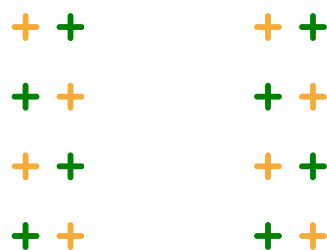




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2024



*Empowering Crisis-Affected Communities
in Yobe State North-east Nigeria.*



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - FROM THE BOARD

To our Donors, Management and Stakeholders

The year 2024 has marked a significant chapter in the history of YOPCODI—one defined by strengthened organizational growth and deeper impact across our areas of work. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, partners, and supporters whose trust, collaboration, and shared vision have been pivotal to our progress.



We particularly acknowledge the generous financial and technical support received from ActionAid Nigeria, the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund, Street Child of Nigeria, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Your partnership has enabled us to reach further and serve better.

The Board also expresses sincere appreciation to the Management and staff of YOPCODI, led by the Executive Director. Your steadfast commitment to our core values—Integrity, Discipline, Efficiency, Accountability, and Sacrifice has been instrumental in driving our mission forward. This 2024 Annual Report reflects not just our impact but our firm commitment to accountability to our donors, the government, and most importantly, to the communities we serve.

Looking ahead, our focus is on consolidating our gains and expanding our reach. We aim to deepen our engagement with communities, ensuring our interventions are responsive to their evolving needs and aspirations. As part of our strategy, we will continue to leverage technology and innovation to enhance program effectiveness and sustainability, even as we contend with a tightening funding landscape for Humanitarian, Development, and Peacebuilding efforts. As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening partnerships, scaling impactful programs, and building resilient communities. We are optimistic about the road ahead and the potential it holds for fostering lasting change.

Once again, the Board deeply appreciates all who have supported our mission. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference and work toward a brighter, resilient and more inclusive future for all.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alhaji Baba Shehu'.

Alhaji Baba Shehu, MNIM

Chairman, Board of Trustees

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Esteemed Donors, Partners, and Stakeholders,



I extend my deepest gratitude for your kind support over the past year. Your exceptional contributions and strategic partnerships have been pivotal in the successful implementation of our projects.

Through to your support, we have made significant strides in delivering impactful programmes that transform lives and communities.

Your financial resources, technical expertise, and collaboration have strengthened our ability to address pressing challenges and create sustainable solutions. 2024 has been a year of meaningful growth, learning, and transformative impact for us. We have successfully launched and executed new initiatives, reinforced existing ones, and always keeping our mission at the forefront. The passion, resilience, and dedication of the team as well as the purposeful oversight and guidance by our Board of Trustees have helped us navigate challenges and embrace opportunities with purpose.

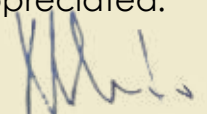
None of these achievements would have been possible without your trust and shared vision. Whether through direct funding, advocacy, resource mobilization, or in-kind support, your contributions have been invaluable in advancing our mission.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening our partnerships and maximizing our collective impact. Together, we will continue strengthening resilience of vulnerable populations and building a brighter future for the communities we serve.

I also wish to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff. Your unwavering commitment, resilience, and teamwork have been the driving force behind our success. Despite the challenges, including security concerns, your deep-rooted understanding of the context, passion and professionalism ensured that we delivered meaningful impacts, in safety and dignity. Every effort, big or small, has played a crucial role in advancing our goals.

As we move forward, let us build on this momentum with the same spirit of dedication, collaboration and teamwork. With such an incredible team, I am confident that we will achieve even greater milestones in the coming year.

Thank you once again for your invaluable contributions. Your efforts are truly recognized, valued, and appreciated.

With gratitude,

Muhammad Abdulkadir Talba CNA
Executive Director, YOPCODI

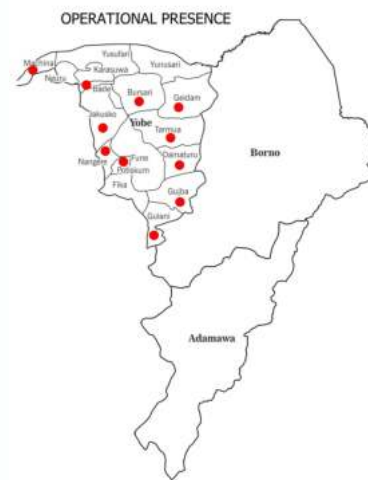
ABOUT YOPCODI

Established in 2014 and officially registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in December 2016, Yobe Peace and Community Development Initiative (YOPCODI) is a nationally recognized civil society organization. Operating under CAC Registration Number **CAC/IT/NO93167**, we are dedicated to promoting equitable access to quality basic services for vulnerable communities, focusing on women, children, adolescents, and youth across Northern Nigeria and the Lake Chad Region.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND REACH

Headquartered in Damaturu, Yobe State, YOPCODI maintains active field offices across multiple Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Northern Nigeria. This local presence ensures deep-rooted community engagement and sustainable impact. Our work is built on strong collaborations with government institutions, community-based organizations, development partners, and local stakeholders. Together, we strengthen service delivery in key humanitarian and development sectors, including:

- Health and Nutrition
- Child Protection
- Education
- Early Recovery and Livelihoods
- Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Governance and Human Rights
- Youth and Women Empowerment
- Climate Resilience and Sustainable Resource Management
- Protection of Women, Girls, Children, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from violence, exploitation, and abuse



LEADERSHIP AND TEAM

YOPCODI is overseen by a Board of Trustees (BoT) and a Senior Management Team, led by the Executive Director (ED). Our efforts are supported by a dedicated team of staff members and over 150 volunteers embedded in our field offices and communities. These volunteers play a crucial role in driving community-led change and advocating for improved access to essential social services.

STRATEGIC COORDINATION ROLES

YOPCODI serves as:

- State-Level Coordination Focal Point for the Education in Emergencies Working Group (EiE WG) in Yobe State, and member of the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) and the Localization Task Team (LTT).
- Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR) Co-Lead in Yobe State, and member of the CP AoR Strategic Advisory Group (SAG), Member, Re-integration Technical Working Group, Member, Case Management Task Force (CMTF) and Member Localization and Systems Strengthening Technical Working Group (LSSTWG).
- Member of the State Level Implementation Committee on United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Ending Violence Against Children (EndVAC).
- Member of the Safe-Schools Steering Committee, Yobe State.

WHO WE ARE

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

To be a leading Civil Society Organization that promotes peace, influences people-centred reforms, and delivers sustainable solutions to Africa's development and humanitarian challenges.

OUR VISION

A society where people are empowered to mitigate conflicts, access resources, and achieve development aspirations equitably, with public and private institutions delivering quality, demand-driven services.

OUR MISSION

To advance social justice by empowering communities to engage meaningfully with stakeholders at all levels, ensuring improved and accountable services driven by people's needs and aspirations. We focus on promoting the rights and enhancing the well-being of women, children, youth, and persons with disabilities through participatory and sustainable approaches.

VALUES

- **Integrity:** Upholding high standards of honesty, transparency, and ethical behaviour in all our actions and interactions, ensuring trust and credibility among our stakeholders.
- **Discipline:** Maintaining focus, consistency, and professionalism in pursuing our goals, adhering to established principles, and delivering on our commitments.
- **Efficiency:** Maximizing the impact of our efforts by utilizing resources prudently and delivering timely, high-quality outcomes.
- **Accountability:** Taking full responsibility for our actions, decisions, and outcomes, fostering trust through openness and responsiveness to the needs and feedback of those we serve.
- **Sacrifice:** Dedicating ourselves selflessly to creating meaningful change, prioritizing the collective good over personal interests, and working tirelessly to support the communities we serve.

