



## Projects Report 2020/2021

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Girls receiving blankets and cardigans

## Programme Overall Objective

The overall objective of Yerwa Foundation is to address both immediate and long-term needs of displaced Nigerians. This includes providing immediate relief through the distribution of essential items like blankets and food to alleviate suffering in emergencies.

Simultaneously, we seek to empower and support communities by offering vocational skills training, health interventions, assistance with school fees, and access to education. The goal is to create sustainable improvements in the lives of beneficiaries, helping them regain their self-sufficiency and build a better future.

## Project: Intervention in Response to Katsina Flood Emergency

Date: July 2020

### Objective:

1. The primary aim is to distribute sanitary wears amongst female flood victims including: Sanitary Pads, Toothpaste/Brush, Laundry Soap, Dry goods (Noodles).
1. 2. Advocacy: , we aim to conduct hygiene education sessions for the beneficiaries. These sessions will emphasize the importance of good hygiene practices, including proper handwashing, personal hygiene, and the safe disposal of sanitary waste.

- Sponsors:
1. Direct Cash Donor Funds
  2. Semsey Global Creations: 250 bars of Soap

The flood emergency in katsina has resulted in the displacement of numerous families, including a significant number of women and girls. Reports indicate that a substantial portion of these displaced women and girls lack access to basic sanitary materials, including sanitary pads and washing soap. Additionally, the flood has created unsanitary conditions that pose a significant risk to the health and well-being of this vulnerable group. In light of this, Year Foundation has decided to intervene with a targeted relief and awareness program to address their immediate needs and educate them on good hygiene practices.

### Implementation over view

**Needs Assessment:** The flood emergency has disrupted the lives of countless women and girls who have lost access to essential hygiene products and safe sanitation facilities. The lack of sanitary pads and washing soap can lead to multiple health risks, including infections. Moreover, the absence of proper hygiene practices in flood-affected areas exacerbates the risk of waterborne diseases. A thorough assessment was conducted to identify the number of displaced women and girls in need of sanitary materials and hygiene education.

**1.Resource Procurement:** Sanitary pads and washing soap were procured although given the limited funds, demand outweighed supply.

**2.Distribution:** Distribution was conducted by Yerwa Foundation representatives, who are also community workers.

**3.Hygiene Education:** These community workers who are also trained personnel and community leaders facilitated hygiene education sessions, emphasizing the importance of, personal hygiene, and safe disposal of sanitary waste. This talk was an eye opener for a lot of our women, especially the young girls, who had never had such out reach or discussions about gynaecological health.



**Monitoring and Evaluation:** A robust monitoring and evaluation framework was implemented to assess the impact of the intervention, ensure the appropriate use of materials, and collect feedback from beneficiaries

**Key Outcomes:**

**1.Beneficiary Reach:** [Number] displaced women and girls were reached and provided with sanitary pads and washing soap.

**2.Hygiene Education:** A hygiene education sessions was conducted and was well attended, reaching 100 beneficiaries. The sessions were highly interactive and well-received. It became apparent that women and girls in this section of society lacked basic knowledge on their reproductive system.

**3.Increased Awareness:** Beneficiaries reported an increased awareness of good hygiene practices, the use of sanitary pads and personal hygiene.

**4.Improved Dignity:** The provision of sanitary pads and washing soap helped restore the dignity and confidence of displaced women and girls.

**5.Community Engagement:** The involvement of community leaders and trained personnel in facilitating hygiene education sessions fostered community engagement and support for the intervention.

**Challenges Faced:** Despite the overall success of the intervention, several challenges were encountered, including limited resources, logistical difficulties in reaching remote areas, and the ongoing risk of flooding.

**Recommendations:** Based on the intervention's outcomes and lessons learned, Yerwa Foundation recommends the following:

**1.Sustainability:** Continue to provide support to displaced women and girls in the form of sanitary materials and hygiene education, with a focus on sustainability.

**2.Community Empowerment:** Strengthen community involvement and empowerment by engaging community leaders in ongoing hygiene promotion efforts.

**3.Emergency Preparedness:** Develop and implement an emergency preparedness plan to respond more effectively to future disasters.

## Project: Blanket/Cardigan Drive Distribution, Host Communities Maiduguri

**Date:** January 2021

### Objective:

1. Distribute blankets to displaced individuals residing in makeshift housing within host communities in Maiduguri in response to the drop in temperature.

We adopted the standard of International Organizations in item distribution via the following processes.

