

PROJECT INFORMATION

NIGERIA: HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION

Help Nigeria's rural population to escape poverty and a lack of prospects – with sustainable agriculture and vocational training.

Nigeria has the largest population in Africa with about 230 million inhabitants. The country is facing major challenges: unemployment and inflation are very high and this affects women and young adults in particular.

Roughly 40% of the Nigerian population live below the poverty line. What is more, violent conflicts are rampant in parts of the country. Since 2009, the terrorist militia Boko Haram has been wrecking havoc with attacks and kidnappings in the north-east of the country. In Plateau State, which is located at the interface between the Muslim north and the Christian south, there are frequent conflicts that are religiously motivated.

Women and young adults are the ones who suffer the most from the difficult living conditions in Nigeria. In the patriarchal society, women are often denied access to education and the labour market. 61% of women living in rural communities can neither read nor write. If a woman loses her partner, she has little chance of finding a job or providing for her family. Young adults

suffer most from the high unemployment rate. Their lives are often influenced by violence, insecurity and a lack of future prospects. Faced with no prospects, they are easily drawn into a destructive spiral of alcohol, drugs and crime.

Support through education

The Basel Mission – German Branch (BMDZ) works in cooperation with Mission 21 and the local partner church, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN), to support the most vulnerable members of society and create prospects for them. Women and young adults are empowered through education, awareness building and support.

In addition to attending literacy courses, women and young adults can complete vocational training. Workshops and awareness-building work on the topics of women's rights and gender-based violence, self-development, hygiene, nutrition and mother-child health complete the range of courses offered.

Ensuring a decent living through start-up assistance

Those who have successfully completed vocational training can receive support to set up a small business. This may take the form of business coaching, providing the necessary equipment such as a sewing machine, or financial support.

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