



**Grassroot
Life-Saving
Outreach**
Life before death

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

A data-driven recap of our most significant events.



LESGO Nigeria



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FROM THE DESK OF **THE PRESIDENT**

I thank God for helping us through 2024 and my special thanks to the distinguished members of the board of trustees, the management team, volunteers, the communities we serve, partners, and stakeholders. As we reflect on our journey, it is evident that our work is far from complete. We stand at a critical juncture, motivated by the immense potential to bring transformative change to communities that remain underserved.

LESGO's mission to empower communities to live well is both a challenge and an opportunity. It calls for sustained effort, strategic focus, and unwavering dedication from every team member. While we have laid a strong foundation in Adamawa State, much remains to be done to reach more people, expand our programs, and solidify our impact.

One of our key aspirations is to broaden LESGO's reach beyond Adamawa State. Expanding into other states and eventually beyond Nigeria requires careful planning, effective partnerships, and a commitment to scalability. This vision is not just ambitious—it is essential to fulfilling the mandate that drives us.

Another area of focus is financial sustainability. To achieve our goals, we must ensure that every resource entrusted to LESGO is utilized efficiently and that cost-saving initiatives are embedded in any activity implemented. This includes but is not limited to exploring fundraising efforts, building long-term partnerships with donors, and exploring innovative ways to generate revenue. Financial stability will enable us to consistently deliver on our promises to the communities we serve.

Embracing technology remains a cornerstone of our growth strategy. As the world evolves, so must LESGO. We aim to harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other technological tools to improve our operational efficiency, deepen our insights, and tailor our programs to better meet the needs of the people we serve. This shift will enhance our effectiveness and position LESGO as a forward-thinking organization.

Equally important is the need to strengthen our communication and public engagement efforts. Our website and digital platforms must reflect our vision and inspire action among donors, volunteers, and stakeholders. By improving our online presence and ensuring professionalism in all forms of communication, we can build trust, foster collaboration, and attract the support needed to achieve our goals.

For the year 2025, the road ahead is both challenging and filled with opportunity. LESGO's progress will depend on the collective commitment of everyone involved—our Board of Trustees, management team, partners, volunteers, and supporters. Together, we must stay focused on the work still to be done, motivated by the lives we aim to transform and the communities we seek to empower.

Thank you for your dedication and your belief in the vision of LESGO. Together, we can achieve the extraordinary and ensure that the mission of empowering communities to live well becomes a reality for many more in the years ahead.

Dr. Emmanuel Ogbole
Founder & President



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dear Stakeholders,

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I reflect on the milestones we achieved in 2024. Last year has been a testament to the power of collective action, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our mission of improving lives and fostering sustainable development.

Through our various programs, we have addressed pressing health challenges, supported vulnerable communities, and empowered countless individuals to live healthier, more dignified lives. From providing essential healthcare and WaSH services to responding swiftly to emergencies, our work has been a beacon of hope for those in need.

The strength of our impact lies in the dedication of our team, the generosity of our partners and donors, and the trust placed in us by the communities we serve. These collaborations have not only enabled us to deliver meaningful interventions but also reinforced our belief in the importance of localizing solutions for sustainable outcomes.

As we look forward, our commitment to our mission remains stronger than ever. We will continue to build on the successes of 2024 by expanding our reach, deepening our partnerships, and ensuring that our interventions are innovative, inclusive, and impactful.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported our journey so far.

Rev. Dr. Sunday M. Sabo

Chairman, BOT



WELCOME

Dear Partners, Supporters, and Stakeholders,

As we've close another remarkable year, we are proud to present our 2024 Annual Report, a reflection of the collective efforts that have driven our mission to bring hope, health, and empowerment to underserved communities.

In 2024, our work has spanned across multiple sectors, including healthcare, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), protection services, and capacity building. Together, we have responded to pressing humanitarian needs, empowered vulnerable populations, and fostered resilience in the face of adversity.

Through our shared commitment, we have made strides in addressing challenges such as disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and access to essential services. From providing life-saving medical assistance to distributing dignity kits and clean water solutions, each project showcased in this report underscores the impact of our collaborative efforts.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated team, partners, donors, and the resilient communities we serve. Your support and trust inspire us to continue striving for a better future for all.

As you navigate through this report, we hope it provides a glimpse into the lives changed, the milestones achieved, and the challenges that continue to drive our resolve.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Together, we look forward to creating even greater impact in the year 2025.

Mr. James Sigg
Program Manager



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Acronyms

WaSH	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
SAM	Severe, Acute Malnutrition
MAM	Moderate, Acute Malnutrition
NHF	Nigerian Humanitarian Fund
UNO-CHA	United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
MDA	Ministry, Department and Agencies.
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning
JCS	Joint Crisis Strategy
AWD	Acute Watery Diarrhea
MMT	Mobile Medical Teams
RCCE	Risk Communication & Community Engagement
LGA	Local Government Area
ANC	Antenatal Care
PNC	Postnatal Care
L&D	Labor and Delivery
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
UN-IOM	United Nations-International Organization for Migration
MPCA	Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance
PSEAH	Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
SA1	First Standard Allocation
RA1	First Reserve Allocation
RA3	Third Reserve Allocation
RRF	Rapid Response Fund
ORS	Oral Rehydration salts
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
WHO	World Health Organization
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
HPC	Humanitarian Program Cycle
PLWD	Persons Living With Disability
NPLWD	Non People Living With Disability

WHO WE ARE

At LESGO, we are dedicated to championing health and building a brighter future for all. We are on a mission to improve the lives of vulnerable communities by providing access to essential healthcare services, clean water, sanitation, and protection against gender-based violence. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy, safe, and dignified life.

Through our targeted programs and unwavering commitment, we work to empower individuals and communities, ensuring they have the resources and knowledge needed to overcome challenges and achieve lasting change. Our efforts are grounded in compassion, innovation, and a deep understanding of the unique needs of those we serve. By addressing the root causes of health disparities and advocating for sustainable development, we aim to create a world where every person can thrive, regardless of their circumstances.

MISSION



To enhance quality of life in underserved, conflict-affected communities through a rights-based approach, gender mainstreaming, and strategic partnerships.

VISION

To empower Communities where people have access to quality Healthcare and other Basic Amenities/Services.





OUR OBJECTIVES

- To mobilize Communities for active participation in revitalizing the primary healthcare system.
- To empower communities to collaborate with relevant stakeholders in the fight against maternal mortality and other diseases.
- To empower communities to protect and maintain their environment for safe habitation.
- To generally render care in form of services to humanity in all areas of life.
- To engage the rural people in activities that border on their living so as to improve their condition of living.





OUR THEMATIC AREAS

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Health

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Water, Sanitation,
and Hygiene (WaSH)

3

Protection

4

Community Engagement
and Empowerment.

5

Education



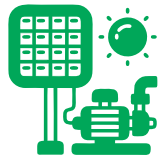
STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Highlights from our Impact in 2024

At LESGO, we believe that meaningful change begins with measurable action.

