

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. Nigeria has 10% of the world's children out of school, and accounts for 10% of child and maternal deaths and 25% of global malarial cases. 60% of 6-17 year old girls in northern Nigeria are out of school. Despite producing oil, Nigeria's total economy is one twentieth of the size of the UK's. Unless progress is made in Nigeria, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will not be met in Africa. Yet Nigeria receives less international aid than many other African countries -total official development assistance represents less than 1% of national income.



In Jigawa State, mother Hauwa'u gave birth to Muktar with help from community volunteers trained by a UKaid 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

Over the next four years, UK support will help:

- Nigeria to use its oil revenues better and more transparently, to improve the lives of its citizens
 - Double power supply, which is currently the biggest barrier to economic growth
 - 600,000 people to work their own way out of poverty
 - 10 million people to get a bank account and use financial services to build their savings and businesses
 - 2.75 million people to access safer water and sanitation
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- 800,000 more children into education, including 600,000 girls
 - 5,000 women from rural areas of Northern Nigeria to attend teacher training
 - 4 million women and children to access family planning and free health care to stop women dying in childbirth and raise healthier children
 - Distribute 10 million insecticide treated bed nets to protect 9 million young children, and enable every Nigerian household to access effective anti-malarials free or at highly subsidised prices
 - Improve nutrition for 5 million children

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 plan to increase in-depth state partnerships from a focus on five states at present to three more states. 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.



A UKaid 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.

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 and supporting anti-corruption bodies.

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. We will also continue to encourage transparency in oil revenue and government expenditure in Nigeria, and will provide opportunities for people affected by our projects to provide feedback to make them more effective.

More information

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

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