2024 TIMELINES

January - March

- Training of CVTs on the Use of Digital Enrollment Tools
- Enrollement of Learners
- Establishment of 20 Learning Centers
- Distribution of Teaching & Learning Kits
- Child Message Collection
- Enrollement of Children to the Sponsorship Dashboard

April - June

- Learners Enrollment Exercise
- Community Dialogue on the Protection of Childrens & Structures
- Establishment of 72 Learning Centers
- Distribution of Dignity Kits
- NHF Project Inception Workshop
- Teacher's Training on Pedagogy, MHPSS and GBV Preventive Measures
- National Children's Day Celebration

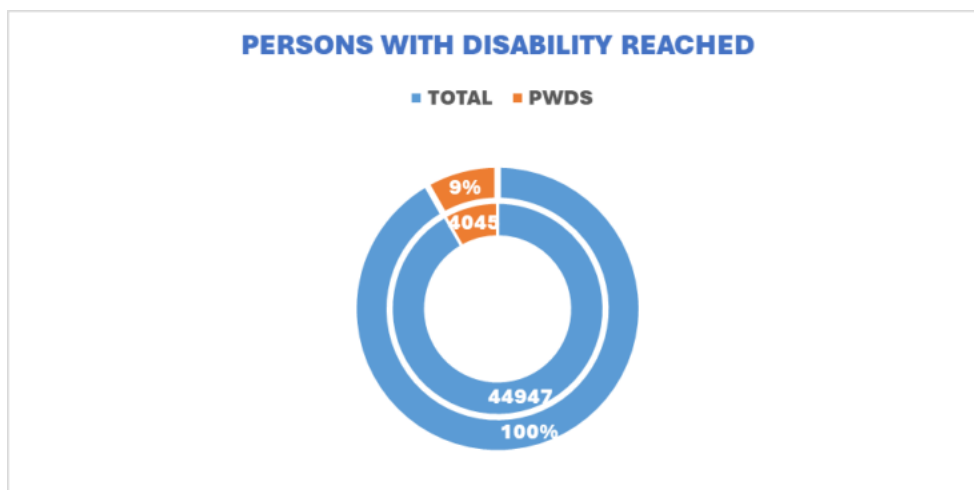
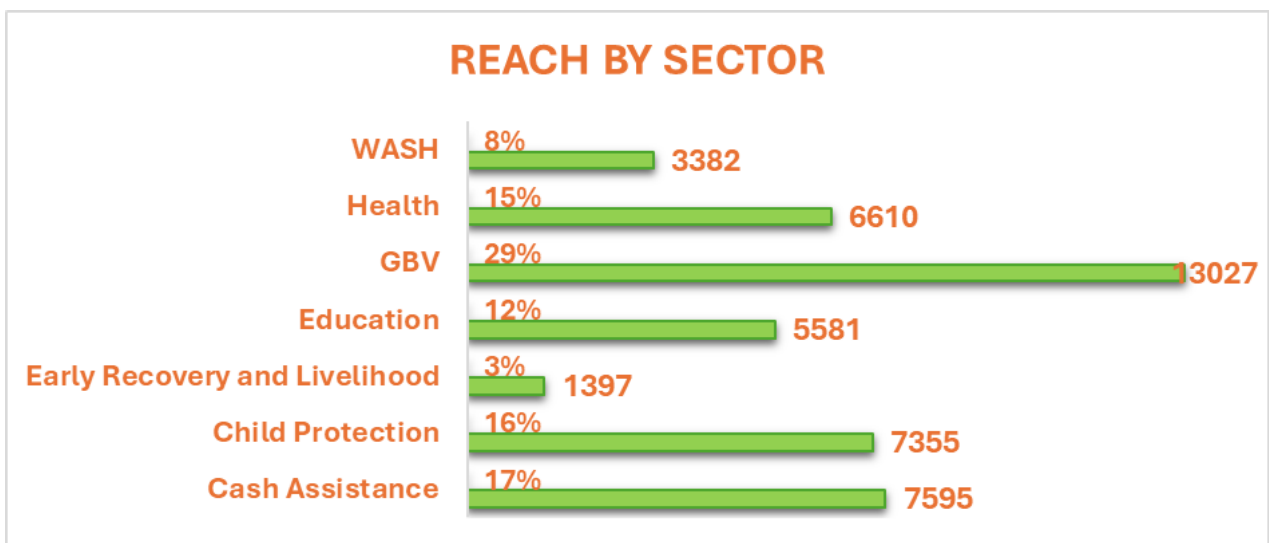
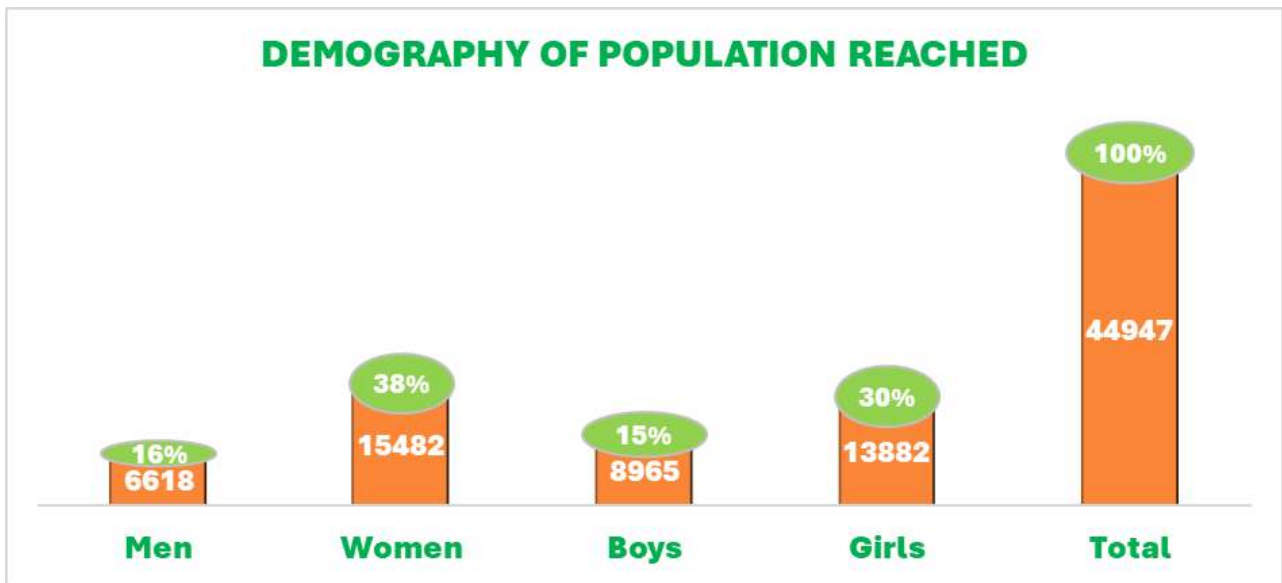
July - September

- Climate Resilience & Agro-Ecology Training
- International Youth Day Celebration
- Verification of Beneficiaries for Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance
- World Humanitarian Day Celebration
- Learning Kits Distribution
- Hygiene Promotion Sessions
- Training of Community Groups on Advocacy Approaches
- Vocational Skills Training
- Handover of newly consturcted Temporary Learning Spaces

October -
December

- Distribution of Vocational Startup Kits
- Transitioning Learners into Formal Education
- Child Message Collection
- LRP National Team Partners Support Visit
- Emergency/Humanatrian Support to Flood Victims in Bayamari & Tarbutu
- Commemoration of 16 Days of Activism against GBV
- Compound Meetings with Mothers/Caregivers
- Disbursement of Cash/Distribution of ATM Cards to beneficiaries
- Graduation of First Cohort of Digital Literacy Learners
- Establishment of Center Based Management Communities
- Upgrading Garin Gunja Community Borehole to Solar Powered
- Supporting Bayamari Primary School with Solar Energy
- Education in Emergencies Working Group Annual Review Workshop

OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE



HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT OF THE AREA OF OPERATION

The year 2024 presented significant humanitarian challenges across Yobe State, with communities facing compounded crises stemming from climate change, disease outbreaks, internal displacement, and security concerns. These challenges intensified vulnerabilities, necessitating coordinated responses from humanitarian actors, including Yobe Peace and Community Development Initiative (YOPCODI).

IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- **Extreme weather events:** Rising temperatures and unpredictable rainfall patterns resulted in severe flooding, particularly affecting low-lying communities. The 2024 floods displaced numerous households, destroyed farmlands, and contaminated water sources, exacerbating food insecurity and health risks.
- **Desertification and drought:** Prolonged dry spells and soil degradation reduced agricultural productivity, leading to increased malnutrition and economic hardship for agrarian communities.
- **Increased vulnerability of women and children:** Climate-induced displacement disproportionately affected women and children, heightening their exposure to gender-based violence (GBV) and disrupting educational opportunities.

DISEASE OUTBREAKS

Malaria, Diphtheria, Meningitis & Cholera: The combination of flooding and poor sanitation led to a surge in waterborne diseases, particularly cholera, posing severe public health risks. Malaria also increased due to stagnant floodwaters serving as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

- **Conflict-induced displacement:** Continued insurgency and communal clashes forced thousands of families to flee their homes, seeking refuge in host communities and displacement camps. Many of these displaced people lacked access to basic services, including food, water, and education.
- **Limited livelihood opportunities:** The displacement crisis significantly disrupted livelihoods, with many families losing their sources of income and becoming dependent on humanitarian aid.
- **Education disruptions:** Displacement hindered children's access to education, with many schools overcrowded or repurposed as shelters for displaced families.

SECURITY AND ACCESS CONSTRAINTS

- **Persistent security threats:** Ongoing insecurity in certain areas limited humanitarian access, restricting the delivery of essential aid to vulnerable populations.
- **Road and transport challenges:** Some remote communities remained inaccessible due to poor road networks and security threats, delaying intervention efforts.
- **Impact on humanitarian workers:** Security risks posed challenges for field operations, requiring increased coordination with local authorities and community leaders to ensure safe program implementation.

YOPCODI'S RESPONSE AND COMMITMENT

The humanitarian situation in Yobe State in 2024 was marked by complex, interlinked challenges requiring a multi-sectoral response.

Despite these difficulties, YOPCODI remained committed to providing life-saving assistance and resilience-building interventions.

Key efforts included:

- **Climate adaptation initiatives:** Implementing projects to enhance resilience to climate change, such as afforestation, water management schemes, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.
- **Health system strengthening:** Collaborating with health authorities and international organizations to improve health infrastructure, supply essential medicines, and train healthcare workers.
- **Support for displaced populations:** Providing food, water, and shelter to internally displaced persons (IDPs), and facilitating access to education and livelihood opportunities.
- **Ensuring safe access:** Working closely with local authorities to navigate security challenges and ensure the safe delivery of humanitarian aid.

Addressing climate-related risks, strengthening health systems, and ensuring safe access to essential services remain critical for sustaining humanitarian efforts in the region. YOPCODI's dedication to these goals underscores its commitment to improving the lives of the most vulnerable populations in Yobe State.



Evidence of Environmental Disasters

Education & Skills Development



ECW MYRP PY2 Mainstreaming Examination, June 26, 2024 Damaturu: Part of the effort to graduate and mainstreamed the learners to formal school after 9 months of learning activities, was their assessment in literacy and numeracy.

Throughout 2024, YOPCODI's gender-sensitive education programme made significant strides in enhancing access to quality basic education for vulnerable and marginalized girls and boys aged 6 to 17 in remote communities affected by crises and conflict in Yobe State, north-east Nigeria. This programme has been instrumental in:

- **Increasing Enrolment:** Targeted enrolment drives significantly boosted school attendance.
- **Improving Infrastructure:** Construction and rehabilitation of temporary learning spaces and classrooms provided safe and conducive environments for learning.
- **Providing Resources:** Distribution of teaching and learning materials ensured that students had the necessary tools for their education.
- **Enhancing Well-being:** Tailored protection services improved learners' psychosocial well-being, restoring their hopes and strengthening their resilience in the face of protracted emergencies.

These efforts were part of a nine-month accelerated basic education program within the framework of the Nigerian Non-formal Education (NFE) curriculum, aligned with the minimum standards of the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) and guided by the Nigerian Education in Emergencies Working Group (EIEWG).

Additionally, Community Volunteer Teachers (CVTs) with Minimum Teaching Qualification (MTQ) were identified within the targeted communities and trained in pedagogy, mental health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS), school safety, and creating a positive classroom climate. This training enhanced the capacity of teachers to effectively manage the operations of the 92 learning centres established across Bade, Damaturu, Geidam, Jakusko, and Potiskum Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Yobe State.

BLENDING EDUCATION WITH SKILLS TRAINING

Based on an initial assessment, YOPCODI's education programs were integrated with technical and vocational skill training for children and adolescents aged 14 to 17 years, enrolled in the non-formal learning centres (NFLCs). This approach aimed to strengthen resilience through livelihood opportunities, tackling the major drivers of absenteeism and dropouts. Key initiatives included:

- **Digital Literacy Program:** In collaboration with the Yobe State Science and Technical Schools Board (YBSTSB), 200 adolescents girls were enrolled in a three-month digital literacy program in Bade and Geidam LGAs, funded by the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF) 2023 First Standard Allocation multisectoral grant.

4,351

(1,424 Boys & 2,927 Girls) enrolled in ABE Program



Adolescents provided access to Digital Literacy Skills



Teaching and Learning Materials Distributed

92

Safe Temporary Learning Spaces established within 48 communities



200

64,810



- **Solar-Powered Learning:** Under a partnership with ActionAid Nigeria Local Rights Program (AAN-LRP), solar power was installed in an existing digital literacy centre at Bayamari Primary School in Bursari LGA, reactivating access to digital learning and skills for girls and boys.
- **Vocational Skills Training:** Through a partnership with StreetChild of Nigeria (SCoN) on the Education Cannot Wait (ECW) Multi-Year Resilience Program (MYRP) in Damaturu and Potiskum LGAs, 180 marginalized girls were trained in vocational skills such as food processing, cosmetology, and fashion and decorations. Upon graduation, beneficiaries received coaching in micro business fundamentals and start-up materials to enhance their livelihoods and reduce vulnerabilities.

These programmes provided opportunities for digital learning and raised hopes and demand for education among girls in rural communities, strengthening government and community ownership and enhancing sustainability.

Through these integrated programmes, YOPCODI has significantly contributed to overcoming educational barriers, particularly for vulnerable children and girls, laying the foundation for long-term educational success in Yobe State.