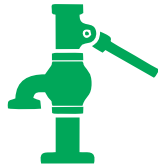
Our 2024 metrics showcase the tangible impact of our efforts in health, WaSH, protection, and community development. Each number represents lives touched, communities supported, and challenges overcome as we work toward building a healthier, more resilient society.

From life-saving medical interventions to empowering grassroots communities, these figures highlight the dedication and collaboration that fuel our mission. Join us as we reflect on a year of transformative achievements and the collective strides we've made toward a brighter future for all.



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Newly Constructed
Solar Powered Boreholes



43

Rehabilitation of
Hand pump Boreholes



1,850

Hygiene Kits
Distributed



4,050

Dignity Kit
Distributed



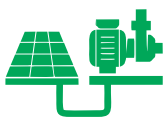
1,206

SAM/MAM Kits
Distributed



162

PWDS reached with
assisting devices



17

Upgraded Handpump
to solar pump boreholes



02

Houses constructed
for Flood Victims



6,818

Mosquitoe Nets
Distributed



1,368

Mama Kits
Distributed



500

Households
received
Farm Inputs



90

Households
received
Food Items



02

Household Latrines
constructed

Some of the Newly Constructed/Rehabilitated Boreholes



Piloting Localization of Pooled Funds via Coalition Models in Adamawa State of Nigeria

(CBPF-NGA-23-S-NGO-27137)



Grassroots Life Saving Outreach (LESGO) in partnership with The Share Trust, funded by the Nigerian Humanitarian Fund (NHF) under the supervision of United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) implemented a 12-month coordination project in Adamawa State - Piloting Localization of Pooled Funds via Coalition Models in Adamawa State. The project pioneered and seamlessly integrated the Local Coalition Accelerator model, fostering enhanced capabilities among National NGOs.

This initiative focused on bolstering the proficiency of National NGOs in knowledge acquisition to bolster resource mobilization, drive effective project implementation, conduct impactful research, shape policies, foster robust collaboration, and facilitate seamless coordination with sectors, agencies, and government MDAs. This project served as a guiding beacon, ensuring standardized, high-quality services and preemptive policies to mitigate various risks, encompassing security, financial, and humanitarian concerns. Moreover, a specific portion of the funding was earmarked for prompt responses to critical crises in health, WaSH, Shelter and Food security, addressing emergent needs effectively.

On this intervention, LESGO led a Coalition of 9 organizations and collaborated with The Share Trust (a US-based organization) to identify another 9 set of nascent organization to benefit from structured capacity building exercise. The project has strengthened the capacities of 18 NNGOs through various thematic capacity strengthening trainings; ranging from board leadership, management, as well as trainings for members of the major operational units of a National NGO including. This was achieved via multiple contact peer learning sessions among operational staff of all 18 participating organization.

KEY RESULTS

10,367

Beneficiaries Reached

18

organizations capacity strengthened

4,561

Males Reached

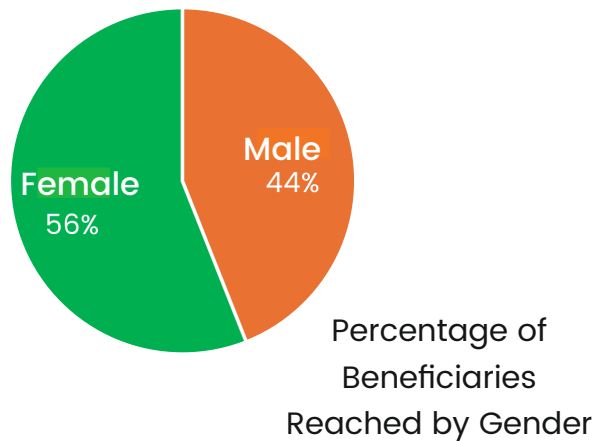
5,806

Females Reached

Peer learning sessions were conducted for major operational units including the Programs, MEAL, Human Resources, Procurement & Logistics, and Finance units.

The project also provided the platform to co-create and design intervention with community stakeholders and members of the coalition, thereby entrenching localization, through the Joint Crisis Strategy (JCS) developed earlier in the year as a preparedness mechanism to respond to emergencies at the community level.

The JCS was jointly implemented by all member organizations of the coalition and targeted communities of Michika, Mubi North, Hong, and Gombi LGAs in Adamawa State. Response activities implemented via the JCS includes; provision of mobile health services to over 10, 000 community nmembers, distribution of food items to 90 households, distribution of farm inputs to 500 beneficiaries, distribution of hygiene kits to 450 beneficiaries, distribution of dignity kit to 450 beneficiaries, construction of two buildings for 2 households.



ACTIVITY DASHBOARD

10,367

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached

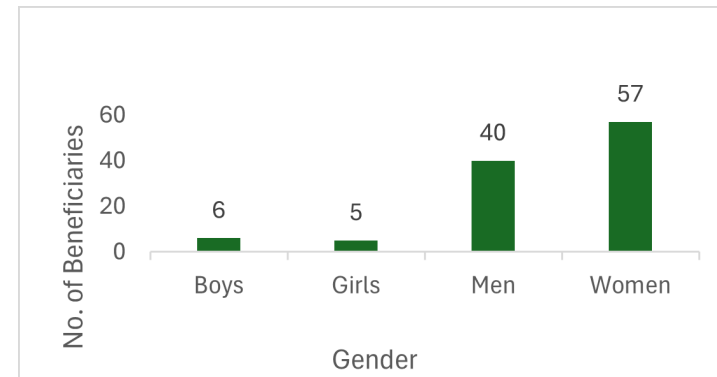
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No. of Male Beneficiaries Reached

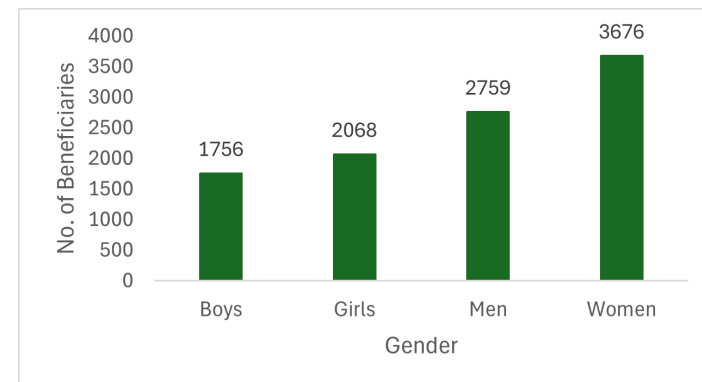
5,806

No. of Female Beneficiaries Reached

PWD Beneficiaries Reached



NPWD Beneficiaries Reached



PROJECT Gallery



Provision of Lean Season Essential Community Health Services for Prevention of Disease Outbreaks, SRH, and WASH in Selected Communities of Yola South and Madagali LGAs.

RESERVE
ALLOCATION

1

(CBPF-NGA-24-R-NGO-32742)

In partnership with the Nigerian Humanitarian Fund (NHF) and under the supervision of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA), the Grassroot Lifesaving Outreach (LESGO) successfully completed a six-month health and WASH intervention in Madagali and Yola South LGAs, Adamawa State.

