reduction initiatives at the national and state levels

Engage in monitoring of projects and programmes in the field by partners

Ensuring visibility of EU Projects in the context of providing support to the groups as well as advocacy for sustainability, amongst others.

Support in conducting workshops and meetings in the various groups

Review and strengthening government initiatives around peace and social cohesion in the North West. Power sector, and TEIs.

MAIN RESULTS TO DATE

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

Experts supporting the respective development partners groups assigned.

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

Inception and annual report submitted

Experts supported circular economy on the development of report.

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

5.741.000 MEUR Total budget: Implementation period: 4 years (2023-2027) Implementing agency: Landell Mills Ltd Geographical region: Nationwide

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OBJECTIVE

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/OUTPUT

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.





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 kickstarted.

Supported in planned communication and visibility programmes such as COAFR, IWD Supported in the development of the perception and misinformation reports

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

Source of funds: 11th EDF (contract under "Borno Package")

Decision date: 24/03/2017; Contract signature Date - 15/11/2017

15 MEUR (EU contribution) Total budget:

ENDED: 55.5month (15/11/2017 - 30/06/2022) Implementation period:

Implementing agency: UNDP-WHO

Geographical region: Borno State: Bama, Mafa, Monguno, Biu,

Konduga and Gwoza LGAs

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To ensure that the resilience of conflict-affected individuals and communities in Borno is rebuilt in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner, with a 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 conflictaffected 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 RESULTS TO DATE



20 communities

I GA structures mapped



Police stations & markets reconstructed

in 3 strategic hubs



Solar panels

installed in 7 schools

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):



790 businesses given cash grants



1085 businesses

aranted access to finance



PHCs rehabilitated and staffed

across 6 LGAs

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 Q32020

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 EUrehabilitated Psychiatric hospital

Improved access to Nutrition Services: 35, 451 under 5 children aged 0 - 59 months screened by WHO for malnutrition in hard-toreach areas using MUAC. Also, nutrition stabilisation centre at the State Specialist Hospital renovated, equipped and 6 staff of the Paediatric department trained.



13 boreholes provided as at Q3 2020



25 infrastructures completed



35.451 children

<5 screened by WHO for malnutrition

STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE & ADOLESCENT HEALTH (SARAH) IN NIGERIA

Source of funds: **NDICI**

29/06/2023 Decision date:

Total budget: 45 MEUR (EU contribution)

Implementation period: 60 month (Action)

Implementing agency: Various

Geographical region: Adamawa, Kwara and Sokoto

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Strengthening reproductive health access, especially for adolescents in Nigeria through better policy implementation, service utilisation and data management, thereby contributing to fostering a demographic dividend, prosperous societies, and stronger enabling institutions.



Health authorities



Supervisory ministries



Health workers



Women and girls



Families



FORESEEN ACTIVITIES

Capacity building of beneficiaries

- Contribute to the strengthening of SRHR policies for information systems.
- Targeted support in adapting and revising texts and procedures for SRHR.
- Collaboration with zonal training institutes to strengthen provision of SRHR training
- Support for procedures, training and equipment.

Strengthening the connection between communities/health facilities and health authorities

- Contribute to the strengthening of SRHR policies for information systems.
- Targeted support in adapting and revising texts and procedures for SRHR.
- · Collaboration with zonal training institutes to strengthen provision of SRHR training.
- Support for procedures, training and equipment.

Building the capacity of decisionmakers to manage integrated SRHR services

- Strengthening integrated SRHR management knowledge.
- Acquisition of SRHR communication techniques & development of relevant strategy.

Training or knowledge enhancement of managers in charge of facilitating SRHR services

- · The project will contribute to the enhancement of SRHR delivery by strengthening FP services, commodity security and governance in the target states.
- The project will work closely with other projects dedicated to SRHR in the zone and will develop actions in close collaboration, such as joint exercises.

Networking at sub-national/ zonal level

- Zonal seminars to share experiences on project's themes, facilitate dedicated NWs.
- Collaborate with FMoH (+MDAs) to incorporate project's themes into its interventions.

EU- NIGERIA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMMES COMPENDIUM 73 REGIONAL OPERATIONS (ECOWAS) Team Leader: Ms Céline LHOSTE:

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)

17 MEUR (EU: 5.0 MEUR; counterpart: up to 12 MEUR) Total budget:

Implementation period: 5 years 2019-2024

IME Implementing agency:

Programme Manager:

Geographical region: Cabo Verde, Ghana, Gambia,

> Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia Moustapha DOUKOURE,

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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

OBJECTIVE

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 RESULTS TO DATE



135 activities conducted



109 technical assistance missions



19 regional workshops



7 professional attachments

- 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: 11th 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 MFUR Implementation period: 5 years

Implementing agency: ITC and UNIDO West Africa Geographical region: Project Manager: Frank OKAFOR,

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OBJECTIVE

The programme aims to support value chains at national and regional levels 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 business climate 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

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 environmentalissues:

Regional policies in favour of industrial competiveness 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 techni-

Clans 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 B2BMatchmaking 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



1 ECOWAS TPO Network created and supported throughout its establishment and operationalisation 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 finalised



50 public and private sector representa-

tives 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 repre-**Sentatives** 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.



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

Source of funds: 11th 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) extended until Feb. 2024.

Implementing agency:

Geographical region: West Africa

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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.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Needs are identified for coordination. information exchange, training for the NCI/RSCDC network

Inter-country exchange for a 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

- Project implemented by GIZ was formally launched in 22-23 Jan. 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 held at ECOWAS Secretariat 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;
- Further 4MEUR top-up for COVID19 specific

- activities concluded 30/09/2020 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 Nov. 2022; Final was Feb. 2024;
- FA Operational Implementation phase extended until February 2024 to allow for "Phase 2"
- Project Close out ceremony and last Steering Committee meeting 19-21 Feb. 2024 at Lomé, Togo.

SUPPORT TO THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN AGAINST FRUIT FLIES

Source of funds: 11th EDF (CRIS Ref. 2020/041-838 & 41-839) 16/06/2020 (FA signature: 16/06/2020) Decision date:

7.5 MEUR Total budget:

4 years (2020-2024) Implementation period:

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Implementing agency:

Geographical region: **ECOWAS**

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

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 organised 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.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

- Organise national and regional coordination of the monitoring of the rate of infestation;
- Control: coordinate regionally and support actions against fruit flies at the national level:
- Applied research: support the operationalisation of improved surveillance and control techniques;
- Capacity building for national, public, and private organisations in surveillance and control.



FORESEEN ACTIVITIES



Two key products, Essential Oil and Mango Protect, have been developed to fight fruitflies 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.

SUPPORT TO WEST AFRICA INTEGRATED MARITIME SECURITY (SWAIMS)

Source of funds: 11th EDF (CRIS ref 2015/038-919)

25 July 2017 (FA signature: 05/09/2017) Decision date: 28 MEUR (**EU Contribution**: 28 MEUR) Total budget:

Implementation period: 5 years (2019-2025)

Implementing agency: ECOWAS/Project Management Unit

(DAI Global Austria), UNODC,

GIABA (Senegal),

EU MS Agency Camoes (Abuja); RMU (Ghana);

ARSTM (Côte d'Ivoire)

Geographical region: Gulf of Guinea

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

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 Interrégional (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 setups;
- GIABA organised 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 Cape 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



Maritime centres strenghtened



Maritime governance systems assessed



Legislative framework improved



personnel trained

- 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, includina
 - (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
- 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, and power generation equipment to all 12 National MOCs and 4 regional Maritime Centres:
- Conclusion of MOUs and Training Needs Assessments in all ECOWAS coastal memberstates 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: 11th EDF (CRIS ref: 2015/038-921)

Total budget: 27,650,000

Implementation period: 72 months (17 November 2017 to November 2024)

Implementing agency: Contribution Agreement with Interpol

West Africa Geographical region:

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OBJECTIVE

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 of police information, increasing the capability of the West Africa law enforcement community to collect police data, and enhancing global information sharing between the West African law enforcement community and the global law enforcement community.