Digital Literacy Adolescents Girls in Session Vocational Skills Training Sessions



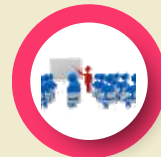
300

(157 Male & 143 Female)
Teachers Trained on pedagogical skills, GBV prevention and lifes skills



180

Adolescents trained in Vocational Skills and supported with Start-up materials



480

(122 Boys & 358 Girls) learners supported to transition from Non-Formal Education to Formal Schools

Protection & Empowerement of Women & Girls



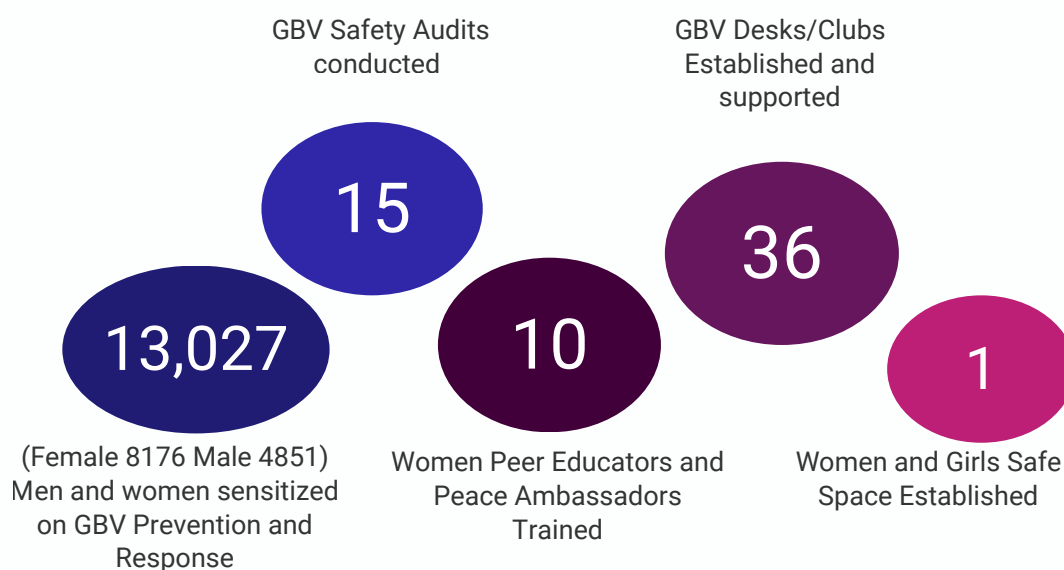
Startup Kits Distribution, October 14, 2024 Damaturu: Part of the effort to graduate the learners after 3 months of vocational skills training, startup kits that corresponds to their trade were given to them.

The protection of populations affected by crises and conflicts is at the heart of YOPCODI's mission, consistently integrated across our programmes and interventions in north-east Nigeria. In 2024, the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF) standard allocation grant enabled us to maximize our impact through leading a consortium with a credible women-led organization, African Youth for Peace Empowerment and Development (AFRYDEV). Our integrated education and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response project, aimed at addressing school-related gender-based violence, has significantly enhanced the protection and empowerment of women and girls, particularly in conflict-affected communities, schools, and learning centres.

KEY MILESTONES AND INITIATIVES

- **Women and girls' safe spaces (WGSS):** Establishing safe spaces for women and girls to foster resilience and reduce GBV risks.
- **GBV safety audits:** Conducting safety audits in communities to identify and mitigate risks.
- **GBV case management:** Providing comprehensive case management for GBV survivors.
- **Preventive messaging:** Disseminating culturally sensitive preventive messages through electronic media and print materials.
- **Awareness and advocacy campaigns:** Conducting gender-specific awareness, advocacy, and campaigns.
- **Menstrual hygiene:** Distributing reusable sanitary pads to improve menstrual hygiene for targeted girls.
- **Psychosocial support:** Offering survivor-centred psychosocial support services.

These initiatives have enhanced protection and empowerment and improved access and continuity of education in targeted communities, where girl-child education is hindered by deeply rooted socio-cultural norms, beliefs, and protection concerns.



Operating the safe spaces played a crucial role in fostering resilience, allowing women and girls to heal, rebuild their lives, access opportunities, and make decisions for a better future.

WOMEN'S PEER EDUCATION (WPE) PROGRAMME

YOPCODI launched the Women Peer Education (WPE) Programme, creating clusters across Bayamari and Tarbutu communities in Bursari LGA, and Garin-Gunja communities in Nangere LGA. This initiative has strengthened women's resilience by providing a platform to build hope, share knowledge, and actively engage in preventing GBV within their communities through awareness creation and peer education. The WPE Program has empowered women by:

- **Enhancing Leadership Abilities:** Strengthening their roles in community leadership.
- **Increasing Participation:** Promoting their involvement in decision-making on health and well-being.
- **Political Participation:** Encouraging active political engagement.
- **Financial Literacy and Inclusion:** Improving financial literacy and inclusion.
- **Promoting Women's Rights:** Advocating for women's rights and fostering gender equality.

Through these Action Aid Nigeria-Local Rights Program-funded interventions, YOPCODI has significantly contributed to women's peace and security, ending violence against women and girls (EVAWG), and ensuring that women are not just subordinates but leaders advocating for and driving positive change within a male-dominated society.

Through these integrated programmes, YOPCODI has significantly contributed to overcoming barriers to protection and empowerment, particularly for vulnerable women and girls, laying the foundation for long-term success in Yobe State.

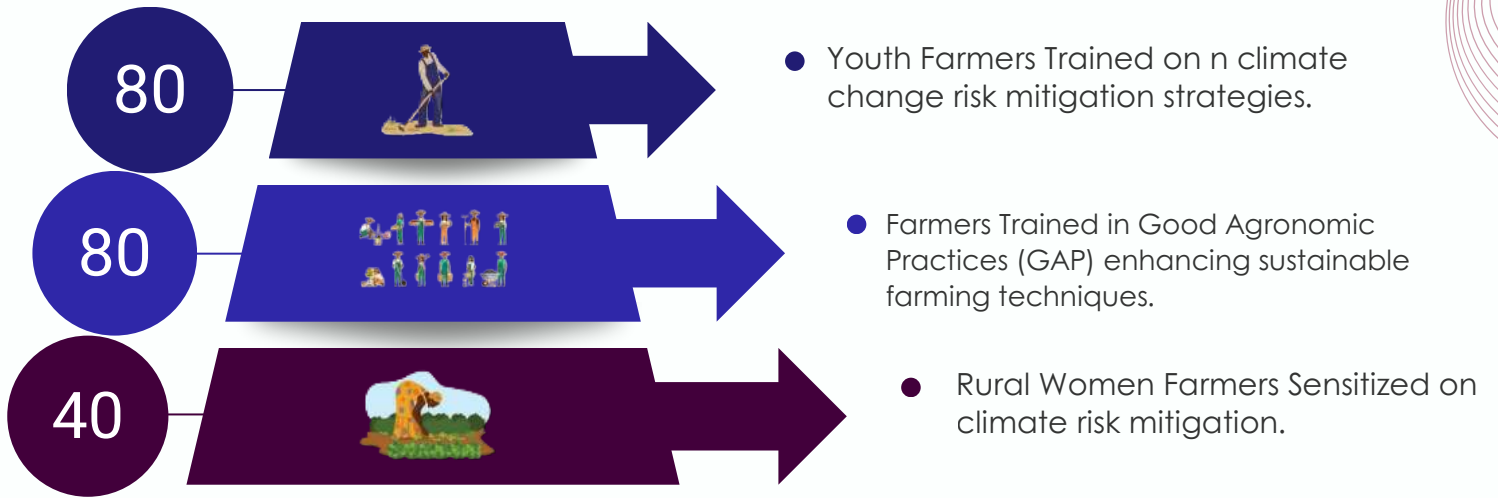


Women Peer Educators in Session

Building Climate Resilience & Promoting Sustainable Natural Resource Management



Climate Resilience Training, August 20, 2024 Tarbutu Community: Participants of the Agro-Ecology training under the YOPCODI-AAN projects learning the aspects of making compost manure.