This initiative aimed to address critical health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs in vulnerable communities, particularly during the rainy season, which amplifies risks of disease outbreaks, food insecurity, and malnutrition.

Key Achievements

WASH Sector (Madagali LGA)

Improved Water Access: Rehabilitated 40 non-functional hand pump boreholes, constructed 10 solarized boreholes, and upgraded 10 existing handpump boreholes, ensuring access to clean drinking water for 18,000 individuals (approximately 3,600 households).

Sanitation and Hygiene: Implemented excreta and solid waste management, including canal cleaning, and conducted hygiene promotion targeting 30,000 people through direct and motorized campaigns.

Disease Prevention: Promoted hygiene practices to households affected by Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD), and cholera.

Health Sector (Madagali and Yola South LGAs)

Mobile Medical Response: Deployed four Mobile Medical Teams (MMTs) and two Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) teams per LGA to provide consultations and interventions for 29,226 individuals, focusing on childhood illnesses, SAM/MAM cases, cholera, malaria, and safe childbirth.

Support for Health Facilities: Enhanced six health facilities with resources such as staff, medical supplies, and training, ensuring effective care delivery and referrals for complicated cases.

Reproductive Health Services: Prioritized antenatal care (ANC), postnatal care (PNC), and Labor and Delivery (L&D) services, including the distribution of delivery kits to reduce maternal and infant mortality.

Community Awareness: Conducted RCCE activities and motorized campaigns to raise awareness about diseases, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH).

Impact

This project significantly improved access to essential health and WaSH services, reduced the risk of disease outbreaks, and enhanced community resilience in the face of rainy-season challenges. By addressing both immediate needs and long-term sustainability, the intervention contributed to safeguarding lives and fostering healthier, more resilient communities.

Looking Ahead

The successful completion of this project highlights our commitment to responding proactively to humanitarian crises and supporting the most vulnerable populations. Moving forward, we remain dedicated to expanding our impact and ensuring that every community we serve has access to critical health and WaSH services.