APPROACH

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 ACTIVITIES

- 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 finalised and endorsed by ECOWAS. It has been shared with the participating countries. A training module has been developed based on the quide;

- A guide on data quality has been drafted and finalised. 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.



1,000+
law enforcement officers trained



508,484+

data collected



WAPIS systems connected to interpol



303

remote sites connected to WAPIS national system



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

Source of funds: 11th EDF

Decision date/No.: 30/11/2016 039-384 (FA signature: 20/04/2017)

31.2 MEUR (out of which 10.3 MEUR managed in EUD) Total budget:

84 months (ending 20/04/2024 – under) Implementation period: Implementing Partner: GIZ, NTU, STANTEC, LUX DEVELOPMENT SA,

TRACTEBEL ENGINEERING, ERERA, WAPP, RTE INTERNATIONAL, THE BRITISH COUNCIL

ROYAL CHARTER

Geographical region: West Africa

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OBJECTIVE

To enhance regional governance of the energy sector to facilitate West African states in achieving the three objectives of the SE4ALL2030 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 moving towards sustainable Energy Market Integration in the region.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Improvement of regional frameworks of policy, strategy and planning;

Harmonisation of national institutional frameworks, legal and regulatory, in order to promote investments in the sectors of renewable energy and energy efficiency and in universal access to modern energies;

Development of the regional electricity market for the promotion of renewable energies in the regional energy mix;

Improved capacity of the main regional Actors in accomplishing their assignments.



MAIN ACTIVITIES



- 1.1 Improvement of regional frameworks of policy, strategy and planning;
- 1.2 Harmonisation of institutional national frameworks, legal and regulatory, in order to promote investments in the sectors of renewable energy and energy efficiency and in universal access to modern energies;
- 1.3 Development of the regional electricity market for the promotion of renewable energies in the regional energy mix;
- 1.4 Improved capacity of the main regional Actors in accomplishing their assignments.



- 3.1 Operationalisation of the Information and Communication Centre (WAPP);
- **3.2** Single Electricity Market Regulation (ERERA);
- 3.3 Operation and management of the interconnected network and of the Single Electricity Market (WAPP);
- 3.4 Support the development of renewable energy in rural electrification (mini-grids, solar kits) (ECREEE).



- 2.1 Break down the Regional Energy Policy into National Action Plans:
- 2.2 Define standards and certifications in the sector of Renewable Energy, including bio-energy;
- **2.3** Define standards and certifications for Energy Efficiency in Buildings.

- 4.1 Provide Technical Assistance support to the targeted Institutions (ECOWAS, WAEMU, ECREEE, WAPP, and ERERA)
- **4.2** Develop market regulation (ERERA);
- **4.3** Implement various courses in the sectors of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CERMI)
- 4.4 Support the transformation of CERMI into a Regional Centre (CERMI);
- **4.5** Reinforcement of WAPP (WAPP);
- **4.6** Create a Scholarships Programme for students in the region on renewable energy and energy efficiency;
- 4.7 Create a Study Facility for those countries for which energy is not a Focal Sector.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Regional Energy Policy, Action Plan and Regional Electricity Code adopted by Supplementary Act by the Authority of the ECOWAS Heads of States and Government (ECOWAS);
- Regional energy database Energy Information System designed – data collection ongoing (ECOWAS);
- Three (3) Renewable Energy Corridor Strategy validated (solar, hydro, and wind) (ECREEE);
- Three (3) regional standards for Energy Efficiency (EE) in Buildings (electric comfort fans, televisions, and electric water heaters) adopted (ECREEE);
- · Four (4) 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);



Renewable Energy Corridor Strategy validated



Regional standards for Energy Efficiency validated



Technical regulations developed



Scholars are EU-ECOWAS scholarship beneficiaries



- · Gender Analysis Report, Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Guidelines on Gender Mainstreaming for ECOWAS National Regulatory Authorities, approved by ERERA Regulatory Council (ERERA);
- Directive on the Harmonised Criteria for the Grant of Licenses for Market Participants in the REM drafted:
- Synchronisation of zones 2 and 3 of the regional network achieved with the interconnected grids of Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, 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; 36 scholars placed in 5 HEIs across 5 West African countries (Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire and Senegal) concluded in Q2 2023.



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

Source of funds: 11th EDF (CRIS ref: 2017/040-390)

Decision date: 11/12/2017 (FA Signature date: 27/02/2018) 16,4 M EUR (+8 M EUR from Germany) Total budget:

Implementation period: 2019 - 2024

Implementing agency: EU MS Agency (GIZ)

Geographical region: West Africa Programme Manager: Enobong MOMA,

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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 ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

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 institutionalisation 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;

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- 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.



Members (including 17 women) trainned



Member state experts



Stakeholders in electionrelated activities

- 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 Action capacitated 24 ESF personnel with knowledge in policing sustainable peace within Africa:
- Four additional NCCRMs are equipped, and their staff trained (through 11 trainings) to fulfil their mandate to effectively bridge the gap between early warning and response on the regional and national level; Nigeria, Guinea, Sierra Leone and The Gambia:

- The new ECOWAS Early Warning Strategic and Action Plan (2022–2026) is steering the interventions of the Commission to foster a more intearated and decentralised ECOWARN System to effectively prevent conflict;
- 4 CSOs have developed digital tools to strengthen their contribution to conflict transformation in the ECOWAS Region. 4 CSOs (members) from Guinea Bissau. Nigeria, Burkina Faso, and the Sahel Region were coached to analyse digital conflict dynamics and participated in training and networking on leveraging digital tools for peacebuilding;
- The Office for Resilience and Strategic Response, Nigeria's NCCRM has set up effective response structures in 2 geopolitical zones. The Action supported 2 workshops in Kaduna and Calabar to bring together state and non-state stakeholders to develop working relations and coordination mechanisms for effective early warning and response;
- Through cooperation with the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), the Action successfully engaged over 500 stakeholders in election-related activities:

- FemWise West Africa is operational and ready for deployment. The Action supported ECOWAS to mobilise stakeholders to review documents on the operationalisation and institutionalisation of FemWise West Africa as well as establish the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Regional Steering Group to support enhanced steering and coordination of the WPS agenda;
- Member State Focal Persons are equipped to utilise the Continental Results Framework (CRF). Regular and standardised reporting ensures accountability on the implementation of the WPS agenda in the ECOWAS Region. The Action supported capacity building of 46 participants (33 females and 13 males) at a Regional Capacity Building Workshop (ToT) on the CRF for Monitoring and Reporting of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda;
- 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 Action supported the development of strategy document for national network organisation in Sierra Leone, the National Election Watch (NEW), that fosters consensus amongst its members, addresses coherence challenges, and rejuvenates its involvement in the electoral process ahead of the 2023 elections:
- The Action 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; facilitated 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;
- The Action empowered 238 stakeholders from civil society and Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) through various training programs in West Africa, including BRIDGE training, covering voter education, boundary delimitation, mediation, and other relevant topics. 32 percent of these stakeholders are women.

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 FDF

28/04/2016 038-787 Decision date/No.:

Total budget: 100 MEUR

Implementation period: Ending 29/04/2026

Implementing agency: **AfDB** West Africa Geographical region: Contracts managed in EUD: None

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Contributions to the African Investment Facility to support regional infrastructure investment projects in the region.

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of these blending operations is to contribute to poverty reduction and 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;

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:

Road development and transport facilitation on the Bamako/Zantiebougou/Boundiali/San Pedro corridor (AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK)



STATE OF PLAY:

Construction of the Rosso bridge (AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTBANK)



Rehabilitation of Lomé-Cotonou road (phase 2) and coastal protection project (Benin - Togo)" (AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK)



Rehabilitation of the community road CU2a section Gounghin - Fada N'Gourma - Piéga - Niger border (AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK)



Cross-coastal corridor - Trans-Gambian road (phase 2) Sénoba – Ziguinchor project (AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTBANK)



MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All five (5) blending operations are ongoing.

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: 11th EDF

05/10/2016 039-778 **Decision date:**

Total budget: 229.3 MEUR

Implementation period: Ending 13/10/2026 AFD/AfDB/KfW Implementing agency: Geographical region: West Africa

Contracts managed in EUD: None

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OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of these blending operations is to contribute to poverty reduction and 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 climate changes.