Recognizing the multifaceted impacts of climate change on the populations we serve, particularly due to a low level of awareness of its consequences and mitigation strategies among rural farmers, YOPCODI has collaborated with the Yobe State Agricultural Development Programme (ADP) to strengthen the capacity of youth in climate change adaptation and agroecology. Through these efforts, over 80 youth from four Local Rights Programme (LRP) communities in Bursari and Nangere LGAs were identified and trained in climate-smart farming and impact mitigation strategies. The training sessions were designed to equip rural communities with the skills necessary to adopt sustainable agricultural practices that can withstand the impact of climate change, improve crop yields, and enhance sustainable livelihoods.

This initiative empowered young people with the skill sets to implement climate-smart farming techniques and positioned them as key agents of change in their communities, ensuring they are well-equipped to tackle the challenges posed by climate change. Through these efforts, YOPCODI contributed to building long-term climate resilience while fostering community-driven development and enhancing food security.

Through these integrated programs, YOPCODI has significantly contributed to overcoming educational barriers, particularly for vulnerable children and girls, and laid the foundation for long-term educational success in the region, especially in Yobe State.



Climate Resilience Training Sessions

IMPROVING ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTHCARE



Pharmacy Inspection, April 29, 2024 Potiskum: Staff inspecting pharmacy stock inventory under the YOPCODI-AGOMIN Health Accountability Project

In 2024, YOPCODI expanded women's access to essential healthcare services through community-based health education programs and awareness campaigns. These initiatives focused on mitigating and preventing disease outbreaks such as measles, cholera, malaria, Lassa fever, meningitis, and diphtheria. By empowering community members, especially women, with knowledge and tools to improve hygiene, nutrition, and maternal and child health, we ensured better health outcomes for themselves and their families.

Our efforts centred on risk communication, community engagement, and strengthening accountability in primary healthcare facilities. This approach aimed to mitigate the impacts of disease outbreaks and advocate for improved service delivery by duty-bearers, ensuring healthcare services are accessible and affordable for vulnerable and marginalized populations in Bursari, Potiskum, and Nangere LGAs in Yobe State.

Recognizing the psychological impact of conflict and displacement, we also integrated mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) into our interventions. Safe spaces, counselling, and community support networks were provided to targeted women and adolescents to foster healing and resilience.



Individuals Reached (360 Male & 240 Female) reached with tailored sensitization messages.

600

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Health Facilities visited to ensure improved services.

PROVIDING GENDER-RESPONSIVE WASH SERVICES



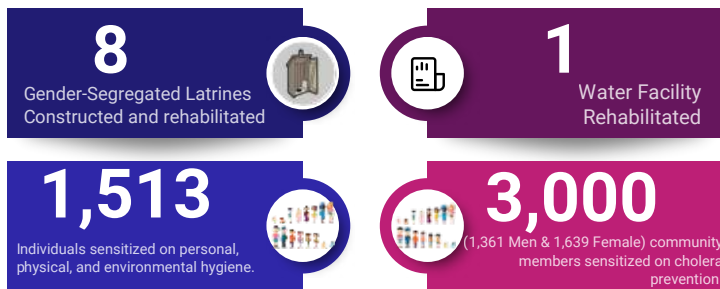
Hand Washing Demonstration, September 18, 2024 Gashua: Hygiene Promotions Specialist taking learners on practical handwashing and personal hygiene session.

Access to clean water, effective sanitation, and hygiene services has been a significant challenge for communities, especially those affected by crisis and conflict in the Northeastern states of Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe. The lack of adequate facilities and knowledge on sanitation and standard hygiene practices is particularly prevalent among women, adolescents, and children, increasing their vulnerability to diseases and making access to education difficult due to safety and protection concerns, especially for girls and children with disabilities.

In response to these challenges, YOPCODI in 2024 has made substantial improvements in access to clean water through the construction, rehabilitation, and upgrade of water facilities in the Bayamari and Garin Gunja communities of Bursari and Nangere LGAs in Yobe State. Additionally, we have constructed and rehabilitated gender-friendly and disability-sensitive latrines in schools and learning centres in Geidam and Jakusko LGAs. We have also engaged and sensitized women, youth, adolescents, and children (aged 6-13) to improve their awareness of the risks associated with poor physical, environmental, and personal sanitation and hygiene practices. These efforts aim to trigger social behavioural change and enhance health, safety, protection, and well-being at the family and community levels, as well as in schools and learning centres.

This integrated programming, combining WASH, health, education, and protection, has led to significant milestones in addressing critical needs, reducing vulnerability to diseases, improving school access and attendance, and mitigating the risks of gender-based violence (GBV) in communities and schools.

Through these comprehensive programs, YOPCODI has significantly contributed to improving access to clean water and sanitation, enhancing community health, and fostering resilience among the most vulnerable populations in Yobe State.



ADDRESSING IMMEDIATE NEEDS THROUGH MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE



Beneficiaries Verification, August 30, 2024 Gashua: Staff verifying beneficiary for Multipurpose Cash Assistant under the YOPCODI-IOM RRF Project

Within the context of YOPCODI's operations, unconditional or multipurpose cash transfers have proven to be an efficient and cost-effective approach in addressing the immediate needs of people affected by emergencies. In 2024, devastating disasters such as flooding and disease outbreaks, amidst ongoing conflicts, caused displacements and deaths in many communities in Nigeria. In response, YOPCODI provided life-saving cash assistance to targeted populations in Bade, Bursari, Geidam, Machina, Nangere, and Potiskum LGAs in Yobe State.

Through these comprehensive programs, YOPCODI has significantly contributed to addressing immediate humanitarian needs, enhancing community resilience, and improving the well-being of the most vulnerable populations in Yobe State.

TARGETED RESPONSE

Our response was twofold, focusing on:

- **Populations displaced by violent conflicts:** Providing essential support to those forced to flee their homes.
- **Community members severely affected by flooding:** Offering aid to those impacted by natural disasters.

With generous support from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and ActionAid Nigeria, we collaborated with the Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), cash working group (CWG), and financial service providers (FSPs) to successfully disburse multipurpose cash assistance. The affected people were identified through multi-partner rapid needs assessments jointly facilitated by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and Yobe SEMA.

IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

In coordination with the cash working group, we supported and participated in multisectoral market assessments to determine minimum expenditure baskets based on prevailing market situations. This guided the implementation of our multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) programmes.

These interventions helped individuals and households, especially internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees, cushion the immediate impacts of disasters, addressing their needs in food security, shelter, nutrition, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

To ascertain the efficacy of these interventions, YOPCODI conducted post-distribution monitoring (PDM) to determine the utilization of the cash disbursed. Findings revealed that over 90 per cent of beneficiaries used the assistance to solve immediate life-saving household needs, including food, water, and shelter.



7,595

individuals benefited from vital cash support.



1,519

Households received cash assistance.



N103,282,684

Funds disbursed to support the affected populations.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES IN YOPCODI PROGRAMMES

LOCALIZATION :COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT



Engagements with Stakeholders at Different Levels

In 2024, YOPCODI significantly strengthened strategic partnerships and collaborations with key government agencies, humanitarian cluster coordination platforms, and non-governmental organizations at the national, regional, and state levels. This ensured alignment with strategic focus and plans across all sectors of programme implementation. Notably, YOPCODI played a crucial role in providing support and leadership in state-level coordination for the Education in Emergencies Working Group (EiEWG) and the Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR) in Yobe State.

KEY ROLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Through these roles, YOPCODI regularly convened monthly cluster coordination meetings and capacity-building sessions for partners, fostering collaboration with relevant government agencies to ensure adherence to standards and priorities in service delivery. As an active member of the Strategic Advisory Groups (SAGs) and Technical Working Groups of both sectors, YOPCODI contributed significantly to the review of overall sector strategies and thematic technical decisions, aimed at improving the quality and effectiveness of responses.