PROJECT DASHBOARD

Total Beneficiaries Reached at Health Facility

9,365

Madagali LGA

11,888

Yola South LGA

Total Beneficiaries Reached by Mobile Team

18,329

Madagali LGA

18,928

Yola South LGA

Total Beneficiaries Reached by RCCE Team

45,464

Madagali LGA

24,199

Yola South LGA

Chart Showing PWDs Beneficiaries Reached in Yola South

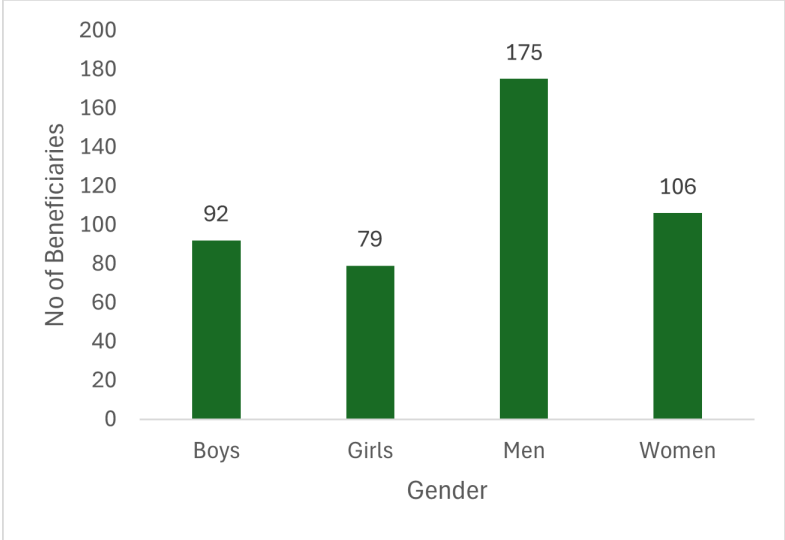


Chart Showing NPWDs Beneficiaries Reached in Yola South

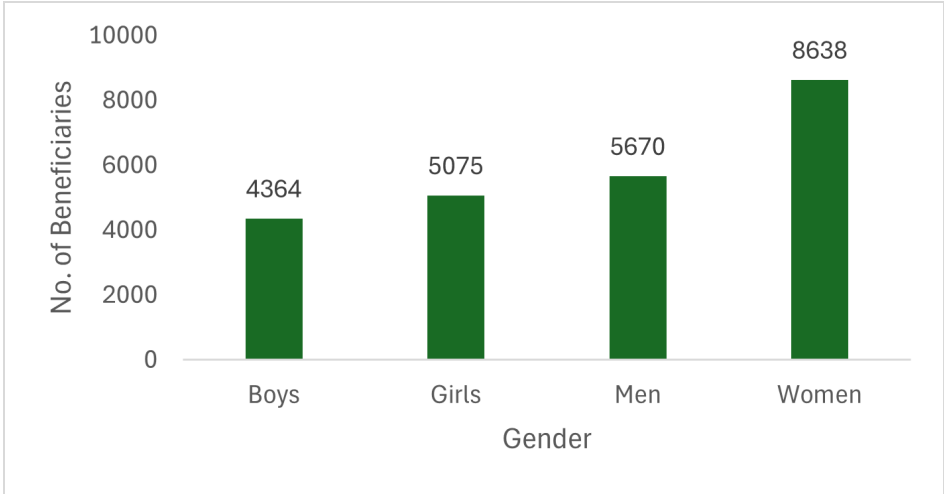


Chart Showing PWDs Beneficiaries Reached in Madagali

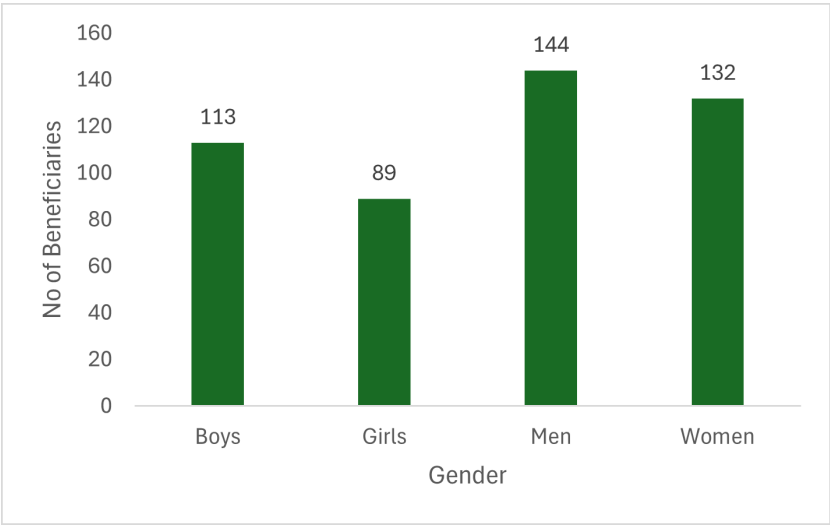
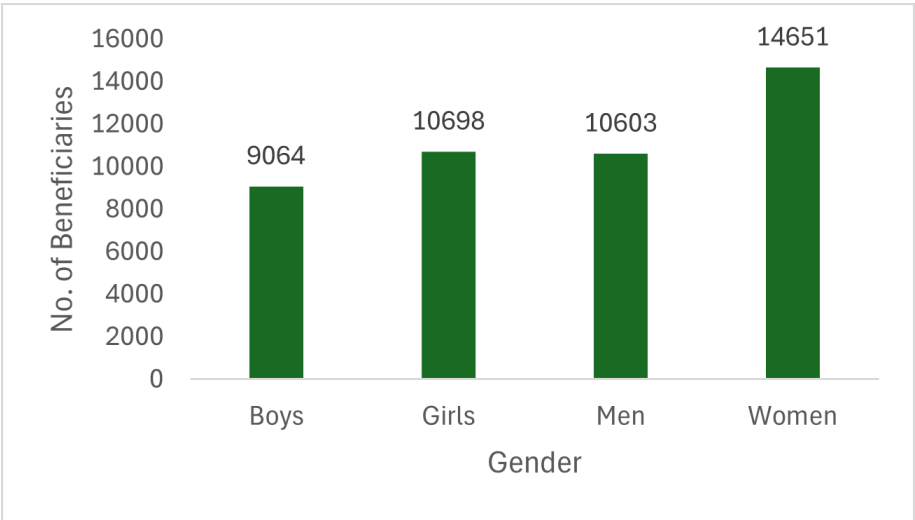


Chart Showing NPWDs Beneficiaries Reached in Madagali



PROJECT Gallery





Providing Emergency MPCA, WASH, and Protection Assistance for Flood-Affected Populations in Madagali LGA.

In 2024, severe flooding in Adamawa State, exacerbated by dam spillage and heavy rains, devastated Madagali LGA, displacing over 1,900 households, destroying infrastructure, and disrupting livelihoods.

To address these challenges, LESGO, in partnership with UN-IOM under the Rapid Response Fund, implemented a three-month intervention focused on providing Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA), WASH, and protection services.

Key activities included:

- Delivering MPCA to 1,912 households.
- Upgrading 7 water schemes to solarized boreholes and rehabilitating 3 handpump boreholes.
- Training WASHCOM and hygiene promoters for hygiene education and water chlorination.
- Distributing 500 dignity kits, 700 hygiene kits, and installing 33 halogen lights for safety at water points.
- Conducting sensitization on GBV, PSEAH, and VAWG and strengthening protection service referral pathways.

This intervention underscores the importance of timely support to mitigate the impact of natural disasters and restore the dignity and resilience of affected communities.

Provision of coordinated emergency health and WASH response for flood affected populations in Yola South and Lamurde LGAs.

CBPF-NGA-24-R-NGO-33847

The Reserve Allocation 3 (RA3) project, launched on October 18, 2024, is a comprehensive health intervention designed to improve access to quality healthcare and address disease outbreaks in underserved and flood-affected communities in Adamawa State. This initiative been implemented in collaboration with the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication - CISCOPE (handling the WaSH aspect of the project) aims to strengthen healthcare systems, enhance disease prevention efforts, and foster community resilience.

Key Milestones and Activities

The project began with advocacy visits to government entities and stakeholder sensitization workshops to ensure alignment with local needs and foster collaboration.

A training program for 50 healthcare workers equipped them with skills in managing childhood illnesses, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), malnutrition, and common diseases such as malaria and cholera.

This project delivered critical healthcare services to underserved and displaced populations.

Mobile health teams provided life-saving care, addressing illnesses like diarrhea, malaria, respiratory infections, and skin conditions. Maternal and child health services, including antenatal/postnatal care and immunizations, were prioritized to reduce mortality, alongside the distribution of essential medicines and equipment to health facilities.

Preventive measures included mass distribution of mosquito nets to combat malaria, active cholera case surveillance, and referrals for malnourished children with SAM and MAM. Community engagement was strengthened through health education, disease monitoring, and collaboration with local leaders to ensure culturally sensitive interventions.

As a result, the project improved healthcare access, enhanced disease surveillance, and empowered communities, laying a foundation for long-term health improvements while advancing our commitment to equitable healthcare and resilient communities.

PROJECT DASHBOARD

11,225

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached

PROJECT Gallery

Chart Showing PWDs Beneficiaries Reached

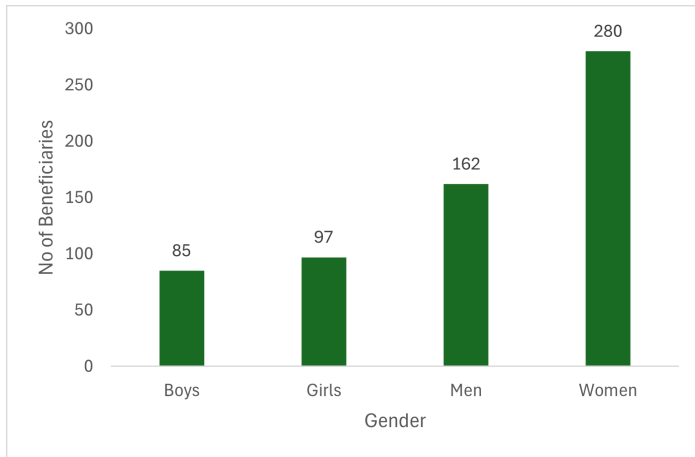
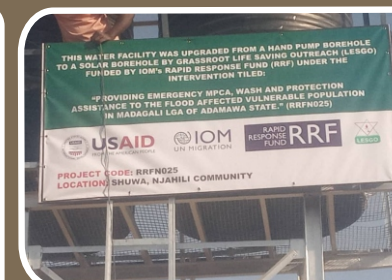
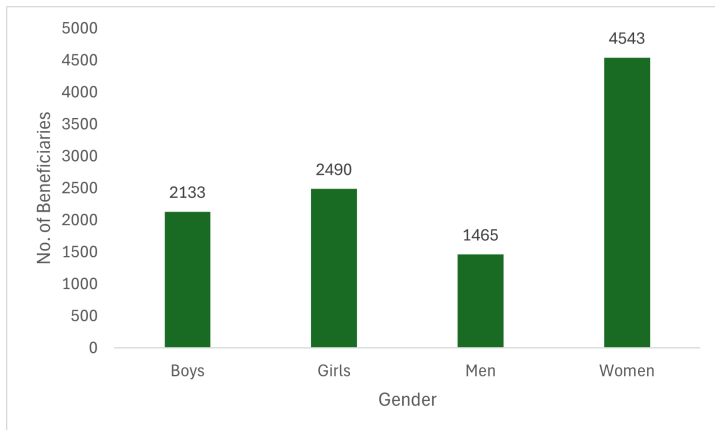