(Energy sector)

- Better access to sustainable energy services for the public and businesses, and a reduction in national
 - in order to support **ECOWAS and WAEMU** dispariti<u>es</u> in achieving their objectives Increased energy
- efficiency, achieved through investment and the introduction of regional standards.
- Operational regional electricity market.

Increased renewable

energy in the energy

mix across the region,

STATE OF PLAY:

Etudes portant sur le projet de développement de l'autoroute sur le corridor Abidjan/Lagos (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)



Corridor transcotier - Projet de route Transgambienne (phase 2) Sénoba –Ziguinchor (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)



Projet de réhabilitation de la route Coyah-Forecariah-Farmoreah (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE **DEVELOPPEMENT)**



Construction d'une Centrale solaire photovoltaïque à Gorou Banda (Niamey) (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE **DEVELOPPEMENT**)



Projet d'interconnexion en 225 KV des réseaux électriques de la Guinée et du Mali (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE **DEVELOPPEMENT)**



Projet de construction et de bitumage de la route Boké (Guinée Conakry)-Québo (Guinée Bissau (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)



Projet de Construction d'une Centrale hybride à Agadez (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)



Dorsale Nord / Interconnexion 330Kb Nigéria-Niger-Benin-Burkina Faso/Tronçon Burkina Faso (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)







STATE OF PLAY:

Projet d'Interconnexion Dorsale Nord 330 KV Nigeria-Niger-Benin (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)



Projet de doublement de la ligne haute tension 225 kV reliant la centrale hydroélectrique de Manantali à Bamako (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)



PAGODA for RIP contribution to Sanniquallie-Loguatuo road (BANQUE AFRICAINE DE **DEVELOPPEMENT**)





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: 11th FDF

13/12/2019 041-992 Decision date/No.:

Total budget: 13.7 MEUR

Implementation period: Ending 13/12/2029

AfDB/AFD Implementing agency: Geographical region: West Africa

Contracts managed in EUD: None

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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 climate changes.

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective is to contribute to poverty reduction and 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

(Energy sector)

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

STATE OF PLAY:

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)"



Securing the Ghana-Burkina Faso interconnection line (AGENCE FRANCAISE DE DEVELOPPEMENT)



MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Both blending operations are on-going.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO ECOWAS (ISE) II

Source of funds: **NDICI (ACT 61270)**

Decision date: 04/02/2019

Total budget: 7,960,000 MEUR (6 MEUR from the EU

and 2.96 million from BMZ)

16/12/2022 - 16/12/2026 Implementation period:

Implementing agency: GIZ (to integrate AECID into the consortium)

Geographical region: West Africa Programme Manager: Enobong MOMA,

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OBJECTIVE

The Overall Objective of the ISE II is to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and impact of the EU and other development cooperation partners' activities in the West Africa region.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The ECOWAS Commission strengthens its institutional capacities towards EU-Pillar compliance, targeting mainly the foundations to apply ECOWAS' integrated, results-based management, the roll-out of an Ethics and Integrity programme, the development of an integrated HR Management tool and the development, and roll-out of an ECOWAS internal training programme, the strengthening of the ITS Directorate, as well as the promotion of gender equality.

The ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) achieves EU-Pillars compliance and sustains high standards of performance, accountability, and transparency, mainly through enhancement of HR Management and Risk Management, strengthening the systems and procedures for Grants, Procurement, Financial Instruments, and Data Protection, support to digitalisation, as well as capacity building on NDICI framework.

The coordination and monitoring of EU and other development partners funded regional interventions are strengthened, enhancing both the capacities of the Directorate of External Relations for providing support towards the coordination for effective management of EU/partners resources, and the capacity and mechanisms for policy dialogue and programming between ECOWAS Commission, EU, and other development partners (DPs).

The action will ensure continuity and consolidation of the activities supported by the previous European Development Fund (EDF) Programmes (PARCI, PFMR Phase I & II, ISE, etc.) and other development partners' programmes (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)-OD project, African Development Bank (AfDB) project), the overall objective of which is to support the ECOWAS Commission, institutions, and agencies in implementing the regional strategy, and pursuing their mandate more efficiently and effectively through better management of allocated resources. It will also increase the impact and sustainability of cooperation activities by BMZ in the ECOWAS region since 2014, supporting ECOWAS in the implementation of its institutional reforms through support to the Commission's strategic orientation with the provision of technical assistance to the Vice-Presidency and support for human resources management. GIZ will contribute to the strengthening of ECOWAS capacities building on its 14 years of work together.

•The programme which began in January 2024, is currently at the inception phase for the components related to support towards achievement of the EU pillar compliance for the ECOWAS Commission and the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).

GULF OF GUINEA INTERREGIONAL NETWORK (GOGIN) II

Source of funds: **NDICI** Decision date: 16/12/2022 5 MEUR Total budget:

24 months, 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2025 Implementation period:

Implementing agency: Expertise France

Geographical region: Economic Communities of West and

Central African States (ECOWAS

& ECCAS) and their 19 coastal States

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OBJECTIVE

The overall objective is to contribute to improving maritime safety and security in the Gulf of Guinea in order to favour the blue economy and economic development of the countries. GOGIN's specific objective is to make the YARIS maritime information-sharing and coordination platform operational, handed over to the Gulf of Guinea region, fully utilised, and functioning.

APPROACH

The transfer of ownership of YARIS to the Yaoundé Architecture is prepared and completed

The national maritime administrations and regional centres have the competencies to make full use of YARIS

YARIS meets the technical requirements of the beneficiaries in view of the transfer of ownership

The YA is supported to develop collaboration with regional and international partners in the operational work of YARIS



MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Organise and prepare the YARIS Steering Committee (SC) and its working groups (YARIS platform management, YARIS training, YARIS funding, YARIS global organisation, YARIS doctrine of use) with the regional organisations (ECOWAS, ECCAS, GGC) as representatives of the Yaoundé Architecture to discuss and approve the conditions of the transfer of ownership. The roadmap drafted during the GoGIN+ project will be further developed and validated by the YARIS SC. Two committees are planned:
- Organise the transfer of responsibility to the future YARIS deputy authority. This will be done through support of the Yaoundé Architecture for the analysis of the powers that the future authority will need to have (i.e. power to enter into contracts, to issue operating directives to all AY structures, to commit funds, etc.). The project will then support the management of the delegations necessary for the proper functioning of the YARIS administration;
- Organise a ceremony for the signature of the transfer of ownership commitment, if possible during a YARISSC meeting;
- Organise and implement the transfer of competencies for the future YARIS managers. Operational use management

- Support identification of potential donors for YARIS in the future
- Provide capacity building of the YARIS platform to the different national authorities involved in the action of the State at sea, in each country, according to their functions; this includes train the trainer sessions.
- Provide capacity building to the YARIS operators and their managers to the maritime centres of the Yaoundé Architecture (including transnational operational specific organisations: fisheries, search and rescue) according to their mandate (strategy, operations, etc.).
- Assess the use of YARIS through monitoring tools (missions in-situ or remotely):
- Assess MDA of MOCs and FOBs of the coastal states
- Strengthen and fine-tune the current features of the YARIS platform:
- Strengthen the capacity of the YARIS system
 to ensure inter-administrative coordination
 within the national framework of the state
 action at sea (SAS). This is necessary both for
 routine and surveillance situations, and for
 maritime crisis situations.

- Support the Yaoundé Architecture, in ensuring involvement of the EU and international stakeholders in the use of YARIS:
- Identification of an alternative institutional solution to creating a YARIS platform that retains the symbolic ownership and operational functionality:
- Ensure a wide promotion of the use of YARIS as the key tool for maritime security in the Gulfof Guinea.