COORDINATION & ENGAGEMENT WITH CLUSTERS

Throughout 2024, YOPCODI maintained and strengthened engagement with other clusters, including WASH, Nutrition, Gender-Based Violence, Protection, and Health sectors. This participation ensured alignment of actions for impact and sustainability.



CPAoR Data Management Training & End of the year State and LGA Level EIEWG Coordination Review Workshop

COLLABORATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Recognizing the importance of government leadership at all levels, YOPCODI built on existing goodwill to collaborate with relevant agencies, including:

- Yobe State Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning (MoBEP)
- State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)
- Ministry of Women Affairs (MoWA)
- State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB)
- State Agency for Mass Education (SAME)
- Ministry of Youth, Sports, Social and Community Development
- Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education
- Local Governance Authorities in all operational locations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

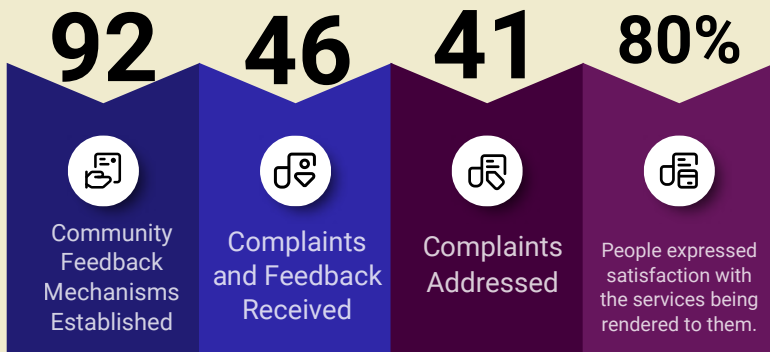
Traditional leadership structures in all targeted communities were also strong allies, ensuring conflict sensitivity, context specificity, ownership, and sustainability of actions. These collaborations resulted in robust government and community support, avoiding duplication of efforts, maintaining standards, and facilitating access and delivery of critical humanitarian aid and development interventions to the people we served.



Dialogues with Men, and Women Stakeholders

ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS

In 2024, YOPCODI successfully implemented several advocacy and awareness campaigns focused on promoting children's rights, access to education, and youth empowerment. These initiatives have been instrumental in driving positive change and creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for children and youth.



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

One of the key initiatives was the celebration of National Children's Day, where YOPCODI raised awareness about the importance of children's rights and education. This event featured children-led advocacy that produced tangible outcomes, including:

- **Government Responsiveness:** Triggering government responsiveness to children's demands.
- **Deployment of Additional Teachers:** Deploying additional teachers to Bayamari and Tarbutu Primary Schools.
- **Installation of Solar Power Systems:** Enhancing digital learning by installing solar power systems, creating a more effective and friendly learning environment that improves school attendance.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

On International Youth Day, YOPCODI empowered youth with knowledge and tools, highlighting the role of digital technology in sustainable development. Through the theme, "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development," YOPCODI provided young people with the tools and knowledge to leverage digital technologies for social and economic progress, expanding their opportunities in the digital economy.

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO PROTECT EDUCATION FROM ATTACK (IDPEA)

Additionally, YOPCODI marked the International Day to Protect Education from Attack (IDPEA) with a campaign that called for greater efforts to protect educational facilities from being used for non-educational purposes. This advocacy urged duty bearers to strengthen their commitment to creating safe, conducive learning environments, ensuring that schools remain free from harm and disruption.

Through these impactful campaigns, YOPCODI continues to advocate for the protection and empowerment of children and youth, fostering a future where education is accessible, safe, and transformative.

MONITORING, AND COMPLIANCE

YOPCODI remains committed to ensuring that the communities it serves are actively engaged and accountable throughout its programs. In 2024, the organization implemented various strategies to facilitate continuous feedback and foster open communication with community members.



NHF Visit, November 16, 2024 Gashua: Part of the visit for compliance by the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund.

These strategies included:

- **Regular Dialogue Sessions:** Facilitating open discussions with community members to understand their needs and concerns.
- **Establishment of Feedback Loops:** Creating systems for ongoing feedback to ensure community voices are heard.
- **Provision of Complaint Boxes:** Placing complaint boxes in key locations to allow community members to share their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions.

These efforts allowed community members to share their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions, ensuring their voices were heard and their needs addressed.

TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIVE APPROACH

Through these mechanisms, YOPCODI maintained a transparent and responsive approach to its work, ensuring that its programs aligned with the priority needs of the communities. The feedback collected has helped improve program design and implementation, enhanced accountability, and empowered community members to take active roles in shaping the services and initiatives provided. These efforts reflect YOPCODI's ongoing commitment to fostering community ownership and promoting accountability in all aspects of its work.

Through these comprehensive programs, YOPCODI has significantly contributed to strengthening accountability, enhancing community engagement, and ensuring that the needs of the most vulnerable populations are met effectively.



YOPCODI Board Chairman and other partners, during monitoring of End of Program Examination in Non formal learning centers.

CONTINUOUS STAFF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR EFFICIENCY AND IMPACT



Finance Compliance Training, August 1, 2024 Damaturu: Capacity building training for finance staffs on compliance and reporting.

Committed to maximizing the impact of our efforts through prudent utilization of resources to deliver timely and high-quality outcomes, YOPCODI ensured that all team members participated in both in-person and online capacity-strengthening trainings and workshops in 2024. These included mandatory compliance areas such as:

- PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse)
- SHEA (Sexual Harassment in the Workplace)
- Safeguarding
- Fraud Prevention and Detection

In addition, staff members earned certifications in several thematic areas, including:

- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Advanced Dementia Care
- Disaster Management
- Waste Management and Recycling
- Water Quality Testing and Monitoring
- Advocacy
- Information Management
- Stress Management
- Leadership
- Community Engagement and Social Change
- Field Safety and Security
- Conflict Management

- Reporting Security Incidents
- Mainstreaming AAP (Accountability to Affected Populations) into Programming
- Project Management
- Child Protection in Emergencies
- Providing Support to GBV Survivors
- Data Collection and Analysis

These initiatives reflect our commitment to enhancing staff skills and knowledge, ensuring the highest standards of professionalism, service efficiency, and accountability in all our efforts. By integrating these skills into our work, YOPCODI continues to deliver impactful and sustainable outcomes for the communities we serve.



CROSS-BORDER ENGAGEMENTS: STRENGTHENING NETWORKING FOR STABILITY, RECOVERY, AND RESILIENCE IN THE LAKE CHAD REGION

In 2024, YOPCODI worked collaboratively with the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) through the Lake Chad Basin Civil Society Network, leveraging its leadership of the network in Nigeria to expand and strengthen relationships with civil society organizations in Cameroon, Chad, and Niger. Notably, YOPCODI participated in regional capacity-building workshops and forums to advance stabilization, recovery, and resilience in the Lake Chad region.

KEY INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Regional Strategy for Stabilization, Resilience, and Recovery (RS-SRR):** Active participation in the review and validation of the RS-SRR, contributing deep-rooted knowledge and understanding of the local context to produce a strategy that aligns with the needs and aspirations of affected communities.
- **Capacity-Building Workshops and Forums:** Engaging in regional workshops and forums to enhance the capacity of civil society organizations and promote collaborative efforts.

STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS

Through these engagements, civil society cross-border partnerships have been strengthened, playing a crucial role in the implementation of the second phase of the regional strategy at regional, national, and territorial levels. The LCBC and its partners have been central to fostering sustainable collaborations among various actors, including government, civil society organizations (CSOs), and traditional institutions across Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria.