Chart Showing NPWDs Beneficiaries Reached



PROJECT DASHBOARD

Beneficiaries reached at Health Facility

996

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached in Yola South

3,389

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached in Lamurde

Beneficiaries reached by RCCE Team

7,442

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached in Yola South

15,286

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached in Lamurde

Beneficiaries reached by Mobile Health Team

4,961

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached in Yola South

4,810

Total No. of Beneficiaries Reached in Lamurde



Chart Showing PWDs Beneficiaries Reached in Yola South

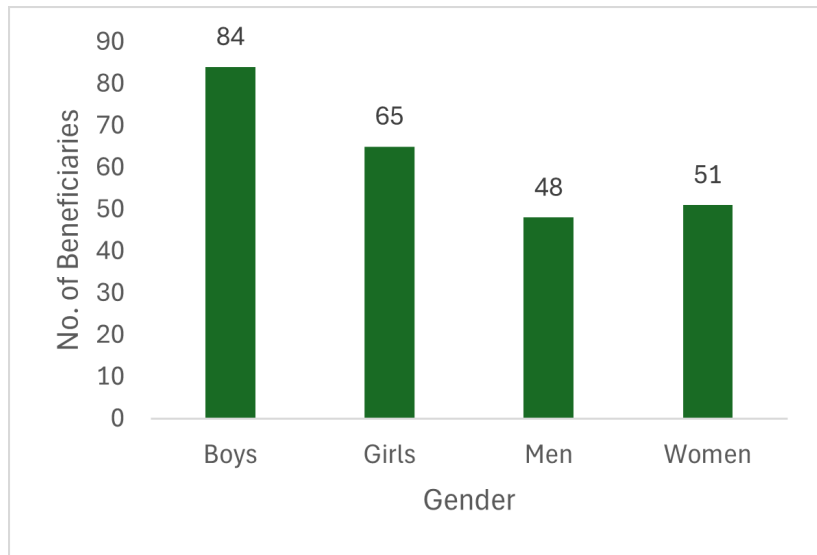


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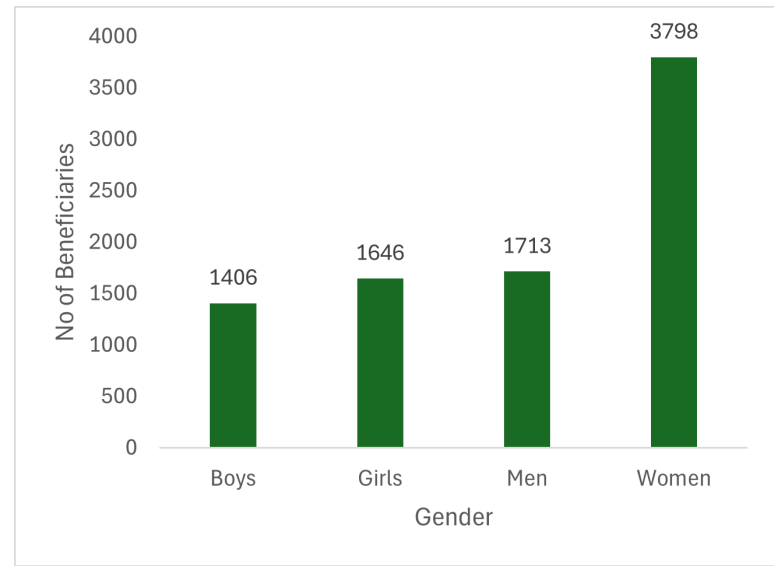


Chart Showing PWDs Beneficiaries Reached in Lamurde

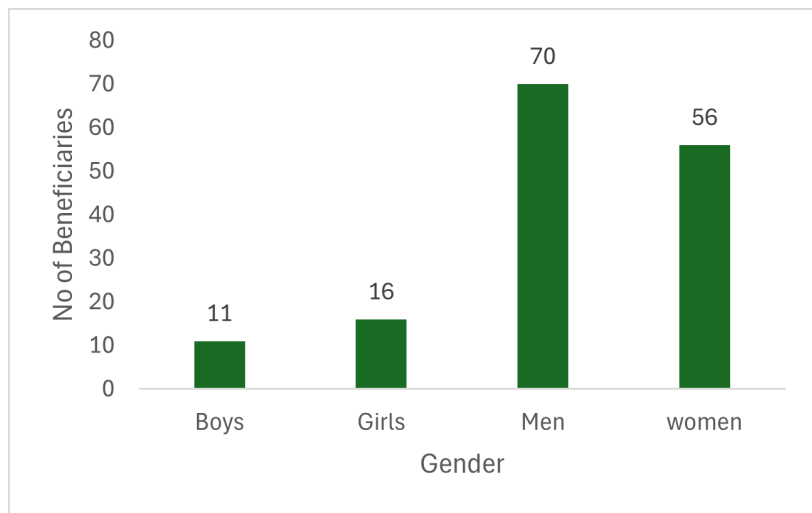
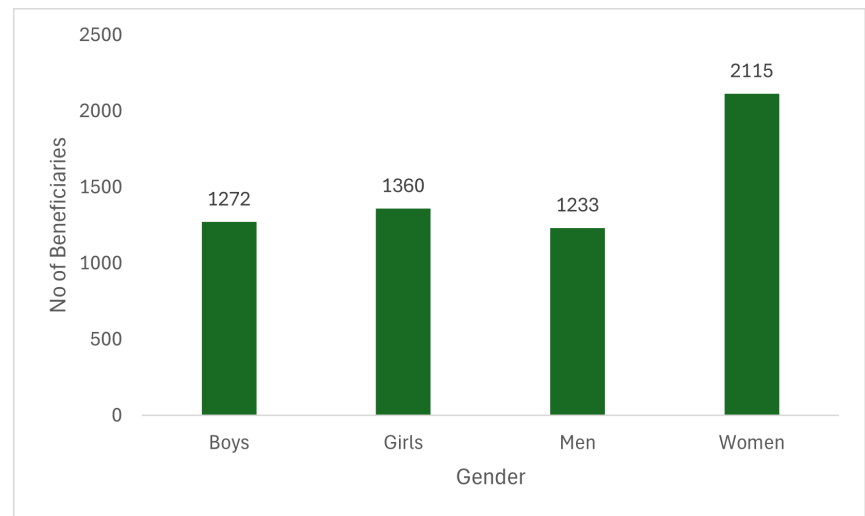


Chart Showing NPWDs Beneficiaries Reached in Lamurde



PROJECT Gallery



CHOLERA RESPONSE

In 2024, LESGO demonstrated a strong commitment to public health by responding swiftly and decisively to a cholera outbreak in Adamawa State. Understanding the urgency of the situation, we mobilized resources and collaborated with local health authorities, WHO, and community leaders to deliver a comprehensive response.

Our efforts included, a quick deployment of our mobile health team to attend to the affected populations, a fast response fumigation exercise in Yola South, the donation of essential medical supplies such as Ringer's Lactate, antibiotics, Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS), cholera rapid diagnostic kits, and sanitation materials, including soap and hand sanitizers. These items were distributed strategically to ensure those most affected by the outbreak received immediate care. Our medical team worked tirelessly to facilitate the distribution and provide technical support to local healthcare workers.