IMPROVED ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE & LIFE-SAVING COMMODITIES FOR SRH IN AFRICA

Source of funds: **NDICI** Decision date: 29/11/2023

Total budget: 20 MEUR (EU contribution, Nigeria and 4 other

countries)

Implementation period: 60 month (Action) Implementing agency: UNITAID and UNFPA

Geographical region: Nigeria, Zambia and 3 other countries in

West, East and Southern Africa

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To contribute to the reduction in maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality by ensuring post-partum haemorrhage (PPH) can be prevented and treated across the health system including in remote areas through:

- i) generating evidence to expand maternal care guidance,
- working with regional partners to increase country procurement and use of lifeii) saving PPH prevention and treatment commodities, and
- supporting expansion of Africa based manufacturing and production of these PPH commodities.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

- Organise national and regional coordination of the monitoring of the rate of infestation;
- . Control: coordinate regionally and support actions against fruit flies at the national level;

APPROACH

To advance country level actions that support innovative partnerships to increase the availability and use of life-saving commodities in the health system, particularly at the primary and community levels, incorporating them into national policies and essential medicines lists and ensuring that health care providers have the capacity to administer them appropriately.



FORESEEN ACTIVITIES

Generate evidence to accelerate country uptake

- Support adoption of PPH drugs (Nigeria and Zambia)
- Generate evidence to support WHO maternal care guidelines update

Improve access to these life-saving commodities

Strengthen procurement management of PPH commodities in collaboration with regional mechanisms

Establish manufacturers for Maternal Health Initiative to advance a market-based approach

Leverage regional platforms to increase capacity of national health systems to roll out use of commodities

- · Harmonised national-level documents with WHO guidelines for consistence and coherent informa-
- Train skilled health personnel in use of commodities
- · Pursue regionally supported activities to reinforce an integrated approach that address access barriers

Main issues/Next Steps:

High level signature event organised by the Belgium Presidency for 20 March 2024 in Brussels

ENHANCE MANUFACTURING CAPACITIES & ACCESS TO VACCINES, MEDICINES & **HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES**

Source of funds: **NDICI** Decision date: 19/10/2023

18 MEUR (EU contribution, Nigeria) Total budget:

Implementation period: 60 month (Action)

Implementing agency: Various

Geographical region: Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt, Senegal,

Rwanda, South Africa

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OBJECTIVE

Reinforcing local manufacturing capacities and creating improved access to health products in Africa through support for skills development, research and development, technology transfer, innovation, and digitalisation, as well as managerial abilities. This thereby contributes to strengthening the African health security architecture and public health capacity necessary for decent and healthy lives.

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Research Institutions and Academia, supervisory and or regulatory MDAs, pharmaceutical and manufacturing industry

APPROACH

To advance country level actions to enhance local manufacturing capacities and access to quality, safe, effective and affordable vaccines, medicines and health technologies in Africa by complementing regional and country actions that create an enabling environment for R&D and skills development, digitalisation of supply chain and forecasting, market shaping in line with Global Gateway Strategy and the EU Global Health Strategy.



Capacity building of beneficiaries – Skills development and Research

- Contribute to Training programmes of SRHR policies for information sys-
- · Scholarships and Grants to aspiring students and professionals in relevant fields.
- Collaboration with local universities. vocational institutes and industry experts on activity design.
- · Collaborative research projects through partnerships with local research institutions, pharma.
- Support an enabling environment for formulation and manufacturing

Networking at regional and continental levels

- · Regional seminars to share experiences on project's themes, facilitate dedicated networks.
- Collaborate with AMA, ACDC, PAVM to incorporate project's themes into its interventions

Strengthening the connection between academia and industry – **Digitalisation** and support to supply chain

- Facilitate technology transfer and investment in development of digital infrastructure.
- Support establishment of an efficient centralised procurement system.
- Strengthening collaboration with other projects in the area, organise joint activities.
- · Synergy with other projects (EU or not) to strengthen respective intervention capacity

Enhance demand and supply

- Support needs assessment and market analysis for vaccine procurement and manufacturing.
- Provide training and support to selected procurement agency(cies) and local manufacturers in areas such as procurement processes, contract management, quality assurance, and regulatory compliance.
- Support local manufacturers to meet international quality standards and regulatory requirements, enabling them to participate in regional and global procurement opportunities.

EU SUPPORT TO REGIONAL STABILISATION FACILITY FOR THE LAKE CHAD BASIN - EXTENDED PHASE

NDICI AFRICA – 2021-2027 (NDICI Source of funds:

AFRICA/2023/445-070)

Decision date: 06/06/2023

5 MEUR Total budget:

Implementation period: 18 months (2023-2024)

Implementing agency: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Geographical region: Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad +1

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OBJECTIVE

The RSF will contribute to improving the social contract between the State and its citizens in insurgency-affected areas of the Lake Chad Basin through immediate and extended stabilisation interventions. The overall objective of this action is to reduce the impact of local conflict in borderland areas of the LCB. Specifically, this will be achieved through two distinct but interconnected sets of interventions:

- Establishing and operationalising community security and justice systems, and supporting the enhanced presence of security forces and law enforcement agencies.
- Improving LCBC coordination and oversight of the RS SRR.

IMPACT (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)

Reduced impact of local conflict in borderland areas of the Lake Chad Basin

OUTCOMES (SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES)

- "Immediate" stabilisation Community safety and security improved, and State presence increased in JAP locations
- "Extended" stabilisation Local, national. and regional stabilisation structures oversee, coordinate, and implement stabilisation and recovery efforts

OUTPUT

- Community security and justice systems established and operational, and presence of security forces and law enforcement agencies strengthened
- Improved LCBC coordination and oversight of the RS SRR

Output 1.1: **Community** security and justice systems established and operational, and presence of security forces and law enforcement agencies strengthened.

Community security and justice systems established and operational, and presence of security forces and law enforcement agencies strengthened.

- · Strengthen stakeholder relationships and collaboration with security forces (military, law enforcement agencies, and government recognized community security groups) at community, district, governorate, state, and national levels.
- · Advocate for an increased presence of security forces in target areas.
- Construct, rehabilitate and equip security and justice infrastructure (police, gendarmerie, courts etc.)
- Establish and/or strengthen inclusive Community Stabilisation Committees (or similar structures)
- Strengthen community-level security mechanisms and support the establishment of early warning systems.
- Develop security forces' capacity and understanding on human rights and International Humanitarian Law, including SGBV and other forms of violations.

Output 2.1: Improved LCBC coordination and oversight of the RS SRR

Support coordination of the RS SRR implementation

Organisation of the RS SRR Steering Committee: The RS SRR Steering Committee (September 2023, Abuja) served as the overall strategic, political, policy, programme and decision-making mechanism, ensuring that the RS SRR is achieving its overall strategic objectives and delivers results as intended. The meeting focused on the following points:

- Provide a shared understanding of the current security situation in the LCB and the implications of RS-SRR implementation;
- · Update the Steering Committee on the RS SRR Secretariat's work and seek approval for the report
- Update the Steering Committee on the future of RSF support to the RS-SRR
- Update the Steering Committee on the transition plan and present recommendations for the next phase of the Strategy.

Provide ongoing capacity development and other support to **Governors' Offices**

The study on the Community Stabilisation Committees (funding line: capacity-building and cross-border learning) aims to:

- Establish a typology of the different characteristics and functions of CSCs in the target countries and how they are influenced by the local context.
- Evaluate the extent to which CSCs in each country have been able to fulfill their expected functions, and if not, identify the reasons.
- Propose a series of programmatic recommendations to enhance the effectiveness, inclusivity, and sustainability of CSCs.

This study aims not only to serve as an example of how CSCs can contribute to the establishment of more inclusive, just, peaceful, and prosperous societies in both regions but also as a "reality check" to initiate discussions on improving programmes and services.

Support the establishment of partnerships for regional and cross-border implementation, which involves facilitating regional dialogue and cross-border cooperation mechanisms.

Governors' Forum: The 4th Governors' Forum in Chad, organised by the LCBC, was pivotal for fostering crossborder collaboration. Held from 5th to 7th July 2023, it convened governors from the eight Boko Haram-affected territories within the LCB, alongside over 750 participants from member states, the African Union, the United Nations, multilateral and bilateral institutions, donors, civil society organisations, traditional and religious leaders, and the media. Its goal was to explore avenues for peace promotion and regional cooperation, evaluating progress in implementing the RS-SRR and bolstering stabilisation, recovery, and resilience across the region. All partners were urged to uphold their commitments and efforts towards these objectives, with a heightened emphasis on socio-economic development as the primary approach to quelling insecurity and fostering sustainable crisis resolution throughout the region.