1. Advocacy and sensitization
2. Beneficiary Identification/Distribution
3. Distribution
4. Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

STADIUM IDPS CAMP  
44G HOST COMMUNITIES  
FNP HOSPITAL  
Asheikh Hurso Bashir Camp  
SHUWARI SANGAYA  
HAJIYA ZULAI (PEACE FM)  
SANGAYA  
**7 PLACES VISITED**

**Sponsors:** 1. Direct Cash Donor Funds

### Implementation Overview:

The outreach program took place over a 2 day period and included the following key activities:

**1.Needs Assessment:** A comprehensive needs assessment was conducted to identify the most vulnerable and at-risk individuals living in makeshift housing with limited access to warm clothing and shelter.

**2.Resource Procurement:** Yerwa Foundation procured 1500 blankets to meet the identified needs of the beneficiaries.

**3.Distribution:** A token system was utilized to verify beneficiaries. Volunteers assigned tokens to eligible recipients based on the needs assessment. Beneficiaries presented their tokens at distribution points to receive blankets.

**4.Community Engagement:** Volunteers engaged with the community to raise awareness of the outreach program and to foster trust and cooperation.

**Key Outcomes:** The outreach program achieved the following outcomes:

**1.Beneficiary Reach:** A total of 1500 blankets were distributed to displaced individuals living in makeshift housing.

**2.Immediate Relief:** Beneficiaries reported increased comfort and warmth, alleviating some of the harsh living conditions caused by the drop in temperature.

**3.Community Engagement:** The program strengthened the relationship between Yerwa Foundation, its volunteers and the displaced community, creating a foundation for future collaborations.

**Challenges Faced:** Several challenges were encountered during the implementation of the outreach program, including:

**1.Limited Resources:** There are always more possible beneficiaries than we can cater for, leading to constraints due to limited resources, which restricted the scale of the intervention.

**2.Identification of Beneficiaries:** There was a challenge in pre-identifying all potential beneficiaries accurately, resulting in some deserving individuals possibly not receiving blankets.

**Recommendations:** Based on the outcomes and challenges observed during the outreach program, Yerwa Foundation recommends the following:

**1.Resource Mobilization:** Seek additional funding and resources to expand the outreach program to reach a larger number of beneficiaries in the future.

**2.Improved Beneficiary Identification:** Strengthen the needs assessment process and consider conducting periodic assessments to ensure all deserving beneficiaries are identified.

**3.Community Collaboration:** Continue to engage with the displaced community, involve community leaders, and seek their input in program planning and execution.

**Conclusion:** The outreach program to distribute blankets among displaced individuals in response to the drop in temperature was a significant step toward alleviating the immediate suffering of vulnerable populations. While challenges were noted, the program succeeded in providing much-needed warmth and comfort to those living in makeshift housing. Yerwa Foundation remains dedicated to addressing the pressing needs of displaced communities and looks forward to further improving its outreach efforts in the future.

## Project: Annual IDP Food Drive Distribution, Host Communities Maiduguri. Date: January 2021

### Objective:

- 1.Immediate Relief:** Provide essential food items to alleviate hunger and food insecurity among internally displaced women and their families.
- 2.Empower Women:** Recognize the critical role women play in household food security and economic stability by targeting them as beneficiaries of the distribution.
- 3.Gain more insight into the dynamics of how IDP lives unfold**

Sponsors: 1. Direct Cash Donor Funds

**Background:** Maiduguri, located in Northeastern Nigeria, has been significantly affected by displacement due to ongoing conflict and insecurity. A substantial number of internally displaced people (IDPs), particularly women, have found refuge in temporary camps and host communities. To address their immediate food security needs, [NGO Name] conducted a distribution program of essential dry goods, including rice, beans, salt, and oil, with a focus on empowering women within these vulnerable communities.

### Implementation:

- 1.Needs Assessment:** We conducted a comprehensive needs assessment to identify the most vulnerable IDP families, particularly female-headed households, who were in urgent need of food assistance.
- 2.Resource Procurement:** Dry goods, including rice, beans, salt, and cooking oil, were procured to meet the identified needs of beneficiaries.
- 3.Beneficiary Selection:** Beneficiaries were selected based on the needs assessment and prioritized to ensure the most vulnerable households received assistance.
- 4.Distribution:** Distribution points were set up in accessible locations within IDP camps and host communities. The dry goods were distributed to beneficiaries, with special emphasis on women.
- 5.Community Engagement:** Yerwa Foundation engaged with the community and community leaders to ensure transparency, trust, and cooperation throughout the distribution process.



**Key Outcomes:** The distribution program achieved the following key outcomes:

**1.Immediate Relief:** Dry goods distribution provided essential food items to internally displaced women and their families, alleviating hunger and improving food security.

**2.Women Empowerment:** The program recognized and empowered women as key decision-makers in household food security, fostering their role as active participants in addressing community needs.