In addition to medical assistance, we launched extensive community sensitization campaigns to prevent further spread of the disease.

Our team conducted on-site education sessions, teaching residents about cholera symptoms, preventive measures, and the importance of seeking early treatment.

Recognizing the importance of reaching remote areas, we also partnered with local radio stations to broadcast critical health information, ensuring that even the most marginalized communities were informed.

This dual approach—addressing immediate health needs while building awareness for prevention—was a testament to LESGO's holistic strategy for combating public health crises. Our efforts not only saved lives but also empowered communities with the knowledge and tools to protect themselves against future outbreaks.



Supporting Public Health Response through EOC Meetings

In 2024, LESGO continued to play a vital role in supporting the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meetings held at the Specialist Hospital in Yola, Nigeria. These critical meetings are convened in response to public health emergencies, bringing together key stakeholders to strategize and implement life-saving interventions.

Our support for these meetings has been multifaceted, ensuring that operations run smoothly and effectively. We have consistently provided refreshments for participants and supplied fuel for the hospital's generator to guarantee uninterrupted power during deliberations. These contributions have created a conducive environment for effective decision-making, even during challenging circumstances.

In addition, LESGO as part of its commitment to making quality healthcare accessible, donated essential medicines during outbreaks to help mitigate the impact of diseases on affected populations. This collaborative effort has strengthened the EOC's ability to respond promptly and effectively to public health crises, safeguarding the well-being of the communities we serve.

Our commitment to supporting the EOC underscores our dedication to improving health outcomes and reinforcing the capacity of local systems to address emergencies with resilience and efficiency.



Participation in the Joint Operational Review of Humanitarian Health Emergency Program

In 2024, the Grassroot Life saving outreach (LESGO) proudly participated in the Joint Operational Review of the Humanitarian Health Emergency Program, hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the Muhammadu Indimi Learning Centre in Borno State, Nigeria.



The review focused on the health interventions carried out in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Plateau, and Benue States, bringing together stakeholders from various sectors to evaluate progress, share experiences, and strategize for future improvements.

This high-level gathering provided an opportunity to:

- **Assess Program Progress:** Review the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned from ongoing humanitarian health interventions across the target states.
- **Foster Collaboration:** Strengthen partnerships among humanitarian organizations, government agencies, and local actors to ensure a coordinated and effective response.

Strategize for Impact: Develop actionable plans to address emerging health challenges and improve the delivery of essential healthcare services to vulnerable populations.

Our organization contributed to the discussions, offering insights and recommendations based on our experience in health service delivery and emergency response. The review emphasized the importance of building resilient health systems, enhancing local capacity, and ensuring equitable access to healthcare, particularly for displaced and underserved communities.

By participating in this review, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that strengthen the health sector and improve the quality of life for people in affected regions. Together with other stakeholders, we are dedicated to building resilient communities and ensuring that everyone has access to the healthcare they need. This collaboration is a vital step toward achieving sustainable health outcomes and fostering a future where no one is left behind.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



As part of the global 16 Days of Activism campaign Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), LESGO hosted a two-day event focused on empowering young girls aged 13–18yrs in grassroots communities. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about GBV, educate participants on its types, causes, and consequences, and equip them with practical tools to recognize and address GBV. The event also connected the girls with local support systems to ensure survivors have access to necessary resources.

The activities included sensitization sessions that featured detailed presentations on GBV, group discussions, and role-playing exercises to highlight proactive responses. Participants also engaged in creative workshops where they designed posters and placards to express their understanding of GBV and promote resilience. Through these activities, the initiative helped the girls gain confidence, build advocacy skills, and develop a sense of empowerment.

In addition to educating the girls, the event fostered community-level action by strengthening the connections between participants and local support services. The overall goal was to create safer, more supportive environments in grassroots communities while promoting respect, equality, and the elimination of GBV.

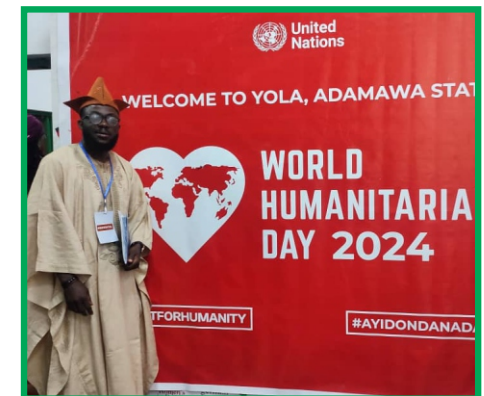
World Humanitarian Day 2024

On August 19, 2024, the Grassroots Life Saving Outreach (LESGO), joined global and national stakeholders in commemorating World Humanitarian Day (WHD) in Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria. The theme for WHD 2024 emphasized the urgent need to protect civilians and humanitarian workers in conflict zones, aligning with our mission to support vulnerable communities.

The event brought together senior officials from the Federal and State Government of Nigeria, the United Nations, humanitarian partners, and internally displaced persons (IDPs) to honor the dedication of aid workers and advocate for their safety. The Adamawa State Governor, represented by Deputy Governor Professor (Mrs) Kaletapwa Farauta, underscored the importance of continued support toward durable solutions for displaced people.

As part of the event's activities, the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Mohamed M. Fall, led a high-level visit to a stabilization center treating severely malnourished children. The center, operated by the Yola State Government with support from the International Rescue Committee, UNICEF, and WHO, exemplifies the collaborative efforts essential in addressing humanitarian crises.

World Humanitarian Day 2024 served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by aid workers and the ongoing challenges in delivering humanitarian assistance. LESGO remains dedicated to its mission of building communities where people have access to quality healthcare and basic services, honoring the dignity of mankind, and ensuring that life is worth living and living well.



HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM CYCLE

We were actively involved in the 2025 Humanitarian Program Cycle (HPC) workshop, held at the American University of Nigeria – AUN, Yola. This pivotal two-day event served as a cornerstone for planning humanitarian responses for the coming year. The workshop focused on validating data collection exercises and strategically setting the course for humanitarian interventions in 2025. LESGO’s representative, Mr. Michael Sanni, played a significant role as part of the Health Sector’s cluster activities during the workshop. As a dedicated advocate for improved health outcomes, Mr. Sanni contributed to discussions on integrating health priorities into the broader humanitarian action plan for 2025.

Key Highlights of the Engagement:

- Collaborating with stakeholders across sectors to address critical health needs in crisis-affected communities.
- Advocating for targeted responses to public health challenges, particularly in areas vulnerable to disease outbreaks.
- Sharing insights and best practices to strengthen the collective impact of health interventions.

The workshop provided a unique platform for cross-sectoral collaboration, bringing together representatives from diverse organizations involved in humanitarian aid.

This exchange of ideas and experiences has further reinforced our commitment to meaningful and impactful action. Our Commitment to 2025.

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our dedication to enhancing the well-being of vulnerable populations. By aligning our efforts with the outcomes of the HPC workshop, we aim to deliver timely, effective, and sustainable health support to communities in need. Together with our partners and stakeholders, we look forward to making a measurable difference in the lives of those most affected by crises. This milestone reflects our continued resolve to address pressing health challenges while contributing to the broader humanitarian agenda for 2025.