Provide ongoing capacity development and other support to LCBC

Cross-Border research: In support of RS-SRR implementation, RSF conducted a study on crossborder trade targeting the cross-border regions around Lake Chad. The study identified critical barriers, enabling factors that can be expanded upon, and private sector investment opportunities. The recommendations produced will be integrated into future RSF programming.

The Strategic Assessment and Institutional **Evaluation of the LCBC** was finalised in 2023 (with the publication of the evaluation report in January 2024). The assessment was effectively conducted under the overall supervision of the Executive Secretary of the LCBC, with support from the RSS Secretariat and the LCBC Technical and Administrative Departments. It includes:

- Strategic recommendations on immediate, shortterm (1-2 years), medium-term (2-5 years) and long-term (beyond 5 years) actions to address deficiencies across key business processes, reinforce LCBC institutional capacity to mobilise additional funds and enable them to satisfactorily discharge their mandate;
- · Priority short- and medium-term recommendations that are critical for the effective implementation of the Regional Stabilisation Strategy (RSS) by the LCBC Executive Secretariat.

Completed working visit (September 2023) of LCBC team for an exchange with the RSF and discussion on the implementation of the transition plan:

In 2023, the LCBC successfully transitioned from RSF-managed to LCBC-managed implementation of the RS-SRR. A transition plan, aligned with the UNDP and LCBC's overarching objective of ensuring strong and sustained partnerships, was developed. The first phase of the transition has been successfully implemented, including a completed capacity assessment (funded by the EU, as mentioned above), participation of six LCBC staff in the UNDP Stabilisation Academy, initiation of the RS-SRR evaluation (ongoing), handover of documents and files, and ensuring management of partnerships, including proactive engagement of the LCBC in the development of inter-agency project proposals. Additionally, their involvement in the design of the new special multi-partner delivery fund was noted, along with a completed working visit (September 2023) by the LCBC team for an exchange with the RSF and discussion on the implementation of the transition plan, which was funded by this Action as well.

In order to implement LCBC's Regional Knowledge Platform, MS Office 365 E3 License was renewed

EU SUPPORT FOR THE LAKE CHAD BASIN – CROSS-BORDER RESILIENCE PROGRAMME (RESILAC2)

Source of funds: **NDICI AFRICA – 2021-2027**

Decision date: 27/12/2023 Total budget: 32 MEUR

Implementation period: 5 years (2023--2028)

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Implementing agency:

Geographical region: Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad +1

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OBJECTIVE

- So2): To strengthen human capital and to support social inclusion of IDPs, returnees, refugees, and vulnerable host communities (in line with the Kampala Convention and the principles of dignity, security, and voluntariness).
- (So3): To improve the capacities of authorities, community-based organisations, and CSOs at regional, national, and local levels around Lake Chad to ensure social cohesion and improved natural resources management.
- (So4): To foster economic recovery and to promote cross-border trade through access to employment and diversified agro-sylvo-pastoral-fishing production systems adapted to climate change





EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Competitiveness at firms' level is improved, especially through the Clusters' approach

Enhance access to basic services (health, education, WASH) that respond to the needs of women, youth and vulnerable populations

Provide immediate assistance through social safety nets to the most vulnerable, including food aid

Improve the psychological well-being and socioprofessional integration capacities of the populations affected by the Lake Chad crisis

Improve the capacities of LCBC, resulting in a better complementarity, coordination and efficiency of actions

Improve governance in targeted territories for better management of territories, natural resources, and social cohesion, from State Governors to local community levels or equivalent, including a more equitable and gender-balanced involvement of all stakeholders.

CBO and CSOs are capacitated to take a more active part and foster territorial management (through civic participation in the definition of development plans, the management of conflicts, social cohesion, and a sound management of natural resources).

Cross-border cooperation and coordination are improved.

EXPECTED RESULTS/OUTPUT

Women, youth, IDPs, refugees, returnees and host communities have improved access to entrepreneurship opportunities, including social entrepreneurship, alternative livelihoods and strengthened participation in the green and circular economy.

Farmers' organisations are supported and farming/fishing systems are diversified and adapted to climate change.

MAIN ACTIVITIES (NON-EXHAUSTIVE):

- · Improvement of access to water, sanitation and hygiene, and also access to education and healthcare services.
- · Support the advocacy of actors (authorities, CSO) for a better access to basic services.
- Rehabilitation of community assets through high-intensity labour.
- Seasonal conditional cash transfer and/or food assistance, promotion of homestead food production.

MAIN ACTIVITIES (NON-EXHAUSTIVE):

- · Reactivation and reorganisation of community market systems as well as identification of local market common challenges including improvement on market information.
- Individual and group psychological support for people identified as vulnerable.
- · Accompaniment and reinforcement of psychosocial skills of young people in their professional project MHPSS training of health agents and at the community level (incl. traditional healers).
- Technical Support on the resilience component defined jointly with LCBC and in coordination with other projects already targeting LCBC.
- · Capacity building provided to LCBC and national focal points.
- · Capacity building of State actors at province/regional and communal level in the 4 thematic areas (management territories, natural resources, strengthening social cohesion, organisation of technical services).
- Support to Development Plans (editing, update, advocacy for funding, support to implementation), including Risk reduction disaster plan.

- Grant subsidies to CBOs/CSOs for the financing of micro-projects retained in Local Development Plans (LDP) related to social cohesion, gender-sensitive natural resource management.
- Rehabilitation/creation of community centers for youth and women.
- · Support to coordination efforts at political level; support to institutions and agencies in charge of cross-border registration.
- Support to value chains linked to transborder markets, support cooperatives, CBOs an CSOs, small businesses involved in the value chains.
- Capacity building of existing cooperative groups to access inputs as well as linkage with off-takers and other markets.
- Creating a database of commodity dealers accessible to supported businesses and individuals.
- Vocational Skill Trainings to beneficiaries, coaching and networking of beneficiaries of IGA.
- Support to young micro-project holders; VLSA and support access to micro-credit.
- · Scale-up of results from experimental sites conducted under RESILAC.

- Strengthening and promotion of vegetable production through site development and promotion of greenhouse agriculture
- Rehabilitation and construction of market gardening perimeters;
- Development of small-scale livestock production and promotion of the integration of livestock and agricultural practices could be planned.
- Development of fish farming and professionalisation of youth groups in the production and marketing of fish products.
- Strengthening & continue capacity building of producers on technical production and processing itineraries: Reduced Post Harvest Losses through improved post-harvest management practices; Promotion of consumption of local products.
- Sensitisation and training of agricultural stakeholders on adaptation and mitigation practices to climate change.
- Studies on climate resilience, job market and cross-border economy to be carried out.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS (EXPECTED / NON-EXHAUSTIVE):