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND STABILITY

These collaborations have promoted learning and blending contextual diversities to achieve sustainable peace, stability, and recovery in the region through multi-stakeholder efforts, expertise, and contributions.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING



Annual Board Meeting, December, 2024 Damaturu: 2-days Board Meeting

The 2024 Annual Board Meeting of YOPCODI focused on strengthening governance and administrative systems and structures to effectively drive its mission. This included the review and approval of internal policies and procedures and programmatic expansion to achieve optimal results and impact. Notably, the Board ratified and approved several key decisions:

- **Reconstituting the Board:** Ensuring gender balance in its composition, resulting in a 50-50 male and female representation.
- **Rebranding the Organization:** Approving the change of name from **Yobe Peace and Community Development Initiative (YOPCODI)** to **Lake Chad Peace and Development Initiative (LCPD)** and reviewing the organization's logo. The board also recommended geographical expansion of operations in Nigeria and across the Lake Chad region.
- **Internal Control Policies:** Ratifying and approving the review of some sections of internal control policies and procedures based on previous audit recommendations and commitment to compliance with best practices. This includes transitioning to new accounting software to ensure the efficiency of the organization's financial and risk management systems.
- **Strategic Plan Review:** Reviewing and rolling over the Organization's Strategic Plan from 2025-2029 to encompass humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding actions, emphasizing participatory and sustainable approaches.

The two-day board meeting commended the efforts of the management and staff for the success and results achieved, especially in the prudent management of both human and financial resources. The Board upheld YOPCODI's core values of integrity, discipline, efficiency, accountability, and sacrifice. Additionally, the Board reiterated its commitment to the safety and welfare of staff and making sustainable impacts on the lives of the populations and communities served by the organization.

TESTIMONIALS AND SUCCESS STORIES

Through the NHF & ECW MYRP projects, 4,351 children across underserved communities like Lafiyan Gwamna, Jammel, and Unguwar Malam Hassan accessed education for the first time. Community-built temporary learning spaces, flexible schedules, and locally recruited facilitators made learning possible.

"I can now write my name and read simple words. I want to become a teacher like Malam Musa."

Jebbu Lame, 12, Jammel Community, Jakusko LGA



"We donated land and built shades because we saw what this project could do. Our children are now proud to carry books instead of bowls."

Mai Unguwa Amadu, Lafiyan Gwamna Community, Jakusko LGA

"This project is one of the most community-owned interventions we've seen. The people don't just participate—they lead."

Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) Official, Jakusko



In 2024, 100 adolescent girls—50 each from Bade and Geidam—who transitioned from non-formal learning centers to formal schools, received 3-month intensive training in digital literacy, citizenship, marketing using the Nigeria Learning Passport framework. Centers were fully equipped, and girls were supported with dignity kits and instructional materials.

"We see this as an investment in future leaders. These girls are now more confident, skilled, and ready to explore opportunities."

Sabo Danyerwa, Education Secretary, Bade Local Education Authority

"Before this training, I had never touched a computer. Now, I use it to do assignments, access the Nigeria Learning Passport, and help my classmates. I feel like I belong in this new world."

Aisha Mohammed, 16, Fulatari Community, Geidam LGA

"This is the first time our girls are getting skills that go beyond the classroom. It has changed how parents see education for girls."

Mallam Adamu Suleiman, Tsattsaka Community Leader, Bade LGA

As part of the Education Cannot Wait – Multi-Year Resilience Programme (ECW MYRP), adolescent girls and boys in Damaturu and Potiskum were trained in various vocational skills including tailoring, shoe making, soap making, cap knitting, local pasta and bead work. These skills-building efforts were aimed at strengthening household resilience and fostering self-reliance. After completion, beneficiaries received start-up kits to immediately launch small-scale enterprises and generate income.

"With this sewing machine, I now sew uniforms and clothes for people in my area. I've started saving money for my younger brother's school fees."

Fatima Abdullahi, 17, Dikkumari Community, Damaturu LGA

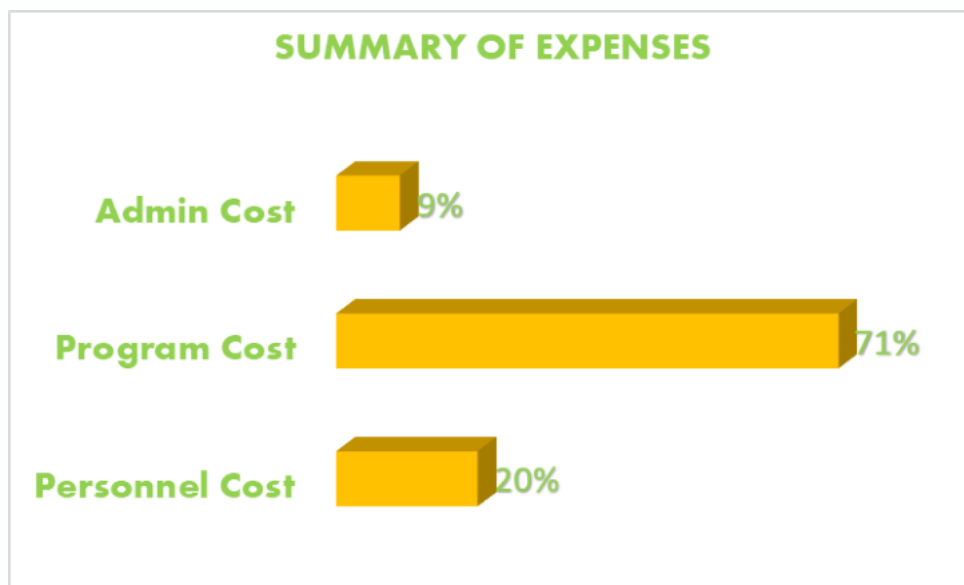
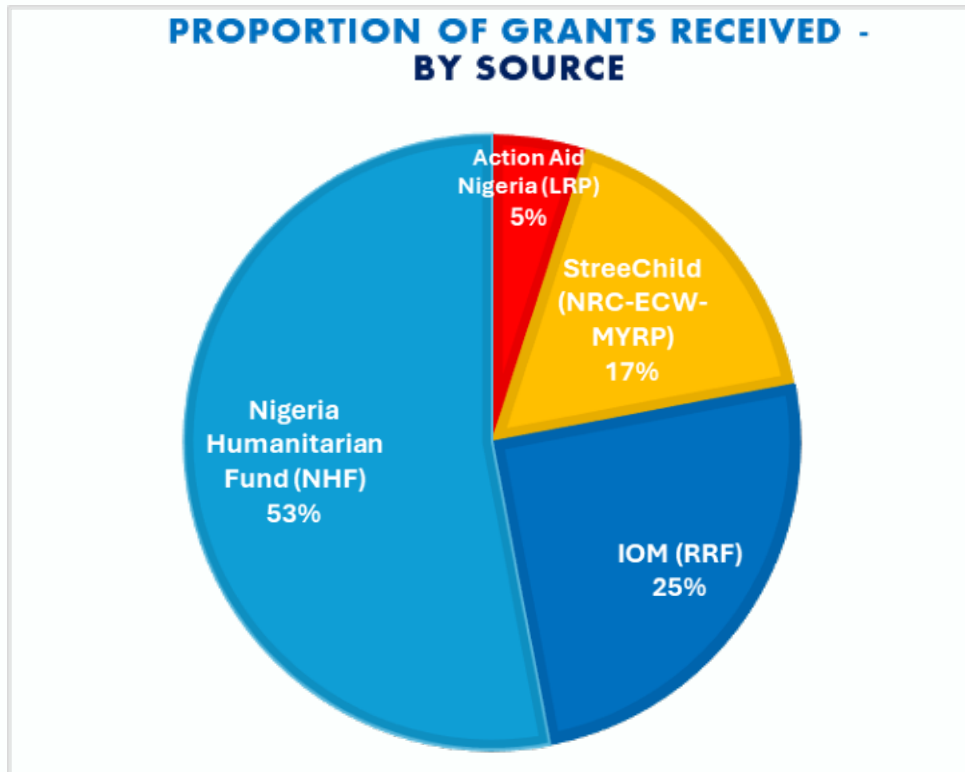
"These girls were once idle. Now they are productive, confident, and even helping others learn."