5-Day Workshop on Developing the Northeast Health Sector Humanitarian & Localization Strategy Plan

In 2024, LESGO participated in a transformative 5-day workshop focused on crafting the Northeast Health Sector Humanitarian and Localization Strategy Plan. Held at the prestigious Muhammadu Indimi Hall, University of Maiduguri, Borno State, the workshop brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including government representatives, health sector leaders, humanitarian organizations, and community-based actors.

Our program manager, Mr. James Sigg, proudly represented LESGO, contributing to crucial discussions on the pressing challenges faced by the health sector in the Northeast and identifying practical strategies for improvement.

The workshop served as a collaborative platform to address the unique health challenges facing the region, emphasizing the importance of humanitarian responses and localization efforts. Participants engaged in rigorous dialogue, sharing valuable insights and expertise to develop a comprehensive, actionable plan aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery for vulnerable populations.

Key focus areas of the workshop included:

- Identifying gaps in current health sector interventions and proposing innovative solutions.

- Strengthening the capacity of local actors to take a leading role in humanitarian health responses. Enhancing coordination among stakeholders to ensure efficient resource utilization and improved service delivery.
- Developing sustainable strategies to address the needs of displaced populations and underserved communities.

The outcomes of this workshop mark a significant step toward fostering resilience and sustainability in the Northeast's healthcare system. As an active participant, LESGO remains committed to supporting the implementation of this strategic plan and working collaboratively with stakeholders to ensure that the most vulnerable populations receive the care they deserve.



Participation in the "Passing the Buck: Economics of Localization Aid in Nigeria" Event

In 2024, Grassroots Life Saving Outreach (LESGO) actively participated in the "Passing the Buck: Economics of Localization Aid in Nigeria" event held with other stakeholders in the humanitarian sector.

This impactful gathering brought together thought leaders, development partners, government representatives, and non-governmental organizations to discuss strategies for empowering local communities and promoting sustainable development through the localization of international aid.

The event emphasized the importance of shifting decision-making and resources to local actors who are best positioned to understand and address the unique challenges facing their communities. Discussions revolved around key topics such as capacity building, funding mechanisms, and fostering collaboration between international organizations and local stakeholders.

As an organization deeply committed to grassroots development, LESGO was proud to contribute to these conversations. Through our work in health, WASH, protection, and sustainable development, we consistently strive to implement localized solutions that are culturally appropriate, impactful, and sustainable.

This event further reinforced our belief that localization is not only essential for community empowerment but also a catalyst for achieving long-term, meaningful change.

By participating in such high-level forums, LESGO continues to advocate for increased local engagement, enhanced capacity development, and the equitable distribution of resources to ensure that aid reaches those who need it most. We look forward to integrating the insights gained from this event into our ongoing efforts to create resilient and thriving communities across Nigeria.



Support for Military Personnel: Safeguarding Health Beyond the Front Lines

In 2024, as part of our unwavering commitment to promoting health and well-being across all sectors of society, LESGO took a meaningful step to recognize and support the brave men and women of our armed forces. Understanding the immense sacrifices made by military personnel in protecting lives, maintaining peace, and ensuring national security, we launched an initiative focused on their health and safety.

Recognizing that malaria remains a significant health threat in many of the environments where our soldiers operate, LESGO donated treated mosquito nets to military personnel stationed in high-risk areas. This initiative was not just about providing a preventive health tool; it was a gesture of gratitude, acknowledging the resilience, courage, and dedication of those who serve on the front lines.

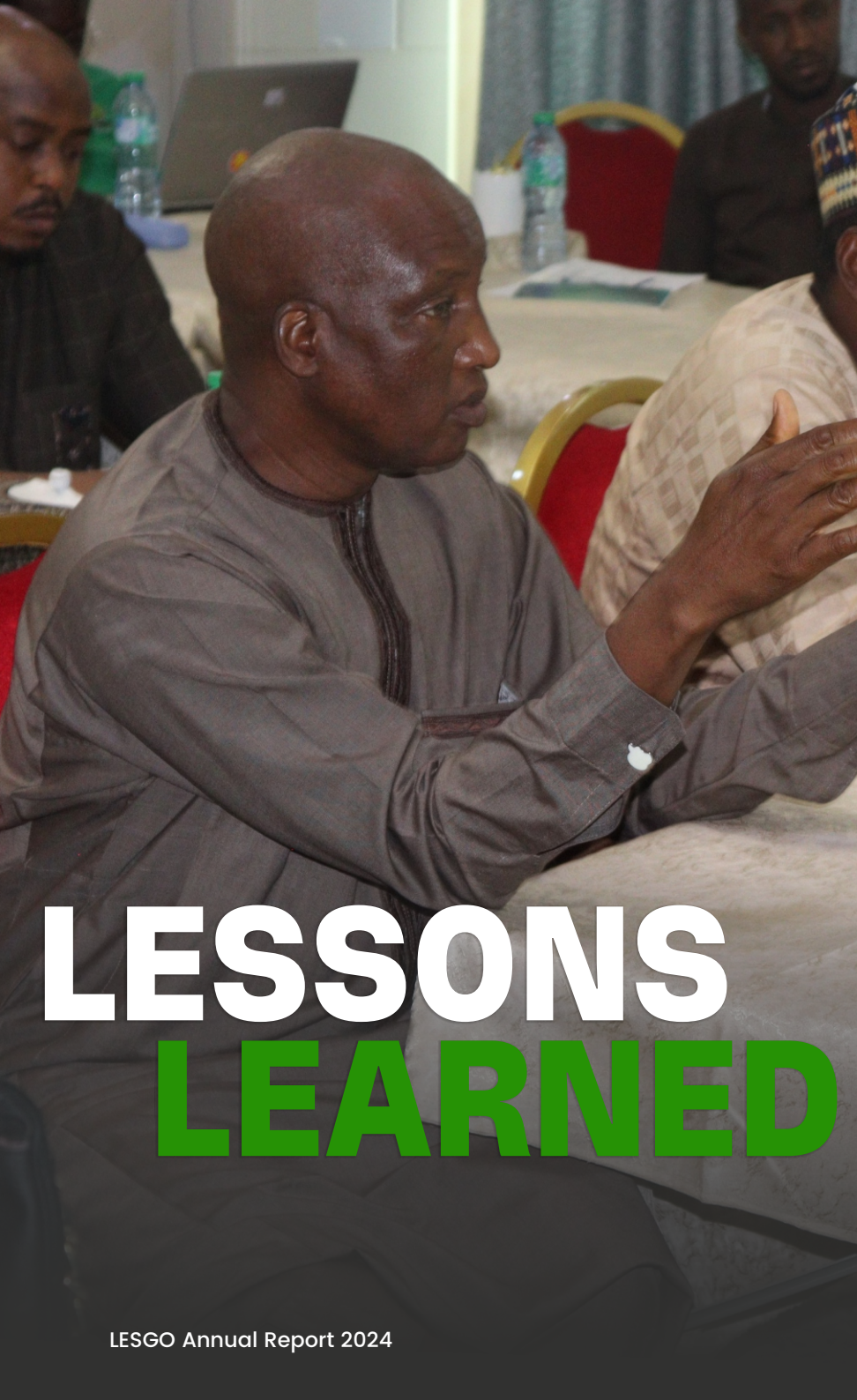
The treated mosquito nets serve as a critical line of defense against mosquito-borne diseases, particularly malaria, which poses a constant threat to soldiers due to prolonged exposure in endemic regions. By distributing these nets, LESGO aimed to reduce the incidence of malaria, thereby enhancing the overall health, operational readiness, and morale of our troops.