30500 people with improved access to water



28000 people sensitised on sanitation and hygiene best practices



47 healthcare centres



1980 children



4600 households supported by social safety nets



10700 people supported in mental health



30% increase in women's active participation in

decision making



53% of CSOs engaged in Advocacy strategy



7400 youths
having access to
multimedia centres



23% annual increase rate income of programme beneficiaries



44900 job opportunities



750 MSMEs supported and functional



22300 farmers

sensitised or supported by training



67000 households

trained at protection against climate change



38% of women

improved access to productive resources



67000 trained

on climate change mitigation risks



30 hectares

developed for market gardening



44 infrastructure

rehabilitated



108 hectares

pasture areas and forage crops grown



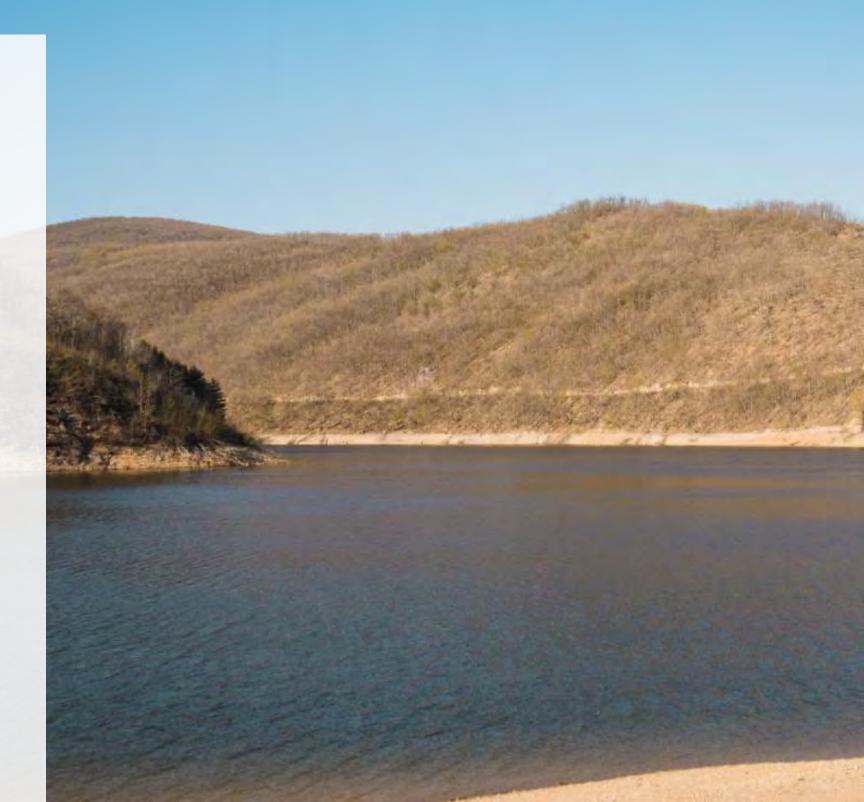
161 units

of fish-farming created / rehabilitated



69 initiatives

to reinforce mitigation and protection against climate change



OTHEREU INSTRUMENTS

Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (icsp)



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 date: December 2022

Total budget: 6 MEUR

Implementation period: 18 months (January 2023 – July 2024) Implementing agency: International Organisation for Migration

(IOM), Search for Common Ground (Search), Mercy

Corps

Geographical region: Middle Belt: Adamawa & Taraba States

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OBJECTIVE

The project focuses on the interlinkages between local conflicts and the effects of climate change, in line with strategic policies and key cooperation objectives of the EU as a global actor.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Strengthened traditional conflict resolution between communities;
- Improved trust of local populations in authorities;
- Enhanced collaboration on natural resource management;
- Improved perceptions through more reliable information.

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)

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Build local authorities' resource management capacity analysis

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

- 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 (TAFFAHR);
- Established TTT in 50 new communities in Adamawa 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.



Communities in ten Local Government Areas (LGAs)



New communities in Adamawa state and Taraba states



Media outlets on reporting techniques

CONFLICT MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION IN NORTHWEST NIGFRIA

Source of funds: NDICI CRISIS FPI 2022/438-280 - PC-21635

Decision date: 2022 Total budget: 4 MEUR

Implementation period: 1.8 years (2023-2024)

Implementing agency: IOM, Mercy Corps, Centre for Democracy and

Development (CDD)

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OBJECTIVE

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

MAIN ACTIVITIES

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 programme 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

- In continuation of the weekly Radio programme on Vision FM and Radio Katsina, production and airing of radio programmes that centre on thematic areas of peacebuilding and the transitional justice system were aired in the month of November 2023. 8 episodes of the programme were held in the ratio 4:4 by Vision FM and Katsina Radio. Both stations still maintain the programme hour of Vision FM 10.00am to 11.00am every Tuesday, while Katsina Radio AM airs the programme from 8.00pm to 9.00pm every Tuesday. Lines are opened for the public to participate on the programme by both stations. Each topic continues to be aired in Hausa and Fulfulde.
- From 7 to 9 November a three-day training for the community partners took place in Katsina on Interest Based Negotiation and Mediation (IBN+M). This training will enhance local capacity to resolve local disputes around natural resources management (NRM) or community and social development resources management (CSDRM), dispute resolution and advocacy at all levels. 40 persons (30 men, 5 women, 7 youth (5 female youth and 2 male youth) from the CRNs, LGAs, and state agencies participated in the training.
- The Political Economy Analysis (PEA) Report has been finalised.



Episodes of the programme were held in the ratio 4:4 by Vision FM and Katsina Radio.



Persons (30 men, 5 women) participated in the training.



Youth (5 female youth and 2 male youth) participated in the training.

EUEMERGENCY TRUSTFUNDFOR AFRICA (EUTF)

SAHEL AND LAKE CHAD WINDOW



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)

17/04/2020 (end of written procedure) Decision date:

50MEUR (EU contribution), Total is 73MUSD; Target is Total budget:

90MUSD

Implementation period: ONGOING: 43 months (May 2020 – December 2023);

Rider to end Mar 2024 in view

UNDP Implementing agency: Geographical region: West Africa Programme Manager: Anthony AYEKE,

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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 decentralised response strategies at state level aligned with the coordinated framework at the Federal level:

Ensure access to essential health services is maintained through socio-economic analytics, and proactive early recovery and social protection activities, targeting vulnerable groups;

Strengthened capacities for R&D and modelling;

Improved coordination of partnerships and mobilisation of resources for collective response.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 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 were 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 for vulnerable populations with the unconditional cash transfer programme of the Basket Fund reaching over 32,000 vulnerable beneficiaries with a 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 healthcare workers in case management, IPC training for around 48,000 healthcare workers and community volunteers, intensive care specialist training for 93 health professionals, and 12 master trainers for further transfer 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.



women and young women-owned MSMEs producing



Million people reached with COVID-19 messages



760,000 COVID-19 test kits



32,000 vulnerable beneficiaries with a focus on women-headed

households in communities

THEMATIC PROGRAMMES



NIGERIA CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE PROGRAMME - NCCRP

Source of funds: NIGERIA CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE

PROGRAMME - NCCRP

Decision date: 1/06/2018 (ENV/2018/041492)

Total budget: 8 MEUR Implementation period: 2019 - 2024

Direct Management, Technical Assistance (service Implementing agency:

contract), Federal Ministry of Environment, Conseil

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OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the project is to support the development and implementation of the Nigerian climate change response programme (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 data collection, and capacity building associated with sustainable best practices.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Establishment of a national greenhouse gases (GHG) emission data system for annual inventories and biennial reporting in compliance with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) requirements. Assistance focuses on setting up the legal and organisational 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 sensitisation campaigns. General public awareness is required to obtain 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;

10 non-key experts have been recruited for Task 1 (5 on-going); 7 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 during the September 2024 PMT backstopping visit.

First Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held on 9 December 2021 while the third was held in November 2023;

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;

Mobilisation of remaining NKEs for Tasks 1, 2 and 3 is ongoing.



Non-key experts have been recruited for Task 1 (5 on-going)



have been recruited for Task 3

TASK 1

- 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 Measurement of Mitigation Actions and their Effects in Nigeria (ongoing activity). This is ongoing. The NKE has made two missions in preparation for the Manual of Procedures for Mitigation.

- 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 for the last workshop will start in early April.
- Development of ToRs of the NKE for the Capacity Building of Stakeholders on GHG Inventories in the Energy Sector in Nigeria; The NKE was recruited and is now holding capacity building sessions with a small selected group of stakeholders in preparation for holding three workshops.
- 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. This is ongoing.
- 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 was completed. The NKE has produced three reports which are under review. He is now preparing power points for capacity building workshops.
- 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. The recruitment of the NKE is still underway.



TASK 2

- Capacity Building Workshop for Journalists: First in a series of two workshops held in Abuja, while the third one is under planning and scheduled to be held in Lagos;
- Website: Development of NCCRPdigital project brief and website prototype was created. The redesigning and improvements are being actualised.
- NCCRP social media pages are now created. The first invitation is about to be launched.
- Five paper-based stories, two short videos, One Pager, quarterly revamped Fact Sheet are under reviews before uploading on the NCCRP website;
- 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 is awaiting the mobilisation of the new K4;
- "Save Our Planet" Radio Programme: 14 pilot scripts developed and awaiting validation;26 additional radio scripts undergoing research and development; external service provider KISS FM was contracted to record and transmit the radio programmes;
- NCCRP video documentary (26-minutes): Shooting script developed and awaiting validation; external service provider to gather video clips and conduct location shooting was contracted. The outfit 2AV has completed the recce for documentation and filming. The Team is now ready for the actual filming.