**Challenges:** Several challenges were encountered during the distribution program, including:

**1.Resource Constraints:** Yerwa Foundation faced resource limitations that restricted the scale of the intervention, leaving some deserving beneficiaries unassisted.

**Conclusion:** Yerwa Foundation remains committed to addressing the immediate needs of internally displaced people in Maiduguri and empowering women as agents of change within these vulnerable communities. Despite the challenges, the dry goods distribution program provided critical relief and support to those facing food insecurity in the region.

## Project: Sokoto Ramadan Relief Grant Date: January 2021

### Objective:

1. The grant, totalling N10,000 Naira, was intended to alleviate their immediate financial difficulties and ensure they could adequately provide for themselves and their dependents.

Sponsors: 1. Direct Cash Donor Funds

### Background:

The recipient family, whose identity is kept confidential for privacy reasons, was identified as being in a state of financial hardship and struggling to meet their basic needs, especially during the fasting period of Ramadan. They were faced with food insecurity and lacked the means to access essential items.

### Intervention:

The intervention involved providing the family with a financial grant of N10,000 Naira to address their immediate needs and facilitate their observance of Ramadan without undue hardship. The grant was delivered directly to the family to ensure its effective utilization.

The Ramadan Relief Grant had a positive impact on the recipient family:

**1. Improved Nutrition:** The family reported a noticeable improvement in their daily nutrition. They were able to prepare balanced meals and break their fasts with nutritious food items.

**2. Reduced Financial Stress:** The grant helped alleviate immediate financial burdens and provided a sense of relief to the family. It allowed them to address some pressing financial concerns.

**3. Enhanced Well-being:** The family expressed gratitude for the support received, stating that it significantly improved their overall well-being and made their Ramadan observance more meaningful.

### Conclusion:

The amount even though small eased their financial struggles, improved their nutrition, and enhanced their overall well-being. This intervention exemplifies the positive impact that targeted financial support can have on vulnerable families during times of need.

We extend our gratitude to our donors and partners who made this intervention possible, allowing us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

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**Project: Eye Surgery Health Intervention. Hassan Bukar Gambo Date:**  
January 2021

**Objective:**

**1.Ensure safe removal of right eye**

The Yew Foundation embarked on an intervention project to provide support to Hassan Bukar Gambo, an internally displaced person (IDP) facing a severe medical condition. Hassan was diagnosed with eye cancer in his right eye, and it was crucial to remove it to prevent further complications and potential damage to his left eye. Additionally, mental support was provided to ensure Hassan's emotional well-being throughout this challenging period.

**Sponsors:** 1. Direct Cash Donor Funds

**1.Medical Assistance:** With the support of generous donors and partners, the Yerwa Foundation was able to cover the cost of Hassan's eye cancer surgery. The surgery was performed by a skilled medical team, and the cancerous growth was successfully removed.

**2.Mental Support:** We recognized that Hassan not only needed physical medical intervention but also emotional and mental support to cope with the challenges he was facing. Our team of mental health professionals worked closely with Hassan to provide counseling and therapy sessions to help him process his emotions, fears, and anxieties related to the surgery and his overall situation.

**Post-Operative Follow-Up:**

Three months after Hassan's surgery, a follow-up assessment was conducted to evaluate his progress and well-being.

**Findings:**

**1.Health Status:** We are delighted to report that Hassan Bukar Gambo is in excellent health. His recovery from the eye surgery has been successful, with no complications or signs of cancer recurrence.

**2.Emotional Well-being:** Hassan has shown remarkable resilience and emotional growth. The mental support provided has helped him cope with the trauma of the surgery and his displacement. He is more confident and optimistic about his future.

**Future Recommendations:**

**1.Ongoing Medical Monitoring:** It is essential to continue monitoring Hassan's health to ensure there are no signs of cancer recurrence or complications. Regular check-ups and access to medical care should be maintained.

**2.Educational Support:** Yew Foundation should continue to support Hassan's education by providing him with necessary school supplies, textbooks, and access to quality education.

**3.Mental and Psychosocial Support:** Ongoing mental and emotional support should be provided to Hassan to help him maintain his emotional well-being and build resilience for the future.

**4.Community Outreach:** Yew Foundation should explore opportunities to expand its outreach to more IDPs in need of medical and mental health support within the community.

**Conclusion:**

Yerwa Foundation's intervention in supporting Hassan Bukar Gambo with his eye cancer surgery and mental support has been a resounding success. Hassan is not only in good health but has also made significant progress in terms of his emotional well-being and education. This project highlights the positive impact that NGOs can have on the lives of vulnerable individuals and communities.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all donors, partners, and volunteers who made this intervention possible. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

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