This act of support is more than a health intervention—it symbolizes our holistic approach to community well-being.

We believe that promoting health should extend beyond traditional community settings to include all individuals, especially those who put their lives on the line for the greater good.

Through this initiative, LESGO not only demonstrated appreciation for the invaluable service of our military but also reinforced our core mission: to create healthier, safer environments for all, regardless of where they live or work. Our continued collaboration with military health units ensures that this support remains impactful, sustainable, and responsive to the evolving health needs of our armed forces. In the years to come, we remain dedicated to expanding such initiatives, fostering partnerships, and advocating for health equity in every corner of our society.





LESSONS LEARNED



Throughout 2024, LESGO gained valuable insights that have strengthened our approach to community-based interventions.

Some Key lessons learned include:

Community Engagement and Ownership: Actively involving communities in the design, implementation, and evaluation of our programs has been essential for sustainability. This participatory approach fosters a sense of ownership, enhances local capacity, and ensures that our interventions are well-aligned with community needs.

Cultural Sensitivity as a Success Factor: Respecting and integrating local customs, traditions, and beliefs into LESGO's programming has been critical for building trust and fostering effective community engagement. Understanding cultural contexts has helped LESGO in designing interventions that are more impactful and widely accepted.

The Power of Community Feedback: Establishing a structured and inclusive feedback mechanism has significantly improved our programming. By listening to community voices and incorporating their input, LESGO has strengthened the relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability of its interventions. This collaborative approach has also enhanced accountability and deepened stakeholder relationships.

These lessons will continue to shape LESGO's strategies, ensuring that our programs remain community-driven, impactful, and sustainable.



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SOME SUCCESS STORIES



Lifesaving Intervention for 7 Year old Fatima



During one of our 2024 outreaches in Saminaka, Yola South LGA of Adamawa state, our team met Fatima, a 7-year-old suffering from severe body swelling. Her family couldn't afford the diagnostic tests recommended by doctors, leaving them to rely on home remedies.

Recognizing the urgency, our team documented her case and, with support from our program Manager, Mr. James Sigg, funds were secured for her tests and treatment.

Fatima was admitted to Modibbo Adama University Teaching Hospital, Yola, where she received essential care. Her condition has improved, and she's on track for a full recovery, with follow-up care scheduled to monitor her progress.

Musa's Journey to Recovery

In Lakare, another hard-to-reach settlement, six-year-old Musa Mohammed was brought in for an outpatient consultation. His mother explained he suffered from recurrent fevers and scrotal swelling. The LESGO team suspected a hydrocele requiring surgery.

Musa's mother explained the condition had been previously diagnosed, but they couldn't afford the surgery. His father, Mr. Mohammed, said, "I feel for my son anytime the swelling increases; he hardly sleeps because of pain. I had planned to take him for surgery after the harvest, but my farm didn't yield enough even to feed us, let alone pay for the operation."

LESGO covered the medical expenses, enabling Musa to undergo successful surgery at Adamawa State Specialist Hospital. His parents expressed deep gratitude to LESGO and NHF for the intervention.



Transforming Lives: Elijah Emmanuel's Story of Hope

In 2024, LESGO continued its mission to provide life-saving healthcare services to underserved communities. One remarkable story is that of three-year-old Elijah Emmanuel from Shemun, Opalo ward in Lamurde LGA, whose journey exemplifies the impact of our work.

Elijah suffered from an umbilical hernia, a condition identified during an outreach by the LESGO mobile team. Following the examination, his mother, Mrs. Emmanuel, was referred to Gyawana PHCC for further consultation. There, he was diagnosed with both an umbilical hernia and hydrocele, conditions requiring urgent surgery. However, due to financial constraints, his parents were unable to proceed with the recommended treatment.

Understanding the urgency of the situation, LESGO stepped in, covering the entire cost of Elijah's surgery and medical care. On November 27, 2024, he was admitted for surgery at Numan General Hospital, successfully operated on the following day, and safely discharged on December 12, 2024. This intervention not only restored Elijah's health but also provided his family with renewed hope for the future.

Beyond individual cases, LESGO's Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) and mobile teams have extended their reach to 63 settlements in Lamurde LGA.

Their work includes health education, drug distribution, and the provision of long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs). Additionally, local facilities have facilitated skilled birth attendance and distributed Mama Kits across multiple wards. Cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) have also been promptly addressed through facility referrals.

Elijah's story highlights LESGO's commitment to ensuring that no one is left behind, reaffirming our dedication to health equity and community well-being.



Bringing Safe Motherhood to Bole: Samira's Story

Bole, a remote settlement in Yola South, is predominantly home to the Vere tribe. On December 19, 2024, LESGO's mobile health team made its first visit to the community, gaining access through local leaders who provided a shaded area for the mobile clinic. As residents gathered, the team conducted a health sensitization session, educating them on disease prevention, hygiene, immunization, and reproductive health. Key topics included antenatal care (ANC), postnatal care (PNC), skilled birth attendance, and family planning.

During the session, a distressed Mallam Adamu approached the team and admitted, "Madam, as you were speaking about ANC and hospital deliveries, I felt guilty. My wife has been in labor since yesterday, and I left her in the hands of two elderly women known for assisting with childbirth.

"The LESGO team immediately went to his house, where they found Samira in excruciating pain, attended by two traditional birth attendants (TBAs) who scolded her for crying. The TBAs had given her hot water, believing it would hasten the birth. A quick assessment by the LESGO nurse revealed that Samira was 8 cm dilated—too far along for safe transfer to a health facility. Recognizing the urgency, the nurse performed an artificial rupture of membranes (ARM) to aid labor progression. Within 1 hour and 15 minutes, Samira safely delivered a healthy baby boy.

The LESGO nurse safely delivered Samira's baby, provided postpartum care, and administered medication to prevent complications. Samira received a Mama Kit and, overwhelmed with gratitude, shared her struggles with poverty.

During a follow-up, she admitted she had never accessed antenatal care (ANC) or immunized her children, leading to past infant losses. The LESGO team educated her on maternal and child health. Upon revisiting Bole, both mother and baby were thriving, and her husband had become more engaged in their healthcare.

This story underscores LESGO's impact in remote communities, saving lives, empowering families, and promoting better health for vulnerable populations.



Samira village where delivery was conducted.



Samira and her baby after delivery

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