- 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 early April 2024;
- Environmental Education Programme: 100participating primary and secondary schools profiled, draft curriculum and"Pathway to Environmental Education in Nigerian Schools"-Teacher's Manualis now at an advanced stage for validation:
- Development of the NCCRP Communication and Visibility Plan, including Stakeholder consultation and analysis is being revisited before the Plan is launched;
- NCCRP Stakeholder Engagement and Influencing Plan is under development and billed for finalisation by the end of April 2024.





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 country-specific 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;
- Second annual SWM training workshop for technical staff from 36 states and FCT was organised in Abuja from July 19 to 20, 2023;
- 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. The final grand finale activities will soon be staged in the two states;
- 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;
- Organisation of third edition of Annual Training Workshop for Technical Staff in the Public Offices from 36 states and FCT has commenced with mobilisation of a senior Short-Term Expert;
- 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);
- Organisation of awareness and sensitisation campaign activities towards waste sectorial NGOs and CBOs in Ogun and Kano States is ongoing;
- Activities on development and monitoring of organic waste recycling to composting at farm settlements in Kano and Ogun States have commenced;
- Waste sectoral studies in Kano, Ogun, and at National levels to complement the baseline data already collected is ongoing.



REDUCING DIGITAL GENDER GAPS IN NIGER DELTA

Source of funds: NDICI CSO/2022/441-855 (EC)

Decision date: 24/12/2021 744 KEUR Total budget:

30 Months (01/02/2023 – 31/07/2025) Implementation period:

Niger-Delta Stakeholder Initiative for Community Implementing agency:

Development and Engagement (NDSICDE)

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OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to bridging the digital gender gap in employment aspirations, opportunities, and outcomes in the Niger Delta.

Specifically, the project aims to improve the employability of women and contribute to the growth of their businesses through increased adoption of in-demand digital skills; and increase strategic engagements between civil society actors and key relevant stakeholders such as private sector tech companies and state government officials to secure their commitments towards the reduction of digital gender inequality in the economy.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The project aims to support 15 CSOs to create more gender-sensitive digital skills training curricula, and to advocate for reducing the digital gender gap in the Niger Delta by:

Preparing and delivering a 2 day Capacity Building Training for CSOs (including women groups/associations active in digital education, and delivery of digital skills training for urban/rural population) on gender approach to digital training, delivery, and advocacy;

Creating an Advocacy Group of CSOs that will support the project's objectives through securing commitments from policy makers and the private sector representatives on supporting efforts to bridge the digital gender divide;

Actively involving CSOs in the preparation of the Policy Recommendations on closing the digital gender gap and the Guide to gendered approaches to digital skills training for CSOs to be used by other CSOs interested in offering digital skills training to women.



MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDER OUTPUT ONE

The project aims to support 15 CSOs to create more gender-sensitive digital skills training curricula, and to advocate for reducing the digital gender gap in the Niger Delta by:

MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDER OUTPUT TWO

1000 women in Rivers and Akwa Ibom states (particularly women from vulnerable groups) trained on in-demand digital skills to improve their employability and increase their links to prospective employers through the provision of employment/business extension services,

500 women-led micro-, small- and medium- scale enterprises in Rivers and Akwa Ibom states supported to adopt digital technology and skills, such as digital marketing and book-keeping, to grow their businesses.

MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDER OUTPUT THREE

CSOs in Rivers, Bayelsa, Delta, and Akwa Ibom states are strengthened to design genderfocused digital training programmes and to strategically engage with key stakeholders such as governments, policy makers, tech and telecommunication companies to commit to improve the policy environment for digital entrepreneurship and digital education for women.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Overall, the action demonstrates good progress towards empowering women and women-led businesses through digital skills training, contributing to employment opportunities, business growth, and policy advocacy for a more gender-inclusive digital environment in the Niger Delta states.

- Completion of research to identify digital gender disparities in the target states.
- Graduation of 438 beneficiaries from digital skills training programmes.
- Establishment of the Employment Extension Service for post-training support.
- Formation of an advocacy group of 15 CSOs/tech initiatives to push for genderinclusive ICT policies.
- Implementation of the first phase of digital skills training for 438 beneficiaries.
- Launching of the Employment Extension Service.
- identification and selection of 15 CSOs/tech initiatives for training and advocacy.
- 15% (approximately 48 out of 317) reported an increase in monthly income by an average of 35.8% due to newly acquired digital skills.
- 14% (44 out of 317) secured employment (including internships, remote jobs, full-time jobs, consultancy) as a result of their digital skills.
- 7% (21 out of 317) were invited for job interviews, and 2% (5 out of 317) received promotions due to these skills.
- 14% (45 out of 317) enrolled in additional digital training programmes, such as the 3 Million Talent Technical training.
- 20% (64 out of 317) started applying digital skills in their workplaces.
- 52% (63 out of 121) are utilising digital skills to enhance business visibility, branding, financial records, and website development.



Beneficiaries graduated from digital skills training programmes.



CSOs/tech initiatives selected for training and advocacy.



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.

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NDICI - CSO THEMATIC PROGRAMME (2021 - 2027)

OVERVIEW

The NDICI-CSO thematic programme supports CSOs as actors of good governance and development. It contributes to achieving the following objectives set out in the EU Roadmap for Engagement with Civil Society in Nigeria (2021–2027):

Promoting participation of civil society in national, sub-national, and sectoral multistakeholder policy processes in Nigeria between 2021 – 2027;

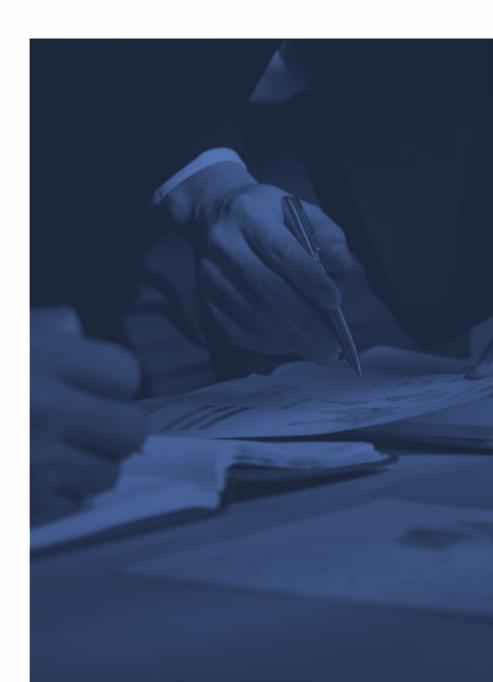
Strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations to hold authorities accountable and to be legitimate representatives of citizens' groups, focusing on the priority areas of the MIP from 2021 to 2027.

Mainstreaming climate change, youth empowerment, gender equality, and social inclusion (GESI) into EU engagement with CSOs, focusing on the thematic priorities of the MIP from 2021 to 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.

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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		

Contractor	Project Title	Implementing Period	Project Amount	EU Contribution	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
ZOA; Life Helpers Initiative; Community Health, Justice and Peace Initiative for Development	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

Contractor	Project Title	Implementing Period	Project Amount	EU Contribution	Thematic Programme
International Centre For Energy Environment And Development Foundation	Improved sub-national response to climate change in Northeast Nigeria (Borno State)	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
Norwegian Refugee Council; Adamawa State Ministry of Agriculture; Civil Society for Poverty and Eradication	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
Global Rights Advocates for Sustainable Justice	Strengthening a community of practice to improve the CSO regulatory environment in Nigeria	2023 - 2025			



EU SUPPORT TO FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE IN TARABA STATE

Source of funds: PROACT-DCI FOOD 2017 (DCI 2017 / 040-160)

(2018/395-810)

19/02/2018 Decision date:

10 MEUR (EU: 5MEUR (2017) + 5 MEUR (2018)) Total budget: 4 years, 6 months (2018 – 2023) (Currently under -Implementation period:

D+3+1)

Implementing agency: OXFAM

Geographical region: Taraba State (6 selected LGAs)

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OBJECTIVE

To develop resilient livelihoods by integrating humanitarian relief, socio-economic development, and empowered advocacy, and by enhancing social protection and safety nets as well as 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; 1,718 Groups have been established to date. 42,746 HHs have been reached to date with 61% being female. (16,623 males; 26,123 females).