Bulama Ibrahim, Gidgid Community Member, Potiskum LGA



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

YOPCODI remained committed to financial transparency and accountability in 2024.

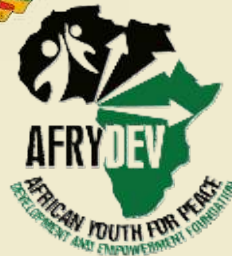


Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December, 2024

		NGN	NGN
		2024	2023 (PY)
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Land and Budilding		58,500,000.00	65,000,000.00
Furniture and Fittings		6,964,800.00	8,000,000.00
Plant and Machinery		4,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
Computer and Accessories		11,013,316.50	2,684,422.00
Total Non-current Assets		80,478,116.50	80,684,422.00
Current Assets			
Inventories			
Receivables		4,728,843.83	
Cash and cash equivalents		61,236,270.04	29,731,085.61
Total Current Assets		65,965,113.87	29,731,085.61
Total Assets		146,443,230.37	110,415,507.61
Equity and Liabilities:			
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term borrowings		-	
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors		-	3,061,400.00
Total Liabilities		-	3,061,400.00
Net Asset		146,443,230.37	107,354,107.61
Restricted fund		65,965,113.87	29,731,085.61
Unrestricted fund		80,478,116.50	77,623,022.00
Total Net Asset/Equity		<u>146,443,230.37</u>	<u>107,354,107.61</u>

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

YOPCODI extends its gratitude to the following key partners, These partnerships and collaborations have enabled us to deliver life-changing programs and expand our reach.



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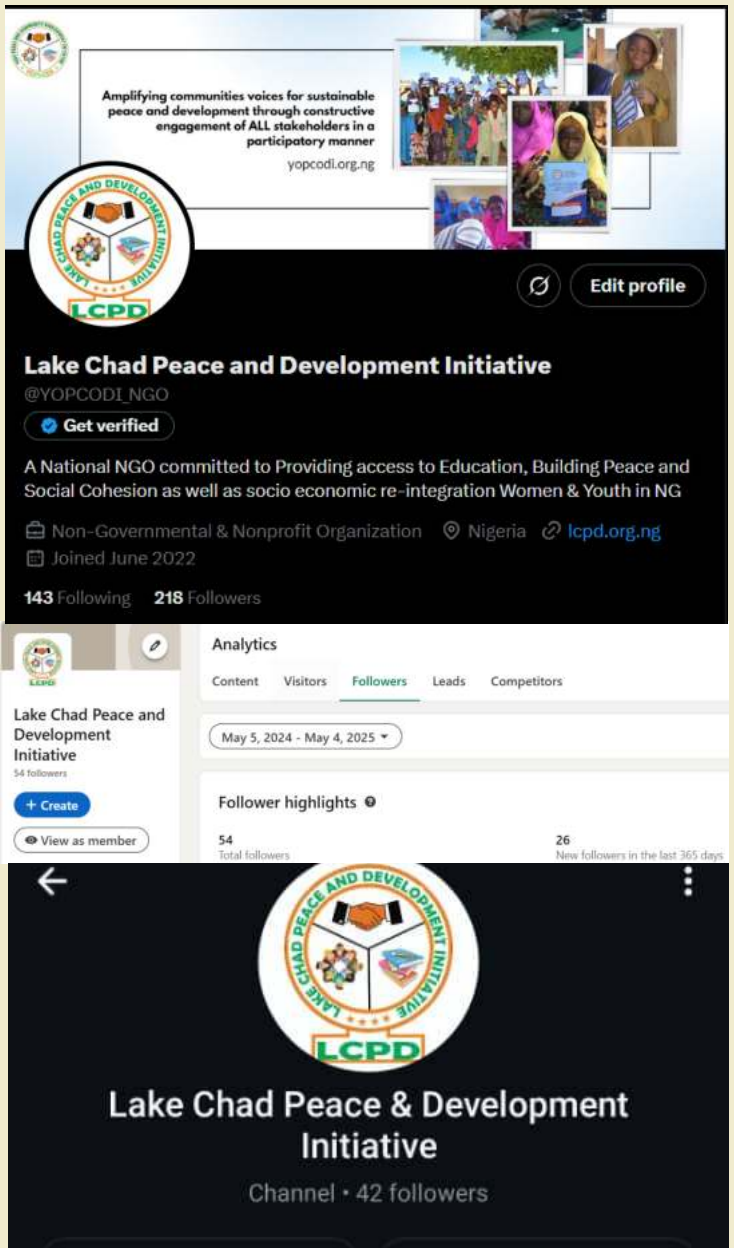
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Area of Responsibility
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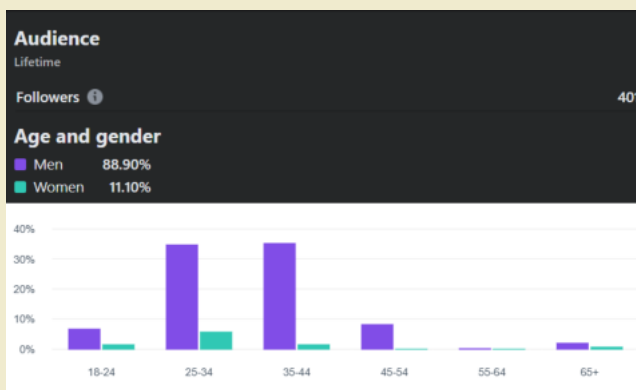
THANK YOU ALL

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

We are deeply honored to have received the Yobe Volunteers Award during the 2nd Yobe Volunteers Award 2025, organized by Ummat International Foundation in collaboration with the Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) as well as the Special Appreciation for our outstanding performance in the year 2025 by the Yobe State Government. These award and recognition reaffirms our unwavering commitment to community development, education, and humanitarian efforts across Yobe State. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the organizers and dedicate this award to our incredible team, partners, and the communities we serve. Together, we continue to make a difference!



SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY



PUBLICATIONS

We have successfully published GBV Prevention Guidelines, which is a pocket book for our Learning Facilitators to grasp the concept of GBV prevention, response and reporting.



FUTURE PLANS: 2025

- Finalizing organizational Identity review and rebranding process.
- Implementation of All Board and Audit recommendations on internal control systems strengthening programmatic and geographic expansion.
- Continuous implementation of Action Aid Nigeria (AAN) Local Rights Program (LRP) Multiyear Partnership.
- **Inception and Implementation of new partnership with Save the Children International on:** Building Inclusive Resilience and Durable Solutions for forcibly displaced populations and vulnerable groups in Yobe State with funding from the Swiss Development Corporation (SDC).
- Inception and Implementation of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)'s 'Promoting CSO led Peacebuilding Initiative in Lake Chad Sub-region' Partnership with UNDP Nigeria, funded by the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF).
- Organize Stakeholders review and validation workshop on the 5-year Strategic Plan (2025-2029).
- Finalization and Launch of the Five-year Strategic Plan on Humanitarian, Development and Peacebuilding Action.
- Continuous capacity Development; Organize targeted trainings and workshops for management and staff.
- Exploring new partnerships and collaborations.

