

Summary of DFID's work in Nigeria 2011-2015

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Why we work in Nigeria

Nigeria has a quarter of Africa's extreme poor, with 100 million of a population of 158 million living on less than £1 a day. Every day 136 women die due to complications during pregnancy. Over 2,300 children under five die every day from malnutrition or preventable diseases, and 8.5 million children do not go to school, the most of any country in the world. Despite producing oil, Nigeria's total economy is one thirteenth of the size of the UK's. Unless progress is made in Nigeria, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will not be met in Africa. A prosperous and stable Nigeria will benefit both the region and the UK's trade and security interests. It will help reduce crime, money laundering and illegal migration.



In Jigawa State, mother Hauwa'u gave birth to Muktar with help from community volunteers trained by a UK aid project. "Because of the help they gave me, I survived", she said.



Beneficiary taking home a malaria bed net provided by a UK supported bed net distribution programme.

What we will achieve:

- Nigeria helped to use its oil revenues better and more transparently to improve the lives of its citizens
- Power supply doubled, currently the biggest barrier to economic growth
- 600,000 people supported to work their own way out of poverty
- 10 million people helped to get a bank account and use financial services to build their savings and businesses
- 2.9 million people helped to gain access to sanitation
- 1.2 million people provided with access to

safer water.

- 800,000 more children educated, including 600,000 girls
- 5,000 women from rural areas of Northern Nigeria helped to attend teacher training
- 8 million insecticide treated bed nets distributed
- 2.3 million pregnant women and children under five provided with improved nutrition

Who we will work with

DFID will deliver results through more direct provision of services and opportunities to poor people, while supporting the political and economic conditions for progress, and helping Nigeria's government spend its own funds more effectively.

We will work with Nigerian institutions at federal and state levels. We will have in-depth state partnerships with eight focus states (increased from the original five). DFID will provide grants to non-profit development agencies, expanding partnerships with UNICEF and non-governmental organisations on girls' education, water and nutrition. We will also award contracts to service providers on an open and competitive basis to deliver services and technical assistance.

No UK aid money goes through the Nigerian government, both to protect against corruption and to avoid substituting the country's own resources. Our work also helps to tackle corruption more widely: DFID helps Nigerian reformers by improving public financial management, supporting anti-corruption bodies, and pressing for more transparency and accountability – for example in the oil sector.

How we will work

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability will be our watchwords, and we are determined to get value for money for every hard-earned taxpayer pound spent on development.

In Nigeria DFID has made significant progress in improving value for money, and has developed an action plan to deliver further improvements in economy, efficiency and effectiveness. To help deliver sustainable results, we are improving already robust monitoring and evaluation of our projects. DFID's commitments under the UK Aid Transparency Guarantee will mean comprehensive details of projects in Nigeria are published on the DFID website.

More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Nigeria's Operational Plan, please visit <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/nigeria>.

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A UK aid programme has helped farmers like Sidi from Adamawa State to buy and use fertiliser which has significantly improved crop production. Here he compares his maize grown with and without fertiliser.