Organise 6,000 farmer group-led Farmer Field Schools (FFS) sessions through 24 fortnightly meetings per community annually; 6,576 sessions conducted, 2,000 lead farmers trained. Graduated 1,210 lead farmers. 39,740 households (18,644 female; 21,096 male) trained in the Farmer Field Business Schools.

Construct 700 grain banks through the Cash for Work programme, storing 700 tonnes of assorted grains to facilitate access to food items for at least 7,000 vulnerable small-scale farming households during the lean season (approximately 184.5 kg per household). Between 2020 and 2023, 16,184 households (8,349 women and 7,835 men) were supported. A total of 660.93 metric tonnes of food were procured and distributed throughout the lean period. 700 grain banks were constructed in 80 communities. Additionlly, 6,729 households (3,396 males, 3,333 females) benefited from participating in community service and building grain banks as part of the Cash for Work programme.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Support 3,900 young farmers (female and male) with agro-enterprise development materials and expertise to replicate vegetable farming techniques through small-scale greenhouse technologies using local resources, and improved seed processing, packaging, and storage facilities. A total of 3,900 youths (2,026 males and 1,874 females) have been supported with seeds and watering cans to assist in establishing local greenhouses in their communities.

Provide 4,500 vulnerable households with livestock and upkeep support to manage small-scale livestock production (small ruminants and chicken); 4,500 (2,056 Males, 2,444 Females) HHs have received a total of 2,500 Does, 500 Bucks, 2,000 Ewes, 500 Rams; 45,000 local hens, 4,500 Cocks. 4,030 (2661 males, 1369 females) were trained by veterinary doctors on maintenance of animals. 241 Passon-the-Gift were reported.

Supported 4,000 farmers with 1,000 water pumps, improved seeds, and fertilisers to establish dry season irrigation farming systems and facilitate replication across 26 communities. A total of 265 farmers (222 males and 43 females) benefited from the water pump distribution through the Inputs Revolving Fund. Although, 1,000 water pumps were procured, the project distributed 735 water pumps to partners and MDAs in Taraba State for the purpose of continuous use to benefit farmers. The breakdown is as follows: Taraba State University (130), TADP (260), Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (100), College of Agriculture (125), and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (120).

Initial supply of 48,000 bags of 50kg of fertiliser, to benefit 40,000 vulnerable households; A total of 53,600 bags (44,701 NPK; 8,899 Urea) of fertiliser were procured from the project funds and from the Input Revolving Account. 52,658 bags (44,006 NPK; 8,652 Urea) have so far been distributed from 2020 to 2024.

Supported 9,000 women-headed households with vegetable seeds and fertilisers to start backyard gardens.

Link farmers, off-takers and financing institutions to an agricultural de-risking facility (NIRSAL[1]); 9,000 women headed HHs have been supported with assorted vegetable seeds and watering cans and have established home gardens.

Supported 300 fish production entrepreneurs with access to fingerlings, feed technology, processing, and markets; 296 fish entrepreneurs have been identified and trained in fish production. 14 fish production packs were distributed to fish farmers through the Input Revolving Fund.

Supported 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; 44 Private Nursery Owners were identified and trained. Together with the College of Agriculture and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, 789,915 tree seedlings of Mango, Citrus, Guava, Palm tree, and Moringa varieties were distributed to 30,197 HHs.

Create a radio programme in Hausa on food security, natural resource management project objectives, and promote peacebuilding and conflict resolution dialogue between cattle herders and farmers. The radio programmes were aired on a weekly basis. In total, 215 episodes were aired, with 375 calls recorded (288 from males and 87 from females).

Facilitate 21 policy review and dialogue meetings at State and each LGA level to enable community participation and engagement aimed at adopting enhanced value chain-driven and private sector partnerships in agro-inputs and produce marketing policies at both levels. 18 policy review and dialogue meetings were reported.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Organise six one-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. This activity was achieved with a seminar conducted in each LGA on peaceful coexistence following a research on conflict analysis.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- PROSELL radio programs continue to air with good audience feedback and coverage; 215 episodes carried out.
- 36 Village Agents were trained in VSLA methodology; This was achieved during the training of community volunteers
- Irrigation water pumps were distributed during the reporting period; 735 water pumps were distributed to MDAs while 265 water pumps were distributed to beneficiaries.
- 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. This will be carried out during the post-PROSELL activities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Rising Insecurity: There has been an increase in security incidents across the southern parts of Takum and Donga in Taraba State, Danko-Wasagu in Kebbi State, and parts of Adamawa State, including banditry and kidnapping. These issues have been mitigated through close collaboration with security teams and weekly security coordination meetings with the Oxfam Country Office Security Lead.
- Delayed Response from Prospective Partners: The turnaround time for responses from partner organisations contacted for potential collaboration on certain aspects of the project deliverables was poor, with some taking up to one week to reply. This has caused delays in progressing with some key partnerships. For example, despite showing interest, ICRISAT has yet to respond to Oxfam regarding the discussed MoU.
- Increasing Political Activity: 2023 was an election year, marked by increased political activities at both the LGA and state levels in Adamawa and Kebbi States. These political activities are increasingly impacting the team's ability to organise some key events. For instance, the LGA chairmanship election impacted the team's ability to meet with the State Governor to discuss the planned performance tracking system strengthening activity in Adamawa State. The project has been extended until March 2024.



Village Agents were trained in VSLA methodology



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 2.5 MEUR (EU) Total budget:

4 years (2020 – 2023) (Currently under - D+3) Implementation period:

Centre de Cooperation Internationale en Recherche Implementing agency:

Agronomique Pour Le developpement - C.I.R.A.D.

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Geographical region: Nigeria

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OBJECTIVE

The project supports effective knowledge integration for a resilient 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 enhance Nigeria's capacity to produce and manage vaccines as well as to respond rapidly.

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

- Strengthened NVRI capacity to contribute to community training in order to rapidly scale up the CAHWS network for future activities in a sustainable manner
- Improved understanding of the socio-economic and epidemiological context of PPR and ND in targeted areas.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Training staff of the NVRI and the Ministry of Agriculture in sampling design and data management for epidemiological surveys, risk mapping, and risk analysis.

Analysis of PPR and ND genetic diversity and evaluation of ND vaccine efficacy.

Strengthening of the CAHWS network to improve disease reporting and vaccine delivery in Plateau, Bauchi, and Kano States.

Analysis of data collected from epidemiological and socio-economic surveys implemented in Plateau and Bauchi States has been completed.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Serological and virological surveys have been implemented in Kano State.

Evaluation of the cost-benefit of solar panels installed at NVRI HQ and outstations.

Progress in the development of toolkit to scale-up disease surveillance and control to other regions of Nigeria.

Co-construction and implementation of the protocol for the evaluation of the project.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- All targets of our project's indicators have been met, except for those linked to the final results of project.
- Over 200 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.
- CAHWs are now well-engaged in disease reporting, with almost 3,000 reports sent by CAHWs to veterinary supervisors using an electronic form on their phones. Linkages with veterinary services are improving, with some disease reports being investigated.
- Awareness campaigns about animal disease and vaccination have reached over 222,000 smallholders through multiple means, including radio jingles, flyers, posters, and CAHWs activation events.
- The success of the installation of solar panels at the NVRI HQ and at 5 NVRI outstations (Bauchi, Yola, Kano, Katsina, Kaduna) has led to the installation of solar panels in 11 additional outstations.
- A new assay developed by NVRI and IZSVe allows for differentiation of pathogenic and avirulent strains of ND virus without the need for costly sequencing technology.
- Guidelines for ND vaccination strategy and ND vaccine production have been developed.
- Results on PPR and ND epidemiology and socioeconomic impacts have been shared with stakeholders through workshops and with the research communities through webinars, conference talks, and publications.



