



# Mafita Apprenticeship and Community-based Skills Training Programmes



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A five-year, £36 million initiative delivering training and skills development opportunities for around 4,000 vulnerable youth.

- Targeted economically and socially vulnerable youth and adolescent girls
- Increasing youths' incomes through employment
- Decreasing engagement in crime and violence

- Two key programmes under Mafita: The Apprenticeship programme and vocational training programme delivered through Community Skills Development Centres.



### Methodology



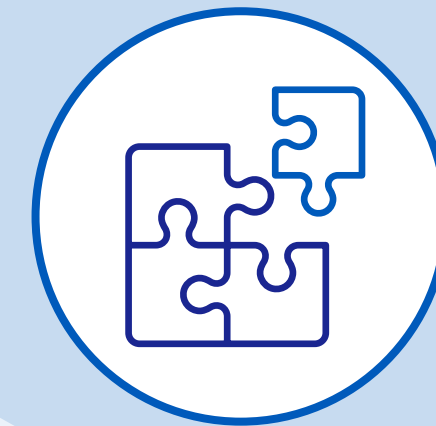
**Two randomised controlled trials (RCTs)**, one for each programme, in three Northern Nigerian states: Kaduna, Kano, Katsina



**A follow-up 6-9 months** after the interventions had ended.



**Impact evaluation was complemented** by a qualitative evaluation to understand mechanisms through which the outcomes occurred and a cost-benefit analysis to measure the cost-effectiveness of the programmes.



### Findings

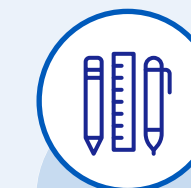
**Both programmes demonstrated strong positive effects on participants' employment and productivity, job search behaviour, and economic welfare.**



**For both programmes, improvements in outcomes related to income-generating activities appear driven by female participants.**



**Mixed evidence of impact on non-material outcomes**, with the exception of participants' professional social networks, which shows strong positive impacts for both programmes.



**Neither programme appears to have had positive impacts on basic literacy and numeracy skills**, though qualitative evidence suggests participants had positive perceptions of both the foundational and trade-specific skills training.



A preliminary cost-benefit exercise suggests that the **Community Skills Development Centres programme was most cost-effective.**



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## Impacts



**The results from the trials** are feeding into further collaborations between the government and World Bank on the next generation of government-led apprenticeship support programmes in Nigeria.



## Links



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